

# A. Y. Jackson

News Update  
Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 2021



## AYJ News Update – Oct 29/21

Good afternoon AYJ Community,

We kicked off the month of November with some very successful, student/staff/parent/guardian school events this week and we will continue to move along this month with even more events and activities for us all!

As always, please read through the items and plan accordingly!

### Parent Teacher Virtual Interviews

This week, on **Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** we embarked on our **Semester One Parent Teacher Virtual Interviews** with an afternoon interview session from 12:30pm to 2:30pm and an evening session from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

We do realize that teacher bookings did fill up quickly, so if you were **NOT** able to secure an interview time on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, please send the teacher an email (from the list attached) to set up an alternative time for this communication. Families are always encouraged to contact the teachers directly to access some time together to discuss their child's progress.

Please Find the emails attached [Here](#):

### Credit Rescue Day – Wed Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

We had a very successful day of learning this week (Thurs. Nov 4<sup>th</sup>) with our **Credit Rescue Day for Week 1 Courses!** Dozens of students were able to spend quality small group and 1 to 1 time with their teachers to assist them with getting caught up with their classwork. We will continue next week with our **Credit Rescue Day for Week 2 Courses on Wed Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Just a reminder that on these Credit Rescue Days, **ONLY** students invited to participate by their teachers will be expected to attend school on these days. Students **NOT** engaged in Credit Rescue Activities will be assigned Asynchronous/Independent work that can be completed while they are at home. Students will need to log in to their BrightSpace Classrooms from home during their regularly assigned class times to be marked present for those days. Teachers will be sending out invites to students/families in the days preceding each Credit Rescue Day.

### **OSSLT Return & Initial Plan**

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test is a province wide assessment that has been put on hold for the last two years due to COVID. The successful completion of the OSSLT will once again become a graduation requirement for students graduating AFTER June 2022. The format of this test has also been adapted to a fully online format, however it must be completed within the school environment (in-person).

With this in mind, the AYJ Literacy Team will be offering two OSSLT completion windows for this school year,

- 1) a **Fall window in late November** for **ALL current grade 11s** and **current grade 12s** with fewer than 22 credits (G12s planning to graduate in June 2022 are **NOT** required to write this year)
- 2) a **Spring window in late March** for **ALL current grade 10s** and those grade 11/12s who still need to fulfill the requirement. Note current grade 9 students will be part of the **2022/23 OSSLT** plan.

Students who fulfill their graduation requirements by June 2022 and decide to return to secondary school for upgrading do **NOT** need to complete the OSSLT requirement.

The AYJ Literacy Team, lead by VP Sukhu and Mr (Mike) Stevens have been working hard to ensure that each eligible student is accounted for and that we are technically prepared for these upcoming days. Grade 11 teachers have been informed which day their class is scheduled to write and eligible students who are not a part of those classes will be given participation instructions directly to them.

Eligible students are welcome to visit the EQAO website to review some of the practice material that is posted online at:

<https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/#practice>

### **From the TDSB re: Flu Shots**

This flu season, medical experts are again encouraging individuals to receive a flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is safe to receive alongside the COVID-19 vaccine and others, and getting a flu shot to prevent flu is as important as ever. As we continue to see COVID-19 cases in the community, a flu shot is one of several actions that can help all of us stay healthy and protect those around us. To support this, the West Toronto Ontario Health Team is hosting outdoor flu clinics for community members in the West End of Toronto. No appointments are necessary and all ages 6 months and up are welcome.

Organizers ask that those planning to attend bring their health card with them if they have one. Individuals will still be able to receive a flu shot, even if they don't have a health card. We also ask that attendees wear a mask and practice social distancing while awaiting their turn. Please share this information and attached flyers with all members of your school community, and their families, to attend one of four outdoor locations to receive a flu vaccine.

<https://www.wtoht.ca/events>

For more info please click [here](#) & [here](#)

## **Details**

### Clinic 1

Date: November 6, 2021

Location: LAMP Community Health Centre

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

### Clinic 2

Date: November 6, 2021

Location: Silver Creek Park

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

### Clinic 3

Date: November 13, 2021

Location: Humber Bay Park

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

### Clinic 4

Date: November 13, 2021

Location: Riverside Cardiology and Diagnostic Imaging

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

**Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Week 2 Courses Credit Rescue Day**, by teacher invite  
(no regular scheduled classes, Asynchronous/Independent work  
will be assigned)

**Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**AYJ Late Start Schedule** – student entry begins at 9:45am

**AYJ School (Parent Council) Virtual Meeting** at 6:00pm

**AYJ Grade 9 Curriculum Virtual Night** at 7:00pm

Zoom Links will follow

**Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**TDSB PA Day** – Staff Professional Activities, NO CLASSES

**Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sem 1 Mid Semester Report Cards** – via email distribution

**Week of Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>**

**OSSLT Fall Writing Window** (Dates – TBC)

Grade 11s and non graduating Grade 12s

Students to be notified their status and writing times

**Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**AYJ Late Start Schedule** – student entry begins at 9:45am

**Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

**AYJ Grade 8 Virtual Open House** at 7:00pm

Zoom Link will follow

That's all for now AYJ,

Have a great weekend,

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