

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
June 17th 2022



Good day AYJ Community,

It has been great to gather the last couple of weeks to recognize students from across all different curricular and co-curricular areas of the school. This eventful month of activity is bringing the **LIGHT** back into the building (so much so, that it caused our recent power outages – LOL!) and is making the frustrations of the past couple of years a distant memory.

Please read below some more great AYJ accomplishments as we get ever so close to this year’s finish line!

AYJ Girls Soccer TDSSAA North Champions!

Congratulations to Coach Ruston and ALL members of the AYJ Girls Soccer team for winning the TDSSAA North Championship with their 3 – 1 victory over C. W. Jeffreys!



AYJ Girls Softball TDSSAA North Champions!

Congratulations to Coach Young and Community Coach Bland and ALL members of the AYJ Girls Softball team for winning the TDSSAA North Championship with their 11 – 7 victory over Northview Hts!



Semester Two Credit Rescue Days – Fri Jun 24th/Mon Jun 27th/Tues Jun 28th

As we approach the End of the Semester (and hence Sem 2 Final report cards), students will be given the opportunity to salvage missed assignments and evaluations during our second Semester Credit Rescue Days on **Fri Jun 24th/Mon Jun 27th/Tues Jun 28th**.

As with our previous 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 COMPLETED their course responsibilities and as such are **NOT** required to attend school on those days. Teachers will be sending out invites to students/families in the days preceding each Credit Rescue Day.

Students will be able to find their teachers on these days by accessing them in their classrooms at their regularly scheduled times during each day (i.e. Period 2 teacher at 11:05am to 12:05pm). Students may also spend longer than their scheduled class time (not including over lunchtime) with a teacher should they require additional time and support.

There will **NOT** be any Cafeteria service for students at school on these days.

AYJ Graduation Ceremony IN-PERSON, Wednesday, June 29th @ 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 29th @ 2pm. We are lucky to be hosted by the Crystal Fountain Event Venue in Markham (see address below).

Event Details:

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

Guests are asked to arrive for a **2:00pm start time** via the entrance on the **South side** of the venue. The seating will begin upon entry starting at 1:30pm. Guests that arrive after the Grad Procession has started (at 2pm) will be asked to remain outside of the seating area until all of the Grads have entered. Seating will be on a first come first served basis. There is a plan for ANY guest wishing to take a photo of their grad during their walk across the stage that will be communicated at the event. There will be a florist on site who will be selling flowers for any families that are interested in purchasing them for their grads.

ALL Graduates are asked to arrive at the venue by **1:00pm** via the entrance on the **North side** to get your cap and gown and prepare for the 2pm processional!

An information assembly will take place on **Mon Jun 20th at 11:00am in the cafetorium** to go over some fine details for the event. Please listen for the office voice calldown at that time.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, June 20th	AYJ Grads Assembly , 11am in the Cafetorium
Monday, June 20th	AYJ Grads Ticket Distribution , at/after lunch @ TBD
Monday, June 20th	Yearbook Distribution , after lunch via office voice call
Wednesday, June 22nd	AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 10:00am
Wednesday, June 22nd	Locker Cleanout Day
Wednesday, June 22nd	AYJ Past Grads Event , 3pm to 5:30pm @ AYJ Back Quad/Field
Thursday, June 23rd	Final FULL Day of Classes
Thursday, June 23rd	AYJ Excellence Awards , 3:15pm @ AYJ
Friday, June 24th	Year End Credit Rescue Day 1 , by teacher appointment
Friday, June 24th	EQAO Math Assessment , Sem 2 Grade 9 Math Classes only
Monday, June 27th	Year End Credit Rescue Day 2 , by teacher appointment
Tuesday, June 28th	Year End Credit Rescue Day 3 , by teacher appointment
Wednesday, June 29th	Special AM Marks Distribution Schedule (approx. 9am to 11am)
Wednesday, June 29th	AYJ Graduation Ceremony , 2pm to 4pm **Students arrive by 1pm**
Thursday, June 30th	TDSB Professional Activity Day , NO CLASSES
Friday, July 1st	CANADA DAY Holiday

TDSB Celebrates National Indigenous History Month: June 2022

June is [National Indigenous History Month](#) and June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a time to celebrate and learn from First Nations, Métis and Inuit people about the diverse cultures, histories, experiences, creations, perspectives, and achievements.

Join the Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) throughout the month of June for opportunities for staff, students, and educators to engage with Indigenous artists, authors, and speakers through various virtual workshops and panel discussions.

All month long, the UIEC is hosting several events and celebrations with Dr. Elder Duke Redbird, Dr. Pamela Palmater, Ange Loft, David A. Robertson, Becky Han and others, along with [Two-Spirit & Indigiqueer Pride](#).

During the month of June, the TDSB recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is celebrated on Tuesday, June 21. This year, UIEC will have a board-wide virtual celebration on Friday, June 17.

This is a day of significance for many Indigenous Peoples in the country we call Canada today. It marks the day when the Sun is closest to the Earth. It is the longest day of the year and the shortest night. Many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples celebrate the Summer Solstice. It is a time that reminds us to remain grounded, humble and appreciative. It is usually celebrated by coming together with family and community for a feast. Traditional foods are an important aspect of the feast as they signify connection to the land and animals.

To learn more, events can be found on MyPath.

TDSB's UIEC celebrates its 2nd annual Two-Spirit & Indigiqueer Pride Week June 13-17

The Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) is celebrating its 2nd annual [Two-Spirit & Indigiqueer Pride Week](#) from Monday, June 13 to Friday June 17!

Festivities kick off on Monday, June 13 with a webinar with two-spirit Elder Blu Waters and Keith McCrady, Executive Director, 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations.

The events throughout the week include an artist panel with Two-Spirit/Indigiqueer artists Thirza Cuthan, Theola Ross and Tyler J Sloane; authors of *Surviving the City* Tasha Spillet and Elder Albert McLeod; Two-Spirit, Ojibwe artist Patrick Hunter; Two-Spirit advocate and mental health expert, Teddy Syrette, author of *Urban Indigenous Youth Reframing Two-Spirit*, Marie Lang, and others.

Throughout the week, TDSB staff and students are encouraged to join the many virtual panels and discussions.

National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21

On Tuesday, June 21st, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day.

June 21st is a day of significance for many Indigenous Peoples across the country we call Canada today. TDSB staff are asked to be considerate of Indigenous students who are participating in ceremonies and / or cultural events on this day.

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The poster created for this year's marking of National Indigenous Peoples Day was drawn by Grade 11 student, Jaxon Zappia, from Etobicoke School of the Arts school and was designed by Peter Jensen, of the Jensen Design Group.

More information can be found on the [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) website.

Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month at the TDSB – Invitation to join the Portuguese Parade on June 11th, 2022

Beginning in 2011, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) proudly recognizes Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month. The Province of Ontario passed the Celebration of Portuguese Heritage Act in 2001 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01c22>). This year our theme is Andorinha! Watch us Soar!

We are thrilled to announce that the annual Portuguese Parade will resume this year! Everyone is invited to celebrate on Saturday, June 11 starting at 11:00am between Lansdowne & Crawford (<http://acapo.ca/event/portugal-week-2022-parade>).

Staff and students are invited to join us! We will meet at 9:00am on Lansdowne between Bloor and College, where we will then participate in the parade, walking down Dundas up to Shaw Street. Students will be dismissed after having a Portuguese lunch at George Ben Park at the Corner of Shaw Street and Harrison Street, shortly after 1:00 pm.

Should additional information be required, please contact Christopher Freitas Co-chair, Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month at Christopher.freitas@tdsb.on.ca.

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

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See the light . . . BE the light!