



# LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Please see the information below for some updates and reminders:

## **International Women's Day**

In recognition of this year's International Women's Day, secondary female students were invited to attend the 2025 DPCDSB International Women's Day Conference at the Mississauga Convention Centre on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Loyola's school leaders: Lauren Joa, Eloghene Ogoto, Rhiyanne Onate, Sophie Ryckman Burgess, Gabriella Soares and Esther Tengue attended. These students had the opportunity to hear from female leaders, network with students from other schools, and participate in leadership workshops.

## **Black Excellence Showcase**

Our B.L.A.A.C. impressed our community with another incredible showcase that took place on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Black History Month. The evening was a great success, and the students raised \$900 which will be donated to the Erin Mills Youth Centre. Thank you to Ms. Cornwall, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Davila for leading this wonderful initiative.

## **SHSM Update**

This past Tuesday, our SHSM students had the opportunity to visit Algoma University - Brampton Campus. Students took part in a campus tour and an interactive presentation with Marcelle Kitengie. Marcelle is a Fan Engagement Specialist who has worked with the Vancouver Canucks, the Canadian Elite Basketball League and the University of Florida Athletic Department. He is also the eSports professor at Algoma. Algoma is the first Ontario university to offer an eSports Business program and our SHSM students had the opportunity to learn more about this program and the \$1.6+ billion eSports industry. Our students enjoyed the day on campus. Later this month, our SHSM students will earn their First Aid and CPR certifications through a 2-day training program. For questions regarding SHSM, please contact Ms. Pinchak.

## **Sports**

### **Basketball**

The Jr. Boys Basketball team played against St. Joseph this past Monday in the semi-finals. It was a very close game, but unfortunately our Warriors fell short in the last seconds of the game and lost 46-47. Coach Mike and Ms. D'Sa are very proud of the boys and how much they've achieved this season. We look forward to coming back stronger next year!

### **Track and Field**

The Track and Field Team will be starting practice after the March Break. Interested students need to join the Google Classroom and complete the 2 required forms. Both the forms and the Google Classroom code can be found outside the Phys Ed office.

### **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.

### **Grade 9 Math Support**

For students currently enrolled in Grade 9 mathematics, Loyola is offering an optional after-school numeracy support program on Mondays and Wednesdays starting March 5<sup>th</sup>. Students have been provided registration forms to bring home to be signed and returned to the school. Please contact your child's Grade 9 math teacher or Vice Principal Heydorn for more information.

### **The Waterloo Mathematics contest for students in Grade 12 will be written on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 during period 1 and 2.**

The Euclid contest's mix of short-answer and full-solution questions gives senior level secondary school students the opportunity to practice their communication skills, and the challenging final questions encourage perseverance, an important tool to add to students' problem-solving toolkits.

**Cost: \$18.00**

**Please see Mrs. Ribkoff to sign up. The deadline is Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Parent-teacher interviews for semester two will take place on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Details for the online booking link will be sent out after March Break.

### **Loyola Catholic School Council**

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Important Dates:**

<b>March Break</b>	March 10-14 <sup>th</sup> (no classes)
<b>Parent-Teacher Interviews</b>	March 26 <sup>th</sup> (5 -8 pm)
<b>Good Friday</b>	April 18 <sup>th</sup> (no classes)
<b>Easter Monday</b>	April 21 <sup>st</sup> (no classes)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or send me an email.  
Wishing all our students and their families a safe and enjoyable March Break!

*Gina Renda*

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