



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Please see the information below for some updates and reminders:

From Chaplaincy

Hello Loyola Family,

My name is Dylan Michael and I am the new acting Chaplain here at the school! I have had a wonderful experience thus far getting acquainted with staff and students, and I am excited to engage the school community with the Chaplaincy Warriors program and faith-based initiatives for the whole school.

This coming week we are excited to celebrate Catholic Education Week across the province! The theme this year is "Pilgrims of Hope", celebrating the Jubilee year with the global Church community.

We will be celebrating the week by beginning each day in the Chapel at 8am with a daily decade of the rosary to complete a rosary throughout the week. We also have a 'prayer box' set up in the Chapel where students can come and write their intentions anonymously which will be prayed over regularly. We will also have a daily 'Chaplain's Challenge' which will be explained every day in our morning reflection.

One of our initiatives next week is a food drive with donations being sent to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children charity. We encourage students to bring in a non-perishable food item (salt, if possible, as Dr. Simone's has identified a need for this item) to their homeroom any day next week from Monday – Thursday

Monday May 5th - Day of reflection

Tuesday May 6th - Caring for Creation Challenge

Wednesday May 7th - Worship Wednesday

Thursday May 8th - Food & Salt Drive Collection

Friday May 9th - Friday Funday Social

Please pray for our staff and students as we enter this week, that we may be able to engage more deeply in our faith and draw closer to God through these celebrations.

Culture Fest 2025: We Are Pilgrims of Hope

Culture Fest is almost here! Loyola is thrilled to host **Culture Fest 2025** on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, from 5:00pm to 8pm in our Matrix & Cafeteria. This evening is a collaboration of staff and students to celebrate the diversity of our community, while respecting the gift of the land we sustain ourselves on that is generously cared for by the Mississaugas of the Credit. Warrior families are invited to participate in an evening of cultural foods, music, performances and more!

This year's event will showcase the following pavilions: **Poland, Portugal, East Asia, South Asia, Egypt, Balkans, Caribbean and Africa, Latin America, Ukraine, Middle East, and the Philippines.**

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and FREE for children under 2 and will be available only through School Cash Online via this link:

<https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/231978/146/False/True>

There will be limited tickets available at the door on the evening of the event.

Wellness Warriors

Next week is also Mental Health Week. This year's theme is "Unmasking Mental Health." On Thursday, May 8th, the Wellness Warriors are asking teachers to lead their students in a 2-3 minute wellness activity at the beginning of each period. There will also be a "Take A Break!" Event, where students can receive a free cup of lemonade during all 3 lunches in the Lecture Hall.

Skills Trade Conference 2025

On Tuesday, May 6th, Skills Ontario is hosting the Skilled Trades Conference. Our cosmetology classes are attending this event to learn about skilled trades careers, employment trends, and apprenticeship opportunities.

From Guidance

May 1, 2025: Deadline to confirm a college offer of admission.

May 29, 2025: The latest date all applicants who submitted their university application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes an offer of admission, a refusal or a deferral.

Sports

Soccer

The Senior Girls Soccer Team defeated St Paul 2-0, and St. Marcellinus 1-0. They are in action again next week against Port Credit.

The Senior Boys Soccer Team played a well fought game this past Monday against Mount Carmel with a win of 2-1. The team played at home this afternoon against Erindale and the result was a 2-2 tie.

Ultimate Frisbee

Loyola's Warriors had their first double header for Ultimate Frisbee. Although we did not get the result we had hoped for, the coaches are very proud of how well everyone worked together. Next double header is on May 6th at Port Credit.

Graduation Ceremony Reminder

Payment for the Graduation Ceremony and the google form for gown orders are due by Wednesday April 30. Payment can be made on SchoolCash Online and the google form can be found in the students' graduation 2025 google classroom with code: ut5whyu. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Ribkoff at natalie.ribkoff@dpcdsb.org

Water Guns are Prohibited

Students have been reminded during morning announcements that they are not allowed to bring water guns to school. They create safety concerns, and their use is prohibited in the school or on school grounds.

Uniform

Students were reminded in an announcement this morning that they are to be in full uniform at all times while in the school building. Loyola track pants can only be worn while in gym class and crocs/slides or other sandal type shoes are not allowed.

From the Drama Department

The Loyola grade 11 and 12 Drama class is thrilled to present their production of the fantasy/comedy Quest! Quest! Is the story of four heroes who are unfortunately too reluctant and busy to answer the call of a dire quest. The show will be held in the cafetorium on Wednesday May 14, 2025 at 7:00. Tickets will be available for \$5.00 on School Cash Online and will be available at the door. There will also be refreshments available. Come for the fanciful and humorous good time!

From the Math Department

After School Math Help is available every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 -3:15 in room 122. Students in grade 9,10 and 11 math this semester who would like some extra help or just a quiet space to do homework are welcome to attend.

Loyola Catholic School Council

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place on Monday, May 12th in our library. All parents / guardians are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend in person, please contact me for a virtual link.

Culture-Fest	May 7 th
Catholic Education Week	May 4-9 th
Drama Production	May 14 th
Grade 12 Retreat and Mass	May 21 st
Spring Concert	May 21 st

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or send me an email. Wishing you and your families a wonderful weekend ahead!

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