



Good afternoon AYJ community,

Please see below this week's important items from A Y Jackson SS.

### **Ministry Mandated e-Learning Graduation Requirement for Current Grade 9s and 10s**

Please watch out for a message **NEXT WEEK** which will include a very important **SURVEY** which will in turn guide AYJ's immediate and short term plans to address the **e-Learning Graduation Requirement**.

The message will come out under a separate title next week and will be sent out **ONLY** to our current Grade 9 and 10 students and families.

Any questions regarding the survey or the requirement can be forwarded to the AYJ Admin and/or Guidance Teams.

### **AYJ Prom **\*\*IN-PERSON\*\*** Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Prom committee is so excited to announce that on June 1, 2022, we will be hosting A. Y.'s first ever post pandemic prom! This will be a chance for graduating students to celebrate one last unforgettable and fun night with friends and serve looks that would impress all the fashion critics.

Prom will be on the evening of June 1st at the Crystal Fountain Event Venue with tickets available for purchase on school cash online. Tickets sales will start on April 25th for early bird bargain price of \$75! Early bird ticket prices will increase after April 29th, so make sure to scoop them up before they're gone. Make sure to check ayjgr12s and ayjsac on Instagram as well as Brightspace for all the prom details that you need to know.

### **AYJ Late Start Wednesdays**

Please see the charts below outlining AYJ's remaining **Late Start Wednesdays** for the balance of the school year:

<b>AYJ Late Start Wednesdays Dates</b>	
April 20, 2022	April 27, 2022
May 18, 2022	May 25, 2022
June 22, 2022	

The **schedule** on these **Late Start Wednesdays** is as follows:

<b>AYJ Late Start Wednesdays Schedule</b>	
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Course 1
11:05 am – 12:05 pm	Course 2

12:05 pm – 12:50 pm	LUNCH
12:50 pm – 1:50 pm	Course 3/4
1:55 pm – 2:55 pm	Course 4/3

**TPH Immunization & Vaccination Clinic at A Y Jackson SS – Fri Apr 29<sup>th</sup>/2022**

Toronto Public Health (TPH) is hosting a School Immunization Program and COVID-19 Clinic at **A Y Jackson Secondary School on Friday, April 29, 2022, as you know**. In addition to COVID-19 vaccines, TPH will be offering **Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal vaccines** for students in grade 7 to 12 who have missed starting or completing their vaccine series at schools due to COVID-19 disruptions. The Toronto Public Health link on the vaccine posters for booking appointments will be available and active tomorrow sometime.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Friday, April 29, 2022</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>1:00 PM to 4:00 PM exclusive to school students/staff 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM open to public</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>A Y Jackson Secondary School</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>50 Francine Dr, North York, ON M2H 2G6</b>

Attached you will find:  
poster(s),  
two consent forms,  
vaccine and school immunization fact sheets,  
clinic operations-related FAQ,  
parent letters

Please note that School Mobile Vaccination Clinics (SMVCs) are considered a health care setting and individuals are **required to wear a mask while attending the school clinic**.

We truly appreciate your support. Together, we are creating a safer and healthier community for all!

**Vaccine Clinic at Zion Height MS – Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>/2022**

Toronto Public Health will be hosting a Vaccine Clinic at **Zion Height MS on Saturday, April 30, 2022** at 12pm to 6pm.

Please see the attachment for all of the details.

**Summer School Registration**

Registration for ConEd Summer Secondary Credit Programs, which was scheduled to open on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 **has been delayed**. Registration for July and August e-Summer Programs, which was set to open on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> **has also been delayed**. We will provide an update as soon as possible on when a new date and time has been set.

### **Ongoing Yearbook Sales**

Cash on-line has been re-opened so students/families can purchase a yearbook (link is below). Our early bird incentive deadline has passed and the cost is now \$40.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/115560/153/False/True>

### **AYJ Graduation Ceremony IN-PERSON, Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm**

We are pleased to be able to confirm that we are now able to announce the details of our return to an IN-PERSON Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm. We are lucky to be hosted by the Crystal Fountain Event Venue in Markham (see address below).

All eligible graduates will need to login to their SchoolCashOnline accounts to access this item. (Please note that if the item does not appear as an option on your account, you will need to be added to the Grad/Potential Grad Student List. Contact the office for details)

Link: <https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

The cost for this event is \$20 per grad (includes ceremonial cap & gown – mandatory). Each graduate will also be able to purchase 2 guest tickets (maximum) at an additional cost of \$20 per ticket.

**\*\*Important:** When completing your purchase, please enter student's:  
Legal First Name and Legal Last Name  
where it says : "Who are you purchasing this for?"\*\*

Due to the limited number of seats at Crystal Fountain, only 2 guest tickets will be available to each graduate to purchase. In the very unlikely event that a few additional tickets become available, a subsequent sales process will be created and additional tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

### **Event Details:**

AYJ Graduation Ceremony  
Wednesday, June 29, 2022  
Crystal Fountain Event Venue  
60 McDowell Gate  
Markham, ON L6G 1B5

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

**Week of Apr 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Report Card Distribution** – via secure email distribution  
**AYJ Late Start Schedule** – classes begin at 10:00am  
**TPH Vaccination Clinic @ AYJ** – see item above  
**TPH Vaccination Clinic @ Zion Hts MS** – see item above

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**AYJ Late Start Schedule** – classes begin at 10:00am

<b>Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AYJ IN-PERSON Music Night – 7pm @ AYJ Cafetorium</b>
<b>Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Marks Maintain Date – for Grade 11/12 courses</b>
<b>Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Stat Holiday – Schools CLOSED, NO CLASSES</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MADD Virtual Assembly – for G11s/12s @ 10:20am</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 10:00am</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AYJ Relay for Life Fundraiser – details will follow</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>AYJ Prom</b>

### **Hispanic Heritage Month at the TDSB**

During the month of April, the TDSB recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month. In March 2010, our TDSB Board of Trustees voted that April be designated as Hispanic Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board.

As stated in the Hispanic Heritage Month Act, (May 5, 2015): "Ontario is home to more than 400,000 first-, second- and third-generation Canadian of Hispanic origin. As early as 1914, Canadians who originated from 23 Hispanic countries began immigrating to the province and today the Hispanic community is one of the fastest growing in Ontario. Hispanic-Canadians represent a dynamic community that has made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Province of Ontario.

By proclaiming the month of October as Hispanic Heritage Month in Ontario, the province recognizes the rich contributions of Hispanic-Canadians to our social economic, political and multicultural fabric. Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of Hispanic people in the province."

### **Sikh Heritage Month at the TDSB - April 2022**

Sikh Heritage Month is proudly recognized at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) during the month of April since 2016 as the Board of Trustees voted to designate April of each year Sikh Heritage Month making the TDSB the first school board in Canada to do so. This designation matches the recognition by the Province of Ontario that proclaimed Sikh Heritage Month Act in December 2013, and the recognition proclaimed by the Government of Canada on April 30, 2019. Sikh Heritage Month is recognized nationally across Canada.

This year our theme is Come to learn, go to serve; the goal of education is to serve humanity.

Sikh Canadians have lived in Ontario since the turn of the twentieth century. They have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario and their traditions and culture continue to be a vibrant art of every aspect of life for Canadians today.

We are inviting all TDSB community, students, and staff to join our virtual Sikh Heritage Month launch to recognize the contributions of Sikh Canadians. Join us for a remarkable afternoon of information and celebration (see below and [flyer](#) for full details).

### **Latin-America History Month at the TDSB - April 2022**

Latin-America History Month is proudly recognized at the TDSB during the month of April as a result of a motion passed through our Board of Trustees in 2016.

This year the theme to mark Latin-America History Month is (DeColonizing) Latin-America History Month & Beyond: Learning about our collective pasts through the art of healing.

Since its creation of the Latin-America History Month Volunteer Planning Committee in 2016, the membership continues to expand searching every year for more intentional ways of working in solidarity with Indigenous Nations of Turtle Island (Canada) and ways to bring Elders, Knowledge Keepers, educators and families together to decolonize understandings of Latin-America. The Latin-America History Volunteer Planning Committee comprised of TDSB staff, former students, parents/caregivers, and community members.

During the month of April, several activities are being planned for students, staff, and community members. We invite everyone to join us to kick-off Latin-America History Month with a virtual launch (see below and [flyer](#) for details). We're pleased to share with you the results of a Creative Arts Contest (to be posted shortly on the TDSB website) where all TDSB students were invited to participate from all grade levels. Elementary students will also be provided with the opportunity to learn about the art of healing and the powerful tool that music brings with Ruben Beny Esguerra, a Canadian musical artist and poet based in Toronto. Ruben Beny Esguerra has been nominated twice for a JUNO Award (2018 JUNO Awards in the World Music Album of the Year category and for the 2022 JUNO Awards in the Global Music Album of the Year category.)

Learning about careers in various fields, our students will have the opportunity to connect with accomplished Latin-America leaders and acquire information about their educational and professional journey to success. In addition, secondary students will further their learning on art as a form of healing by attending a workshop hosted by a member of the Afrolatinx community.

That's all for now AYJ, have a super extra long weekend!

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