

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
Nov 12th 2021



Good day AYJ Community,

We are in the middle of our busiest month in a long time and want to thank our FULL community for staying on top of all that has been going on!

We had two very successful Credit Rescue days the last two weeks, plus our first ever Virtual Parent/Guardian – Teacher Interview Afternoon/Evening as well.

Many more great pieces of information in this week's update. As always, please read through each item carefully and feel free to act accordingly.

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement COVID Information Seminar,

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in collaboration with the Black Physicians' Association of Ontario, the Black Scientists' Taskforce on Vaccine Equity and the Black Health Vaccine Initiative is hosting a webinar to share information with Black families, caregivers and staff about the COVID-19 infection, vaccine, Black children's health and education.

Participants are invited to submit their questions directly to the panel of health care professionals.

When: **Tuesday, November 16, 2021 | 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

For registration and additional details, visit: <https://bit.ly/cebsahealth>

[Click here for details](#)

AYJ Parent Council Virtual Meeting - Wed Nov 17th, 6pm to 7pm ONLINE

Now that we are back to our regular routines during the school day, we continue to build some of our other school practices. Last month we were able to host our initial School (Parents) Council Virtual Meeting and we got our Executive Members in place. We are now approaching the date for our second Virtual Meeting. The AYJ School (Parent) Council is a great place to hear first-hand all of the latest news from AYJ and to network with other parents and to share your observations arising from our super busy AY Jackson school community!

With this in mind, the AYJ Parent Council Executive would like to invite any of our AYJ Community that is interested to join us for our initial **Parent Council Meeting for the 2021-2022 on Wednesday, November 17th** at 6pm via the Zoom online Virtual meeting platform.

We have a limited number of participant availability for this online meeting, so we will be registering family interest on a first come, first served basis. We do have enough space to cover our regular in person attendance numbers, however these spaces are not infinite.

If you would like to register to join us, please fill out the information on the Google Form linked below (note, we will deactivate the link once we reach our capacity and will problem solve for additional interested participants if necessary):

<https://forms.gle/B8TWekkTvko617U26>

An email will be sent to the address listed on the form to confirm your invitation to the meeting and **ON THE DAY** of the meeting, the login link will be confirmed with you.

Zoom link: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/99417393102?pwd=b0VOSE13Zmo1bUpBQVIZOVVrTXFmQT09>

Grade 9 Curriculum Night, Nov 17th @ 7pm via Zoom

A.Y. Jackson SS will be hosting a virtual curriculum night for our grade 9 parents/guardians to learn more about our various subject areas and programs, as well as the routines and procedures to ensure their child's engagement and success in school.

Date & Time: **Wednesday, November 17, 2021 @ 7:00 pm via zoom below.**

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/97501146832?pwd=NVCyd0YxRzE0dIRmdnUyYXVKOHV0Zz09>

Please see attached poster for more information.

[Please click here](#)

OSSLT Return & Initial Plan

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test is a province wide assessment that has been put on hold for the last to 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>

Late Start Wednesdays

Our next Late Start **Wednesday** will take place next week:

Wednesday, November 17th

Our schedule for our late start Wednesdays is as follows:

Late Start Schedule

9:45am to 10:00am	Student Entry
10:00am to 12:00pm	Period 1
12:00pm to 12:45pm	LUNCH
12:45pm to 2:45pm	Period 2

Sem 1 Mid Semester Report Cards/Marks Maintain Date (for Senior Courses)

Students and families are reminded that the Semester One/Term One Report Cards will be distributed via the Document Secure email process at the end of this week.

Often these email messages get directed to your “junk mail”, so please check your inboxes closely for this transmission.

Also, for students taking **SENIOR LEVEL** courses (Gr 11 & Gr 12), please know that recent changes by the Ministry of Education have pushed back the date of the Marks Maintain Date to Dec 15th (previously it was 5 days after the transmission of the mid term report card – Nov 26th).

So what is the significance of the November 26th date versus the MMD (now December 15)?

If a student is seeking an early acceptance to a university, and they are doing well in three courses and poorly in one course, they may elect to drop the course where they are under-performing by November 26 so that a “bad” mark does not appear on their records and jeopardize their chance for an early acceptance.

However, if a student is not expecting to receive an early admittance and needs to continue to work towards achieving a certain mark in a course, they may elect to keep that course and continue working on it until the last possible date to drop it (now December 15). At that point, the student can determine whether to keep the course or drop it. If they drop the course, the mid-term mark will have been transmitted to the universities, however the mark and the course will not appear on the student’s final report card.

As a reference, I have included the link to the Ontario Universities’ Application Centre (OUAC) and their page for applicants who are currently attending an Ontario high school and are applying to an undergraduate program in Ontario: <https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/101-dates/>

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, November 16th

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement COVID Information Seminar, at 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 17th

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 19th

TDSB PA Day – Staff Professional Activities, NO CLASSES

Friday, November 19th

Sem 1 Mid Semester Report Cards – via email distribution

Week of Nov 22nd to 26th

OSSLT Fall Writing Window (Dates – TBC)

Grade 11s and non graduating Grade 12s

Students to be notified their status and writing times

Wednesday, November 24th

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

Thursday, November 25th

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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