

A. Y. Jackson

News Update
Oct 21st 2022



Happy Friday AYJ Community,

It was great to see so many of you logging in with our teaching staff at last night's Parent-Teacher Interview Afternoon/Evening! We had 562 parent/guardians successfully make connections with our teachers! That is an amazing outreach! If for any reason, you were not able to connect with one or more of your child's teachers, please reach out them via email/phone call and schedule something that is mutually amenable.

[AYJ Staff List and Assignments \(as of Oct 7th\).pdf](#)

Please see some notes below regarding the latest from AYJ!

Credit Rescue Day – Wed Oct 26th 9:55am to 3:15pm

We have had a will be a very busy month of October which included last night's Parent-Teacher Interviews. A topic of discussion in many of those interviews centred on our upcoming Credit Rescue Day at A Y Jackson SS.

As we approach the Mid Term (and hence mid term report cards), students will be given the opportunity to salvage missed assignments and evaluations during our Sem 1/Term 1 Credit Rescue Day scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th from 9:55am to 3:15pm (note the late start schedule).

On this Credit Rescue Days, **ONLY** students invited to participate by their teachers will be expected to attend school on these days. Students **NOT** engaged in Credit Rescue Activities will be assigned Asynchronous/Independent work that can be completed while they are at home. Students will need to log in to their BrightSpace Classrooms from home during their regularly assigned class times to be marked present for those days. Teachers will be sending out invites to students/families in the days preceding the Credit Rescue Day.

Please also note that even though there will be a break during the lunch period for students and staff, the Cafeteria Services will be closed. We will be making a pizza order for the number of students we anticipate during the day, however those resources will be limited.

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

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:

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416-395-3140 ex. 20043

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, October 24th

Day 2 Regular Day Schedule

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

Tuesday, October 25th

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

*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**)

Wednesday, October 26th

AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 9:55am

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AYJ Semester ONE Credit Rescue Day (by teacher invite)
– **RESCUE** classes begin at 9:55am
-**ALL** other students will work Asynchronously from **HOME**

Monday, October 31st

Day 1 Regular Day Schedule

Tuesday, November 1st

Day 1 Regular Day Schedule

***NOTE consecutive Day ONE schedules**

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)

Friday, November 18th

TDSB Professional Activity Day, NO CLASSES

Wednesday, November 23rd

AYJ Late Start Schedule – classes begin at 9:55am

Wednesday, November 30th

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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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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). 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:

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