



Good evening AYJ Community,

Well, it didn't take long for AYJ to accrue some incredible accomplishments as activities started to open up again after a long pandemic layoff.

Please see some of our recent accomplishments and other important school news and updates!

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

Due to our power outage this week, the virtual MADD Assembly (entitled WRONG TURN) for all Grade 11 & 12 students has been rescheduled to **Monday, May 30th @ 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 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).

Our first run of securing tickets for the guests of our graduating class recently closed and we are now able to honour the requests for additional guest tickets on a first come first served basis (while supplies last). Those needing additional guest tickets may purchase up to TWO more by going to their SchoolCashOnline accounts and accessing this new 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 additional guest tickets is \$20 each (maximum of 2 per graduate).

This item will **OPEN** on **Monday, May 30th at 8:00am sharp** and will remain open while quantities last.

****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?"**

Event Details:

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

The Canadian Chemistry Contest (CCC)

On April 19, 2022 4 AYJ students participated in the 4 hour CCO/CCC contest.

It is my great pleasure to share that grade 11 student Vico C. has earned a Silver Medal in the CCO and will receive a \$1000 prize. He also earned a Merit Certificate in the CCC. He has been invited to prepare for the International Olympiad by attending the IChO camp. The top 4 students, after the camp final exam, will go to the IChO (<http://icho2022.cn/>). Currently he is in 6th place.

Vico is currently preparing for the final exam in June.

Here is some relevant information about this contest:

The Canadian Chemistry Contest (CCC) is carried out in conjunction with the [Canadian Chemistry Olympiad \(CCO\)](#). The CCC fosters an appreciation of chemistry as a career for talented young people and promotes national excellence in chemistry at the high school/Cégep level. Over 600 students write this exam annually, in conjunction with the CCO exam. The CCC is aimed at the top 10% of Canadian high school and cégep students under 20 years of age taking chemistry. The CCO is aimed at the top 5% of these students.

Waterloo CHEM 13 Contest

Fifteen AYJ students participated in the Waterloo CHEM 13 contest on May 12, 2022.

Please congratulate the following students for their outstanding results in the Grade 12 Waterloo CHEM 13 Competition.

Lucy L. placed 16th in Canada, 77th in the World and is in the 98th percentile.

Vico C. placed 17th in Canada, 80th in the World and is in the 98th percentile.

Vico is in Grade 11.

Samuel H. placed 24th in Canada and is in the 97th percentile

Henry R. placed 57th in Canada and is in the 93 percentile

Shairahavan S. placed 73rd in Canada and is in the 91st percentile

Natalie L. placed 82nd in Canada and is in the 90th percentile.

These 6 students will be receiving an Elemental Tile from Waterloo University as they all ranked in the top 90th percentile.

Sophia W., Cheryl C. and Christina W. placed above the 80th percentile.

Well done AYJ!

AYJ Represented at the tdsbCREATES Virtual Showcase

The tdsbCREATES virtual showcase is NOW LIVE and features both the Enriched Art class and Dance Class. This is the first time two classes from our school are featured in the same show. The link for the show is here: <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/tdsbcreatesshowcase2022/home>

You can also click the link on the poster attached (tdsbCREATES used AYJ in their evite poster for the event to promote it!) Congratulations to all involved!

[43-tdsbCREATES 2022 Showcase Evite.pdf](#)

AYJ Table Tennis Team – City Champions, FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR!!!!

Congratulations to the **AYJ Table Tennis Team** on their recent City Championship! This **DYNASTY** of a program has now won **FOUR** consecutive City Championships! Congratulations to Coach Elles and all of the team members!

Go JAGS!

Trustee James Li & Trustee Manna Wong Virtual Ward Forum on New Science Curriculum and E-Learning

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ward 13 and Ward 20 School Councils, Student Councils, Parents/Caregivers, Community Members, Superintendents and School Staff are invited to join **Trustees James Li and Manna Wong** and their guests for an information session on **New Science Curriculum and E-Learning**.

New Science Curriculum:

Wendy Terro, Centrally Assigned Principal of Learning Transformation and Equity, Special Education and Inclusion, The Arts, Math, Science/STEM and Robotics

Mahfuza Rahman, Coordinator, Secondary, STEM Science & Tech and Robotics.

E-Learning

Peggy Aitchison, Centrally Assigned Principal, E-Learning

Denise De Paola, Centrally Assigned Principal, Student Well-being, and Innovation

The meeting will be hosted on the Zoom conference platform. Registrants will be sent a meeting invite with a link and call-in details for the session on the day of the meeting. If you are interested in participating

[Please Register Now!](#)

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAcOmpqDosH9LN33AGUIMjRO3HgEbjNQpd>

**There will be an Opportunity for Feedback and Questions
Attend from Wherever You Are!**

Important Upcoming Dates

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| Wednesday, June 1 st | AYJ Prom |
| Thursday, June 2 nd | Provincial Polling Station at AYJ |
| Thursday, June 9 th | Music Banquet, 7pm @ AYJ |
| Friday, June 17 th | Athletic Banquet, 3:30pm @ AYJ |
| Monday, June 20 th | Yearbook Distribution |
| Wednesday, June 22 nd | AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 10:00am |
| Thursday, June 23 rd | Final FULL Day of Classes |
| Thursday, June 23 rd | AYJ Excellence Awards, 3:15pm @ AYJ |
| Friday, June 24 th | Year End Credit Rescue Day 1, by teacher appointment |
| Monday, June 27 th | Year End Credit Rescue Day 2, by teacher appointment |
| Tuesday, June 28 th | Year End Credit Rescue Day 3, by teacher appointment |
| Wednesday, June 29 th | Special AM Marks Distribution Schedule (approx. 9am to 11am) |
| Wednesday, June 29 th | AYJ Graduation Ceremony, 2pm to 4pm |

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.

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

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. To view a full list of events available for the week, please check MyPath.

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

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See the light . . . BE the light!