

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
Sept 2nd, 2022



Good day AYJ Community,

This is a message from AY Jackson SS. Please disregard this message if you do **NOT** plan to attend AYJ for September of 2022.

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

The activity fee is to be paid prior to the first day of classes (Sept 7) 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).

Lockers

Lockers will once again be accessible/used for the start of the new semester. Locker assignments will be noted on each student timetable (see below on the "**Sample Student Timetable with Details**"). Locker location maps are also linked below.

Grade 9 teachers will distribute locks to ALL grade 9 teachers **AFTER** they have paid their activity fee beginning on **Mon Sept 12th**.

Students in grade 10 to 12 can purchase a used locker by completing the cashionline sales link below.

Used Locker Purchase Link:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/135543/153/False/True>

LOCKS WILL NOT be distributed/available until MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th.

First Floor Locker Location Map:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K9InMFGizAEJa2eg2oVE4uI5AGwUw4rG/view?usp=sharing>

Second Floor Locker Location Map:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_oCgl8_YMUcrKjI7aSYxmVVSC9JYh4Ua/view?usp=sharing

AYJ Locker Locator – a chart which lists the lockers in number order and shares their location (1st floor/2nd floor, North/South/West/Mid & the nearest classroom)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OgccJuOzZh4RhoOWG9Vgpz_fisVPEfkw/view?usp=sharing

If your locker assignment is one which is not available due to any AYJ Hallway Construction project, please see the MAIN OFFICE to receive a temporary locker assignment.

ALL Grade 9 students will receive a **NEW DUDLEY** lock as part of their School Activity Fee (see above).

We ask that all other students use **school purchased locks** on their lockers. In emergency situations it is imperative that the Admin team be able to access lockers without delay and school purchased locks give us that ability. Previously used locks may be used once again.

Once purchased, grade 10 -12 students may see Mr. Ma in the main office to pick up their lock. Please bring your purchase receipt with you to complete the transaction **AFTER Mon Sept 12th**.

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 fflegec

Grade 10 6sbdgag

Grade 11 nx7pxlg

Grade 12 adiwqvz

Timetable Distribution

Later today, the AYJ Admin team will send out each student's **FULL Timetable** and locker details for the 2022/23 school year via e-mail. This Secure Document Delivery will again be encrypted with a unique security code for each student which will consist of the student's date of birth.

(i.e. if DOB is May 23, 2007, password = **05/23/2007**, *you must use the forward slashes).

*If you continue to have issues with the secure password and had the issue problem solved, please use the earlier received timetable info (nothing would have changed **UNLESS** you submitted a change request form). If you are experiencing **NEW** password issues, please contact the main office and they will assist you when **they** return to school on **Tuesday, September 6th**.

Please refer to the link, "**Sample Student Timetable without Teacher and Room Details**" for instructions on how to read this newly formatted student timetable.

LINK : "Sample Student Timetable with Details"

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HGhMmtU1BfAv-Sl2cV_jUMyrYJXNYCyA/view?usp=sharing

Once received, students should make a copy (printed copy or soft copy saved on their phones) of their timetables and keep this copy with them at all times during the school day.

If students do not receive an updated timetable by Wednesday, September 7th or if they receive a timetable with blanks they should still come to school on Wednesday.

Any student without a class will be directed to the cafeteria, guidance counselors will bring students upstairs and fix the problems. We will prioritize the grade 9 and 10 students.

If students have a class on their timetable they MUST go to that class (even if they requested a change).

Timetable Change Requests

After student's receive their updated student timetable, they will be able to request any changes that are program related (i.e. course completion over the summer, change of pathway requests, blanks on the schedule). The guidance staff will NOT entertain any change requests involving teacher preference changes or semester balancing.

Please use [this form](#) if you need to request a timetable change.

Full link:

<https://forms.gle/TQfgvxqMzbCT2bpg6>

This form is accessible as of **Wednesday, August 31st at 9:00am.**

To see which courses are available each period click [here](#).

Full link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BvQgPMdD1AnJZuA2Md7WU08a714PmkB10CklZr23Kgk/edit#gid=0>

We will prioritize changes needed (in the order that they are received) because of:

Blanks in timetables

Missing pre requisites

Courses completed in the summer

This is a request only, timetables are not changed until you receive confirmation from a Guidance Counsellor. Timetable change requests sent via email will not be accepted, please use the form.

TDSB Back to School Website

The TDSB has launched a [Back to School website](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2022-2023) for parents, caregivers and students that will continue to be updated in the coming days. More detailed communication will be shared directly with you at the end of this week. The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 7**.

Full link: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2022-2023>

COVID-19 Health and Safety Measures and Practices

Over the past 30 months, TDSB staff have been diligent in following the health and safety directions provided by the Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health to manage COVID-19 and keep our schools and sites as safe as possible. Earlier this month, the Ministry of Education released its guidance for the new school year. They have stated that schools will begin the year in the same way that we ended last year, with only the most necessary COVID-19 measures in place. We continue to take our health and safety direction from the Ministry and Toronto Public Health and it is important to note that this is the current information and can change based on a change of guidance.

Screening – Students and staff should continue to do a daily self-assessment **AT HOME** before entering school or Board buildings and stay home if they are sick. We are awaiting an updated screening tool from the Ministry and will share as soon as it is available. At this time, there will be **NO** formal screening by school staff at site entry points.

Masks – The TDSB continues to be a mask-friendly environment inclusive of all staff and students. While the Ministry of Education and public health officials are not mandating the use of masks, Toronto Public Health strongly recommends wearing a well-fitting, high quality mask, especially in indoor public settings. The TDSB will continue to provide medical masks for staff and students who request them.

Testing – Rapid Antigen Test kits will continue to be available to both staff and students and are to be provided to staff/students upon their request and/or upon return from an unplanned absence.

Vaccines – The TDSB will continue to work closely with Toronto Public Health to support their vaccination efforts for COVID-19 and other illnesses. School-based clinics may continue to operate to support local communities and we will be contacted if a clinic is to take place at our school.

Cohorting – Cohorting classes is no longer required for health and safety reasons.

Ventilation – More than 16,000 institutional-grade HEPA filters are in the TDSB with at least one in every occupied classroom. Caretakers will continue to increase ventilation in schools and classrooms with mechanical systems by adjusting the air exchanges and running them before and after class as well as increase natural ventilation by opening windows for short periods of time.

Enhanced Cleaning – Caretaking staff will continue to perform routine cleaning of general facilities throughout the day and enhanced cleaning of high touch surfaces such as light switches, handrails, door handles, etc.

Disconnecting from Work Policy (from the TDSB Central Office)

Supporting the health and well-being of both our students and staff is a priority for us as an organization. Ensuring that our staff have healthy and professional boundaries between work and home is an important part of that commitment and is an investment in positive mental health and the ability to serve and support students.

As part of a strategy to support and encourage all Ontarians in achieving greater work-life balance, the province passed the Working for Workers Act in December 2021. In line with that, the TDSB has developed the [Disconnecting from Work Policy](#) which sets parameters for employees' availability (e.g., responding to emails) and supports a positive shift in our organizational culture.

Maintaining open, responsive lines of communication with you is important and connecting with staff during regular work hours connected to the school day, Monday to Friday, is always best. This means that while you can always send emails after hours, staff will respond during their normal work hours and are not required to respond after hours.

There are, of course, certain times in the year that staff will reach out after-hours for parent-teacher meetings, or previously agreed to meetings. However, they are not expected to respond to emails or messages into the evening. It is also critical to note that student safety remains a priority and if there is an emergency after hours, staff will be available as needed.

This policy is one of a number of strategies we are employing to support our employees' health and wellness. We appreciate your patience and support on this and we know it will make a positive difference in your school community.

We look forward to seeing everyone for the official start of school on **Wednesday, September 7th**.

Important Upcoming Dates

Mon Aug 29th to Fri Sept 2nd

Final Week of Summer Break

Monday, September 5th

Labour Day Holiday

-school closed

Tuesday, September 6th

Professional Activity Day, NO classes

Wednesday, September 7th

First Day of Classes *have a copy of your TT with you

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

Thursday, September 8th

Second Day of Classes ***have a copy of your TT with you**

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**)

Thursday, September 15th

School Photo Day

-classes will be called down throughout the day to complete the school photos

That's all for now AYJ,

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. . . Getting Back to Business!
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