



Good day AYJ Community,

We are fast approaching the end of November and are heading into the sprint through December!

Please take the time to review the items 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.

Trial Period for the Temporary/Daily Use of am/pm Classroom Based Lockers – Grade 9s

We recently discussed the gradual return to student locker use with our school leadership team (Curriculum Leaders) and there was a consensus that because of some of the restrictions we are facing with Student Entry, co-horting & locker clustering and Student exits, our traditional locker assignment process would not be feasible. We brought to the Parent Council an adapted method to create a locker use system which would keep students in close proximity to their classrooms and thus reducing some of the issues raised. The plan would require students to temporarily use a classroom specific locker near their morning class during the morning and then move their contents to a classroom specific locker near their afternoon class. All lockers would have to be cleared out at the end of the day and locks removed.

While this process does not solve every student concern, it does give them a space to drop things off in the morning and afternoon without taking them away from their assigned classrooms.

Our plan is to do a trial week with the **Grade 9s next week** and if all goes smoothly extend the process more widely the following week.

Students accessing these lockers from this classroom MUST:

1. Bring their **OWN** personal lock
(these can be purchased in the main office – see link below)

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/112818/153/False/True>

2. Vacate their contents at the end of the morning by 11:45am for their morning class by the end of the afternoon by 3:00pm for their afternoon class
3. Wipe down the inside of lockers with cleaning wipes
(provided by the classroom teacher)
4. Lockers **CANNOT** be shared with another classmate

Locks that remain on lockers **AFTER 3pm** will be **CUT off** and locker contents will be brought to the main office for recovery.

See the sample poster for more details.

[18-Locker Poster Sample.pdf](#)

Holiday Hampers

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

Our local TPS partners have identified a group of 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 & 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.

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

[17-Holiday Hampers 2018-d.jpg](#)

Student Photo Packages

We have been distributing student photo order packages this week and if you are interested in making a purchase please contact our provider via the website listed below:

www.brightpics.ca

Students are reminded that they can also download an electronic student card - the downloading information is on the proof card. We know that restaurants are requiring proof of ID and this is often a student's only ID.

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 put together an opportunity 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) this past week. **Over 300 Senior students** were able to get their first ever chance at completing this requirement. Results will be shared with the school (and students) later this school year. We will also be offering 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.

A huge AYJ thanks goes out to the AYJ Literacy Team, lead by VP Sukhu and Mr. (Mike) Stevens!

Late Start Wednesdays

Our next Late Start **Wednesdays** are scheduled for:

Wednesday, December 8th

Wednesday, December 15th

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

Virtual Music Night

Our upcoming **Virtual Music Night** is taking place on **Thursday, Dec. 9th at 7pm**. This will feature a variety of class and student acts across many genres and disciplines.

The Zoom Meeting ID is: 932 8892 9769

Hope to see you there!

Sem 1 Marks Maintain Date (for Senior Courses)

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 (MMD) 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 new 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

Week of Nov 29 th to Dec 3 rd feedback	Grade 9 Trial Period for Daily Use Locker Plan -plan will be expanded based on initial trial period
Wednesday, December 8 th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – student entry begins at 9:45am
Thursday, December 9 th	AYJ Virtual Music Night – 7pm, Zoom Mtg ID: 932 8892 9769
Wednesday, December 15 th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – student entry begins at 9:45am Holiday Hampers Pick/Delivery Date Marks Maintain Date Deadline – for ALL Gr 11/12 courses
Friday, December 17 th	Final day of classes for 2021
Mon Dec 20 th to Sun Jan 2 nd	Winter Break
Monday, January 3 rd	First day of classes for 2022

That's all for now AYJ,

Have a great weekend,

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