

A Y Jackson Secondary School

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GRADE RANGE: 10 to 12

Interesting Feature

2012-2013 Features

Advanced Placement courses are offered in Grade 12 Economics, Calculus & Vectors, Biology and Physics.

Enriched Programs in Visual Arts, Math, Computer Studies, and Physics are available for interested students.

International Language programming is available in French, Japanese, Latin and Spanish.

The Arts Department offers the World Music Program, Dance, Drama, Photography and Film.

A. Y. Jackson's Mission Statement

At A. Y. Jackson Secondary School we develop our students into informed, literate, decision-makers who become well-rounded and caring global citizens. We achieve this through dedicated delivery of varied programming with an emphasis on excellence in the classroom and beyond. A full range of academic, co-curricular, extra-curricular and support programs is offered to meet the needs, interests, skills and strengths of our school's diverse student population.

Results Oriented

Each semester more than 350 students achieve a place on our Honour Roll, with an average of 80% or higher. Most students study mathematics and science, and more than half of the school's 1085 students participate in visual arts,

dramatic arts, musical groups and sports. A. Y. Jackson has a rich tradition of extra-curricular involvement and community service which complements the classroom learning experience. Our students are well-prepared to continue their studies in university and/or college.





Mathematics and Science Programs

Many of our students excel in provincial, national and international competitions, consistently placing in the top ten percent. We offer a diverse range of courses at the applied, academic, enriched and advance placement levels thus meeting our students' needs in all pathways.



Health and Physical Education and Athletics

Our program emphasizes participation in a variety of enjoyable physical activities that promote lifelong healthy active living. Students have the option of participating in intermural programs or trying out for one of our team sports which include badminton, soccer, volleyball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, ultimate frisbee, swimming, track and cross country.



Specialist High Skills Major

The Biotechnology SHSM is a ministry-approved program that allows students to focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the OSSD. Students will complete a career-specific practicum. Completion of the SHSM requirements results in the award of a Red Seal Designation on your OSSD. (<http://shsm.ayjscience.ca>)



New to Canada? New to English?

We welcome students from all over the world, offering extensive support programs for students who are new to Canada. In addition to our full English as a Second Language program, we offer support classes in Science, History, Drama, Civics & Careers, General Learning Strategies, and Family Studies. We also host a Newcomer Orientation Program for students & families.



Additional Features

- Range of Interdisciplinary Courses
- Credit Recovery and Credit Rescue
- CICS/Settlement Workers
- Continuous Intake Coop Education
- Extensive Resource Support Program



Student Life - Where You Belong

There are so many opportunities for students to get involved in school life at Jackson...there is something for everyone! Students can participate in a range of school teams, intramural teams, and fitness centre activities. Those interested in social and world issues can join Equisty, Model United Nations, Green Council, Jackson Pride, or SAT. Students who enjoy helping others can get involved in our peer tutoring, peer mentoring, student ambassador, and newcomer orientation activities. Students who like to sing, dance, act, or play music can join one of our more than twenty performing groups and share their talents with the school and community. Student groups also meet to further their shared hobbies and interests such as chess, computers, film & video, anime, books, robotics, and breakdancing. Students who wish to develop their leadership skills in the school may join one of the following active councils: Athletic, Art, Drama, Business, Music, and Student Activity. A. Y. Jackson students lead the production of the school newspaper, website, and magazine publications.



What Sets Us Apart

A. Y. Jackson has its own swimming pool whose facilities are widely used by the swim team, lifeguard club, and physical education classes, as well as by several community groups. We are proud of our school's environmental commitment and our Eco-Schools Gold Level Certification. Our school hosts the International Languages Elementary Program for Mandarin, designed to give students the opportunity to learn additional languages. A.Y. Jackson is pleased to have such a dedicated and caring staff...our teachers and support staff are awesome!





Parent and Community Engagement

Parents are encouraged to seek information and give input by attending School Council Meetings and Ward Meetings. We also host the following evenings for parents: Parent-Teacher Conferences, Newcomer Night, Course Selection Information Sessions, College/University Night, and Feeder School Evenings. Some parents get involved as library, field trip, or classroom volunteers, which is always appreciated. We also value the working relationship between home, school, and student; we try to involve parents in decision-making and provide regular updates on their child and school events. Parents and community members are always invited to our many musical productions, dramatic performances, sports games, and art displays. Community partnerships with colleges, universities, graduates, and local businesses enhance the cooperative education, career fair, and job fair experience for students.



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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