

# A. Y. Jackson

News Update  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023



Good day AYJ Community,

We are now officially into Semester Two for this school year and as such students will be starting a new set of classes that will take them to the end of the school year in June.

We would like to thank our first semester staff that supported our school so well and wish them all the best in their new positions around the TDSB in Semester Two:

Karen Kam, Max Kwok, Jonathan Martyn, Tenzin Nyanang & Nancy O'Brien

We would also like to welcome/welcome back the staff listed below as they join/rejoin us for Semester Two:

Mandy Atchison, Sai Chung, Clara Ham, Roy Hu & Christina McKendrick

February is the month where we start our hard planning for the 2023-24 School year. There will be student assemblies that will support students through this process.

As always, please read through below some important items from AYJ!

### **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 2 (as of Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>)** link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JcfU5ma6OAvFhpfEV6tBbTgdIXYDazEB/view?usp=sharing>

### **Semester 1 Report Cards**

All Semester 1 final reports cards will be emailed to both student and their parent/guardian next week on **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** through our Secure Document Delivery. The password to access the report card file is the student's date of birth. The format must be **MM/DD/YYYY**, including the forward slashes. Example: 05/03/2004 for the birthdate May 3, 2004.

### **AYJ Food Fair – Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ LUNCH**

Hey AYJ! Everyone's favorite Food Fair is coming back next Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the front foyer. To reduce money handling and abide by the school policy, we are switching to a coupon system for all future food fairs starting this year. Foods bought during the food fair must be paid for by school-issued coupons. These coupons will be sold on School Cash Online starting today until next Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on supporting AY Jackson's clubs with all the delicious treats! See [flyer](#) for more details. For the current menu options, click [here](#).

Log in to School Cash Online to purchase the Food Fair Coupons:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

### **Grad Photos**

Grad photos at AYJ will continue starting **Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**.

To book an appointment please visit:

<https://www.brightpics.ca/bookyourappointment>

Create an account and book an appointment using the JOB ID and GRAD ID codes listed below:

JOB ID: **N9001R** GRAD ID: **kdfzdRb6**

Each student is required to pay a \$35.00 Sit Fee to the Photographer on Photo Day. This fee includes digital proofs as well as an 11" x 14" composite of the Graduating Class.

Your proofs will be sent to the email address used to register for your appointment

Your Graduation Portrait session should be a memorable event. Please take time to look your best! We recommend all graduates wear a white collared shirt for the best results!

Graduates may also wear a tie if they choose.

Please be on time for your appointment.

If you need to make a change or cancel your appointment, please contact the studio at:

[Studio@brightpics.ca](mailto:Studio@brightpics.ca)

Please see the poster in the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EeeenuWYdKZVAcBLMi3apEYdhalWkQnw/view?usp=sharing>

### **TDSB Central Special Education Parent Engagement Session**

Please see the link to a parent engagement session about special education for our families.

Here is the link to the Wed. Mar. 1st flyer:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1NBtRSFJL\\_AFe-rzpFaboDcx71dRt-ohD/edit#slide=id.p1](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1NBtRSFJL_AFe-rzpFaboDcx71dRt-ohD/edit#slide=id.p1)

### **Tutoring Info**

The TDSB is continuing to support students with unfinished learning. Through the Ministry's funding for Tutoring programs, they are pleased to announce that TDSB students will now have access to free, unlimited, online tutoring, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We will be working with Paper and Brainfuse. These two particular organizations were chosen as they could immediately serve the needs of a school board our size, while ensuring students could access the tutoring resources at any time of day.

In addition to the extra assistance teachers already offer students, the TDSB continues to support school-based tutoring by interested TDSB teachers funded by the Ministry of Education. Parents can speak with the AYJ Admin Team about joining already existing after-school Continuing Education tutoring programs currently running at AYJ.

All tutoring services are voluntary. There is no obligation for any student to participate in tutoring. TDSB is not operating online tutoring services. This means that TDSB staff will not be present during tutoring sessions.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and/or Students (18 years or older) who wish to participate in one of these free online tutoring services should contact the company directly to learn more about their services and the registration process.

The following Tutoring Fact Sheet provides more information about what's new and the online Tutoring opportunities. Please use your TDSB account to access the document.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1koYyLmzrTGfRRArVC8XEzKZUN8qNXFtn/view?usp=sharing>

**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.

We are excited to share some news and upcoming opportunities from the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement.

**Legacy and Excellence of Black Muslims**

As part of an ongoing learning series for TDSB students, staff and families, the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement is collaborating with the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) to provide co-developed learning experiences centring the experiences and identities of Muslims and promoting anti-Islamophobia education and strategies within school communities and classroom environments.

This workshop offers a historical overview of the excellence, resilience, and resistance of Black Muslim communities globally. Attention will be given to the untold stories of Black Muslim trailblazers and contemporary changemakers. The workshop will conclude with practical resources and recommendations to promote the ongoing affirmation and recognition of the achievements and wide-spanning contributions of Black Muslims within our local and global communities.

Date: February 6, 2023

Gr. 4 - 8 classrooms

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Educators register your class on [MyPath](#).

Gr. 9 – 12 students

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Register on [Zoom](#).

### **Webinar Wednesdays – Academic Pathways – Beyond 8**

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement presents Webinar Wednesdays. This series seeks to support Black caregivers, along with caregivers raising Black children with meaningful engagement and advocacy for their children in TDSB schools and programs. Through collaborations with various TDSB departments, Webinar Wednesdays aims to support system navigation processes for Black families and caregivers, alongside communication about Black student success. The first session of this 2-part series, Academic Pathways - Beyond 8, in partnership with TDSB Guidance Department, will explore topics to support decision-making regarding the transition from Grade 8 to high school.

Topics include:

Secondary Programs

Secondary Central Student Interest Programs

Africentric Secondary Programs

Alternative Schools

Indigenous Education

French Programs

FAST (Facilitate Access into Skilled-Trades)

SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major)

Continuing Education

Local Programs

Out of Area Admissions

Planning Ahead – Using High School Planner in MyBlueprint to plan your high school career (including course selection).

Date: February 15, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

[Register](#) for this webinar.

### **Decade of People of African Descent: African Canadian History in Curriculum**

In this session, Natasha Henry-Dixon will discuss the importance of integrating African Canadian counternarratives into the curriculum. Participants will learn about effective pedagogical approaches and accessible resources to use in the teaching of the historical and contemporary experiences of African Canadians. TDSB staff, caregivers and community, [register](#) for this virtual event.

Date: February 22, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

### **Go ENG Girl**

Hello from the Engineering Outreach Office,

The Engineering Outreach office is excited to be partnering with [WISE](#), the University of Toronto Women in Science & Engineering student club to bring Go ENG Girl 2023 back to campus after a 2 year hiatus.

This in-person opportunity is for female-identifying youth in grades 7-9. We encourage you to share this opportunity with others who you feel may be interested.

## Event Details

Go ENG Girl is an in-person day run by members of WISE, dedicated to learning about the world of engineering! Participants will hear from industry professionals about what being a woman in engineering is like and possible career paths. They will take part in interactive activities that explore key concepts in STEM and work as a team to solve everyday engineering problems!

## Eligibility

Female-identifying students\* in grades 7-9 (based on the grade completed in the 2022/2023 school year)

\*including non-binary, trans, and/or gender diverse

## When

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 2023, from 8:00AM to 3:00PM ET.

## Where

University of Toronto, Bahen Centre for Information Technology  
40 St. George St, ON M5S 2E4

## Cost

Free! (Lunch is provided)

To register, [please click here](#).

If you have any other questions or concerns about this event, please contact our team at Engineering Outreach.

Engineering Outreach Office  
Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering  
University of Toronto  
35 St. George Street, Room 173, Toronto, ON M5S 1A4  
T: 416-946-0816 | W: [outreach.engineering.utoronto.ca](http://outreach.engineering.utoronto.ca)

## **Black Aviation Professionals Network (BAPN)**

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in partnership with the Black Aviation Professionals Network (BAPN) invites **Black-identifying students in grades 10-12** who are interested in learning about or possibly pursuing a career in the **aviation and aerospace industry** to participate in A Day in Aviation, in-person experience on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Students will connect with Black aviation professionals in the industry to explore roles and complexities within the aviation industry. The collaboration recognizes the underrepresentation of Black people in specific career fields such as Aerospace and Aviation. *A Day in Aviation* seeks to intervene and engage Black-identifying students to explore aviation as academic and career pathways.

*A Day In Aviation* will require students commitment and participation on the following dates:

- February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023: 5:00 - 6:00 pm (Information session)
- February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023: In-person experiential learning
  - o Aircraft Hanger Tour

- o Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) tour
- o Visit to System Operation Control (SOC)
- o Panel discussion on Unconventional Management positions in Aviation
- o Transportation and lunch is provided

Please share the attached flyer with students and families and encourage Black-identifying students in grades 10-12 who are interested in learning about or possibly pursuing a career in the aviation and aerospace industry to [register for this information session](#). **Registration deadline is by end of day January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VX6qOTCAzxRlyDJyzQMSA2\\_ok7CSGAX7/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VX6qOTCAzxRlyDJyzQMSA2_ok7CSGAX7/view?usp=sharing)

### **Western's National Scholarship Program**

Western's National Scholarship Program supports the dreams of top students whose potential can be realized through a world-class education at one of Canada's leading universities.

They're looking for high-potential applicants who excel in the classroom and in their extracurricular pursuits. Our aim is to attract and reward the best students from across Canada and around the world, helping them achieve their academic goals while encouraging their vital contributions to our extraordinary campus culture.

Some of their National Scholarships include:

One **Neen Hodgins National Entrance Scholarship** valued at \$80,000

One **President's Entrance Scholarship** valued at \$70,000

One **Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Scholarship** valued at \$72,000

Five **President's Entrance Scholarships for Black Students** valued at \$50,000

Four **President's Entrance Scholarships** valued at \$65,000 and up to 15 more at \$50,000

One **Neen Hodgins President's International Entrance Scholarship** valued at \$80,000 for international (visa) students

Three **International President's Entrance Scholarships** valued at \$50,000 for international (visa) students

Up to 15 **Faculty Entrance Scholarships** valued at \$30,000

Up to 46 **National Scholarship Study Abroad Awards** valued up to \$5,000

Up to 50 **National Merit Awards** valued at \$2,000 for one year

More details about all the scholarship programs offered at Western can be found online at

[https://registrar.uwo.ca/student\\_finances/scholarships\\_awards/admission/](https://registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/admission/). If you have any questions, our Scholarships Coordinator Norma Merino would be pleased to help at 519-661-2111 extension 85958 or email [nmerino@uwo.ca](mailto:nmerino@uwo.ca)

### **IMMspire 2023 at University of Toronto, Registration Now Open!**

Graduate students at the Department of Immunology at the University of Toronto (U of T), St. George Campus are hosting a conference for high school students to experience interactive immunology research through an event known as IMMspire.

We are happy to announce that this year, IMMspire will take place across two days **IN-PERSON** at the U of T St. George Campus on April 28-29, 2023. The theme of this year's event will be "**Cancer Immunology.**"

**EVENT DETAILS:**

**Dates of Conference:**

Day 1: Friday April 28, 2023 (9 am to 3 pm)

Day 2: Saturday April 29, 2023 (9 am to 4 pm)

**Length of Sessions:** Approximately ~50 minutes, with breaks taking place between.

**For students in grades:** 11-12 (students in lower grades are welcome, but minimum of grade 9 level science is strongly recommended).

**Theme of Event:** The immune system and Cancer Immunology

-What are immune cells?

-What is cancer?

-How do we detect and treat cancer?

-How is the immune system involved in cancer?

**Certificate of Participation:** will be provided to IMMspire attendees that attend a majority of the event.

**Transportation:** Students can request reimbursement for the transportation costs to attend IMMspire.

**Maximum # of Participants:** Due to spacing logistics, a maximum of 80 students will be selected to attend the IMMspire program this year.

**Sign up for the program:** Please see the attached flyer with our QR code that gives access to the registration form and can be circulated to students.

OR at <https://forms.gle/ggwuScYWDYGbUPAC8>

OR sign up at <https://immspireuoft.wordpress.com/>

OR email us at [immspire@gmail.com](mailto:immspire@gmail.com)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oyrqIXFTsbRAwGYK-heWurMI0AoDmNBd/view?usp=sharing>

**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 opened 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>

### **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!

### **Black Tutors Canada**

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

Website: <https://blacktutorscanada.ca/>





### Important Upcoming Dates

**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**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	<b>LUNCH</b>
Per 3	12:40pm to 1:55pm	Course 4
Per 4	2:00pm to 3:15pm	Course 3

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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	<b>LUNCH</b>
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 - 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**)

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Semester One Final Report Cards** – email distribution (see item above)

**Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**AYJ Afternoon Classes Shortened Schedule** – classes begin at 12:40pm  
**Day 1 Schedule**

Per 1	12:40pm to 1:15pm	Course 1
Per 2	1:20pm to 1:55pm	Course 2
Per 3	2:00pm to 2:35pm	Course 3
Per 4	2:40pm to 3:15pm	Course 4

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

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

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Principal  
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### **African Heritage Month at the TDSB: Save the Date - Invitation to Virtual Launch February 1st, 2023**

Further to the SAVE THE DATE message regarding the African Heritage Month Virtual Launch shared with you last week, the webinar zoom link is now available and being shared with you to attend this exciting event to kick-off African Heritage month at the TDSB during the month February.

During the month of February, the TDSB proudly recognizes African Heritage (Black History) 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 2022-2023 is Black Joy.

The theme of Black Joy was selected this year by the African Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee. Joy is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires. This academic school year, "Joy" is one of the TDSB's two overarching priorities. The first priority being the importance of joy, engagement and belonging in our schools as a foundation for academic achievement and student success; and the second priority being the elimination of disproportionate outcomes for students. Black Joy emulates how Black People have been able to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally as a People and as a Community, despite the systemic barriers and oppression faced.

Full details of the virtual launch as below:

African Heritage Month Virtual Launch

Date: Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

Time: 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Zoom Webinar Link: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/97398652590>

Should further information be required, please contact Randy Samuel, Co-Chair, African Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee at [randy.samuel@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:randy.samuel@tdsb.on.ca)

### **Chinese Heritage Month at the TDSB - February 2023**

TDSB Chinese Heritage Month is proudly recognized in February each year. During this month, several learning resources and educational opportunities will be provided to our students and staff to further enhance their knowledge of the Chinese heritage. This year, two significant events will be highlighted to mark Chinese Heritage Month.

The Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most significant holidays for Chinese communities around the world. The date is selected by the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar and the celebration lasts 16 days. This year marks the Year of the Rabbit, which began on Sunday, January 22, 2023. At TDSB, the theme Year of the Rabbit: Kind, Generous, and Harmonious is being celebrated. All TDSB students were invited to submit images to reflect the theme. The winning posters may be found on our TDSB website (<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/>).

This year, the Chinese Heritage Committee selected a second theme: Honouring a Legacy of Conviction and Fortitude to mark the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Immigration Act of 1923 (known as the Chinese Exclusion Act). This Act restricted all people of Chinese descent from immigrating into Canada for 24 years with only 15 Chinese immigrants allowed entry into Canada from 1923 to 1946. Parliament officially repealed the act on May 14, 1947 and in 2006, the Government of Canada issued an official apology to Chinese Canadians (<https://pier21.ca/research/immigration-history/chinese-immigration-act-1923>). The discriminatory impact of the Chinese Immigration Act of 1923, the progress made afterwards despite it, and excerpts of the Government of Canada's official apology are highlighted in the PowerPoint presentation (Link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/19aJCsayt1ER5Ty-CUmo95rzpon78nvlr/view> )

All TDSB students and staff were also invited to submit a 1-minute video highlighting the legacy of a Chinese Canadian who has faced adversity and demonstrated fortitude. These videos will be posted shortly.

Please visit the Heritage/History Month website (<http://tdsbweb.tdsb.on.ca/equity/Heritage-History-Months/2022-2023> ) for the following items:

- Quotes/Proverbs
- Chinese Heritage Month Resources
- TDSB Professional Library
- Chinese Heritage Month website.

Please follow us on twitter @tdsbChineseHM.

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