



Good afternoon AYJ Community,

Hopefully we have all dug out from our latest snowfall and that students, staff and their families will all enjoy a wonderful Family Day Long Weekend.

Business Department Club(s)

We recently received the results of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Canadian National Leaders Competition (CNLC) in which our AYJ participants fared very well. There were 70 competitors from AYJ and overall 1750+ FBLA Canada competitors.

AY Jackson won the award for the second-largest chapter, out of 60+ (last year we were 3rd)

Top 3 Placements:

Joan H. (9) - 1st in Healthcare Administration
Matthew Y. (12) - 1st in Personal Finance
Angela B. (11) - 2nd in Business Management
Katelyn M. (11) - 2nd in Business Plan
Anne H. (12) - 3rd in Healthcare Administration

Top 10 Placements:

Steven W. (11) - 5th Place in Accounting I
Nicole B. (11) - 8th Place in Healthcare Administration

Top 20 Placements:

Andrew S. (11) - Top 20 in Personal Finance
Nima A.-S. (11) - Top 20 in Hospitality
Jake L. and Andy W. (11 and 11) - Top 20 in Marketing

Congratulations goes out to all participants and their Staff Leaders, Mr Elles and Mr Paoli!

Well done AYJ,

Yearbook 2021/2022

Even amidst the pandemic, AYJ continues to be a vibrant place! Our yearbook editors and photographers have been busy capturing and memorializing some of our school's events, such as grads and school photos, sunrise breakfast, Halloween pumpkin carving contests, escape rooms, movie nights, etc., for this year's book. Students and their families are encouraged to purchase a school yearbook through cash-online. The cost of a yearbook is \$30 and they will be on sale from Feb. 11 – March 11, 2022. Don't miss out...reserve yours today!

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/115560/153/False/True>

Guidance Google Classrooms

Students are asked to join the appropriate **Guidance Google Classroom** for updates from the Guidance Department throughout the year.

Grade 9 code: b27gbjp

Grade 10 code: wctzhxp

Grade 11 code: o7im42h

Grade 12 code: cvlqkiu

AYJ Late Start Wednesdays

There will be late starts at AYJ for staff to meet together to address Professional Learning items and to continue/update our school year planning. Please note these dates on your personal calendars.

| AYJ Late Start Wednesdays Dates | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| February 16, 2022 | February 23, 2022 |
| March 23, 2022 | March 30, 2022 |
| April 20, 2022 | April 27, 2022 |
| May 18, 2022 | May 25, 2022 |
| June 22, 2022 | June 29, 2022 |

The **schedule** on these **Late Start Wednesdays** is as follows:

| AYJ Late Start Wednesdays Schedule | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 10:00 am – 11:00 pm | Course 1 |
| 11:05 am – 12:05 pm | Course 2 |
| 12:05 pm – 12:50 pm | LUNCH |
| 12:50 pm – 1:50 pm | Course 3/4 |
| 1:55 pm – 2:55 pm | Course 4/3 |

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, February 21st

Wednesday, February 23rd

Wednesday, March 2nd

Friday, March 11th

Mon Mar 14th to Fri Mar 18th

Monday, March 21st

Family Day Holiday, School CLOSED, NO CLASSES

AYJ Late Start Schedule – student entry begins at 9:45am

AYJ School (Parent) Council Mtg, 6pm via Zoom

-details will follow

Final day of classes prior to **MARCH BREAK**

MARCH BREAK, School CLOSED, NO CLASSES

First day of classes post **MARCH BREAK**

February is African Heritage Month at the TDSB

During the month of February, the Toronto District School Board proudly recognizes African Heritage Month. It is an occasion to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of peoples of African descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for 2021-2022 is NIA: Walking in Our Purpose. The first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honourable Jean Augustine, introduced a motion to recognize February as Black History Month. The motion was carried unanimously by the House of Commons. In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada. At the Toronto District School Board, a motion to recognize African Heritage (Black History) Month was carried in January 2002 and reaffirmed again in January 2004.

Please see the full message on African Heritage Month on www.tdsb.on.ca

For a listing of all our initiatives please see the Heritage/History Month website: : <http://tdsbweb.tdsb.on.ca/equity/Heritage-History-Months/2021-2022/African-Heritage-Month-at-the-TDSB-February-2022> .

Follow us on Twitter @tdsbAfricanHM and Instagram tdsb_african_hm

February is Chinese Heritage Month at the TDSB

The Toronto District School is proud to recognize Chinese Heritage Month (CHM) during the month of February 2022. This year CHM coincides with one of the most important Chinese celebrations, the Lunar New Year which begins on Tuesday, February 1st. Lunar New Year is also known as the spring festival and begins with the first moon of the lunar calendar 15 days later. We encourage everyone to participate and make our Chinese Heritage Month spectacular. This year's theme is YEAR OF THE TIGER - Brave, Compassionate, Adventurous, and Optimistic.

During the month of February, several activities will be shared to mark CHM. A poster contest was held and all students from the TDSB were invited to submit images that best reflect this year's theme. The selected images are posted on our website www.tdsb.on.ca . All students and staff were invited to share their stories through the Chinese Canadian Memory Minute initiative (video link to be posted shortly on www.tdsb.on.ca). To learn about Chinese Heritage a PowerPoint was created highlighting the symbolism for various foods that are shared at festivals celebrated by Chinese Canadians. Further a Kahoots Trivia challenge was developed by CHM members for students to explore their Chinese heritage knowledge.

Please follow us on twitter [@tdsbChineseHM](https://twitter.com/tdsbChineseHM)

That's all for now AYJ.

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