

# A. Y. Jackson

News Update  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 2021



Good day AYJ Community,

We hope that everyone had a great long weekend and that you are able to take advantage of a couple of more days, today and tomorrow before we are all back in the building on **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**.

We have some very important information to share ahead of the email distribution of timetables later today.

**Note:** 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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### **Start of School Year**

**IMPORTANT:** Students do **NOT** return to school on today, but start on **Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>** this year. “Shanah Tovah” to all our school community members celebrating Rosh Hashanah.

Students will receive their timetables via email later on today (Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>).

To help you understand what this will look like, please see the following resources:

How to read your TT: [Sample AYJ Timetable 2021-2022](#)

Modified Semester Schedule: [AYJ Daily Schedule](#)

There are still some finer details being worked out that we will communicate about in the coming weeks. In the meantime if you would like additional information please check the board’s detailed guidelines to reopening schools here: [Secondary School 2021-22](#)

### **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 until all conflicts are solved.

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.

We will send out via a mass email distribution, updated student timetables later on today (**Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**). If you are receiving this email message, then you are a part of our distribution list.

**Timetable change requests** can be made using the **Semester One Timetable Change Request Form**

<https://forms.gle/noLwXvkimdwNRm787>

Priority will be given to changes due to

- an incomplete timetable
- enrolled in a course that the student has already been completed
- enrolled in a course that the student does not have the prerequisite for

All other change requests will be made if there is space in the requested course.

Students are asked to join the appropriate **Guidance Google Classroom** for updates from the Guidance Department throughout the year.

Grade 9 code: b27gbjp

Grade 10 code: wctzhxp

Grade 11 code: o7im42h

Grade 12 code: cvlqkiu

**The Guidance Google Classrooms will open on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Building Entry/ COVID Secondary Screening Procedures**

Students will need to enter via one of the two main doors for screening verification. We have structured school entry so students go in a door depending on their grade: **Grades 9 & 10 will enter through the East Side (Main Entrance) doors and Grades 11 & 12 will enter through the West Side (Field Entrance) doors.**

These entrances are to be used by students and staff to access the school, including after lunch. When **exiting** the building, **students will use the closest stairwell/exit to their classroom.**

Please note that due to ongoing School Accessibility construction on the South side of the first floor (Phys Ed hallway & Caretaking Hallway), **the Parking Lot Entrance/Exit and adjoining Phys Ed Hallway & Caretaking Hallway will be closed** until further notice.

Access to the Phys Ed gymnasiums will occur via the **exterior gym doors** that lead to the South Parking Lot.

**For students with Period 1 (morning) Phys Ed classes**, your COVID Secondary Screening will be performed by your Phys Ed teacher at those exterior doors while this work is ongoing.

### **Daily Screening Procedure**

When students arrive at the school for the first day, they will need to follow a number of new procedures to gain entry to the building. First, they will need to do a COVID self-assessment and create a record of this using either an online app or a hardcopy paper version.

Details on this process can be found here: [Health Screening Info](#).

To review the screening questions see TPH [Screening Questions](#) for your reference.

When possible, families are asked to use the “Now Mobile” Health Screening app each day. It can be accessed from a desktop computer or through the free app. Each day, when self-screening is performed at home through the app, student can bring the QR code for quick scanning at the door. Instructions for using the app can be found here [Healthy Screening App](#). When this is not possible, a daily should be signed and sent to school with the student [Student Pass](#).

**IMPORTANT:** It is expected that students will complete the Health Screening App DAILY before leaving for school. You will be asked for proof (the QR Code generated or Paper Pass) when entering the building for class. Failure to complete this process each day will mean you are removed from class.

Inside the building students will co-operate to maintain 2 metres of physical distancing from each other. Signage has been put up on floors, doors, and walls of hallways and classrooms to help direct traffic. Travel on the right side of the hallways at all times, yield to traffic at intersections in the hallway, use an elbow to open push doors (fire doors in hallways/ stairwells), wear your mask, sanitize hands as needed, abide by wait stickers for offices, water stations, and washrooms where capacity restrictions will be posted outside.

Most of all, be respectful of others and of yourself - you can take the best actions for yourself and those around you to mitigate against transmission during the pandemic.

### **AYJ Late Start Wednesdays**

There will be late starts at AYJ for staff to meet together to address Professional Learning items and to continue/update our school year planning.

<b>AYJ Late Start Wednesdays Dates</b>	
September 22, 2021	September 29, 2021
October 20, 2021	October 27, 2021
November 17, 2021	November 24, 2021
December 8, 2021	December 15, 2021
January 19, 2022	January 26, 2022
February 16, 2022	February 23, 2022
March 23, 2022	March 30, 2022
April 20, 2022	April 27, 2022
May 18, 2022	May 25, 2022

The **schedule** on these **Late Start Wednesdays** is as follows:

<b><u>AYJ Late Start Wednesdays Schedule</u></b>	
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Course 1/3
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	LUNCH
12:45 pm – 2:45 pm	Course 2/4

### **Textbook/ Technology Drop Off**

If you still have books or devices to drop off from last year we will collect them at the entry points to the school. Please write your name neatly inside the front cover as a safeguard for recording purposes. It is vital that we have materials returned so that we can be fully prepared for the year.

### **Student Activity Fees**

We will be discussing fees with School (Parent) Council, Student Council, and Staff before sharing information about collecting funds.

### **Student Agendas**

Online agendas allow real-time updates to the calendar and access to board information in a timely manner. We continue to add to the app (particularly our calendar)- check it out regularly for new information and quick links to important sites (calendars, school website etc).

Click here for more information: [Online Agenda/ TDSB Connects.](#)

**Those students requiring a paper version of the Agenda, please have them connect with their Vice Principal.**

### **Lockers**

Lockers will not be accessible/used for the start of the school year. Toronto Public Health and the TDSB will continue to assess locker use throughout the year. All lockers have been secured/ locked for this year. Please attend school with all the items you need for the day in an appropriate bag for storage.

### **Visitors**

We will not be entertaining visitors at AYJI until COVID guidelines are eased.

That's all for now AYJ.  
See you on Thursday,

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