

# A. Y. Jackson

News Update  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 2022



Good afternoon AYJ Community,

We are down to the final week of the 2022 School Calendar Year and AYJ will stay active right until the final day!

Please see the note below regarding the collection of dry food goods, holiday presents and local food store gift cards for the families in our community identified for support during our Holiday Hampers Drive. Every little bit helps. Our partners from the Toronto Police Services will be around on Monday of next week for the pick-up and delivery of the items donated.

### **AYJ Staff Contact List**

Please refer to the staff list and assignments linked below if you need to connect with any one of our teaching staff.

**AYJ Staff List and Assignments – 2022/23 – Sem 1 (as of Dec 5<sup>th</sup>) link:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L5n62dOsfx4sMSuYkK-\\_jo-eMK69I84n/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L5n62dOsfx4sMSuYkK-_jo-eMK69I84n/view?usp=sharing)

### **Holiday Hampers – Pick Up Extended to Mon Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**

Each year it has become a tradition that the classes/students/staff at AYJ partner with our local Toronto Police Services Division(s) to support the immediate families in our community with our Holiday Hampers gift and food drive.

Our local TPS partners have identified a group families from our community who would benefit from a little extra this holiday season to provide some much needed necessities and joy.

Each family is described with their family dynamic and some needs and is designated by their family number.

We have grouped our classes/rooms by proximity and listed the teachers that teach from those areas to create pools of classes/students/staff.

Each of these groupings are then assigned a family number to collect for.

Donations of age and gender specific (according to the family profiles) holiday gifts are definitely most welcome.

Those who wish to make cash donations for the purchase of grocery store gift cards can donate through SchoolCashOnline using the link below:

Holiday Hampers Gift Card Donations link:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/150629/153/False/True>

You can direct your Gift Card Donation to a particular Family number or you can make a general donation that can be directed to the full group.

This year's pick up/delivery date has been pushed back to **Mon Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Your consideration in supporting this worthy cause is much appreciated.

[dHoliday Hampers in Action](#)

### **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)**

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is the formal evaluation and credit-granting process whereby students may obtain credits for prior learning. Prior learning includes the knowledge and skills that students have acquired, in both formal and informal ways, outside secondary school. Students may have their knowledge and skills evaluated against the expectations outlined in provincial curriculum policy documents in order to earn credits towards the secondary school diploma.

PLAR Letter Link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1atKe0H4qc38G-c2\\_jPOUfo8L6-5d\\_tyO/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1atKe0H4qc38G-c2_jPOUfo8L6-5d_tyO/view?usp=sharing)

The 2022/2023 PLAR Challenge process will kick off with a Virtual PLAR Information Session for Families on January 18, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

For further information, please contact Renée N. Rawlins, Coordinator, Guidance, Career Development & Student Well-Being or Lisa Edwards, Centrally Assigned Principal, Equity, Well-Being & School Improvement.

For more information regarding the PLAR process and to register for the [PLAR Challenge Information Session](#), Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30 pm, please visit the link below.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Guidance/PLAR>

[https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_cRdtcX4kRbuzh-Yb3ZsHRg](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cRdtcX4kRbuzh-Yb3ZsHRg)

### **2023 Prime Minister's Awards**

We just celebrated Canada's exceptional educators, but we know there are many more out there deserving of this recognition.

Nominate an outstanding educator for the 2023 Prime Minister's Awards today!

Download a nomination form:

[-Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM](#)

[-Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education](#)

"Having been nominated for this award was both a humbling but also joyful experience. It still makes me smile every morning when I wake up." – **Sabine Fels, 2022 National Recipient** of the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence

**Keisha's Korner:**

**(All the latest from AYJ's Graduation Coach for Black Students)**

As a TDSB Graduation Coach for Black students, I am here to begin identifying strategies and opportunities to support Black students at A.Y. Jackson so that they can thrive in the educational system, and work to support their emotional well-being and belonging and ensure their academic success.

**For students planning on attending Toronto Metropolitan University:**

Viola Desmond Awards are presented annually to five Black women in the Toronto Metropolitan University community: a current TMU student, faculty member, staff member, alumna and a local area high school student who plans on attending post-secondary education after graduation. Additionally, the current student and high school student awards each include a bursary. Awards are given to self-identified Black women (including Trans and cisgender women), who in their roles as students, staff, faculty and alumni, demonstrate that they are positive role models and advocates of the Black/African-Canadian community. All nomination forms must include a 500-word statement of support. The statement can be included in this "Statement of support" section of this form or sent directly to [equity@ryerson.ca](mailto:equity@ryerson.ca) by January 16, 2023 by 5 p.m.

Google Form Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp\\_VHjSd2e5jC3hNpKTXQ7X5eQLBPF8Ug67FDqI\\_PRFpBRwzQ/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3VtgtcusYx3exxy8l8D59lvzyOLEFdT7iTIzpgmi37YBj5rUO9RFisCg](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp_VHjSd2e5jC3hNpKTXQ7X5eQLBPF8Ug67FDqI_PRFpBRwzQ/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3VtgtcusYx3exxy8l8D59lvzyOLEFdT7iTIzpgmi37YBj5rUO9RFisCg)

<https://www.foryouth.ca/programs>

**For Youth Scholarship and Bursary Information**

For over 25 years, FYI has been dedicated to breaking down barriers to education and providing eligible youths with scholarships and bursaries to fund a portion of their post-secondary education journey. For the second year in a row, FYI's Post-Secondary Application Bursary is back and opens on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 giving you the opportunity to have your College, University or Trades School application expenses covered.

Please complete the following application to be considered for your chance to have your application costs covered. All questions are mandatory and to be answered accurately. There is no deadline to complete this bursary application, however please consider completing the bursary prior to completing your post-secondary applications so you can work with an FYI youth case worker to support you through the process.

Further information such as eligibility requirements and required documentation, can be found on the application form and the flyers attached to this email. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [oliviad@foryouth.ca](mailto:oliviad@foryouth.ca).

Application Link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/WFWU7a1ej9>

FYI Poster:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x3DLd8mfVdcHospNdiExHGcRpeCYPINH/view?usp=sharing>

FYI Application Fee Bursary Poster Link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hmQt8Q-vtc24IADh-owU7D9\\_L\\_sVvyGC/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hmQt8Q-vtc24IADh-owU7D9_L_sVvyGC/view?usp=sharing)

### **AY Jackson Black Girls Connect**

The Graduation Coach for Black Students at AY Jackson presents:

Black Girls Connect: Relationships, Identity & Self Love

This program is to provide an affinity space for self-identifying Black girls to collectively work on leadership, education and positive identity development.

Who: Self-identifying Black Girls (Grades 9 – 11)

Date: January 17, 2022 for 7 weeks

Location: AYJ Conference Room

Time: 11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/E6Jg69NNX3oiTyGT6>

Come join us as we celebrate the positivity and empowerment of Black girls. A space for real talk.

### **Black Tutors Canada**

Black Tutors Canada is a tutor listing website that connects current and retired Black teachers, graduates, and professionals with students and families across Canada. Black tutors work with students at all grade levels from K-PhD levels in all subjects including Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, English, French, and Art, to name a few. We are looking for more tutors from across Canada to join our platform. We invite students of all diversity and intersectionality to access our services. For more details, see the attached flyer; click the link below to access the website or contact them at:

<https://blacktutorscanada.ca/>

[info@blacktutorscanada.ca](mailto:info@blacktutorscanada.ca)

<https://blacktutorscanada.ca/> is happy to collaborate with community organizations with a shared value.

Black Tutors Canada Information Poster:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/15LV59tYGBQgagcLxs\\_DEhsJYYsjrDtYg/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15LV59tYGBQgagcLxs_DEhsJYYsjrDtYg/view?usp=sharing)  
Together we can close the achievement gap!

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Important Upcoming Dates

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Day 1 Regular Day Schedule</b>		
Per 1	9:00am to 10:20am	Course 1
Per 2	10:25am to 11:40am	Course 2
Lunch	11:40am to 12:40pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
Per 3	12:40pm to 1:55pm	Course 3
Per 4	2:00pm to 3:15pm	Course 4

**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Day 2 Regular Day Schedule (am &amp; pm courses flip)</b>		
Per 1	9:00am to 10:20am	Course 2
Per 2	10:25am to 11:40am	Course 1
Lunch	11:40am to 12:40pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
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** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, etc are **Day 1**, **even days** - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, etc are **Day 2**)

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**      **Holiday Hampers Pick-up/Distribution** – see info above

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**      **AYJ Late Start Schedule** – classes begin at 9:55am

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**      **Final Day of Classes for 2022** – school closed Dec 24<sup>th</sup> to Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**      **First Day of Classes for 2023**

That’s all for now AYJ, have a great weekend!

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January - Tamil Heritage Month

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized in January nationally since October 2016, provincially since March 2004 and by the TDSB since 2016. This coincides with one of the most important festivals celebrated by Tamils in South Asia and all over the world. Traditionally, during this month, Tamils irrespective of their religion, celebrate Thai Pongal, a harvest festival that offers prayers of thanks to the sun and nature for giving bountiful crops. The theme for this year is: Community. Belonging. Joy.

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