

May 2 Family Email-

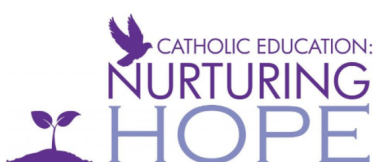
Good Afternoon Loyola Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine and spring weather. As we start Catholic Education week today we are united by our faith and our commitment to Catholic Education. The theme this year is 'nurturing hope' as "those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:31) As a community, now more than ever, we can use hope and a renewal of our strength as we continue to support and encourage each other.

Bishop Crosby has shared a video message and letter for nurturing hope during Catholic Education Week this year-

Video message - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOp1_29axXY

Letter-<https://hamiltondiocese.com/catholic-education-week/2021%20Catholic%20Education%20Week%20Letter.%20English.pdf>



Schedule:

Week 2 (May 3 – May 7)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:20 – 11:30	Cohort A at school P3	Cohort A at school P4	Cohort B at school P4	Cohort B at school P3	Cohort B at school P4
15 minute break included	Cohort B at home on-line P3	Cohort B at home on-line P4	Cohort A at home on-line P4	Cohort A at home on-line P3	Cohort A at home on-line P4
	Cohort C at home on-line P3	Cohort C at home on-line P4	Cohort C at home on-line P4	Cohort C at home on-line P3	Cohort C at home on-line P4
11:27-11:33	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal
11:33-12:30	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch
12:30-1:45	Cohort A, B & C at home Online Academic Support	Cohort A, B & C at home Online Academic Support	Cohort A, B & C at home Online Academic Support	Cohort A, B & C at home Online Academic Support	Cohort A, B & C at home Online Academic Support
1:45-2:30	Cohort A, B & C at home on-line P4	Cohort A, B & C at home on-line P3	Cohort A, B & C at home on-line P3	Cohort A, B & C at home on-line P4	Cohort A, B & C at home on-line P3

Please note, all cohorts are online due to the provincial stay at home order.

Catholic Education Week 2021:

Thank you to all of the staff members and student groups that collaborated on developing activities for Catholic Education Week.

- **Monday May 3 @ 2:00 PM** – school wide liturgy- a link will be provided in our D2L chapel.
- **Wednesday May 5 @ 1:00 PM** – Loyola Equity Speaker #5 – Britta B.- <https://youtu.be/4eAUaq9JIVA>

- **Thursday May 6 @ 10 AM** - HCDSB Walk with Jesus Prayer Service- will be accessible from the <https://hcdsb.org/website>

Walk With Jesus – ‘Journeying Together’ in Hope - Virtual Event - 2021:

Our annual Walk with Jesus on Thursday May 6th at 10:00 am will now be a virtual event – and everyone is invited to participate! There will be a Live Kick-Off Event – Welcome Message and Liturgy – via [HCDSB YouTube channel](#). All community members can access the link to this event via the www.hcdsb.org or our school website: <https://secondary.hcdsb.org/loyola/>. Everyone is invited to walk at a time during the day which works for them and with family members of the same household. Prerecorded reflections for your walk are available on www.hcdsb.org. Pictures are welcome to be posted on twitter using the hashtag #HCWWJ.

CEW 2021 Contests:

Catholic Education Week Contest

Hey hawks! Show us your creative talents by submitting different art works (song, dance, drawing, poem, photo, film, painting, etc.)

You can choose from any of the following themes: Preparing the Earth, Sowing Seeds of Gratitude, Cultivating Relationships, Harvesting New Fruit, or Marvelling in Wonder

Participants will get a chance to win a gift card prize!

Email submissions by Friday May 7th to
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 & stewart@loyola.hcdsb.org

Check the next slides for details about themes ->

Nurturing Hope

Preparing the Earth:

Preparing the soil for planting involves finding remnants of what has happened to the land before. In the same way, we look back to what has been learned and what has been lost during the past very unusual year that we have all shared. The garden reminds us of the original garden, the many creation stories told by different communities, and the blessings of the earth that is our common home.

Sowing Seeds of Gratitude:

We can't help but remember and be thankful for the health care providers, the essential workers, and the volunteers whose sacrifices contributed to the common good during our time of separation from each other.

Nurturing Hope

Cultivating Relationships:

COVID-19 has made clear how deeply we are all interconnected. The experience of staying at home for months, impacted our relationships with our families, friends, schoolmates, and nature, some of which were strengthened, and some of which suffered from the time apart. How have we, or can we, restore these relationships?

Harvesting New Fruit:

The experience of the last year has helped us realize that things will never again be like they were before. But that may not be a bad thing, because the earth was in need of healing. Perhaps this pandemic can be part of an ecological conversion – a harvest of change – that will lead us to ask what it will be like for our descendants seven generations from now.

Nurturing Hope

Marvelling in Wonder:

When creation was completed, God saw that it was good, and rested. The sabbath was not just recovery from all the work God had done, but time for God to take pure delight in its goodness. We too are invited to be silent and contemplate the beauty of the created order; to stand in reverence before the awesome gift that is our common home.



Mental Health Awareness Week 2021:

The HCDSB is celebrating Mental Health Awareness this week. The theme this year is “get real about how you feel.” We will explore a [different theme](#) each day during the week to name our emotions, develop a positive mindset and compassion for others and encourage students to reach out for support.

We will be celebrating mental health awareness week for two weeks at Loyola. Stay tuned for more activities and events to promote wellness, conversations and healing.

Loyola’s Black Advisory Council:

We are creating a Black Student Advisory Council at Loyola. It is imperative that we create an environment within our school where everyone has a voice, feels safe and has a positive sense of belonging, a place where Black students feel heard, seen and most importantly valued. This council will be composed of Black students, parents and staff to continue to make positive change in our Loyola school community. The Black Student Advisory Council will further amplify our school's values of dignity, equity, and respect for all Black community members.

Loyola’s Black Advisory Council will serve as a safe space for Black students to come together to have their voices heard and will be an open forum for Black students to discuss topics of racism, Black identity, their experiences and how to promote Black culture and anti-Black racism at St. Ignatius of Loyola Secondary School.

Please complete this [Google form](#) if you would like to participate. We welcome Black students, staff and parents to participate. If you have any questions about the Black Advisory Council, please email Ms. Browne at brownef@hcdsb.org

Equity Speaker Series:

On Wednesday May 5 we are excited to welcome our fifth equity speaker [Britta B.](#) Britta B. will be speaking to us from 1:00-2:30 on race, identity and intersectionality. Her presentation can be accessed via this link: <https://youtu.be/4eAUaq9JIVA>

It is the expectation that all students attend the presentation to support our continuing work to ensure all students feel they belong at Loyola. If your child is unable to attend, please ensure you call in or enter their absence for the afternoon.

Summer School Registration:

2021 summer school registration is now available through [Thomas Merton](#). The 2021 Summer School has been configured for virtual learning for all courses that will be offered. Virtual courses will be conducted synchronously, asynchronously or a combination of both as determined by the teacher conducting the course. Summer school runs from **July 5, 2021 to July 30, 2021**. The deadline to register for summer school is **Thursday June 24, 2021 at 4:00 PM**. All HCDSB students can register for summer school through [My Blueprint](#). Please reach to your guidance counsellor if you have any questions or require support.

Wellness Resources and Supports:

Support for our children and families is available. If you would like to connect to services for the family, or inquire about services offered, here are a list of supports:

- School Mental Health Ontario: www.smho-smso.ca.
- Kids Help Phone at 1 (800) 668-6868 or visit KidsHelpPhone.ca for 24/7 support.
- Faith & Well-Being Resources: <https://learnathome.hcdsb.org/faith-well-being/>

In addition, the Special Education Services Department has put together a series of informative parent engagement sessions to help families adjust and respond to the global pandemic, and better cope with the mental health and well-being of their children in these times. Upcoming topics include:

- Family Wellness & Positive Mental Health during COVID-19
 - Wednesday May 5th @ 7:00 p.m. – Save the Date - Click on this [link](#) for more information.

HCDSB Parent Information Sessions are being offered to support our families at this time. Visit the [HCDSB website](#) for access to these archived excellent sessions including: “Families Matter – Raising a Resilient Child” which is now available on the HCDSB YouTube channel.

Free Family Paint Nights:

Our HCDSB Indigenous Education Advisor has organized free on-line paint nights with Indigenous Artist Moses Lunham. This is a wonderful way of engaging staff, parents, students and family members to come together in community, to be creative and learn more about Indigenous Art.

All information for the paint nights, pictures and supplies will be posted on the [HCDSB webpage](#). Artist Moses Lunham will provide step-by-step instructions, provide encouragement and has agreed to leave the live video up for a period of one week between each session. Don't forget to tweet your creations!

Each session will have a different theme based on the natural cycle of the environment. All sessions will be on the HCDSB YouTube Channel from 6 pm – 8 pm.

- Wednesday May 5th, 2021 – Sugar Moon, Representing the Maple Syrup
- Wednesday June 9th, 2021 – Strawberry being the First Fruit of the Season

We look forward to another great week together. Please reach out at any time if you require support.

Sincere thanks,

The Loyola Administrative Team
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