

# A. Y. Jackson

News Update  
Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 2022



Good afternoon AYJ Community,

It was great “Getting Back to Business” this week after the latest turbulent labour unrest.

As is the norm, we share with you on this final Friday of November some of the latest news and items from A Y Jackson SS.

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 \(as of Oct 7th\).pdf](#)

### **Men of AYJ - Mo'vember FUNdraiser \*FINAL Week to DONATE\***

The Men of AYJ are coming together to raise awareness and funds in support of the Movember Men's Health efforts.

Mo'vember is the leading charity changing the face of men's health, and this Mo'vember The Men of AYJ will be joining them. Together we can make a difference for men's health – in prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. Help us stop men dying too young.

Throughout the month of November, the Men of AYJ will allow their moustaches and beards grow wildly. At the end of the month there will be an opportunity for lucky lottery winners to design the facial palette of their chosen member of the group to wear and display until the end of the following day.

Please support the cause by making a donation today at:

<https://movember.com/t/men-of-ayj?mc=1>

[Men of AYJ 2022.jpg](#)

### **Holiday Hampers**

Each year it has become a tradition that the classes/students/staff at AYJ partner with our local Toronto Police Services Division(s) to support the immediate families in our community with our Holiday Hampers gift and food drive.

Our local TPS partners have identified a group families from our community who would benefit from a little extra this holiday season to provide some much needed necessities and joy.

Each family is described with their family dynamic and some needs and is designated by their family number.

We have grouped our classes/rooms by proximity and listed the teachers that teach from those areas to create pools of classes/students/staff.

Each of these groupings are then assigned a family number to collect for.

Donations of age and gender specific (according to the family profiles) holiday gifts are definitely most welcome.

Those who wish to make cash donations for the purchase of grocery store gift cards can donate through SchoolCashOnline using the link below:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/148685/153/False/True>

An interesting local offer:

Galati supermarket (in the Tim Horton's plaza on Leslie St, just south of McNicholl/Cummer Ave) has their Black Friday sale - today only.

With each purchase, it is possible to purchase a \$10 gift card and receive an additional \$10 one for free. If any interested staff or any of our families shopped there today, the gift cards could be donated to the families that AYJ is supporting for the Holiday Hampers.

This year's pick up/delivery date is set for **Thurs Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Your consideration in supporting this worthy cause is much appreciated.

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### **AYJ Music Night – Thurs Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**

AYJ's December Music Night will be taking place on Thursday, December 1st at 7:30 pm in the AYJ Cafetorium. This concert will showcase a variety of co-curricular ensembles including band, string and vocal groups. Tickets are now available on School Cash for \$7 at this link:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/146830/153/False/True>

**Keisha's Korner:**

**(All the latest from AYJ's Graduation Coach for Black Students)**

**The University Pathway Program (UPP)**

There is an in-person information session to discuss the University Pathway Program offered by Tri-Business school.

The University Pathway Program (UPP) is a collaborative Tri-Business school initiative between three of the top Canadian business schools; Schulich, Smith and Ivey business schools. The goal of the program is to support Black student enrolment and attendance at Canadian post-secondary institutions. Although the program is intended to prepare Black high school students in Toronto for an academic and career path into business, we also empower students enrolled in the program to choose a career path that they are passionate about. Throughout this program students will learn about the various career and academic pathways available to them through mentorship, have access to transitional support into post-secondary and will have opportunities to engage in experiential learning throughout the summers on all three of our campuses. This program will support students' short- and long-term goals, through educational and financial resources that are tailored to meet their needs. Currently, UPP is recruiting Black high school students in Grade 11.

Date: November 29, 2022

Time:11:00 am

Room: Conference Room

Lunch will be provided for those that register.

<https://forms.gle/hZWazbbcAwXLDT6z9>

**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](#) Together we can close the achievement gap!

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### **Important Upcoming Dates**

#### **Monday, November 28<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, November 29<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**)

**Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**      **AYJ Mo'vember Assembly** – period 2 for classes that signed up  
-Regular Day Schedule

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**      **AYJ Late Start Schedule** – classes begin at 9:55am

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**      **Grade 8 School Information Evening (Open House)**  
6:30pm to 8:30pm  
[AYJ-Grade 8 Info Night](#)

**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**      **AYJ Music Night** – see info above

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**      **AYJ Late Start Schedule** – classes begin at 9:55am

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**      **Holiday Hampers Pick-up/Distribution** – see info above

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**      **AYJ Late Start Schedule** – classes begin at 9:55am

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**      **Final Day of Classes for 2022** – school closed Dec 24<sup>th</sup> to Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**      **First Day of Classes for 2023**

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

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### **November is Indigenous Education Month**

November is Indigenous Education Month at the Toronto District School Board. This month is an important reminder to centre First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspectives, voices, histories, and contemporary realities in classrooms across the TDSB. It is an opportunity to learn about treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, resurgence, survivance, and creativity.

Truth and Reconciliation is a guiding principle at TDSB. Throughout November, students, staff, and community members honour a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn together about our shared history, and to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples. Treaties Recognition Week is the first full week of November, November 7th-11th. November 7 is International Inuit Day. November 8 is National Indigenous Veterans Day. November 16 is Louis Riel Day in Ontario. The [attached poster](#) has a link to resource documents to support student and staff learning.

The Urban Indigenous Education Centre will be hosting a number of events to support students and staff to learn from Indigenous people. Guests will include Elder Dr. Duke Redbird, Maurice Switzer, Ange Loft; Traditional Knowledge Practitioner Clayton Shirt, Dr. Susan Dion; Inuk Elder Elder Naulaq LeDrew with Angela Aula; and Alyssa and Conlin Delbaere-Sawchuk. Please enrol for these events on myPATH.