

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
Jan 4th 2022



Good afternoon AYJ Community,

Happy New Year! We hope that 2022 brings an abundance of Health and Happiness to you and all of your families!

We jump into the new year in a place that we are all familiar with – Fully Remote Teaching and Learning. While we all acknowledge that being forced into a fully remote learning mode is not the best academic situation, we can be reassured a little that each time we shift into this world we are a bit better prepared for it.

That being said, the TDSB and AYJ have spent the last few days trying to get things aligned for this temporary return to our new reality.

We will try to share some broad stroke processes in this message and leave some of the minute details to be worked out at other levels.

Online links

Starting tomorrow morning – **Wednesday, January 5th** ALL classroom content will occur via an online platform. Each specific teacher has been asked to reach out to all of their student and family contacts to share with them their unique online links.

Students who have not yet heard from their teachers are asked to connect with them directly prior to tomorrow morning's start.

Schedule

We will be continuing our pre-established **Week One/Week Two**, morning and afternoon schedule.

This week (Wed Jan 5th to Fri Jan 7th):

Week TWO Classes

9:00am to 11:30am	Regular Morning Class
11:30am to 12:15pm	LUNCH
12:15pm to 2:45pm	Regular Afternoon Class

Next week (Mon Jan 12th to Fri Jan 14th):

Week ONE Classes

9:00am to 11:30am Regular Morning Class

11:30am to 12:15pm LUNCH

12:15pm to 2:45pm Regular Afternoon Class

We will await further direction for platform information for the school dates beginning Mon Jan 17th.

Attendance

Attendance will be taken daily as per our usual in-person timelines.

Cameras ON (please – whenever possible)

Students are encouraged to keep their cameras (if their devices have them) **turned ON** and their microphones on mute (until they are asked to unmute to share a comment or question). We hope seeing as many of us together online will help create a more inclusive classroom environment.

Device/Internet Needs

We do not have an active supply of laptops/chromebooks on hand to address any immediate needs, but we will address any identified need that comes up to the best of our ability. Likewise, if there are any wifi/connectivity issues, please let us know as soon as possible. **Please email Principal Paputsis directly** for any of these requests.

Semester Two Learning Platform Switches

Earlier in December, families were given the opportunity to select their learning platform preferences for semester two. This decision window closed a short time afterwards. The recent uptick in COVID cases has changed the original context in which these decisions were initially made and as such the TDSB Central Team should have shared with the full TDSB community, that this decision window has **REOPENED** and families are able to update their choice until Friday, January 7th. Please check your inboxes for this information.

We hope that the transition to this fully remote setting runs smoothly and our staff is here for our community to ensure that this is the case.

Have a great evening and we will see everyone online in the morning,

Peter Paputsis
Principal
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See the light . . . BE the light!
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