

# A. Y. Jackson

News Update  
Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022



Good day AYJ Community,

The month of February is coming to the end before we know it March Break will be upon us.

As always, there are some important items listed below. . .

### **Course Selection 2022-2023**

Course Selection for the 2022-2023 is due on Monday February 28th. Students who have not yet submitted their choices should do so ASAP on [www.myblueprint.ca/tdsb](http://www.myblueprint.ca/tdsb).

Choices need to be approved by parents/guardians via email.

Please be sure to finish this final step by **Monday February 28th**.

Information about course selection is posted in the Guidance Google Classrooms and the instructions for MyBluePrint can be found here at [MyBluePrint Instructions](#)

### **AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting – Wed Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6pm ONLINE**

There will be an opportunity for families to gather together for more information at our next AYJ School (Parent) Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.

If you would like to register to join us, please fill out the information on the Google Form linked below (note, we will deactivate the link once we reach our capacity and will problem solve for additional interested participants if necessary):

<https://forms.gle/zDsMnhQkuvPvJn917>

An email will be sent to the address listed on the form to confirm your invitation to the meeting and **ON THE DAY** of the meeting, the login link will be confirmed with you.

Zoom link: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/93988712529>

### **TDSB/AYJ Grade Nine One to One Laptop Initiative**

We are happy to report that after recently receiving our final shipment of devices, that ALL grade nines who filled out the request forms for their TDSB/AYJ provided laptops have now received them.

If you did not receive your requested laptop, please contact Vice Principal Sukhu (email below) to make those arrangements.

[Karim.sukhu@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Karim.sukhu@tdsb.on.ca)

A big thanks goes out to Mr Sukhu and Mr Mike Stevens for all of their hard work in getting those devices to our grade nine students.

### **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

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

<b>Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>AYJ School (Parent) Council Mtg</b> , 6pm via Zoom -details will follow
<b>Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Final day of classes prior to <b>MARCH BREAK</b>
<b>Mon Mar 14<sup>th</sup> to Fri Mar 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MARCH BREAK</b> , School CLOSED, NO CLASSES
<b>Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	First day of classes post <b>MARCH BREAK</b>

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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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