



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Please see reminders and updates below:

Toonies for Terry

As is our tradition, Loyola students will once again be participating in the "***Terry Fox Marathon of Hope: Loyola is on the move!***" event to raise money for cancer research. This year's event will take place on **Thursday September 25th** during periods 1 & 2.

In addition, there will be a **paid civvies** on that day. Students who make a minimum donation of \$2 for a wristband (purchased in the matrix BEFORE 1st period) can wear civvies that day. The money collected will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Classes will walk around the track on our field at designated times in memory of Terry's Marathon of Hope.

Please Note:

Civvies day clothes must follow our Board's policy. Students must be covered from top of shoulders to mid-thigh and clothing cannot have any wording/images that are contrary to our Catholic Code of Conduct.

Truth and Reconciliation

On September 23, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) will host an event at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre called Illuminating Truths: Transcending the Optic of Reconciliation. Ms. Menon will be taking twenty of our Loyola students to the event which will showcase Indigenous creative figures whose work expands the legacy of the TRC, reminding us that we are all connected, responsible, and belong to a shared foundation.

From Chaplaincy

Grade 9 Retreats

This school year, all grade 9's will have the same retreat day next week on September 24th. Students will spend the day at St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre in Oakville. Permission forms have been distributed and must be signed by a parent/ guardian and returned to the homeroom teacher in order for the student to attend.

Student Council Elections

Grade 9 student council elections will be held this Tuesday, September 23rd. Two Grade 9s will be voted in by their peers to represent the grade level on Loyola's Student Council.

From Guidance

Ms. Riad will be joining the Guidance Department next week. Students are assigned a guidance counselor according to the following alpha division:

Ms. Riad	A - E
Mr. Annibale	F - M
Ms. Pinchak	N - Z

DECA

DECA, DECA, DECA! What is DECA? It is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Through competitive events, leadership conferences, and hands-on experiences, DECA helps students develop essential skills for college and careers. **DECA Loyola** will meet on alternating Wednesdays in Room 236 after school. Our first official meeting is on **Wednesday, September 24**. If you have any questions, please see **Ms. Pinchak**. To learn more about DECA, visit deca.ca.

Sports

Cross Country

The Cross Country Team is gearing up for their first meet next week at Heart Lake Conservation Area on September 26th. We've been practicing in the mornings and afternoons, with athletes preparing for 4K (Novice), 5K (Junior), and 6K (Senior) runs. Co-coaches Isaacs and Healey are very proud of the team's efforts.

Intramural Basketball for Grade 9s

Intramural basketball for grade 9 students starts on Tuesday, September 23 during A lunch. Students can obtain permission forms from Ms. Solomon in the Guidance Department. Forms must be signed by a parent / guardian and returned before students can play.

Tech Design

Ms. Healey's Technological Design class has been working on individual designs for the Medal Competition for the upcoming 2026 Ontario Provincial Skills Competition. The contest winner will receive \$500. There are some great designs being submitted by Loyola to represent the various skilled trades and career paths showcased at the Ontario Skills Competition. Our DPCDSB Skills Competition will be held in March to pre-qualify participants who will represent our board at Provincials.

Loyola Catholic School Council

Please consider joining our Catholic School Council this year. Nomination forms were sent out in a separate email. 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.

Upcoming Dates:

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)
September 30 th	Orange Shirt Day
October 2 nd	Grade 12 Senior Sunrise

October 6th
October 9th

Catholic School Council Meeting
Grade 9 “Knight” In

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.

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Principal