

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
Sept 16th, 2022



Good day AYJ Community,

We are now fully up and running and looking forward to the final weekend of the summer after our first **FULL** week of classes at AYJ for the 2022/23 school year.

We are pleased to announce that our ever hard-working Guidance team of Counselors and Support Staff have been able to meet our self imposed deadline of this week to address all of the submitted timetable change requests that were received before the start of school and early on. While it is not always possible to successfully complete every change request submitted, the team did endeavour to address every want and need. A big **THANKS** goes out that **FULL** team.

We do acknowledge that we are facing some over-enrolment issues and some very large class sizes. We have forwarded our staffing needs requests to the TDSB Central Staffing team and are awaiting their decisions on how to support this situation. Again, patience is the key as we move forward.

Please see below a number of items listed that we hope will keep our community updated and informed. We will endeavour to send this weekly wrap/upcoming preview on a regular basis each Friday afternoon.

This message (and all others in the past & moving forward) will be catalogued on the AYJ school website for future reference and for accessibility to those who may be having issues with receiving information through our distribution list.

If you are receiving this email message, then you are a part of our distribution list. If you are reading this message from our website and did not receive it directly via email, contact the school main office directly and share your updated information.

Office contacts for Communications Updates:

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School Activity Fee for 2022-2023

In consultation with the AY Jackson School (Parent) Council, a student activity fee was confirmed. As per previous years, students are expected to pay a student activity fee of \$40.00 that will enable them to obtain a yearbook, a student activity (library) card and a student planner (for those who wish to use one).

All grade nine students and those students who are new to AY Jackson will be issued a Dudley high security lock which has proven quite successful in minimizing or preventing locker break-ins. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 may continue to use the Dudley lock they had last year, or purchase a new one from the Main Office. The use of a Dudley lock is mandatory. Our school is used not only during the school day, but also during the evenings and the weekends, throughout the year making locker security a priority.

SchoolCashOnline Payment Registration

Thanks to everyone who has completed the online payment for the School Activity Fee. The link below will remain open until we have accounted for our full school participation. For those who have yet to do so, the activity fee can be paid by logging onto:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

If you already have an account, you can simply login as normal. Note that accounts created at previous schools should transfer over to AYJ (including new grade 9 students). Some families may not get complete access to schoolcashionline until after Sept 7th. **If you continue to have issues after the Sept 7th, please contact the main office.**

Locate the name of your Day 1/Period 1 teacher and select their name on the list of teachers on the purchase page (some teachers originally designated as “ZZ Teachers” have now been identified so please refer to the course name/code if you cannot match the teacher name).

If you need to create a new account,
Select: “Register” and complete the registration steps.

Be sure to print or save your proof of purchase receipt (please see instructions included in this mailout).

AYJ/TDSB Grade 9 One to One Laptop Initiative

AYJ in partnership with the TDSB is continuing our 1:1 Student Device Program that will provide all of our Gr. 9 students with a Chromebook. The purpose of the program is to empower students to use technology for learning when and as needed. Students are encouraged to use the device during school, take it home daily, on weekends and holidays, including the summer. The device will be assigned to students through the AYJ Library and Resource Centre and will remain with the student for four years. Grade 9 students transferring schools within TDSB should take their device with them. Students may also choose to **opt out** of this program and bring in their own personal device.

There will be a separate email message to **ALL grade 9 students/families** later today from AYJ outlining the process for collecting permissions and arranging distribution. We currently do **NOT** have our full complement of devices, so any student who wishes to **DECLINE/OPT OUT** of this program should make this designation on the soon to be/already received permission form/agreement.

Student Data Verification

Earlier this week the TDSB emailed everyone via **Permission Click** the annual Start of Year Forms for 2022/23. We ask that all families complete and submit these forms ASAP as there are many permissions and acknowledgements included that are necessary to assist with the efficient operations of our school.

Due to a recent migration to our new Student Information System (Power School), we want to ensure that we have the most updated student data on files. Any updated telephone numbers, email addresses or your mailing address that you might feel you need to share, can be communicated with our office assistant Belinda Cruz (Belinda.cruz@tdsb.on.ca) at your earliest convenience.

We thank our community for the ongoing support with this and other important matters, as we seamlessly commence the new school year!

AYJ Guidance Google Classrooms

Students are asked to join their grade "guidance google classroom". This is where information regarding course changes, night school, volunteer hours and other important resources for students are posted.

Grade 9 ffle gec

Grade 10 6sbdgag

Grade 11 nx7pxlg

Grade 12 adiwqvz

Late Start Wednesdays

Our Late Start **Wednesdays will begin in** September on **the 21st and 28th**.

Our schedule for late start Wednesdays is as follows:

Late Start Schedule

9:55am to 10:55am Period 1
11:00am to 12:00pm Period 2
12:00pm to 1:05pm **LUNCH**
1:05pm to 2:10pm Period 3
2:15pm to 3:15pm Period 4

Late Start Dates for Semester One:

AYJ Late Starts by Month	
Semester One	
Wed Sept 21 st	Wed Sept 28 th
Wed Oct 19 th	Wed Oct 26 th
Wed Nov 23 rd	Wed Nov 30 th
Wed Dec 14 th	Wed Dec 21 st
=====	Wed Jan 18 th

TDSB and AYJ Recognize the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

In addition to being the 9th annual [Orange Shirt Day](#), September 30, 2022 is our [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). Together we recognize the legacy of Canada’s residential school system and continue to learn the many truths of these institutions.

We honour First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children and communities impacted by this system. During Truth and Reconciliation Week September 26 to September 30, we will encourage our staff and students to participate in events offered by the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

Join us symbolically on September 30th by wearing an orange shirt.

2021-2022 Textbook Return

There are still a number of outstanding textbooks and library books that were borrowed last year. Please return them to the main office and they will be returned to the proper department. We are short many textbooks and if we get more textbooks returned, we will be able to allocate spending to more student activities or resources (like computers) for students.

Friday Evening Continuing Education Language Class at AYJ

The TDSB International Languages-Elementary/African Heritage Program Continuing Education classes will be starting tonight at A Y Jackson. There will be on site registration on first day of classes tonight. This fall they will be offering the following languages at our school:

Mandarin Simplified & Traditional

Classes run every Friday
From 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Please see the flyer linked below for details.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nTyERiy72rkIVLbCHW7Td41puZBxrobW/view?usp=sharing>

TPH School Mobile Clinics

CYRT will be hosting a **TPH School Mobile Clinic (SMC)** on **Monday, September 19, 2022**. Please feel free to share this information below with others from our school community.

TPH SMC Details:

Location	Georges Vanier Secondary School
Address	3000 Don Mills Rd E, North York, ON M2J 3B6
Date	Monday, September 19, 2022
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 3:00PM – 6:00PM open to surrounding school community/public
Services Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ School Immunization Program vaccines▪ COVID-19 vaccines

Please see the TPH poster linked below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u5_2S21dQXKMlx-QcTuFZUUhAdLq5gSa/view?usp=sharing

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, September 19th

Day 1 Regular Day Schedule

Per 1	9:00am to 10:20am	Course 1
Per 2	10:25am to 11:40am	Course 2
Lunch	11:40am to 12:40pm	LUNCH
Per 3	12:40pm to 1:55pm	Course 3
Per 4	2:00pm to 3:15pm	Course 4

Tuesday, September 20th

Day 2 Regular Day Schedule (am & pm courses flip)

Per 1	9:00am to 10:20am	Course 2
Per 2	10:25am to 11:40am	Course 1
Lunch	11:40am to 12:40pm	LUNCH
Per 3	12:40pm to 1:55pm	Course 4
Per 4	2:00pm to 3:15pm	Course 3

*Please keep in mind that the “Cycle Day” (Day 1 or 2) corresponds to the actual date
(**odd days** - 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc are **Day 1**, **even days** - 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc are **Day 2**)

Wednesday, September 21st

AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 9:55am

Wednesday, September 28th

AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 9:55am

Friday, September 30th

**National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
“Orange Shirt Day”**

Wednesday, October 5th

Grade 9 Curriculum Night at 6:00pm
(Zoom link and pre-reg info will follow)

Wednesday, October 12th

School (Parent Council) Initial Virtual Meeting at 6:00pm
(Zoom link and pre-reg info will follow)

That’s all for now AYJ,

Have a great weekend!

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Peter Paputsis (he/him)

Principal

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