



Good afternoon AYJ Community,

We hope that everyone has been and will continue to enjoy this wonderful sunny weather!

School events are back up and running! Athletics have kicked off and some Music and Arts Shows are right around the corner. The school year will end on a high note with our return to an IN-PERSON Graduation Ceremony at the end of June.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at this month's School (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting next week!

AYJ Late Start Wednesdays

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

AYJ Late Start Wednesdays Dates	
May 18, 2022	May 25, 2022
June 22, 2022	

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

<u>AYJ Late Start Wednesdays Schedule</u>	
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

AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting – Wed May 18th @ 6pm ONLINE

There will be an opportunity for families to gather together for more information at our next AYJ School (Parent) Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 18th at 6pm.

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/jEJ5r29dzUsS81Xa8>

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/99689400870>

IN-PERSON Music Night – Thurs May 19th, 7:30pm

The first in person Music Night of the year will be taking place on Thursday, May 19th at 7:30 pm. Music Night will feature a variety of class and co-curricular ensembles including band, string, vocal and guitar groups. Tickets are 2 for \$15 in advance or \$10 at the door and can be purchased in class, at lunch, or at the door.

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Sem 2 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 to Fri May 20th** (previously it was 5 days after the transmission of the mid term report card).

So what is the significance of the May 20th?

If a student is seeking an 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 before May 20th so that “bad” mark will not appear on the student’s final report card or transcript.

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/>

AYJ Relay for Life Fundraiser

Relay for Life is an annual fundraiser for Cancer Research across Canada. Prior to Covid-19, A. Y. Jackson raised thousands of dollars to help support this important cause and we are looking to raise at least \$2000 again this year! Despite these difficult times, we are going to be returning to our outdoor after-school activities on **Wednesday May 25th from 3-7pm**. All students and staff are encouraged to register online at:

https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR?type=fr_informational&pg=informational&fr_id=28141&sid=10461.

Your registration is your ticket to the festivities, and it gets you free food and a free t-shirt. Community donations as well as donations from family and friends are also greatly appreciated! Please register as soon as possible and help make a difference in someone's life.

AYJ Art Show 2022

The AYJ Arts Department is pleased to share the details of the 2022 Art Show - En Route. The show will be taking place in person on **Thursday May 26th from 6-9pm**, and will celebrate the achievements of our Visual Arts, Dance, and Drama students. Tickets will be available to purchase on School Cash Online for \$5 starting on May 9th. We ask that you please show proof of online ticket purchases at the door on the event day. Tickets will also be available to purchase at lunch the week of the event or at the door. We can't wait to celebrate all of the amazing artistic talent at AYJ!

Link opens on May 9th:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/125184/153/False/True>

See Poster Below

AYJ Prom **IN-PERSON Wednesday, June 1st**

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.

The early bird bargain has now past but not to worry, you are still be able to purchase a prom ticket for \$80. Deadline to do so is **Friday, May 13th**, so don't miss out, get your prom ticket today! Make sure to check ayjgr12s and ayjsac on Instagram as well as Brightspace for all the prom details that you need to know.

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>

Trustee James Li May 2022 Newsletter

Please see the link below for Trustee Li's May Newsletter.

Link: [Trustee Li's May 2022 Newsletter](#)

The link to Trustee Li's website for all updates is:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward13/Ward-13/Trustees-Newsletters-and-Updates>

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).

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.schoolcashionline.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

Wednesday, May 18th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 10:00am
Wednesday, May 18th	AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting - 6:00 to 7:00pm
Thursday, May 19th	AYJ IN-PERSON Music Night – 7pm @ AYJ Cafetorium
Friday, May 20th	Marks Maintain Date – for Grade 11/12 courses
Monday, May 23rd	Stat Holiday – Schools CLOSED, NO CLASSES
Tuesday, May 24th	MADD Virtual Assembly – for G11s/12s @ 10:20am
Wednesday, May 25th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 10:00am
Wednesday, May 25th	AYJ Relay for Life Fundraiser – see item above
Thursday, May 26th	AYJ Arts Night – 6pm to 9pm, see item above
Wednesday, June 1st	AYJ Prom – see item above

Asian Heritage Month at the TDSB - May 2022

Asian Heritage Month is recognized formally throughout Canada through an official declaration that was signed in May 2002 (<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/asian-heritage-month/official-declaration.html>). Subsequently, the Province of Ontario passed the Asian Heritage Act (2005) (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/05a10>), and the Toronto (TDSB) passed a motion to recognize Asian Heritage Month in April 2007

(<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes/Type/M/Year/2007?Filename=70418.pdf>).

We are proud to celebrate the numerous achievements of Asian-Canadians and their significant role on the global stage. This year our theme is Many Voices United as One. The TDSB is the largest and one of the most diverse school boards in Canada. Nearly one-quarter of our students were born outside of Canada and collectively we speak more than 120 languages. According to the 2017 TDSB Student & Parent Census 40% of TDSB students self-identified as Asian.

During the month of May we are honoured to share with you several opportunities and resources to learn about the traditions, customs, and significant individuals that the Asian heritage brings:

1. A PowerPoint presentation on Asian Heritage Month reflecting our theme, Many Voices United as One, was created and will be posted to the TDSB public website www.tdsb.on.ca and internal website Heritage/History Month website under the Asian "tab"
(Link: <http://tdsbweb.tdsb.on.ca/equity/Heritage-History-Months/2021-2022>)
2. The winning posters from the Poster Contest will be posted shortly to the TDSB public website www.tdsb.on.ca and internal website Heritage/History Month website under the Asian "tab"
(Link: <http://tdsbweb.tdsb.on.ca/equity/Heritage-History-Months/2021-2022>)
3. All TDSB students, staff and community are invited to attend the TDSB Asian Heritage Month Virtual Celebration.

Join us to learn about the vibrant and significant contributions that Asian-Canadians have made to our great country that our staff, students, and community members call home. Canada has been enriched by the vibrant traditions that we continue to recognize in our brilliant city by celebrating our heritage proudly through festivals and customs. Join us for an extraordinary time to learn about the Asian Heritage.

Date: Monday, May 9th, 2022
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Zoom Link: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94506592022>

4. All Elementary Students from Kindergarten to grade 3 are invited to attend an Author Reading with Tran-Davies Nhung. Tran-Davis. Nhung N. Tran-Davis is a physician, author, mother of three, and an advocate for social justice in education. At the age of five, her family was sponsored to Canada as refugees from the Vietnam war. She loves to write children's stories that convey the humanity in our lives. She has spoken at the UN's International Organization on Migration in Geneva as part of their "I am a Migrant" campaign to help reduce hate speech and promote tolerance. Her books have been shortlisted for the Alberta Literary Award, Red Maple Award, and Blue Spruce Award."

Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Time: 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm.
Zoom Link: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/91570244549>

5. All TDSB students, staff and community are invited to attend a Movie Night at the following schools. More details will be shared when finalized. Stay tuned!

- Henry Kelsey Middle School
1200 Huntingwood Dr, Scarborough, ON M1S 1K7

- Martin Grove Collegiate Institute
50 Winterton Dr, Etobicoke, ON M9B 3G7

- Parkdale Junior and Senior Public School
78 Seaforth Ave, Toronto, ON M6K 3L2

- Zion Heights Middle School
5900 Leslie St, North York, ON M2H 1J9

6. Students from grades 6 – grades 12 are invited to attend a panel of speaker's event called, Truth & Reconciliation: Calls to Action. Mark your calendars:

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Registration details to follow.

2. Jewish Heritage Month at the TDSB - May 2022

Throughout the month of May, TDSB's Jewish Heritage Month Committee and the Ontario Jewish Archives are offering a lively and historical guided walking tour of Kensington Market to Grade 6 and 7 TDSB students in honour of Jewish Heritage Month.

"A Trip to the Market" is an engaging exploration of the history, music and architecture the market has to offer. This opportunity will connect students to a significant part of Toronto's local history as a destination for new immigrant groups.

The walking tour focuses on the stories of Toronto's early Jewish community, largely immigrants from Eastern Europe. TDSB's TUSC (Toronto Urban Studies Centre) staff will guide the groups through the sites, smells, and sounds of the market. Destinations include historical homes, former businesses, and culminates at the beautiful and historic Kiever Synagogue.

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

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See the light . . . BE the light!
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IN-PERSON

AYJ MUSIC NIGHT 2022

THURSDAY, MAY 19 7:30PM

2 FOR \$15 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

\$10 AT DOOR

EN ROUTE

AYJ ART SHOW



Visual Arts • Dance • Drama

May 26 • 2022 • 6pm - 9pm

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