

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
Sept 23rd 2022



Good day AYJ Community,

We start off this week's update with some great staffing news for AYJ!

In response to our school's over-enrolment, the AYJ team requested and RECEIVED an additional allotment of teachers to support our overloaded grade 9 and 10 classes. Many of these classes have been operating with anywhere between 38 and 58(!) students per class. The AYJ staff have done a wonderful job of keeping these HUGE classes on task and RELIEF is on the way.

The AYJ Admin team with the support of the Assistant Curriculum Leaders will host interviews for potential additions to our staff in the upcoming days and we hope to be able to complete this process in advance of the Thanksgiving Day long weekend.

New timetables will be distributed (and families contacted) for any students who have been affected by these newly created classes.

When all is completed, every one of our Semester One classes will fall within the boundaries of our mandated class sizes.

As always, we appreciate everyone's patience as this request/receive/reorganization of school staffing rolled out!

Meet our Grad Coach for Black Students, Keisha Evans

We are pleased to have Ms Keisha Evans return to AYJ this year in the role of Graduation Coach for Black students. She is an invaluable resource who comes with a dynamic background of experience in this type of role.

Any student/family that would like to reach out to Keisha can email her at Keisha.Evans@tdsb.on.ca or they can drop in to see her when she is in the building (at AYJ on Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Welcome Back Keisha!!

One to One Device Distribution

Thanks to all AYJ Grade 9 families who completed the Permission Form for the One to One Device Program, either via Permission Click or through the completion of the AYJ Google Form linked below.

This permission MUST be completed prior to the distribution of any devices.

We started the distribution to eligible grade 9 students on Thursday, September 22nd during the students DAY 1/Period 3 class and will continue to do so every day until all of our devices have been distributed.

Please note that due to our current over-enrolment of our grade 9 population, extra devices will need to be ordered. We will do our best to get those units into the school ASAP.

AYJ Music Night

The very first AY Music event of the year, Piano Night, will be taking place on Thursday, September 29th at 7pm in the School Cafetorium. This show features a wide variety of piano music performed by AYJ students. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$4 on SchoolCashOnline. Please purchase early since tickets are limited.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/138526/153/False/True>

Homecoming Dance Buy-IN

We had the pleasure of hosting our first post pandemic school-wide activity this afternoon with our Homecoming Dance Period 4/After School Buy-in. The event sold out in record time! Just an indication of how much students want to participate in school events again!

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.

ClubFest: Tuesday, October 4th

Is your child thinking about joining a club? Looking to meet new people? Looking for something new to try? Looking to build new skills like leadership and communication? Start your journey here! AYJ is hosting its first 2022-23 ClubFest on Tuesday, October 4th. SAC will be hosting an assembly during period 2, followed by a marketplace display of our various clubs in the front foyer. We will follow an **assembly day schedule**. Stay tuned for more information.

Grade 9 Curriculum Night, October 5th

Welcome, Grade 9 families! We are excited to have you join us at AY Jackson SS this year.

You are invited to AY Jackson's Grade 9 Curriculum night. This is an opportunity to learn about your child's high school experience. You will receive critical information that will benefit your child's learning throughout the year. At curriculum night, you can expect admin, student council and department presentations from ACLs on grade 9 school year and curriculum and there will be opportunities to ask questions.

Here are the event details:

When: Wednesday, October 5th from 6-7:30pm.

Where: Virtual event

Zoom link: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/98515488518?pwd=Vk41OXBFeWVwUmpnRjNoeTZPb2VBUT09>

Meeting ID: 985 1548 8518

Passcode: 674146

Dial by your location

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See [FLYER](#) for more details

(Click the hyper-link)

Initial AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Mtg – Wed Oct 12th

Please hold the date of Wednesday, October 12th for our first AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting. More information and a zoom link will follow next week.

Parent-Teacher Virtual Interview Afternoon/Evening – Thurs Oct 20th

We have confirmed the date for **our Semester One Parent Teacher Virtual Interviews**. Please hold the date of **Thursday, October 20th** with an afternoon interview session from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and an evening session from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

To accommodate student learning on **October 20th** we will be following the schedule listed below:

Day 2 Early Dismissal Schedule

9:00am to 9:35am Day 2/Period 1

9:40am to 10:10am Day 2/Period 2

10:15am to 10:45am Day 2/Period 3

10:50am to 11:20am Day 2/Period 4

11:20am Classes Dismissed for the day

2:00pm to 4:00pm Afternoon Parent-Teacher Virtual Interviews (by pre-booked appointment)

6:00pm to 8:00pm Evening Parent-Teacher Virtual Interviews (by pre-booked appointment)

Interview bookings will be completed via a third party vendor (details will follow) and teacher specific Zoom links will be shared for those on the interview list.

This process will be **open** for all to book on Tuesday, October 11th at 9:00am and will **close** on Wednesday, October 19th at 12:00pm.

More details will follow.

Student Data Verification

Earlier this month 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 ffilegc

Grade 10 6sbdgag

Grade 11 nx7pxlg

Grade 12 adiwqvz

Late Start Wednesdays

Our Late Start **Wednesdays continue next week on September 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.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, September 26th 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

Tuesday, September 27th 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

*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 28th AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 9:55am

**Friday, September 30th National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
"Orange Shirt Day"**

Tuesday, October 4th Club Fest, Assembly Day Schedule

Wednesday, October 5th Grade 9 Curriculum Night at 6:00pm
(Zoom link and pre-reg info will follow)

Friday, October 7th TDSB Professional Activity Day, NO CLASSES

Monday, October 10th Thanksgiving Day Holiday – School CLOSED, NO CLASSES

**Tuesday, October 11th Parent Teacher VIRTUAL Interview Afternoon/Evening
BOOKING WINDOW OPENS** (Limited spaces available)

Wednesday, October 12th School (Parent Council) Initial Virtual Meeting at 6:00pm
(Zoom link and pre-reg info will follow)

Thursday, October 20th Parent Teacher VIRTUAL Interview Afternoon/Evening
-online interviews, 2pm to 4pm AND 6pm to 8pm

-prebooked appts only

That's all for now AYJ,

Have a great weekend!

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