



Good day AYJ Community,

We have been working through this event packed November and are pleased to share with everyone the items listed below.

AYJ Entry Student School Entry Protocol

We want to remind ALL students that while we no longer have the mandate to physically scan every QR code upon entry in favour of a visual scan by the adults at the entry points, we will be checking to make sure that the code presented is “stamped” with the current date for entry. This means that **ALL** students need to sign in **EACH** day with a fresh submission in order to get the date populated on their QR code. The wifi at the entry points can get wonky so our advice is to complete the survey at home, screenshot with the current date showing and present the screenshot at entry.

Holiday Hampers

Each year it has become a tradition that the classes/students/staff at AYJ partner with our local Toronto Police Services Division(s) to support the immediate families in our community with our Holiday Hampers gift and food drive.

Our local TPS partners have identified a group families from our community who would benefit from a little extra this holiday season to provide some much needed necessities and joy.

Each family is described with their family dynamic and some needs and is designated by their family number.

We have grouped our classes/rooms by proximity and listed the teachers that teach from those areas to create pools of classes/students/staff.

Each of these groupings are then assigned a family number to collect for.

This year’s pick up/delivery date is set for Wed Dec 15th.

Your consideration in supporting this worthy cause is much appreciated.

[Holiday Hampers 2018-b.jpg](#)

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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 24th

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 were distributed via the Document Secure email process earlier today.

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

We do have a small list of students who had some transmission errors and these students will receive hardcopies of their reports on Monday, November 22nd.

If you had any issues with retrieving your report card, please check in with VP Sukhu via email:

Karim.sukhu@ttdsb.on.ca

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

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
Wednesday, December 8th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – student entry begins at 9:45am
Thursday, December 9th	AYJ Virtual Music Night – details will follow
Wednesday, December 15th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – student entry begins at 9:45am Holiday Hampers Pick/Delivery Date
Friday, December 17th	Final day of classes for 2021
Mon Dec 20th to Sun Jan 2nd	Winter Break
Monday, January 3rd	First day of classes for 2022

That's all for now AYJ,

Have a great weekend,

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