



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA SECONDARY SCHOOL





SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

School Year

- 7:55 a.m. Warning Bell
- 8:00 – 2:35 p.m.
- 4 courses + a lunch period each semester. 5 period day
- 75-minute classes
- 75 -minute lunch
- **Semester I:** September to January
- **Semester II:** February to June
- **Final Exams** (10-15% of final grade) are written in January and at the end of June.
- 50% to be eligible for credit in a course
- EQAO written for Math at the end of each semester as well (10% of your final grade) in grade 9.



SPECIALTY PROGRAMS AT LOYOLA





SHSM PROGRAMS

SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major Program) – Grade 11 & 12 (unique to Loyola)

- Program has a bundle of courses you would take + a coop placement in grades 11 and 12
- **Special Red seal** on your diploma

1. Health & Wellness (focus on Sports leadership)

Great for students who want to go into the Health Care Field

2. Non-Profit- Social Justice

Great for students who are interested in public services, Social Science Programs, Non-profit organizations.

3. Information and Communication Technology

Students interested in design, communication, and computer science.

4. Business

Great for students looking at the field of Business

5. Transportation Technology

Students that are **interested** in the field of technology, automotive, and engineering

6. Arts & Culture

Ideal for students looking to pursue the Arts/Design sector

SPECIAL BUSINESS CERTIFICATE: Can be earned by Grade 12 students who have successfully completed a selected 5 Business Studies (including Economics) courses. Grads can include this on their resume applications to post-secondary schools. Need to apply.



STEAM SCHOOL

- Loyola is one of three STEAM schools in our school board.
- **STEAM program:** Students learn in a cross-curricular setting in the areas of STEAM (Science, Tech Design/Engineering, Art, Math). **Students must apply to the STEAM program and courses will be added when they have been accepted into the program. For now, students will select the DESTREAMED courses.**
 - MTHIWP
 - SNCIWP
 - TDJIOP
 - CGCIDS or CGCIDQ (French)

STEAM courses run full year (September to June) and flip between Day 1 and Day 2. Your afternoon classes are running on the semester.



FRENCH PROGRAMS

- **Core French**

- Offered to all students. The core French class is available offered each year. Students will graduate with a **Core French Certificate** if they complete the 4 core French courses.

- **Extended French:**

- Students will complete 7 French courses to receive their **Extended French Certificate**

- **French Immersion**

- Loyola offers a **French Immersion Program**. Students will complete 10 French Immersion courses and graduate with a **French Immersion Certificate**.
- **STUDENTS NEED TO SELECT THE CORRECT BUNDLE OF COURSES IN MYBLUEPRINT.**

Students that are in the Extended or Immersion French and want to be in **STEAM** will need be transferred into the **STEAM French Geography** upon acceptance.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

At Loyola we have a wide variety of activities/clubs/programs for students to get involved in that promotes Leadership skills:

- ❖ Student Council
- ❖ For grade 11 and 12 students we have a Mentor Program and an Ambassador Program
- ❖ Courses that promote leadership in grade 12: Sports Leadership and Business Finance Leadership. These are Gr 12 University level Interdisciplinary courses.

Check out loyola.hcdsb.org for a list of clubs and sports that are available

Other activities and opportunities offered:

Mock Trial competitions, SOMA Model United Nations, University math and science competitions, information for science enrichment programs, Technology Fair, FIRST Robotics Team, Native Studies, Equity and Inclusion Committee... and so much more.

Highlight your high school experience.....get involved!





COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- Minimum **40 hours** must be completed to graduate. Activity should be approved **before** you begin volunteering
- Broad range of unpaid activities for **non-profit** organizations. i.e., church, fundraisers, some summer camps, senior homes, afterschool tutoring programs...
- Students may start accumulating community service hours after graduating from Grade 8 after July 1st 2026. Students are encouraged to start their volunteering this summer.
- Volunteer hours look good on resumes for part-time jobs, awards, scholarships, university and college applications
- Visit Loyola's website for more information: loyola.hcdsb.org or www.volunteerhalton.ca.





GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 30 credits (17 compulsory and 13 electives) 4 of the 17 compulsory credits are Religion courses.
- 40 Hours of Community Service
- OSSLT Requirement
- **Gr 9/Gr 10 Technology course**
- STEM related course: Business, Computer Science, Co-op, additional math or tech or science.
- 2 eLearning course: Students may choose to opt out during the course selection process in MyBlueprint.
 - Students that opt out are still eligible to take any eLearning course.

Loyola's Grade 9 Program





COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

- **6 courses are required for Gr 9. These include:**
 - Religion + the 5 Compulsory credits
 - Most Gr 9 courses are "Destreamed" – Gr 9 destreamed courses equip all students with the knowledge, skills and work ethic to be successful in academic or applied courses in Grade 10.
 - There are 2 pathways: Destreamed and Locally Developed
- **Two elective** courses must be chosen by the student.
- **Three alternate** courses must be chosen by the student.



ELECTIVE COURSE CODES

	Course Code
HEALTH AND PHYS ED	PPLIOF (female)
	PPLIOM (Male)
	PALIO9 (co-ed Soccer)
ARTS	AVIO (Visual Art)
	AMUIO (Music)
	NACIO (Native Studies- Art)
BUSINESS	BEMIOI (Business)
GUIDANCE	GLSIOI (General Learning Strategies)
INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY *Only <u>one</u> integrated course can be selected	TXJIOI (Cosmetology)
	TCJIO/TTJIO (Construction and Automotive)

**** Starting Sept 2024 Students entering Gr 9 will need to take a Gr 9 or Gr 10 Technology credit to graduate.**



ALTERNATE COURSES

	Course Code
Alternate course # 1	
Alternate course # 2	
Alternate course # 3	

All students must select three alternate elective courses in Myblueprint in case their first two choices cannot be honoured.

Alternates

Exploring Transportation ...
TTJ105 • 0.5 Credits

Exploring Construction Te...
TCJ105 • 0.5 Credits

☒ Alternate



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Course Selection Instructions

Course selection needs to be done in My Blueprint **through D2L**. Please review the course offerings and descriptions in myblueprint.

See loyola.hcdsb.org under Student Services for full instructions under My Blueprint

Go to www.myblueprint.ca and login.



Welcome Back

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Log In

Use your email address
and password to log in.

Click on the
"High School" link.

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✖ Your courses are **Not Submitted**

1 Step 1
Add Courses

2 Step 2
Review Courses

3

This indicates that your
course selections have not
been submitted.

Grade 9 Next Year	Grade 10 Plan Ahead	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead	
English (Destreamed) ENL1W1 • 1 Credit	English	English	Online Learning Opt-out	
Mathematics (Destreamed) MTH1W1 • 1 Credit	Mathematics	Mathematics	English	
Science (Destreamed) SNC1W1 • 1 Credit	Science	Religion	Religion	
Core French (Destreamed) FSF1D1 • 1 Credit	History	Course	Course	
Issues in Canadian Geogr... CGC1W1 • 1 Credit	Course	Course	Course	
Religious Education HRE1O1 • 1 Credit	Civics	Course	Course	
Visual Arts-Comprehensive AVI1O1 • 1 Credit	Careers	Course	Course	
Building the Entrepreneur... BEM1O1 • 1 Credit	Religion	Course	Course	
Alternates	Course		Course	
Exploring Transportation ... TTJ1O5 • 0.5 Credits				
Exploring Construction Te... TCJ1O5 • 0.5 Credits				
Alternate				

Enter your
courses here!



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Grade 9 Next Year	Grade 10 Plan Ahead	Grade 11 Plan Ahead	Grade 12 Plan Ahead	
+ English	+ English	+ English	+ English	
+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Mathematics	+ Religion	
+ Science	+ Science	+ Religion	+ Course	
+ Français	+ History	+ Course	+ Course	
+ Geography	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	
+ Religion	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	
+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	
+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	+ Course	
Alternates	+ Course			
+ Alternate				

Elective
Credits

Alternates



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Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Religion	
Science	Science	Religion	Course	
Français	History	Course	Course	
Geography	Course	Course	Course	
Religion	Civics	Course	Course	
Course	Careers	Course	Course	
Course	Religion	Course	Course	

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Q Search Courses...

Filters

Grade 9

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English

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8 Results Found

▼ English

English

Grade 9 • ENG1D1 • 1 Credit • Academic

English

Grade 9 • ENG1L1 • 1 Credit • Locally Developed

English (Applied)

Grade 9 • ENG1P1 • 1 Credit • Applied

Beginning Communication in English

Grade 9 • ENG1AC1 • 1 Credit • Applied

Select the course you want to take by double clicking.



Read the course & check to make sure that this is the course you want and in later years to make sure you have the prerequisite.

The screenshot shows a web application for course selection. In the background, there is a sidebar with a search bar and filters, and a main area displaying a list of courses. A modal window is open in the foreground, showing details for the 'English' Grade 9 course. The modal has a title bar with a close button and the word 'English'. Below the title, it lists the course details: 'Grade 9', 'ENG1D1', '1 Credit', and 'Academic'. A detailed description follows, explaining the course's focus on communication skills and its role as a prerequisite for Grade 10. At the bottom of the modal, there is a 'Course Status' section with three buttons: 'Planned', 'In-Progress', and 'Completed'. The 'Planned' button is highlighted in blue. At the very bottom of the modal is a large blue button labeled 'Add Course'.

Plan Courses

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Search

Filters

8 Results Found

English

Grade 9 • ENG1D1 • 1 Credit • Academic

This course is designed to develop the oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyse literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 academic English course, which leads to university or college preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12. Students considering moving from one destination to another (e.g., applied to academic; academic to applied) are strongly encouraged to take a summer school course to encourage success in the transition.

Course Status

Planned In-Progress Completed

Add Course

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English

Grade 9 • ENG1D1

English

Grade 9 • ENG1L1

English

English

Grade 9 Apple ENG1D1 1 Credit Academic

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Course Status

Planned

In-Progress

Completed

Add Course

Click on the "Add Course" button to select the course.

myBlueprint

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Grade 9Grade 10Grade 11Grade 12Additional

Course Selection is **Not Submitted**

Not Returning?

Course Selection Guide

1Step 1Add Courses

2Step 2Review Courses

3Step 3Submit Courses

Review Submission

English

English

English

Planned

Required 24/30

Total Credits 24

View Progress

Once you have completed your course selections, click on the "Review Submission" button

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Review your course selections before submitting. Once submitted, you can no longer make changes in myBlueprint.

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Step 1
Add Courses

2

Step 2
Review Courses

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Step 3
Submit Courses

Submit Course Selections

1

Review Course Selections

✓

ENL1W1
English (Destreamed)

✓

MTH1W1
Mathematics (Destreamed)

✓

SNC1W1
Science (Destreamed)

✓

FSF1D1
Core French (Destreamed)

✓

CGC1W1
Issues in Canadian Geography

✓

HRE1O1
Religious Education

✓

AVI1O1
Visual Arts-Comprehensive

✓

BEM1O1
Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset

2

Add Comments

Add comments you would like to include

If there are no issues, you may click on "Submit Course Selections"

Alternates

✓

TTJ1O5
Exploring Transportation Technology

✓

TCJ1O5
Exploring Construction Technology

✓

NAC1O

Submission Details

! Print Sign-Off Sheet and return signed copy to your school

✓ Step 1
Add Courses

✓ Step 2
Review Courses

3 Step 3
Submit Courses

Send Parent/Guardian
Approval Email

Success

Your course selections have been submitted to your Counsellor for review. Please print the Sign-Off Sheet and return the signed copy to your school.

Note: Speak to your Counsellor to discuss any changes that you wish to make to your Course Selections

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TIMELINE



- **Thursday, October 30th**– Evening information meeting for parents.
- **Gr 8 Day – Nov 5th**
- **Counsellor Visits to schools** – November 6th - 12th
- **Myblueprint course selection** - Open mid-November
- **STEAM Parent Information Night** - November 6th
- **Monday, December 1st** - Course selections due
- **Monday, December 8th** - STEAM applications due
- **February 27th** - Course selection is finalized. Parents can send an email to your guidance counsellor to request a level change or an elective change. A list of counsellors organized by students' last names are posted on the Loyola website with email addresses.
- **August** – Gr.9 Orientation Day, timetables available for grade 9s

Course Selection due by December 1st:

1. Course selection guide completed on MyBlueprint
2. Parent/Guardian must approve the course selection (check junk mail).
3. On-line payment for the Activity fee of \$65.00. Payable summer 2026 – prior to the start of the school year.

ONLY COMPLETED COURSE SELECTIONS WILL BE PROCESSED

If you are applying to the IB or AP programs at STA or HT, you **must** still complete a registration package to the school that offers the program.



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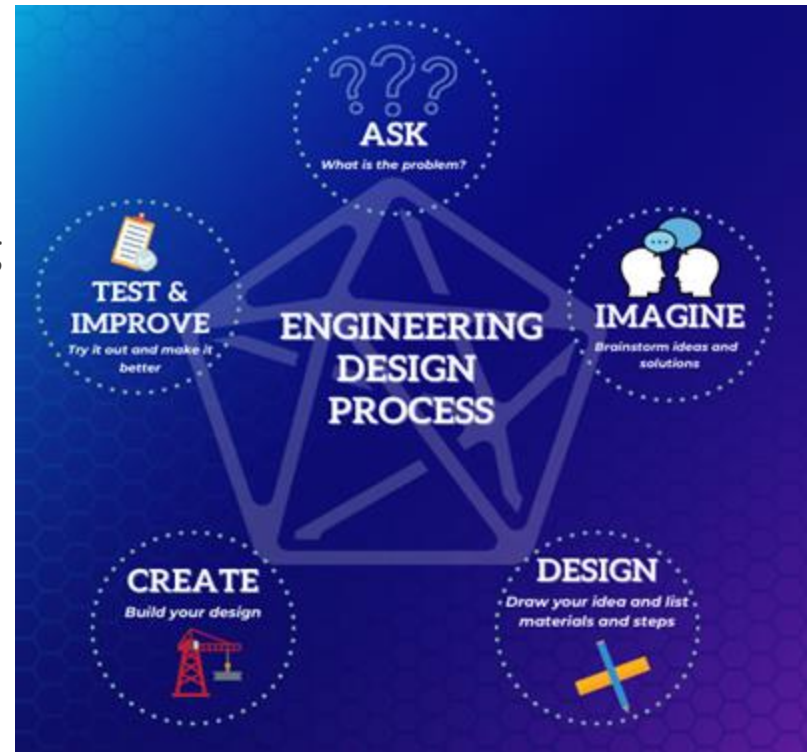
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What does Grade 9 STEAM look like at Loyola?

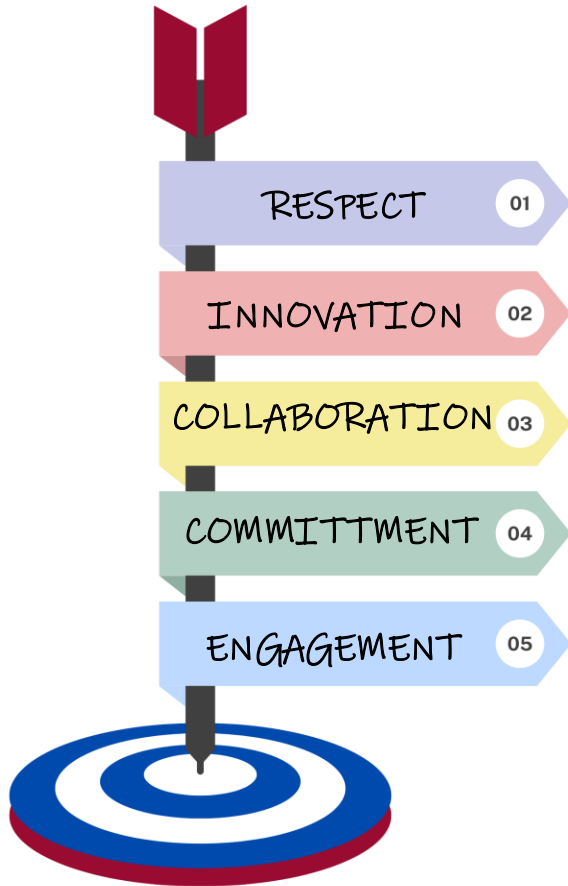
A holistic approach to learning that **interconnects** Science, Technology, Geography and Mathematics

These subjects are used as access points for guiding student learning through:

- Problem/Project-based Learning
- Inquiry
- Design Process/Thinking
- Collaboration



What are the expectations of the program?



In STEAM, students are expected to be **CURIOUS**, **ENGAGED**, and **COLLABORATE** with each other on activities and projects!

Students must attend **ALL** their classes and be **ACTIVELY INVOLVED** in STEAM Friday activities.

STEAM is a **COMMUNITY** where everyone is treated with equity, dignity, and respect!





EQUITY. DIGNITY. RESPECT.



Diverse instruction
and assessment

DIFFERENTIATION

Indigenous Ways of Knowing
and Learning

CULTURALLY
RESPONSIVE



INCLUSION

All learners belong and
can succeed with
STEAM

CATHOLIC
GRADUATE
EXPECTATIONS

Everyone
is welcome here. 



STEAM PROGRAM PATHWAYS

Imagine

(Cohort)

GRADE 9



Connect...

With like-minded students.
Your STEAM courses:

- Science
- Geography
- Tech Design
- Math

GRADE 10

Communicate...

With the community and the world. Your STEAM courses:

- Science
- History
- Media Arts
- Math



Design

GRADE 11

SHSM | OYAP | Dual Credit | Co-Op*

STEM

- Science or Tech Ed
- Elective or Interdisciplinary Studies**
- Math



Art-Tech

- Science or Tech Ed
- Art 1/Art 2
- Elective or Interdisciplinary Studies**
- Math

Create

GRADE 12

SHSM | OYAP | Dual Credit | Co-Op*

STEM

- Science or Tech Ed
- Elective or Interdisciplinary Studies**
- Math



Art-Tech

- Tech Ed (Art-based)
- Art 1/Art 2
- Elective or Interdisciplinary Studies**
- Math

*It is highly recommended that STEAM Program students consider experiential learning opportunities/job skills programs such as SHSM, OYAP, Dual Credit, and Co-op

STEAM Program students must complete **one Interdisciplinary Studies course between Grade 11 and 12

Grade 9 STEAM Courses

Students who enter the STEAM program in Grade 9 will take courses in:



STEAM courses will run in a blended delivery format by STEAM educators enabling collaboration between the subjects. Non-STEAM courses will run in a standard course delivery structure (incl. French Immersion)

STEAM Schedule

Day	Terms		PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3A	PERIOD 3B	PERIOD 4
A	24-25	S1	Q1 Science - STEAM SNC1WS.1 DAY 1 PERIOD 1 1(A) S1	Geography - STEAM CGC1WS.2 DAY 1 PERIOD 2 2(A) S1		Visual Arts-Comprehensive AVI1O1.2 SEMESTER 1 4(A) S1	English ENL1W1.4 SEMESTER 1 5(A) S1
			Q2				
		S2	Q3 Technological Design - STEAM TDJ1OS.2 DAY 2 PERIOD 1 1(A) S2	Grade 9 Mathematics - STEAM MTH1WS.1 DAY 2 PERIOD 2 2(A) S2		Religious Education HRE1O1.10 SEMESTER 2 4(A) S2	Core French FSF1D1.1 SEMESTER 2 5(A) S2
			Q4				



The Science and Technological Design courses are both scheduled in P. 1. On Day 1 this student would go to Science class, then on Day 2 they would go to the Technological Design class. These classes run from September to June.

The Geography and Mathematics courses are both scheduled in P. 2. On Day 1 this student would go to Geography class, then on Day 2 they would go to the Mathematics class. These classes run from September to June.



These classes run in the afternoon during Periods 3B and Period 4. For example, this student will have Art and English in the afternoons from September to January (Semester 1) Then they will have Religion and French from February to June (Semester 2)

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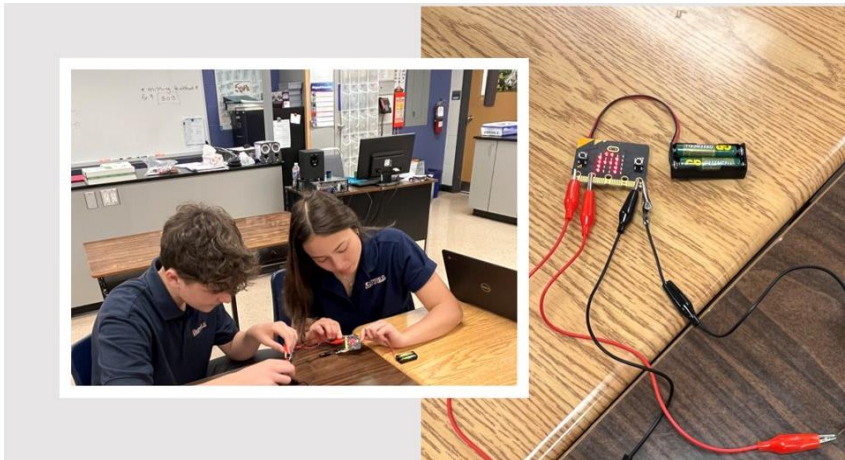
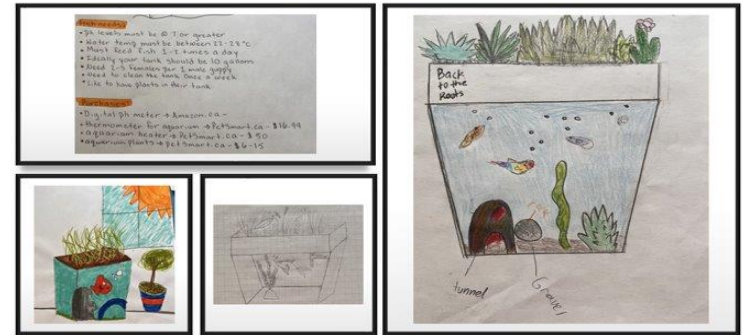
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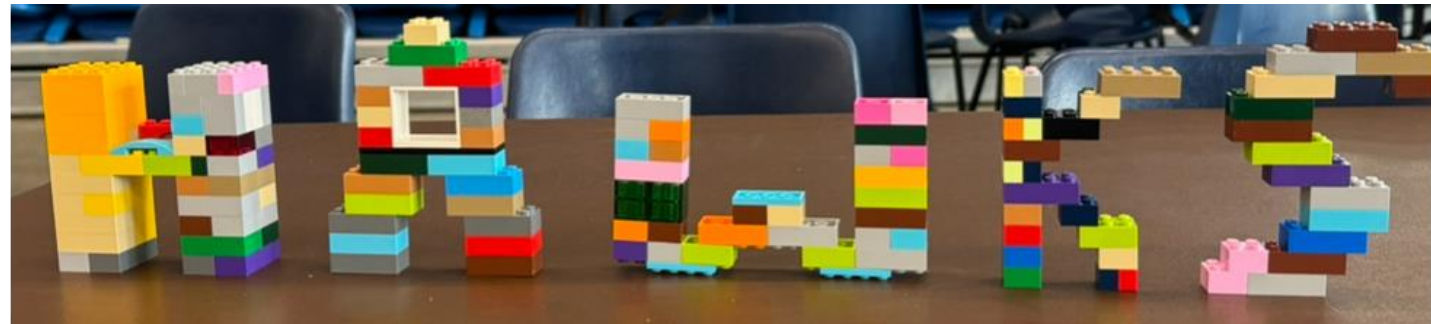
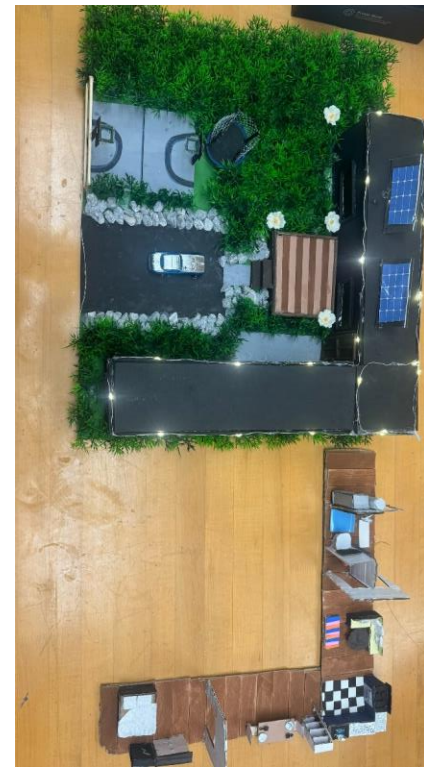


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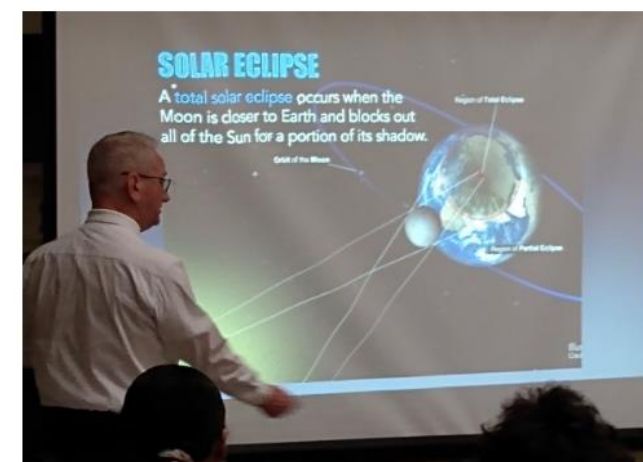
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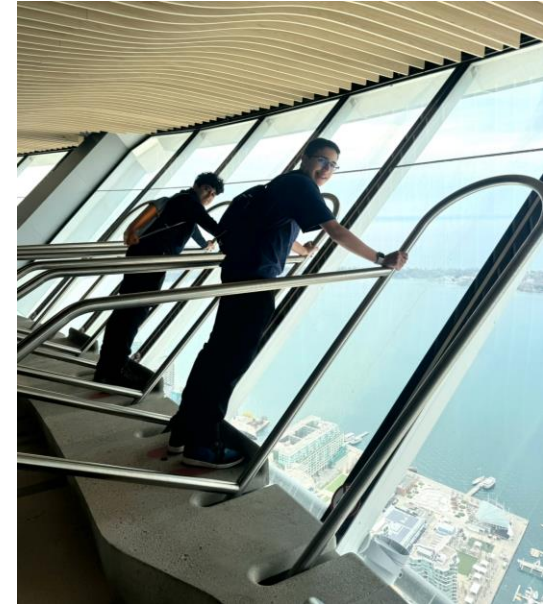
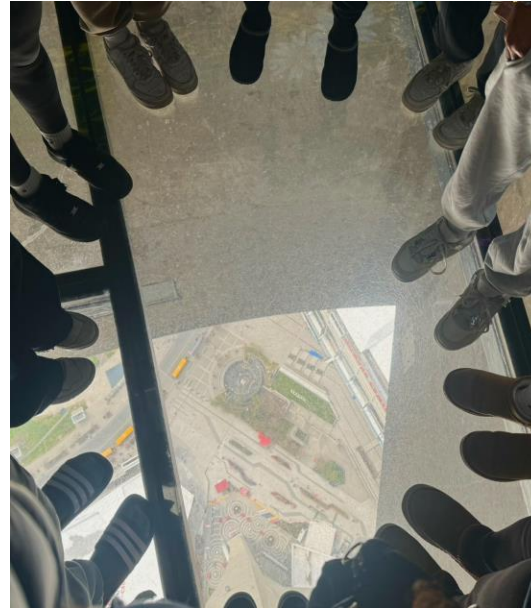
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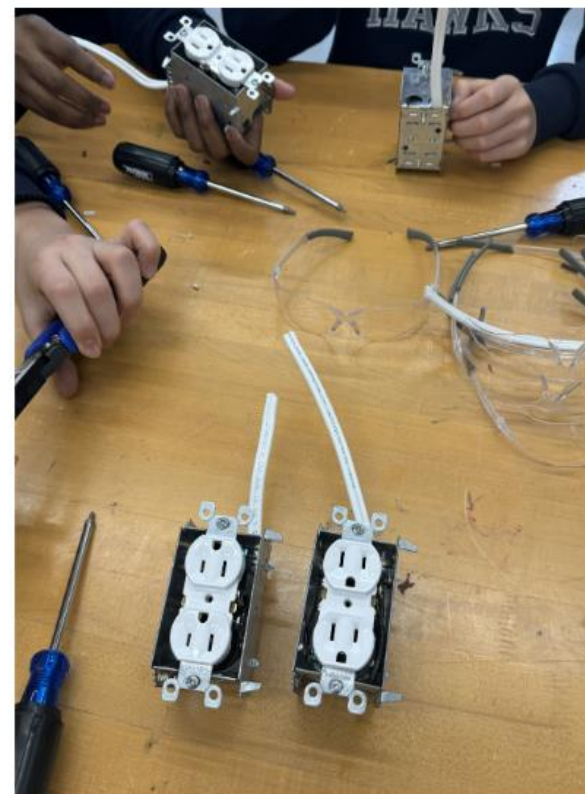
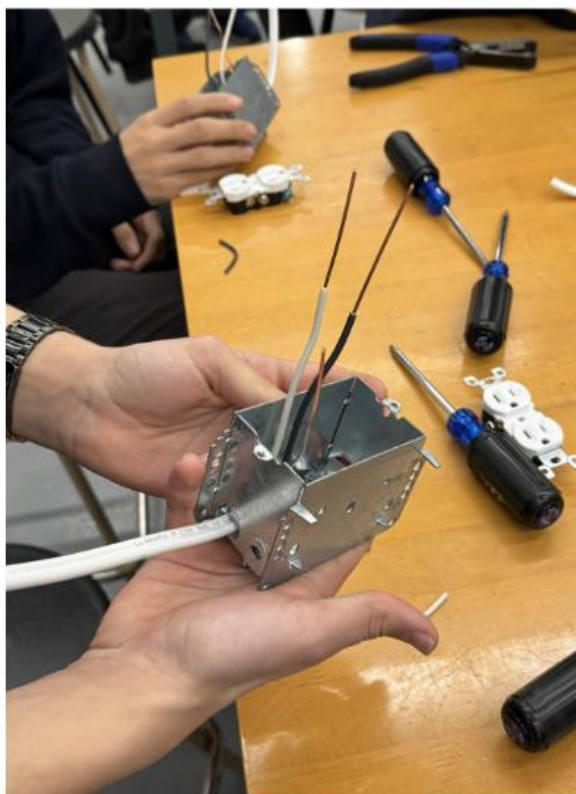
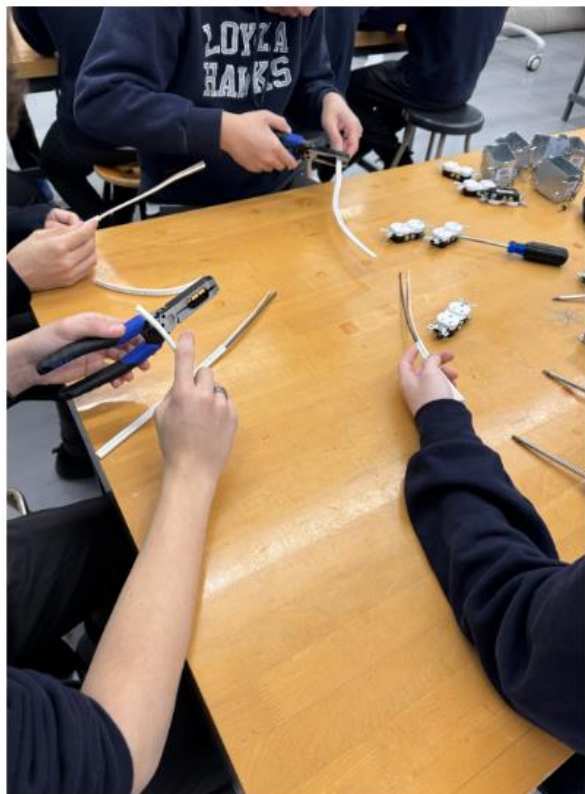
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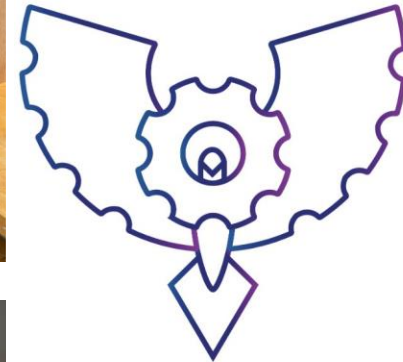
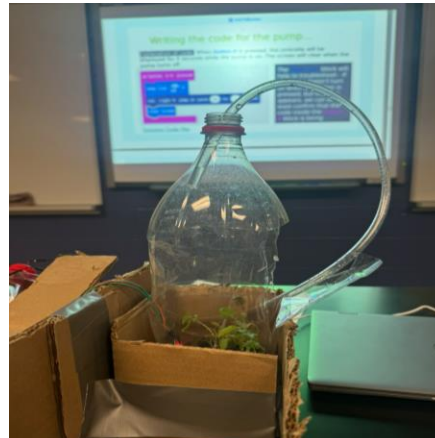
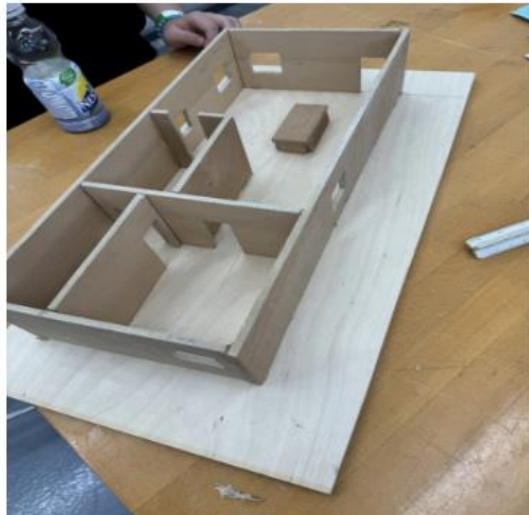
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Is there an application process?

YES! Grade 8 students looking to enter the program will be asked a short series of questions via **Microsoft Form** and for their **Learning Skills**

Acceptance into the STEAM program will not be based on grades achieved in Elementary school but rather an alignment to students' long-term goals, interests, and aspirations

**ONLINE APPLICATION IS DUE:
Monday, December 8th, 2025**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION SUMMARY

Register now for 2026-2027

STEAM Application Timeline

STEAM Applications Open:



Monday, November 10th, 2025

STEAM Application Deadline
for Equal Consideration:

Monday, December 8th, 2025

Application must include:

- Most recent **learning skills** on report card
- Completed **STEAM application form**

First Round of Acceptances:

Friday, February 20th, 2026



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