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News Update
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Good day AYJ Community,

You will see that from the content volume in this week's update and the many details that are still in the works that our regular Friday update needed a few more days to marinate and thus necessitating a Monday morning release!

We plan to be back on our regular Friday afternoon pattern again this week!

Please read through each item carefully and mark the dates on your calendars.

District and Ministry Visits

We were fortunate enough to have some District and Ministry personnel in to review and discuss our school entry and masking protocols. Both teams commended students and staff on their responsible use of their masks entering the building, in their classrooms and during common times. Well done AYJ!!

The AYJ team of staff also received positive feedback for the efficiency of our school entry plan and secondary screening for staff, students and visitors.

We want to remind ALL students that are using the QR code for entry that the screening questions MUST be completed via the app (or web based site) EVERY day and that the actual QR code is only valid on the day in which the questions were addressed.

AYJ Lunch Best Practices

While we are always thankful for the positive feedback from outside sources, AYJ must continue to strive to raise the bar even higher when it comes to COVID safety protocols.

Please keep in mind of these AYJ Best Practices for Lunch especially as the Fall weather starts making a fully outdoor lunch setting more challenging, thus putting more of a need for indoor spacing.

Photo Day/Retake Day (Fri Oct 29th)

Earlier last week we ran a very successful initial school photo day capturing well over 1000 student and staff photos.

Photo Retake Day is scheduled for Fri Oct 29th. On this day, students who were absent or not able to get their photo taken last week will be invited to get their photo taken. We will also encourage as many Virtual students to come in that day to get their photos taken.

Late Start Wednesdays

Our next set of Late Start **Wednesdays** will take place this week and next week:

Wednesday, October 20th

Wednesday, October 27th

Our schedule for these late start Wednesdays is as follows:

Late Start Schedule

9:45am to 10:00am	Student Entry
10:00am to 12:00pm	Period 1
12:00pm to 12:45pm	LUNCH
12:45pm to 2:45pm	Period 2

Parent Teacher Virtual Interviews

Also in the works is the plan for our **Semester One Parent Teacher Interviews**. We recently were given the green light to start this planning and we are eyeballing the week of **Nov 1st to 5th** to set up our interview times.

Interview bookings will be completed via an online Google Form with each individual teachers and teacher specific Zoom links will be shared for those on the interview list.

More details will follow.

Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day – Wed Nov 3rd

The annual Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day is scheduled this year for Wed Nov 3rd. It is expected that most of these opportunities will take place virtually. Students wishing to take part with their families will be given instructions as we move along.

Credit Rescue Days - Mid Term

November will be a very busy month. As we approach the Mid Term (and hence mid term report cards), students will be given the opportunity to salvage missed assignments and evaluations during our Credit Rescue Days scheduled during the first two weeks of November (**Week 1 courses Nov 1st to 5th** and **Week 2 courses Nov 8th to 12th**)

OSSLT Return & Initial Plan

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test is a province wide assessment that has been put on hold for the last to years due to COVID. The successful completion of the OSSLT will once again become a graduation requirement for students graduating AFTER June 2022. The format of this test has also been adapted to a fully online format, however it must be completed within the school environment (in-person).

With this in mind, the AYJ Literacy Team will be offering two OSSLT completion windows for this school year,

- 1) a **Fall window in late November** for **ALL current grade 11s** and **current grade 12s** with fewer than 22 credits (G12s planning to graduate in June 2022 are **NOT** required to write this year)
- 2) a **Spring window in late March** for **ALL current grade 10s** and those grade 11/12s who still need to fulfill the requirement. Note current grade 9 students will be part of the **2022/23 OSSLT** plan.

Students who fulfill their graduation requirements by June 2022 and decide to return to secondary school for upgrading do **NOT** need to complete the OSSLT requirement.

More details will follow,

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, October 11th	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – School Closed, NO CLASSES
Wednesday, October 20th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – student entry begins at 9:45am
Wednesday, October 27th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – student entry begins at 9:45am
Friday, October 29th	AYJ Student Photo Retake Day , schedule will follow
Week of Nov 1st to 5th	Parent Teacher Virtual Interviews (Date – TBC) Week 1 Courses Credit Rescue Day (Date – TBC)
Wednesday, November 3rd	Grade 9 - Take Your Kids to Work Day
Week of Nov 8th to 12th	Week 2 Courses Credit Rescue Day (Date – TBC)
Wednesday, November 17th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – student entry begins at 9:45am AYJ School (Parent Council) Virtual Meeting at 6:00pm AYJ Grade 9 Curriculum Virtual Night at 7:00pm Zoom Links will follow
Friday, November 19th	TDSB PA Day – Staff Professional Activities, NO CLASSES
Week of Nov 22nd to 26th	OSSLT Fall Writing Window (Dates – TBC)
Wednesday, November 24th	AYJ Late Start Schedule – student entry begins at 9:45am
Thursday, November 25th	AYJ Grade 8 Virtual Open House at 7:00pm Zoom Link will follow

That's all for now AYJ,

Have a great week,

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