



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Please see reminders and updates below:

From Chaplaincy

Grade 9 Retreats

This school year, all grade 9's will have the same retreat day on September 24th. Students will spend the day at St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre in Oakville. Our Chaplain, Mr. Michael, will be visiting homeroom classes on Tuesday to discuss the retreat and distribute permission forms which need to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to homeroom teachers by Thursday, September 18th.

Chaplaincy **Fun Fridays** are back at Loyola, where students gather with the Chaplain for a set of icebreakers, activities, and games in the Lecture Hall, followed by a short time of reflection and prayerful music in the Chapel. Various student leaders from Grade 10-12 assist in the administration of the activities, and a major goal this year is to reach out to and engage as many Grade 9s as possible.

Student Council Elections

It is great to see that many of our Grade 9 students have applied to represent their grade level as a student council representative for this year. Campaigning will occur in the coming week, with the elections to follow the week after.

Photo Day – Change of Date

The photo date has been changed to **Friday, September 19th** due to a scheduling conflict. If students are absent on that date, the photographer will be back at our school on November 4th.

Sports

Many sports are starting up at Loyola, including golf, tennis, cross country and girls' basketball. We encourage all students to listen to announcements and get involved in the many extracurricular activities at our school.

Golf

Thank you to all those that tried out for the golf team. A great effort was put forth by all. The following students will be competing in the DPCDSB golf tournament(s) towards the end of September:

Summer Kerr
Xavier Wdowiak
Sebastian Soltysik
Ryan Pereira
Evan Cullen

Thank you to Coaches Williams, Skira and Dias

Cross Country

Cross Country is starting up at Loyola this year, with our first practice this upcoming Tuesday morning at 7:30am for all members who have returned their package of permission forms. We look forward to seeing the team members at practice.

Thank you to coaches Isaacs and Healey

Anti-Vaping

The Ministry's PPM 128 includes a strict anti-vaping policy where parents and guardians are to be immediately notified if their children are found vaping on or within 20 metres of school property, and the vapes in a student's possession will be confiscated. There are immediate consequences for students caught with vapes, vaping, or in possession of illegal substances as per the procedures outlined within DPCDSB's Catholic Code of Conduct.

In our efforts to reduce the use of vapes, Loyola will continue to work in collaboration with our Public Health Nurse to educate our students on the negative effects of vaping on well-being. In addition, vape detectors are now operational in our student washrooms.

Parking Lot:

If you are dropping your child off at school, please ensure that you do not block the bus lane. Please do not use the teacher parking lot as a drop-off or pick-up area. Always stop at the stop signs before the crosswalk to ensure teachers and students can walk across safely. **Please do not block the crosswalk.**

Senior students who drive to school are reminded to register their vehicle in the main office to receive a parking tag which must be visibly displayed in their car. Students are to park in the student parking lot only. Students are reminded to drive responsibly.

Loyola Catholic School Council

Please consider joining our Catholic School Council this year. Nomination forms were sent out in a separate email earlier this week. Please return the forms to the school by September 22nd. Our first meeting will take place on Monday, October 6th at 6:30pm in our school library.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or send me an email.

I wish you and your families a wonderful weekend ahead.

Upcoming Dates:

September 19 th	Photo Day
September 24 th	Grade 9 Retreat for all Grade 9 students
September 25 th	Terry Fox Event
September 26 th	Grade 9 Ice Cream Social (Period 3)
September 29 th	Club Fair (Period 3)
October 1 st	School Wide Masses
October 6 th	Catholic School Council Meeting
October 9 th	Grade 9 “Knight” In

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Principal