

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
Jan 13th 2023



Good day AYJ Community,

We hope that everyone had a super start to the New Year! Best wishes to our full AYJ Community in 2023!

We have formally entered our Moratorium Period ahead of Semester One Final Evaluations and Formal Exams (see item below). Now is the time for students to buckle down and finish strong in all of their school courses. Students who may require an extra push should confirm with their teachers when any credit rescue opportunities will occur PRIOR to the scheduled times in our Exam Schedule. If you have any questions, please contact your teachers directly.

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 1 (as of Dec 5th) link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L5n62dOsfX4sMSuYkK-jo-eMK69I84n/view?usp=sharing>

In Class Evaluations AND the Formal Exam Schedule

As we approach the end of the semester, we embark on culminating activities for each course that could include In-Class Evaluations and Final Exams.

In-Class Evaluations are opportunities for classroom teachers to present activities to their students PRIOR to the start of the Formal Exam Week. To support these efforts, we extend one period each day to allow for some extra time in the class. **In-Class Evaluations** are scheduled for **Thurs Jan 19th to Tues Jan 24th**. ALL students are expected to attend ALL classed during this time.

Final Exams are formally scheduled dates in which students only need to attend school at the time of their exams. Again, the time allotted for each exam is normally longer than a regular class period and courses that have multiple sections are able to administer a common exam to all. These **FINAL EXAMS** will be scheduled from **Wed Jan 25th to Tues Jan 31st**. Students NOT engaged in Exam writing or **END of SEMESTER CREDIT RESCUE** activities are asked to work from home on these days.

A link to our In-Class Evaluation schedule (also copied in the Upcoming Dates section) and our FULL EXAM Schedule is listed below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pk7TMkX1px-Qh-JuGpBpPJsxv82BGxZo/view?usp=sharing>

AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Mtg – Wed Jan 18th @ 6pm

We will be holding our next **AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting** on **Wednesday, January 18th** and we would like to invite (as always) members of our full community to join us. The AYJ School (Parent) Council is a great place to hear first-hand all of the latest news from AYJ and to network with other parents and to share your observations arising from our super busy AY Jackson school community!

We have a limited number of participant availability for this online meeting, so we will be registering family interest on a first come, first served basis. We do have enough space to cover our regular in person attendance numbers, however these spaces are not infinite.

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/pkXjZEhNKuPZK5jt7>

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/96851766124>

Below is a list of **this year's Parent Council Executive**.

Jennifer	Gillick	Chair/CoChair
Key	Kasravi	Chair/CoChair
Dava	Slater	Secretary
Sunny	Sun	Treasurer
Rana	AlKassem Addasi	Parent Rep
Nancy	Kamenyero	Parent Rep
Brigitte	Lee	Parent Rep
Teisha	Mullings	Parent Rep
Jean-Paul	Ngana	Parent Rep
xiaowei	pan	Parent Rep
Carla	Rossi	Parent Rep
Phouvieng	Sackda	Parent Rep
Zemei (Jasmine)	Wang	Parent Rep
Katherine	Whang	Parent Rep
Jenny	Zeng	Parent Rep
Terence	Philips	Community Rep
Brad	Barker	Teacher Rep
Tara	Breeze	Teacher Rep

We look forward to connecting with all interested parties at our meeting,

Course Selection Info Session (FROM GUIDANCE DEPT)

We are approaching a very important month for our AYJ students who are returning for the 2023/2024 school year. In February, counselors will be supporting students with their course selections for next year.

To support students and families with making these choices, A. Y. Jackson Secondary School will be hosting an online Course Selection Information session for Parents/Guardians on Thursday, January 19th at 6pm. We are asking any interested family to complete this google form.

<https://forms.gle/6fLX3i3axJLFscPB9>

Course Selection Information Session Meeting Details

Thursday January 19th 6:00-7:00 pm

Topic: Course Selection 2023-2024 Parent/Guardian Info Session

Time: Jan 19, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94164822860?pwd=RXNKWVFNYTh4dIRNaEpmTjJHVfZsQT09>

Meeting ID: 941 6482 2860

Passcode: 162533

Grad Photos

Grad photos at AYJ will continue, starting **Monday, February 13th**.

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

Please see the poster in the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EeenuWYdKZVAcBLMi3apEYdhaIWkQnw/view?usp=sharing>

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/1koYyLmzrTGFhRARVC8XEzKZUN8qNXFtn/view?usp=sharing>

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

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 18th 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

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.

Black Student Summer Leadership Program:

Registration for the [Black Student Summer Leadership Program](#) is open! Toronto District School Board students from Gr. 10 – 12 who self-identify as Black and can commit to the requirements of the program are eligible to apply. The application closes January 31. In addition, join us for a virtual [Information Session](#) on January 17 at 6 p.m.

AY Jackson's Black Girls' Connect:

Starting January 17, 2023

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: Conference Room

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

<https://forms.gle/62yeRKNhN8ibWmMh9>

Subjects of Desire

Join the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement for a virtual screening of [Subjects of Desire](#) and conversation with the writer, director, and producer of the film Jennifer Holness!

Subjects of Desire explores the cultural shift in North American beauty standards towards embracing Black female aesthetics and features while exposing the deliberate and often dangerous portrayals of Black women in the media.

Told from the point of view of women who aren't afraid to challenge conventional beauty standards, the film explores the positive and negative portrayals of Black women in media and asks what is the impact today?

Register today!

TDSB Staff & Students

Date: January 25, 2023

Time: 9:15AM - 11:45AM

Platform: Zoom link shared with registrants only.

Register [here](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4zemhCQZSN-0wlg0933lpw) (https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4zemhCQZSN-0wlg0933lpw)

TDSB Families, Caregivers and Community

Date: January 25, 2023

Time: 6:15PM - 8:45PM

Platform: Zoom link shared with registrants only.

Register [here](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3jrbAnxRRLmyfGFL5UCHQw) (https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3jrbAnxRRLmyfGFL5UCHQw)

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 by January 16, 2023 by 5 p.m.

Google Form Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp_VHjSd2e5jC3hNpKTXQ7X5eQLBPF8Ug67FDqIPRFPbRwzQ/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3VtgcusYx3exxy8l8D59lvzyOLEFdT7iTIzpgmi37YBj5rUO9RFisCg

<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 1st, 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.

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

<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

Together we can close the achievement gap!

Black Tutors Canada

Email: info@blacktutorscanada.ca

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



Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, January 16th

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, January 17th

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, January 18th

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

Wednesday, January 18th

AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting at 6:00pm
(Zoom link and pre-reg info will follow)
AYJ Course Selection Zoom Meeting at 7:00pm

Thursday, January 19th

AYJ In-Class Evaluations AM Special Schedule

Day 1

Per 1	9:00am to 10:40am	Course 1 (potential in-class evaluation)
Per 2	10:45am 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

Thursday, January 19th

Course Selection Information Session Meeting Details at 6:00-7:00 pm

Friday, January 20th

AYJ In-Class Evaluations AM Special Schedule

Day 2

Per 1	9:00am to 10:40am	Course 2 (potential in-class evaluation)
Per 2	10:45am 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

Monday, January 23rd

AYJ In-Class Evaluations PM Special Schedule

Day 1

Per 1	9:00am to 10:20am	Course 1
Per 2	10:45am to 11:40am	Course 2
Lunch	11:40am to 12:40pm	LUNCH
Per 3	12:40pm to 2:20pm	Course 3 (potential in-class evaluation)
Per 4	2:25pm to 3:15pm	Course 4

Tuesday, January 24th

AYJ In-Class Evaluations PM Special Schedule

Day 2

Per 1	9:00am to 10:20am	Course 2
Per 2	10:45am to 11:40am	Course 1
Lunch	11:40am to 12:40pm	LUNCH

Per 3 12:40pm to 2:20pm Course 4 (potential in-class evaluation)
Per 4 2:25pm to 3:15pm Course 3

Wed, Jan 25th to Tues Jan 31st **AYJ Final Exam Week** (see attached FULL schedule linked above)
-only students engaged in Final Exam writing or Credit Rescue activities are required to attend school on these days
-students without these commitments are to stay home to prepare for their exams

Wednesday, February 1st **Exam Review/Final Marks Distribution Special AM Schedule**

Day 1

Per 1 9:00am to 9:35am Course 1
Per 2 9:40am to 10:10am Course 2
Per 3 10:15am to 10:45am Course 3
Per 4 10:50am to 11:20am Course 4
Lunch CAFETERIA will be CLOSED

Thursday, February 2nd **AYJ Professional Activity Day** – NO classes for students

Friday, February 3rd **FIRST DAY of SEMESTER TWO**

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

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

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January - Tamil Heritage Month

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of January at the TDSB since January 2016. It has also been marked across the province of Ontario since March 2004 with the implementation of the Tamil Heritage Month Act, 2014 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/14t04>)

Further, Tamil Heritage Month is also formally recognized nationally since January 2016 by the passing of a motion which reads, That, in the opinion of the House, the government should recognize the contributions that Tamil-Canadians have made to Canadian society, the richness of the Tamil language and culture, and the importance of educating and reflecting upon Tamil heritage for future generations by declaring January, every year, Tamil Heritage Month.

This year our theme for Tamil Heritage Month is Community. Belonging. Joy. Belonging comes with a sense of acceptance and inclusion for who you are, and there is great joy that comes from knowing you belong within any given community. This year's Tamil Heritage Month theme was selected to highlight that joy and belonging, and is intentionally aligned with one of the TDSB's priorities - Joy, Engagement and Belonging.

Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent with thousands of TDSB students and staff members who identify as Tamil. The importance of building awareness, creating a strong self and collective identities, and understanding one's own roots and rights are important objectives of the Tamil Heritage Month volunteer planning committee.

To mark Tamil Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board in January, various educational opportunities will be offered to students to learn about the history, culture, and traditions.

Should further information be required, please contact Chair of Tamil Heritage Month at the TDSB, Veni Rajkumar at Veni.Rajkumar@tdsb.on.ca

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