

LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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December 6, 2024

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Please see the information below for some updates and reminders:

From Chaplaincy

Loyola will once again be supporting families in our community through a variety of outreach initiatives. We will be collecting gift cards to support the unique needs of each family, along with some items to bring joy such as sweets (cookies, chocolates, etc.) and ornaments. Additionally, if you would like to donate financially, you can do so through SchoolCash Online. Funds received this way will be used to supplement what is collected, with surplus going towards our local St. Vincent de Paul outreach. The link to donate to SchoolCash Online is: https://dpcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/211969/146/False/True

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Cernjul, Chaplaincy Leader.

Mistletoe Melodies

Our Music students invite everyone in our community to come and enjoy our Christmas Concert: "Mistletoe Melodies," which will take place on Thursday, December 12th at 7pm (doors open at 6:30). Tickets are \$10.00 on School Cash Online with a limited quantity available at the door.

We will also be collecting cash donations that evening to help support families in need in our community for Christmas.

Eco Warriors

Loyola's Eco-Team is excited to announce that Loyola will be hosting a **Christmas-Thrift Clothing and Toy Swap** this holiday season! This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to share, swap, and celebrate the spirit of giving while promoting sustainability. Students are encouraged to bring in TWO gently used and laundered clothing items and/or toys (in good condition but no stuffed animals). For each two items they bring, they will receive a ticket. Tickets can be exchanged to select another item during the swap.

Event Details:

Shop & Swap Day- Thursday, December 12th

Time: Lunch 3A, 3B, 3C Location: Lecture Hall

All donations should be in good condition and suitable for another student to enjoy. Items can be dropped off in Room 136 starting on Monday, December 2nd to Thursday, December 12th.

Any donations that are not swapped will be donated to Dr. Simone's Warehouse.

Sports

Basketball

Our junior boys have been practicing this week and will play at Stephen Lewis on Wednesday, December 11th. Our senior boys, meanwhile, have had a busy week. They played a strong game against Iona on Tuesday and came out on top with a score of 60 -52. Yesterday and today, they played in the St. Martin Hoop-Fest where despite losing their first two games by close scores to St Martin's and Bishop Redding, they did get a win against Iona today.

Parking Lot Safety

A reminder again to all drivers to please slow down in our parking lot, especially when conditions are slippery. It is very important to stop at the stop sign that marks the crosswalk area so that students can walk across safely. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

Crosswalk Areas

We ask parents to please remind their children to take time and care when crossing the intersections to get to school and home. The Burnanthorpe and Ridgeway intersection gets very busy, and students should not run across the roadway, should be aware of turning cars, and should not start to cross the road when the signal has changed.

From the Guidance Department for Grade 12 Students:

Grade 12 students are reminded of the following important dates:

- <u>Wednesday, January 15th, 2025</u>- Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed applications to the OUAC for equal consideration.
- <u>Saturday, February 1st, 2025</u>- Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed applications to the OCAS for equal consideration.

Loyola Catholic School Council

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place on Monday, December 9th in our library from 6:30-8pm. Please contact me if you would like to attend virtually. All are welcome!

Important Dates

December 12th Christmas Concert

December 13th Advent Mass (period one and two)

Christmas Break: Monday, December 23rd – Friday, January 3rd (no classes)

Semester One Exams: January 22, 23, 24, 27 (periods 1-4) Detailed schedule will be sent out after Christmas

Exam Contingency Day: January 28, 2025

Exam Review Day: January 29, 2025

Please note: It is expected that students be present at school to complete the final 30% of their final grade which is comprised of the culminating performance task (CPT) and exam. Exams must be written during the exam period and CPTs must be written under the supervision of the teacher.

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

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c.c: Herman Viloria, Trustee, Mississauga Wards 2 and 8