

# IGNITED MINDS

## LOYOLA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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# Welcome Back !!

Greetings from Loyola International School and Welcome Aboard!

We hope you are enjoying the summer. We also hope that you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start this new term. We are delighted that you are a part of this amazing learning community.

We are happy to inform that we have grown bigger this term with lot of new students joining us and to cater to them, our teaching faculty and staff has grown too!
We open our hearts and welcome you all to our family. We appreciate your positive energies and dedication to excellence in education.

**Facilities Update**

Careful consideration was given to input from staff and families as well as student learning styles. Considering the circumstances that we all are dealing with, and to ease the learning process in the blended approach, Smart Boards have been installed in every class room. Upgradations are in progress to make the learning comfortable, enjoyable and current.

Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. With the influx of new students, the numbers have successfully grown to a point where a section in each grade had to be added! This has resulted in opening of our new building!!
Grade 1, Grade 5 and Grade 6 have been accommodated in the new building and the classrooms have been balanced academically and socially.

Thank you to all who are helping us prepare for the new school term. Your commitment to insuring that Loyola International School stays as a successful school is awe-inspiring. It remains an honor and privilege to serve you all. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

# Half Yearly Examination

Do the Best you can until you know better.
Then when you know better, do better.
-Maya Angelou

Half yearly examinations are about to commence. The examination schedule is as below:

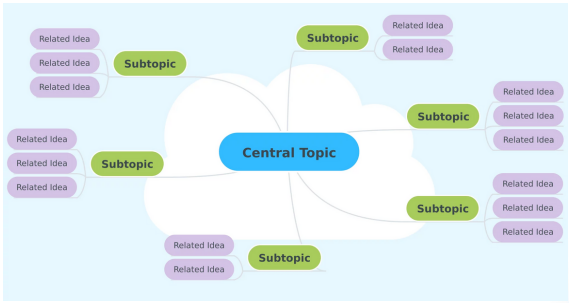
- Graded Subject Examinations would be conducted between 13-09-2021 and 16-09-21
- Core subject exams would be conducted between 19-09-2021 and 30-09-2021

Continuing the blended approach, existing rotation system (on-campus and off-campus) will be continuing and both online and offline exams will be conducted simultaneously.
Students who have joined in Term 2 are exempted from writing the half yearly examinations. Even if written, the marks would not be counted for the annual assessment.

We wish all the students a very best of luck. We hope you will excel in your studies and make us proud with your best efforts and results.

## Scientific techniques to Study efficiently

1.. **Use Mind Mapping Techniques**. Mind mapping is a way of linking key concepts images, lines and links. This is a technique in which you make notes, take notes and help your memory in a way that helps your memory. It is not just writing down the important points, it is organizing all the things you have learnt so that you can learn it, store it and retrieve it when needed.




2. **Make Flash cards**. Most of you must be marking/ highlighting the important points in the books to revisit later. When you randomly highlight many topics on the paper, your brain can not connect those topics together, causing a fright. On the other hand, when you see the front side of the flash card and think of an answer, you are engaging your mental faculty known as Active Recall. Successful recall has been shown to create stronger neural connections. Flash cards help you practice faster and they are to the point.

3. **Study in small chunks.** Average human has an attention span of 8 seconds and concentration span of maximum 1-2 hours. Studies show that if you study is small chunks of 25-30 minutes and take a 5 minute break in between. Brain is better at transforming information into synapse when the sessions are repetitive.

4.**Make a plan and keep the goal small.** Keep small goals and achieve them. If you have a target, you will be able to focus on it better.

5. **Study in groups or teach your friends.** Once you finish a topic, you should not only understand it, but you should also be able to teach someone else too. Studies show that when you teach a topic to someone, your brain trains itself in a more coherent manner.

6. **Fix a spot for your studies.** Have a designated area like a table. This table should have all the items you might need while you study. Eg - water, papers, stationary etc. Sitting on a chair and table helps you keep the posture right. Do not study on bed. Make sure the room is lit enough. The direction is best when light is coming from behind and above the shoulder or from the top.

7. **Music helps in studies.** But what matters is that which type of music you are listening to. The trick is to choose music that is different from your favourite genre and a music with repetitive pulse. Choose neutral music or classical music and don't play it too loud. The music you listen while you study should have zero or bare minimum lyrics. Mozart effect is the most famous theory that links music and cognitive performance which is closely related to learning and problem solving skills.

8. **Avoid studying in the night and get sufficient sleep**. It has been proven that sleep deprivation can lead to less working memory and reduced ability to execute functions and lowers the physical reaction time.

9. **Practice.** Practice as much as you can. The more you practice, the more confidence you get. Having practice tests, you would get to know how much more efforts are required.
So, PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE!

10. **Keep Phones and gadgets away.** With continuous updates on the phones and notifications, it is easy to lose concentration. Keep them away and study.

# Glimpse of Activities

## Teacher's Day Activity

To show gratitude towards teacher's effort, on the occasion of teacher's day coming up, students made lovely cards, decorated quotes, wrote sweet quotes and made beautiful collages for their favourite teacher.






## Nutrition Awareness Activity

Celebrating National nutrition week, students were given various tasks to spread awareness about eating right , bite by bite! Grades 1-3 dressed up as chefs and spoke about the vegetable they were carrying. Grades 4 and 5 prepared colourful food chart. Grades 6-7 prepared presentations and spoke about including various nutritional values in different food. Grades 8 and 9 made posters educating about eating safe and healthy.



# KG Activities

### Shapes and Rangoli Activity

Learning shapes not only helps children identify and organize visual information, it helps them learn skills in other curriculum areas including reading, math, and science. Learning shapes also helps children understand other signs and symbols. What better way to teach them these shapes than making it into an activity! These tiny tots from kindergarten made rangolis using shapes and wore their proud smiles on their faces after doing them.




# A Peek into Future

**Transportation** will be provided to the students starting from October.

Given that school emphasises on the all round holistic development of our students, the school has planned to conduct a few workshops.

- **Mind Mapping :** Mind maps use words and images to create strong associations that helps one to remember what he/she is studying. Some people use mind mapping as a more 'natural' form of note-taking. We can use mind maps to brainstorm, plan, revise and more. This workshop will empower students with different techniques that would aid their understanding of a topic and help them retrieve it when needed.

- **STEM Workshops**: STEM is meant to create a program that integrates all four disciplines ( Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in a way that forces the student to use cross-disciplinary knowledge to solve problems. You'll rarely be given the explicit solution to a problem. Instead, you'll often be required to use what you already know to figure out the right answer for yourself. Successful students quickly learn how to think for themselves and abandon their expectations of being told what to think.

# Celebrations!!

## Teacher's Day Celebrations

The importance of Teachers' Day lies in reminding us of the significance of teachers and educators in our lives. It's a day to be grateful for everything we have learnt and to cherish the contribution of teachers in each of our journeys. Their contribution cannot be explained in words. They have always been around to show us the right path. There's no better way to pay them tribute than to celebrate Teachers' Day.

Loyola celebrated Teacher's Day which turned into a huge success. Talents of each teacher came into light and lit the whole place. Event kicked off with the addressing by esteemed director and principal and felicitation of teachers for their service. Innumerous electrifying dances, powerful martial arts, soothing instrumental music, soulful singing and events that are etched into each of our minds. The celebrations wouldn't have been this memorable without the enthusiasm and aura that the teachers and the school created.

We are proud to have such talent in our school and we applaud and thank all the teachers for their selfless service.

















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You