



Good afternoon AYJ Community,

We had a completely SOLD OUT In-Person Music Night Event last night and the students and staff put on a wonderful show! It was great to be “back” and “in-person” again.

The long weekend is upon us and we will return afterwards for the SPRINT to the end of June finish line!

Below are some of the items that will keep us busy as a school community . . .

MADD Virtual Assembly – for G11s/12s @ 10:20am

There will be a virtual MADD Assembly (entitled WRONG TURN) for all Grade 11 & 12 students on **Tuesday, May 24th @ 10:20am.**

We reserved this date for the assembly so that its message can be shared with our senior students before we embark on our year-end celebrations such as the Prom and Commencement

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 25, 2022	June 22, 2022

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

AYJ Late Start Wednesdays Schedule	
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 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.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/125184/153/False/True>

See Poster Below

The Hot Potato Initiative

The Hot Potato Initiative is a student lead non-profit organization working to educate & engage young Canadians in the conversation about homelessness. Our new AYJ chapter will be hosting a classroom cash/change collection to raise money for people experiencing homelessness right here in Toronto. Our donations will be given to Covenant House in support of the many initiatives they have around the city. Donation collection will happen between May 24th – June 1st in period A classes. We want to thank Ms McKendrick for taking this on.

See Poster Below

AYJ Student Vote

From Thursday 26th – June 1st student volunteers will be coming around to period 1 classes for students to mock vote! Voting shouldn't take long. This vote will help students understand the voting process from start to finish and it will be interesting to see who our student population will elect! For more info see Ms Wooldridge, Ms Gerhard or Ms Melessenakis.

See Poster Below

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

SickKids COVID-19 School Testing Program.

Our partners at SickKids would like to obtain feedback about the SickKids COVID-19 School Testing Program from the students, staff and the families at A Y Jackson Secondary School.

They wanted to thank us for our participation in the SickKids COVID-19 Saliva PCR Test Kit Program. Our feedback is important to SickKids!

They kindly ask that you follow the link below and complete the short survey below (approx. completion time 5-10 minutes).

At the end of the survey there will be an opportunity to enter your name in a draw to **WIN 1 of 2 \$100 Starbucks gift cards.**

Please complete the survey by **May 24.**

<https://surveys.sickkids.ca/surveys/?s=3TPYLWJX3KMPHAM4>

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, May 23rd

Tuesday, May 24th

Wednesday, May 25th

Wednesday, May 25th

Stat Holiday – Schools CLOSED, NO CLASSES

MADD Virtual Assembly – for G11s/12s @ 10:20am

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

AYJ Relay for Life Fundraiser

Thursday, May 26th
Wednesday, June 1st

AYJ Arts Night – 6pm to 9pm, see item above
AYJ Prom

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 long weekend!

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Peter Paputsis (he/him)

Principal

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See the light . . . BE the light!

416-395-3140

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AYJ ART SHOW



Visual Arts • Dance • Drama

May 26 • 2022 • 6pm - 9pm

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CLASSROOM DRIVE

Help us raise money for individuals experiencing homelessness here in Toronto from **May 24 to 31**. The class that raises the most money will win a prize.



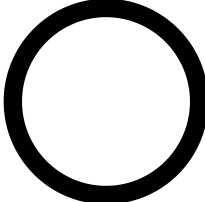
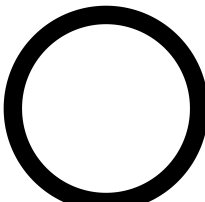
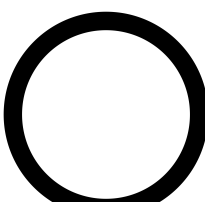
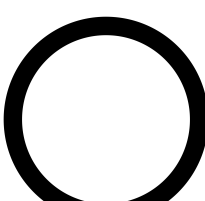
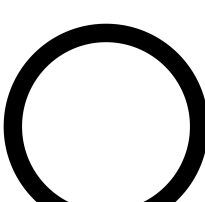
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AYJ STUDENT VOTE 2022

Local Don Valley North Candidates

with Provincial Election Parties & Party Leaders

	Astaraki, Ebrahim	Ontario NDP (Andrea Horwath)
	Ke, Vincent	PC Party of Ontario (Doug Ford)
	Sobel, Jay	New Blue (Jim Karahalios)
	Soroka, Ostap	Green Party of Ontario (Mike Schreiner)
	Tsao, Jonathan	Ontario Liberal Party (Stephen Del Duca)