



AYJ News Update – May 6th/22

Good day AYJ Community!

It is great to see the sun shining and our students and staff re-engaged in so many pre-pandemic activities.

Below is some information on some of the bigger dates and events to look forward to this month and beyond.

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 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 attached Flyer At The end

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.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/115560/153/False/True>

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

See attached Letter at the end

Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, May 18 th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 10:00am
Wednesday, May 18 th	AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting - 6:00 to 7:00pm
Thursday, May 19 th	AYJ IN-PERSON Music Night – 7pm @ AYJ Cafetorium
Friday, May 20 th	Marks Maintain Date – for Grade 11/12 courses
Monday, May 23 rd	Stat Holiday – Schools CLOSED, NO CLASSES
Tuesday, May 24 th	MADD Virtual Assembly – for G11s/12s @ 10:20am
Wednesday, May 25 th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 10:00am
Wednesday, May 25 th	AYJ Relay for Life Fundraiser – details will follow
Thursday, May 26 th	AYJ Arts Night – 6pm to 9pm, see item above
Wednesday, June 1 st	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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April 21, 2022

Dear Graduate:

On behalf of the students and staff of A.Y. Jackson Secondary School, I have the pleasure of **inviting you and your guests to AYJ's 2020 Graduation ceremony**. This year's Commencement will be held on **Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Crystal Fountain Event Venue, 60 McDowell Gate, Markham, ON L6G 1B5**. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Please join us as we honour students who have earned their Ontario Secondary School Diploma during the 2021/22 school year.

It is not possible for students to defer their Commencement to the following year. If you have earned or are about to earn all the credits needed for your diploma, this will be your only opportunity to attend the Commencement ceremonies. If you are unsure, please see your guidance counsellor.

If you know of any graduates who have not been informed about our Commencement, and they wish to be included, please have them call Ms. Breeze, in the Guidance Office, (416-395-3140 ext. 20043) for further details.

Graduates should arrive at **Crystal Fountain Event Venue** by **12:30 p.m.** to pick up their gowns and assemble for the procession.

All guests should be **seated** in the auditorium by **1:55 p.m.**

**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND YOUR COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
ON JUNE 29, 2022:**

- Go to <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com> from April 20, 2022, to May 15, 2022 to reserve your gown for \$20.00. Only 2 guest tickets will be available to each graduate to purchase, and each guest ticket will be \$20.00 per guest.
- Bring your School Cash Online email confirmation to the Main Office to receive your 2 guest tickets.
- **The School Cash Online reservation website, for your ticket and gown order, will be closed at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022**

PLEASE NOTE: NO ADMISSION WILL BE GRANTED TO GUEST WITHOUT EVENT TICKET(S). GRADUATES DO NOT NEED A TICKET

We look forward to celebrating your achievements with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Peter Paputsis

Principal

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AY Jackson Secondary School

See the light . . . BE the light!