

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
Jan 20th 2023



Good day AYJ Community,

We have firmly entered our 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** continue on **Mon Jan 23rd & 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>

Exam preparation resources:

[Exam Jam Session slides](#) and
[Tip Sheet for Students and Parents/Caregivers/Guardians](#)

Semester Two Timetable Distribution

Since the beginning of September we have undertaken a number of staffing changes and updates which have ultimately caused many changes to student timetables for semester two.

As such, when the latest flurry of updates have been attended to, ALL students will be emailed NEW timetables for their Semester to courses (sometime after Jan 31st, details - TBD).

Once the exam week has concluded, students are asked to discard any older versions of their timetable and to follow the details on the newly distributed timetables shortly thereafter.

Specifics on the Timetable Delivery will be shared in next week's News Update.

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/1EeenuWYdKZVAcBLMi3apEYdhalWkQnw/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>

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.

OPS 2023 Summer Employment Opportunities Program

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievements in collaboration with members of the Ontario Public Service (OPS) invites Black-identifying students in grades 10 - 12 to register and attend the 2023 Ontario Public Service's [Summer Employment Opportunities](#) information session on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 6:00-7:30 PM**.

This information session will introduce students to summer jobs available to Ontario students aged 15+ (no maximum age limit) including employment opportunities across 17 career fields and 74 job roles that provide thousands of positions for students across the province.

Students who attend will be provided with:

Tips on applying to OPS 2023 Summer Employment Opportunities Program

Interviewing tips

Post- Interview activities tips

Question & Answer

Eligibility:

Must be 15 years as of first day of employment (no age maximum)

Must be a secondary or postsecondary student

Must be a resident of Ontario during the term of employment

Eligible to work in Canada

Must have a Social Insurance Number (SIN) upon hire

Ontario Public Service (OPS) Summer Employment Opportunities Program Information Session:

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023

Time: 6.00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Information Registration: <https://forms.gle/YYVaVqrwkQpzDCi9A>

Registration for the information session can be located [here](#) .We appreciate your support in connecting Black-identifying students with this opportunity.

For additional information regarding this opportunity please connect directly with Kai Gordon (kai.gordon@tdsb.on.ca), Graduation Coach for Black Students.

SEE U of T Scarborough

The University of Toronto Scarborough Campus has an opportunity for your students who self-identify as Black and/or Indigenous to attend the University of Toronto Scarborough for the afternoon (approx. 12:30pm start time) every day of Semester 2. **There is an Updated deadline of January 27th to sign up.** Please direct this opportunity to the appropriate students and support staff. This opportunity is being directed towards your schools due to their proximity to the UofT Scarborough campus.

Please see the information below:

SEE U of T Scarborough planning is underway for Semester 2. We would like to open the application to **Grade 11 or 12 students who identify as Black or Indigenous.** Students will be travelling during lunch to attend the University of Toronto Scarborough for the afternoon (approx. 12:30pm start time) every day of Semester 2.

SEE U of T Scarborough - Support, Engage, Experience University of Toronto Scarborough

SEE U of T Scarborough is an access program and collaboration between the University of Toronto Scarborough (U of T Scarborough) and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) inspired by the See U of T pilot program. Opens an external site in a new window The aim of the program is to encourage students who come from communities historically underrepresented at U of T and post-secondary institutions to view post-secondary education as a viable destination.

See U of T Scarborough is a program for students to immerse themselves in university studies, leadership development, and campus life over two semesters, in Grade 11 and 12.

The following resources include a promotional poster and application form.

- [SEE U of T Scarborough Poster](#)
- [SEE U of T Scarborough application](#)

The Updated deadline to apply is January 27th, 2023.

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 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 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

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

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 TDSB's two overarching priorities. The 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.

To kick off African Heritage month at the TDSB, we are excited to extend an invitation to all students, staff, and the TDSB community to join us in marking this significant month with entertainment, and noteworthy speakers. Announcements about several educational opportunities that are being planned throughout the month of February and beyond will also be shared at the African Heritage Month Virtual Launch.

We'll be thrilled to have you join us! Details are noted below.

African Heritage Month Virtual Launch

Date: Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

Time: 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Zoom Webinar Link: To be shared in a future issue.

Should further information be required, please contact African Heritage Month Co-Chair, Randy Samuel
@ randy.samuel@tdsb.on.ca

Peter Paputsis (he/him)

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