

# Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

September 15, 2023

## Timetable

<b>Homeroom</b>	<b>8:30 – 8:35 a.m.</b>
1	<b>8:35 – 9:50 a.m.</b>
2	<b>9:55 – 11:10 a.m.</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>11:10 – 12:20 p.m.</b>
3	<b>12:25 – 1:40 p.m.</b>
4	<b>1:45 – 3:00 p.m.</b>

## Student Council

The SPC card is available on [www.SchoolCashOnline.com](http://www.SchoolCashOnline.com) for \$12.00 plus tax. Students can get a 10-15% discount at most retail stores, restaurants, and more using their SPC card.

## Denison Terry Fox Run



Our Terry Fox Run is happening Wednesday, September 27, 2023, Period 3. Students will have the option between walking or running around the track with their grade. Our goal as a school is \$3,000.00.

### How can I donate and get involved?

To raise money there are two options - online submissions through the Terry Fox website or cash/cheques that students can hand-in to their homeroom teachers.

### School Terry Fox Page

Link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/DrJMDenisonSSNewmarket>

## Important Dates

Sept. 18: Photo Day  
 Sept. 19: School Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Library  
 Sept. 15-17: Rosh Hashanah  
 Sept. 25: Yom Kippur  
 Sept. 26-30: Safety Week  
 Sept. 27: Terry Fox Run  
 Sept. 29: Truth & Reconciliation Day / Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 30)  
 Oct. 9: Thanksgiving Day  
 Oct. 26: Teacher Interview Night

## School Contact Information

### Principal

Alex Corry

### Vice-Principals

Elissa D'Souza  
 Deborah Austring

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 Newmarket, ON, L3Y 8J7  
 (905)836-0021

<http://denison.ss.yrdsb.ca/>

### Superintendent

Farooq Shabbar

### Trustee Name

Carolyn Butterworth  
 Pamela McCarthy

## Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements & Calendar](#)

## Husky Athletics

The Denison Athletics Department is excited to announce that there are nine sport teams running this fall.

Games start on Thursday, September 21, 2023. Check <http://www.yraa.com/src/> for schedules.

- Cross Country
- Boys Varsity Soccer
- Jr. Boys Volleyball
- Sr. Boys Volleyball
- Varsity Girls Basketball
- Girls Field Hockey
- Jr. Boys Rugby 7's
- Sr. Boys Rugby 7's
- Sr. Girls Rugby 7's

## Safety Week

### September 25 - 29

The York Region District School Board's priority is to provide and maintain safe and healthy environments for all students and staff. Each year safety week provides an opportunity to practice proper safety protocols and draw attention to our roles in providing a safe learning and working environment. This year Safety Week is scheduled from Monday, September 25th to 29th. During this week we will have three drills which include a fire drill, a hold & secure drill and a lock down drill.

## Spain and France Trip

Any students in Grades 10-12 who are interested in the Study Tour to Spain and France from March 26-April 5, 2024 MUST come to a mandatory lunch meeting Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in Room 221 at 11:15 a.m.

## Attendance

Parent(s)/guardian(s) and students aged 18 must report all absences, late arrivals and/or changes to departure plans to the school in a timely manner. Where possible, notify the school in advance by phone 905-836-0021 or by email [dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca)

## Night School Credit Courses

2023-2024 Night School Credit Classes

### Semester One – Fall 2023

October 5, 2023 to February 1, 2024

### Semester Two – Winter 2024

February 15, 2024 to June 6, 2024

[Night School - Courses Offered](#)

## Club Announcements

### Denison Fitness Club

Starts: Monday, September 18  
Time: 3:10 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.  
Cost: Free

Students can work out in the fitness room every day Monday, through Friday after school. All members must complete a participation form on Cash Online but there is no cost. However, prior to this, each student must have paid their one-time only \$25.00 Activity Fee which also can be found on Cash Online. Please see Mr. Bisbee in the Phys. Ed Office if you have questions. Get Fit and Have Fun Denison!

**Math Club** will begin Tuesday, September 19 in Room 228 after school.

**Peace Club** is back Denison! Just a reminder that meetings are now held weekly on Friday in the Drama Room! Anyone interested is welcome to join! Can't wait to see you there.

**Crochet and Knitting Club** Friday in Room 203 at lunch. Come with a project or come to learn. No experience necessary.

**DECA!** A reminder that students trying out for Deca are to meet in Room 302 today at lunch.

**Stay tuned for more information on upcoming Clubs!**

# Destreamed Program Numeracy Tutorials

Students currently in grade 9 and 10 math courses are invited to attend math supports at lunch. All materials will be provided.

1. When: EVERY Wednesday, starting at 11:20 AM (approximately 30 minutes)
2. Where: Room 228 (bring your lunch/snack/water) with Ms. Rasu
3. Who: Students who would benefit from revisiting/relearning/reviewing prerequisite skills from grade 7, 8, 9.

## Message from Our Trustee

September 2023

Dear families,

It is our pleasure to welcome all new and returning families to school for the 2023-2024 school year. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and wish you a positive start to the new school year. We know it can be a time of transition for many, and are grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our school staff for all that they do to support students as they start the new school year, and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment in our schools.

The education of your children is a partnership, and we recognize that you are our most important partner when it comes to your child's education. As a family member, there are many ways you can engage in your child's learning, from speaking with your child about school and connecting with school staff to volunteering or becoming involved with the school council. You know your child best and we place great value on the relationship we have with families. We look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

As your school trustees, it is our role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees has many [responsibilities](#), including making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicating with the public. Please feel free to [contact us](#) if you have any questions or concerns, and we will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening in the board. You can also visit our [newsroom](#), listen to our [podcast](#) and connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the board.

This year, we are pleased to welcome our [new Director of Education Bill Cober](#), who took on the role on August 1 this year. He brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, a commitment to student achievement and well-being, and a strategic and collaborative approach.

Later in the year, we will be undertaking a comprehensive strategic plan review. One of our roles as a board is to set the [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) that establishes our priorities and guides our direction as a school board. We will be reviewing that plan this year, and engaging with communities is a priority for us. Your input will be important and we look forward to sharing more information with you on this in the future.

We wish you all a great start to the school year and a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Carolyn Butterworth  
Trustee, Georgina and East Gwillimbury

Pamela McCarthy  
Trustee, Newmarket



**REMINDER**

# IT'S PHOTO DAY

Monday,  
September 18, 2023



Questions? Please email us at: [custserv@brightpics.ca](mailto:custserv@brightpics.ca)



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

On behalf of your 2022 Executive, please join us for our first meeting of 2023-2024. We will gather in the Library at 7:00 p.m. If you enter by the front doors, use the main stairs to access the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and turn right.



By participating and/or attending School Council Meetings, you can learn about current events in the school and board. At the meeting(s) we will explore how you can contribute to the education of Denison’s students through partnership with the school and board.

During September’s Council Meeting, we will facilitate a report from the students, staff and administration on recent and future initiatives in the school. **Also**, we will review the structure and function of School Councils and seek nominations to fill the roles of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasure, Community Member and Executive.

Agenda	
7:00	Land Acknowledgment
7:05	Welcome and Introductions
7:10	Student Council Report
7:15	Teacher Report
7:20	Admin Report

CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND

# Pow Wow 2023

**BSKAABIY AAN**  
*Returning to Self*

**SEPTEMBER 23 & 24**

**Dance  
Specials!  
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**EMCEE - MEEGWANS SNAKE  
HOST DRUM - WHITETAIL CREE  
HEAD DANCERS- ASHLEY & SID MANESS  
ARENA DIRECTOR- ANIMIKEENCE PLAIN**

**SUNDAY SUNRISE CEREMONY + SUNDAY GIVEAWAY**

**REGISTRATION OPENS**

**11AM**

**GRAND ENTRY**

**12PM**

**SUTTON DISTRICT  
HIGH SCHOOL**

20798 Dalton Road,  
Georgina, ON

**CONTACT INFO**

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Find us on Facebook by searching  
"Georgina Island Pow Wow 2023"

**\$2 ADMISSION**

**THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT  
PLEASE NO PETS**

# YOUTH COMMUNITY ACTION

Get involved! Together, we will explore creative ways to contribute to and support our local non-profit organizations!

Open to youth  
ages 13-24

## What will you do?

- Explore the local non-profit organizations
- Organize and make plans to support organizations (eg. fundraising and food drives)
- Take action!



September 28 -  
November 30, 2023  
(every Thursday)



4:00pm - 5:30pm



## Why participate?

Discover the  
community's needs

Earn volunteer  
hours

Develop teamwork &  
leadership skills

Give back to the  
community



Welcome Centre - Newmarket  
16655 Yonge Street, Unit 26  
Newmarket, ON L3X 1V6  
Toll-free: 1-877-761-1155  
[www.welcomecentre.ca](http://www.welcomecentre.ca)

Priority for Permanent Residents, Convention Refugees, and CUAET

York Region Transit Routes:  
98 YONGE



Registration: [bit.ly/youthca](https://bit.ly/youthca)

For more information, please:

Email: [Evalyn.Mak@welcomecentre.ca](mailto:Evalyn.Mak@welcomecentre.ca) or Call 905-305-4109





# Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program

The York Region District School Board offers language learning to elementary students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 and language credit courses to secondary students in Grades 9 to 12.

## Elementary Language Classes

Elementary classes are extra-curricular language learning opportunities available in-person or remotely. Classes are 2.5 hours and take place once per week between Tuesday to Friday evenings (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) or Saturday mornings (9:30 AM to 12:00 PM).

Register by Monday, September 11, 2023 to attend the full language program in its entirety.

For more information about the elementary program, visit the ILIL [Elementary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



## Secondary Credit Program

Secondary credit courses take place online once per week for 3.7 hours. Courses run from September to June for the full program year, and take place on Wednesday evenings (5:45 PM to 9:25 PM) or Saturday mornings (8:45 AM to 12:25 PM).

Registration is now open until the third class.

For more updates and information about the secondary credit program, visit the ILIL [Secondary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



## Please Note:

- Courses offered are subject to enrolment and teacher availability.
- Stacked classes may be created based on registration numbers.
- Not all languages are offered at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Additional fees are required for international fee-paying visa students.

## Languages Offered:

Arabic  
Cantonese  
Dari  
Farsi  
Filipino  
German  
Greek  
Gujarati  
Hebrew  
Hindi  
Italian  
Japanese  
Korean  
Macedonian  
Mandarin (Simplified)  
Mandarin (Traditional)  
Punjabi  
Ojibwe  
Russian  
Sinhala  
Spanish  
Tamil  
Turkish  
Ukrainian  
Urdu  
Vietnamese  
Yoruba



# Report It

Our schools should be safe, welcoming and inclusive places for everyone. It is important that students know what to do if they witness or experience inappropriate behaviour or incidents of hate or discrimination.

- There may be situations when you can safely step in and intervene and help.
- Talk to an adult at school, family member or other trusted adult.
- Report the event without the person involved knowing using our online reporting tool, Report It.

Report It lets you share information about inappropriate student behaviour or incidents of hate or discrimination. You can use the online form to report:

- bullying, drugs, cheating, vandalism, harassment, violence or any other inappropriate behaviour
- incidents of discrimination or hate, including anti-Indigenous racism, ableism, anti-Asian racism, anti-Black racism, antisemitism, classism, homophobia, Islamophobia, sexism, transphobia or other forms of hate

You can report events that happen at school, at school-related events, online or off school property if it negatively affects a student or the school climate. You can also choose to make a report anonymously.

Complete reports are shared with the school to investigate and respond.

Acts of discrimination, hate and bullying are never acceptable. Using the Report It tool is a way of standing up for each other and for ourselves.

You can find Report It on the homepage of the Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and on the homepage of every school website.

## Mental Health Supports



### **DENISON'S CHAPTER**

#### **JACK.ORG**

<https://jack.org/covid>

<https://jack.org/Resources/Find-Support>

Although jack.org is an advocacy group and not a service provider, this page on their site contains links to a variety of different mental health support/information websites.

#### **BE THERE**

<https://bethere.org/Home>

<https://bethere.org/Be-There-in-a-Crisis>

#### **KIDS HELP PHONE**

<https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

#### **ANXIETY CANADA**

<https://www.anxietycanada.com/>

#### **CMHA**

<https://ontario.cmha.ca/>

<https://toronto.cmha.ca/youth-zone/>

#### **CRISIS SERVICES CANADA: 1-833-456-4566**

This hotline deals with crisis support and suicide prevention