

# A. Y. Jackson

News Update  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 2022



Happy Friday AYJ Community,

As mentioned last week, our additional staffing was approved and **NOW** is in place, so **EVERY ONE** of our AYJ classes fall within the contractually obligated size limits well in advance of our Oct 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Thanks to all of our staff, students and families for your continued patience as we worked through that process.

## **School Activity Fee for 2022-2023**

In consultation with the AY Jackson School (Parent) Council, a student activity fee was confirmed. As per previous years, students are expected to pay a student activity fee of \$40.00 that will enable them to obtain a yearbook, a student activity (library) card and a student planner (for those who wish to use one).

All grade nine students and those students who are new to AY Jackson will be issued a Dudley high security lock which has proven quite successful in minimizing or preventing locker break-ins. Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 may continue to use the Dudley lock they had last year, or purchase a new one from the Main Office. The use of a Dudley lock is mandatory. Our school is used not only during the school day, but also during the evenings and the weekends, throughout the year making locker security a priority.

Of you haven't already done so, we ask that families go to SchoolCashOnline and complete this transaction. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about this important school task.

## **Parent-Teacher Virtual Interview Afternoon/Evening – Thurs Oct 20<sup>th</sup>**

We have confirmed the date for **our Semester One Parent Teacher Virtual Interviews**. Please hold the date of **Thursday, October 20th** with an afternoon interview session from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and an evening session from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

To accommodate student learning on **October 20<sup>th</sup>** we will be following the schedule listed below:

### **Day 2 Early Dismissal Schedule**

9:00am to 9:35am      Day 2/Period 1

9:40am to 10:10am    Day 2/Period 2

10:15am to 10:45am   Day 2/Period 3

- 10:50am to 11:20am     Day 2/Period 4
- 11:20am                     Classes Dismissed for the day
- 2:00pm to 4:00pm     Afternoon Parent-Teacher Virtual Interviews (by pre-booked appointment)
- 6:00pm to 8:00pm     Evening Parent-Teacher Virtual Interviews (by pre-booked appointment)

Interview bookings will be completed via a third party vendor (details will follow) and teacher specific Zoom links will be shared for those on the interview list.

This process will be **open** for all to book on **Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** and will **close** on **Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm**.

**Instructions:**

1. Prepare a list with the names of each teacher(see assignment list/link below) you would like to meet
2. Go to the A. Y. Jackson scheduling website at <https://parentinterview.com/s/ayj>
3. Enter your child's 9-digit student number and click "Sign In"
4. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
5. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
6. Click on "Available" for a time at which you wish to meet with that teacher
7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to see
8. Click on "My Schedule" (top left of the page)
9. Print out, email or copy down your schedule

[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)

**Grade 9 Curriculum Night**

We would like to thank all grade 9 families that attended our virtual grade 9 curriculum night.

[Here](#) is the presentation put together by our team of Assistant Curriculum Leaders.

Here are the [departmental videos](#).

If you have any questions or to share feedback feel free to use this link: <https://forms.gle/zE5W3FFcML2pG4Z4A>

### Initial AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Mtg – Wed Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

We will be holding our initial **AYJ School (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting** on **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** 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/A18BL8eubgg2agrR6>

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/96742495544>

Below is a list of **last year's Parent Council Executive**. We will look to nominate/confirm our 2022-2023 Executive slate at our initial virtual meeting. If you wish to be a part of the executive, please include that information on the previously listed google form. If you need to step down from a past position, please let me know via email,

	Parent Name		Exec
	First Name	Surname	Pos
1	Jianfen (Jenny)	Zeng	Co-Chair
2	Jennifer	Gillick	Co-Chair
3	Eric	Su	Treasurer
4	Dava	Slater	Secretary
5	Abhay	Kumar	Co-Sec/Co-Treas
6	Terence	Philips	Community Rep

7	Laksavi	Rajakumar	Student Rep
8	Brad	Barker	Teacher Rep
9	Tara	Breeze	Teacher Rep
10	Michelle	Pagniello	Non Teacher Rep
11	Rana	Al Kassem	Parent Rep
12	James	Bland	Parent Rep
13	Anna	Dobrescu	Parent Rep
14	Sima	Ghodrati	Parent Rep
15	Brigitte	Lee	Parent Rep
16	Jessica	Li	Parent Rep
17	Lisa	Li	Parent Rep
18	Grace	Liu	Parent Rep
19	Humaira	Mahboob	Parent Rep
20	Elsie	Mandadakis	Parent Rep
21	Kaiyun	Miao	Parent Rep
22	Vinaya	Pai	Parent Rep
23	Phouvieng	Sackda	Parent Rep
24	Katherine	Whang	Parent Rep
25	Mingxia	Zhang	Parent Rep
26	Amanda	Zheng	Parent Rep

We look forward to connecting with all interested parties next week,

### **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 will need to submit an excused absence for students who will be participating in TOKTWD with them. Schools can apply a G code if a pupil is participating in TOKTWD.

For students who choose to stay at school on TOKTWD, Grade 9 teachers will be encouraged to use this day to explore the Education and Career/Life Planning (or Career Education, Cooperative Education and Other Forms of Experiential Learning) sections of their curriculum to guide lessons that day.

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

**Tuesday, October 11<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 **LUNCH**  
Per 3 12:40pm to 1:55pm Course 3  
Per 4 2:00pm to 3:15pm Course 4

**Wednesday, October 12<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 **LUNCH**  
Per 3 12:40pm to 1:55pm Course 4  
Per 4 2:00pm to 3:15pm Course 3

\*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**)

**Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Thanksgiving Day Holiday – School CLOSED, NO CLASSES**

**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Parent Teacher VIRTUAL Interview Afternoon/Evening**

**BOOKING WINDOW OPENS at 9:00am** (Limited spaces available)

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**School (Parent Council) Initial Virtual Meeting at 6:00pm**

(Zoom link and pre-reg info will follow)

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**      **Parent Teacher VIRTUAL Interview Afternoon/Evening**  
**BOOKING WINDOW CLOSES at 12:00pm** (Limited spaces available)

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**      **AYJ Late Start Schedule** – classes begin at 9:55am

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**      **Parent Teacher VIRTUAL Interview Afternoon/Evening**  
-early dismissal schedule (see above)  
-online interviews, 2pm to 4pm AND 6pm to 8pm  
-prebooked appts only

**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**      **AYJ Late Start Schedule** – classes begin at 9:55am

**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**      **AYJ Semester ONE Credit Rescue Day** (by teacher invite)  
– **RESCUE** classes begin at 9:55am  
-**ALL** other students will work Asynchronously from **HOME**

That's all for now AYJ,

Have a great LONG weekend!

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Principal  
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### Islamic Heritage Month at the TDSB – October 2022

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) proudly recognizes Islamic Heritage Month (IHM) during the month of October. This recognition follows the motion passed by the Board of Trustees on June 22, 2016. Our main theme for the month is **Reflect. Celebrate. Learn.**

Islamic Heritage Month has been recognized across Canada in different ways since October 2007. In November 2016, the Province of Ontario established October as Islamic History Month through the Islamic Heritage Month Act, and further stated that “proclaiming a month to be Islamic Heritage Month in Ontario will provide all Ontarians, both today and in future generations, with an opportunity to reflect, celebrate, and learn about the rich and longstanding Islamic history in the Province and the diverse roles and contributions of Muslim people in communities across Ontario.

This new understanding will in turn help combat anti-Islamic sentiment."  
(Link: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16i20>)

The TDSB IHM Volunteer Planning Committee initiated the creation of a [poster](#) which will be shared with all schools in TDSB (currently posted on [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)). The 2022 IHM poster highlights some of the important contributions that Muslims have made to the world throughout history. The poster includes an image of an Astrolabe, which was used to tell time, calculate the sunset and sunrise, and helped individuals to navigate on land and sea.

The [TDSB Islamic Heritage Month Resource Guidebook \(2021\)](#) was updated last year and continues to be an important resource in relation to teaching and learning about Muslim identities. For support in using this resource, please click [here](#).

During the month of October several Islamic Heritage Month events are being organized for students and staff. Preparations are underway to invite all middle and secondary school students to a virtual event with Uzma Jalaluddin, author of *Ayesha at Last* and *Hana Khan Carries On*. Also forthcoming is an invitation for all staff to a virtual presentation with Dr. Nadeem Memon, Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Islamic Thought and Education (CITE) at the University of South Australia and author of several publications including *A History of Islamic Schooling in North America: Mapping Growth and Evolution* (Routledge, 2020). Additionally, all staff will be invited to a virtual presentation by author Noor Yusuf who is based in the United Kingdom. Further, we are delighted that an invitation to all educators will be extended shortly to attend an evening gallery tour of the Aga Khan Museum to learn from their exceptional exhibits.

Please follow us on Twitter: @tdsb\_ihm

### **Somali Heritage Month at the TDSB - October 2022**

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) - proudly recognizes Somali Heritage Month during the month of October. The TDSB has been celebrating Somali Heritage Month since June 2016, and we continue to expand on the selected theme **Educate. Elevate. Excel.**

In October 2020, the Government of Ontario proclaimed Somali Heritage Week Act, 2020 which will take place on June 25 through July 1.

*"By proclaiming the week of June 25 through July 1 as Somali Heritage Week, the Province of Ontario recognizes the economic, political, social and cultural achievements and contributions of Somali Canadians in all aspects of Ontario society. Like many refugees and immigrants who have made Ontario their home, Somali Canadians are proud to be part of diverse communities across the province."*

The poster reference below is being shared with all TDSB schools and sites. Presenters will be addressing students and staff on topics related to the Somali heritage during the month of October to mark Somali Heritage Month.

Students from Grades 4 to 12 are invited to participate in the Creative Writing Submission (deadline October 21, 2022) (Link for additional information: <http://tdsbwebapp/directline/searchResultDisplay.asp?DirectlineID=262435>). Further, students are also invited to participate in a Bookmark Image Challenge (information will be shared shortly).

Please visit the Heritage/History Month website ( <http://tdsbweb.tdsb.on.ca/equity/Heritage-History-Months/2022-2023/Somali-Heritage-Month-at-the-TDSB-October-2022> ) for the following:

Please follow us on Twitter: SomaliHM@TDSB