

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
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AYJ News Update – Oct 29/21

Good day AYJ Community!

As October comes to end this weekend with Hallowe'en, our extremely busy month of November will have us hitting the ground running next week.

Below are a number of important dates and events and as always, we ask that you read through them carefully and plan & respond accordingly.

Student Entry Plan – Review AND Inclement Weather Planning

We want to share with the full AYJ Community the great results we have been experiencing with our daily Student Entry Protocol and its accompanying Secondary Screening process.

We want to remind **ALL** students that are using the cell phone **NOW** app that a fresh QR code must be generated **EVERY** morning to confirm their symptom free status. Students using the hard copy **Student Health Pass** shall continue to check in manually with the appropriate staff member upon entry.

Students arriving **AFTER** the Entry team has shut down (usually around 9:05am) **MUST** enter via the **FRONT MAIN FOYER** doors and be screened by AYJ staff **PRIOR** to going to their morning classes and will be issued a **GREEN ADMIT SLIP**. Staff have been instructed to mark any student not reaching their class in a timely fashion **LATE** for class and the accompanying automated home phone messages would follow.

We also recognize that as the weeks progress, we will encounter some inclement weather challenges (rain, cold, snow, high winds, etc) and as such we have implemented an in-building screening plan which is outlined in the attachment below.

Click [Here](#)

We are not able to properly supervise students prior to the start of our Student Entry Process each morning so we ask that students not arrive too much before the scheduled student entry start time of 8:45am.

Parent Teacher Virtual Interviews

We looking forward to our **Semester One Parent Teacher Virtual Interviews** on **Wednesday, November 3rd** with an afternoon interview session from 12:30pm to 2:30pm and an evening session from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

To accommodate student learning on November 3rd we will be following the schedule listed below:

8:45am to 9:00am Student Entry (as per usual)

9:00am to 10:15am Week 1/Day 1 (am) Course 1
 10:15am to 11:30am Week 1/Day 1 (pm) Course 2
 11:30am Classes Dismissed for the day
 12:30pm to 2:30pm Afternoon Parent-Teacher Virtual Interviews (by pre-booked appointment)
 6:00pm to 8:00pm Evening Parent-Teacher Virtual Interviews (by pre-booked appointment)

The individual teacher interview booking forms **opened** for all to book on Wednesday, October 27th at 3:00pm and will close on Tuesday, November 2nd at 3:00pm.

Each teacher will share back with those on the interview list their Zoom link for you to log in to at your designated time. To ensure effective use of your time, you may want to prepare a document, ahead of time, with all of your teacher's zoom links so you can quickly log on. For example,

Teacher	Course	Teacher's Zoom link
Teacher A	Course 1	
Teacher B	Course 2	
Teacher C	Course 3	
Teacher D	Course 4	

We do realize that teacher bookings may fill up quickly, so if you are **NOT** able to secure an interview time on Nov 3rd, please send the teacher an email (from the list attached) to set up an alternative time for this communication.

Click [Here](#) for more info

Credit Rescue Days – Thurs Nov 4th and Wed Nov 10th

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 on Thurs Nov 4th and Week 2 courses Wed Nov 10th**).

On these two Credit Rescue Days, **ONLY** students invited to participate by their teachers will be expected to attend school on these days. Students **NOT** engaged in Credit Rescue Activities will be assigned Asynchronous/Independent work that can be completed while they are at home. Students will need to log in to their BrightSpace Classrooms from home during their regularly assigned class times to be marked present for those days. Teachers will be sending out invites to students/families in the days preceding each Credit Rescue Day.

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,

The Jackson 5 . . . K

This week the Personal Fitness classes ran the inaugural Jackson 5KM run event.

After 6 weeks of training the students were ready to show off all their dedication & hard work. Despite the chilly weather, the students did not disappoint and many recorded personal best times.

Big shout out to **Lucas P. & Darrin L.** for finishing 1st & 2nd in the boys category and **Jasmin R. & Chaerin L.** for their first and second place finishes in the girls class.

We hope to make this an annual Fall/Spring event!

Go Jaguars Go!

Key Club UNICEF Fundraising

Key Club is fundraising for UNICEF is an organization that focuses on a child's right for survival. They focus on aiding these children to better their hygiene, reduce their several fatal illnesses, provide them with education, and are working on child advocacy. We are asking for donations from students and staff to contribute to this cause.

Please donate generously from Oct 27 to Nov 10 at:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/109950/153/False/True>



Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, November 3rd

Parent Teacher Virtual Interview Afternoon/Evening,

9:00am to 10:15am Course 1

10:15am to 11:30am Course 2

12:30pm to 2:30pm afternoon virtual interviews

6:00pm to 8:00pm evening virtual interviews

Wednesday, November 3rd

Grade 9 - Take Your Kids to Work Day

Thursday, November 4th

Week 1 Courses Credit Rescue Day, by teacher invite
(no regular scheduled classes, Asynchronous/Independent work will be assigned)

Wednesday, November 10th

Week 2 Courses Credit Rescue Day, by teacher invite
(no regular scheduled classes, Asynchronous/Independent work will be assigned)

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)

Grade 11s and non graduating Grade 12s

Students to be notified their status and writing times

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 weekend and Happy Hallowe'en,

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