

AYJ News Update - Aug 30/2021

Good day AYJ Community!

We hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer break.

We know that many of our staff and students were involved in various summer teaching and learning programs and hopefully they have all ended positively.

These last few weeks have been full of information and decisions which are often difficult to keep in order. Please note that the AYJ team has been monitoring such information, asking for clarifications and making plans (tentatively) accordingly.

We wanted to touch base with our full community to share some important information from the school perspective and outline what things will look like when we return to our “new normal” on **September 9th**.

This message (and all others moving forward) will be catalogued on the AYJ school website for future reference and for accessibility to those who may be having issues with receiving information through our distribution list.

If you are receiving this email message, then you are a part of our distribution list. If you are reading this message from our website and did not receive it directly via email, contact the school main office directly and share your updated information.

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First Day of School

The first day of classes for students will be **Thursday, September 9th**.

The school was open to **AYJ Staff** last week and will continue to be open on the days leading up to Sept. 9th however we are **NOT** able to serve our community in person. Should we need to make an exception to that, we will contact you for a face to face appointment.

Please do not drop into school to try and make contact with anyone without a pre-arranged appointment.

Student Timetables/Course Change Requests

Counselors have been working on making the necessary adjustments to student timetables based on a number of factors and will continue to do so all this week (Aug 30 – Sept 3).

Students may have access to their timetables as they currently stand via the TDSB Connects App however any information posted should be considered **tentative** at best.

When student scheduling begins to settle this week (Aug 30 – Sept 3), the AYJ Guidance Dept will share our process moving forward with regards to Student Course Change Requests.

We plan to send out via a mass email distribution, updated student timetables on **Tuesday, September 7th**. If you are receiving this email message, then you are a part of our distribution list.

School Schedule

We have posted a schedule template on our school website.

This year the TDSB has adopted a Modified Semester schedule that ALL TDSB Secondary Schools will follow.

While there are many opinions and beliefs on the merits of the plan, it is the plan that all schools will follow.

The modified Semester Schedule will look like:

Semester One (September to January)

Week 1		Week 2	
Time	Course	Time	Course
9:00am to 11:30am (2 hrs & 30 min)	Course #1	9:00am to 11:30am (2 hrs & 30 min)	Course #3
11:30am to 12:15pm (45 min)	Lunch	11:30am to 12:15pm (45 min)	Lunch
12:15pm to 2:45pm (2 hrs & 30 min)	Course #2	12:15pm to 2:45pm (2 hrs & 30 min)	Course #4

Semester Two (February to June)

Week 1		Week 2	
Time	Course	Time	Course
9:00am to 11:30am (2 hrs & 30 min)	Course #5	9:00am to 11:30am (2 hrs & 30 min)	Course #7
11:30am to 12:15pm (45 min)	Lunch	11:30am to 12:15pm (45 min)	Lunch
12:15pm to 2:45pm (2 hrs & 30 min)	Course #6	12:15pm to 2:45pm (2 hrs & 30 min)	Course #8

We will follow up with other details leading up to our start date of September 9th, but until then please enjoy these final days of the summer break and most importantly **STAY SAFE!**

That’s all for now AYJ,

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