

Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

September 25-29, 2023

Timetable

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

Student Council

We hope all students had a great and relaxing long weekend, seeing as we had our first P.A day of the year! We have a lot of fun events planned this week and we hope students will be excited to attend them. The first event is a Club Fair which will be on Thursday, September 28th during period 2 with grade 12 classes, followed by grade 9 classes, and in period 3 with grade 11 classes followed by grade 10 classes. We hope students are ready to explore the club fair and sign up for new clubs with their friends.



The second event taking place this week is the Terry Fox Run, Wednesday, September 27th during period 3. The class with the most donations gets a pancake breakfast. Last, but not least, the orange shoes for Orange Shirt Day will be distributed to period 1 teachers. Each student is encouraged to write positive affirmations and participate in the Truth and Reconciliation day.

We hope you all have a great week!

Linda Afolabi
Student Council Member

Important Dates

Sept. 25: Yom Kippur
 Sept. 26-30: Safety Week
 Sept. 27: Terry Fox Run
 Sept. 28: Club Fair
 Sept. 29: Truth & Reconciliation Day / Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 30)
 Oct. 9: Thanksgiving Day
 Oct. 17/18: Interim Reports
 Oct. 19: Recognition Assembly
 Oct. 26: Family/Teacher Interview Night

School Contact Information

Principal

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Vice-Principals

Elissa D'Souza
 Deborah Austring

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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 or the [School Calendar](#)

- 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, as part of our Emergency Preparedness planning, we will be running emergency drills which include a fire drill, a hold & secure drill, a lock down drill and a bomb threat drill.

Best Buddies



Denison Best Buddies is a social club that partners students with intellectual differences with mainstream students to garner friendships, build leadership opportunities and support the development of a more inclusive Denison. By making this purchase you will be supporting the opportunity for the Best Buddies to attend social gatherings such as Regional Best Buddies prom, engage in fun inschool events like dance parties, lunch time games and an end of the year celebration.

Thank you for supporting the Community Classes of Denison and making a difference!

Mmmmmm Donuts! Best Buddies will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts on [SchoolCashOnline](#) starting September 25th to October 19th. \$15.50 for 1 dozen or \$2.00 per donut.

Denison Terry Fox Run



Our Terry Fox Run is happening on

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>

Club Fair

September 28 – Per 2 & 3



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

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.

Guidance News

Grade 9 Classroom Visits

Guidance counsellors will visit period 1, grade 9 classes, next week to deliver a short information session on the role of Denison's Guidance department. During the classroom visits, students learn:

- Introduction to Guidance and Counsellor's
- Where the Guidance Office is
- How to make an appointment and access support
- The range of support services available, including academic, career and short-term personal counselling

Guidance counsellors will also review the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School diploma, including an overview of which activities are eligible for community involvement hours.

Grade 12 Class Visits

First Week of October – more information in next week's newsletter.

Post-secondary News

Ontario Universities' Fair (October 21 and 22)

Located at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from 9:30 AM to 5 PM on October 1 and 2, [this event](#) allows you to gather information and talk with representatives from Ontario universities.

Newmarket: Post-Secondary Fair (October 12)

Huron Heights Secondary School will be hosting a Post Secondary Fair on Thursday, October 13. Learn more about post-secondary programs, training opportunities, and admissions information.

Ontario College Information Fair (October 19 and 20)

Located at the Enercare Centre, find out about the different career options and which college programs are best for you from October 18 and 19. For more information, please visit the Ontario College Fair [website](#).

**** Denison Field Trip Opportunity: on October 19, listen to the School Announcements and School Cash online notifications for details ****

School Start-Up Forms

[Denison Homepage - School Startup Package 2023-2024](#)

We ask families to ensure the school office has the most up-to-date contact information. This is important in case of emergency situations. If your contact information has changed, please notify the school office.

Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with important school start-up forms to complete. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain important information and permissions. **The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>.** [Tips are available](#) if you need additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPS account to complete the forms.

Secondary school students can complete the secondary school student form at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>. They will also receive the link in their student GAPPS account. Elementary school students **do not** need to complete these student forms.

Please note:

- You **must be signed in to your child's student GAPPS account** to complete the form. Please remember to sign out of one account before signing into another. Additional information is available on the Board website on [how to login to the student account to complete the forms](#).
- If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school office.
- Parents/guardians must complete a separate form for each child attending school. Please ensure you log out of one student account before logging into another. You will not be able to submit the form twice logged into the same student account.



Aurora Public library will hold a College/University Fair on October 2 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. We have more than 40 institutions from different parts of the world participating this year.

The link of the event and list of participating institutions can be accessed here <https://aurora.bibliocommons.com/events/64dbac7f5a7c6130008c42c8>

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

Priority for Permanent Residents, Convention Refugees, and CUAET



Registration: bit.ly/youthca

For more information, please:

Email: Evalyn.Mak@welcomecentre.ca or Call 905-305-4109

York Region Transit Routes:
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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 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://cmha-yr.on.ca/>

<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