

A. Y. Jackson

AYJ News Update
Sept 8th



Good evening AYJ Community,

Some reminders for all as we get back to school in the morning,

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's main office directly and share your updated information.

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Teacher Contacts

Please see the attached list of teachers, their courses/locations and their TDSB email addresses.

If you have NOT received a message from the listed teachers on your timetable, please send them an email message. If you do not have access to your student TDSB email accounts, the staff welcome message may be sitting in your inbox.

See staff contact list on the AYJ website.

If you have not been able to access your timetable, there will be a student timetable information table set up in the front foyer.

Please check in with the staff member at the that table and they will share timetable information with you.

Lunch Protocols/Expectations

It is our expectation that our FULL AYJ Community will act responsibly during the designated 45 minute lunch period each day.

To assist with space and supervision challenges, we encourage students to bring grab and go litter-less snacks and lunches; and where feasible, go home for lunch.

Lunches should be outdoors, when feasible and maintaining physical distance.

Students may eat indoors with a recommendation that lunches be eaten with their peers from their morning class with a minimum distance of two metres/six feet between students and masking when not eating.

If taking a mask break outdoors, physical distancing must be maintained.

If you are leaving the school to purchase a lunch at one of our community locations, ensure that you are back at school in time for the beginning of your afternoon class.

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 the exterior gym doors while this work is ongoing.

For students with Period 1 (morning) Music classes in room 144 or room 140, your COVID Secondary Screening will be performed by your Music teacher at the exterior music doors on the west side of the school.

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:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Daily-Health-Screening>

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 paper version of the **Student Health Pass** should be signed and sent to school with the student.

Link: [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.

We are very excited to seeing everyone back at school tomorrow,

Have a great night,

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