

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
Oct 28th 2022



Happy Friday AYJ Community!

As we come to the end of October and jump into November next week, there are a number of school events and activities planned that will keep us busy. A number of these items are described and listed below.

Also 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](#)

(please click the above link to find a list of our staff and their most updated assignments)

Hallowe'en Expectations

Each year we encourage staff and students to show their school spirit and participate in our Hallowe'en festivities at the school. We want to make sure however that everyone is enjoying themselves in a safe (both physically & emotionally) and responsible manner. This is a reminder that certain costumes are viewed as offensive, inappropriate and/or discriminatory to many different cultures/peoples, and as a result can cause harm to members of that community and the TDSB community.

We should also be cognizant of these school and board expectations:

Cultures are NOT Costumes – To support safe, welcoming, and dynamic learning spaces, our AYJ Community has been asked to refrain from any costume which would depict cultural appropriation, stereotypes, and caricature.

All community members must remain identifiable through the types of costumes they choose to wear i.e. discouraging costumes that obscure a student's physical identity.

Costumes must NOT include accessories that can be construed as a weapon or a weapon replica (i.e. soft-air rifles, plastic knives/swords, etc)

Our school community is reminded that it is important to be aware of the potential negative and triggering impact violent images and/or scenarios can have on students and families with varying lived experiences and backgrounds.

Men of AYJ - Mo'vember FUNdraiser

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](#)

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKTWD) is taking place on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. Take Our Kids to Work Day is an experiential learning opportunity for Grade 9 students across Canada offering them the chance to see the world of work firsthand, explore a variety of careers and sectors, and look at what skills are important to thrive in the world of work.

Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to job shadow a parent/guardian, or another adult approved by their parent/guardian, on November 2nd.

Parents/guardians please complete the [attached form](#) indicating that your grade 9 child is participating in TOKTWD and will be absent from school on Wednesday, November 2nd.

For students who choose to stay at school on TOKTWD, Grade 9 teachers will use this day to explore the Education and Career/Life Planning sections of their curriculum to guide lessons that day.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms Breeze at the number below:

Tara Breeze (she/her)

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AYJ Graduation Photo Week Nov 7th – 11th

From Monday, November 7th to Friday, November 11th AYJ potential graduates (mostly Gr 12 students) will have an opportunity to take their Graduation Photo. These photos will be added to the Graduates Section of the yearbook and will be compiled for a Graduating Class composite photo for all that are photographed.

The sit fee is \$35.00 and includes a set of proofs and a copy of the graduation composite at the end of the year (distributed at our Grad ceremony in June). Any student who does not sit for Grad pics will not receive the composite at the end of the year.

Students sign up directly with the company.

All information has been posted in the Guidance grade 12 Google Folder since Oct 19th.

[09-Grad Composite Notice - AYJackson](#)

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

JOB ID: N9001 GRAD ID: nGYjzmk7

TDSB Student Census - Fall 2022

November is [Student Census](#) month at the TDSB!

The Student Census is a confidential and voluntary survey that asks students important questions about their identities and school experiences and is an opportunity to honour students' voices. Census data has provided schools, parents and the community with valuable information to help improve schools for the benefit of all students.

- Parents/guardians/caregivers of students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will receive a link via email to complete the Census online on behalf of their child.
- Parents/caregivers with children in a Developmental Disability (DD) or Mild Intellectual Disability (MID) program will receive a link via email to complete the Census - in whole or in part - on behalf of their child.
- Students in Grades 4 to 12 will receive a survey link via email to complete the Census themselves online during class time.

Parents/guardians/caregivers will receive more information about the Student Census on **November 1** from the address TDSBStudentCensus@qemailserver.com. Please watch for this email.

For more information, please watch this short [video](#) and visit the [Student Census website](#).

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, October 31st

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

Tuesday, November 1st

Day 1 Regular Day Schedule

***NOTE consecutive Day ONE schedules**

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**)

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| Wednesday, November 2nd | Take Your Kids to Work Day
-grade 9 initiative (see above) |
| Mon Nov 7th to Fri Nov 11th | Grad Photo Week
-for our grads, by appointment |
| *Wednesday, November 16th | School (Parent Council) Initial Virtual Meeting at 6:00pm
(Zoom link and pre-reg info will follow)
-stay tuned for a potential change of date |
| Friday, November 18th | TDSB Professional Activity Day , NO CLASSES |
| Wednesday, November 23rd | AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 9:55am |
| Wednesday, November 30th | AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 9:55am |
| Wednesday, November 30th | Grade 8 School Information Evening (Open House)
(Zoom link and pre-reg info will follow) |

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.

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