



Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

June 7, 2024

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.

June is Pride Month



Dr. J.M. Denison S.S., along with all YRDSB schools, is proud to have raised the Progressive Pride flag to kick off our Pride celebrations for the month of June, and mark that we are inclusive, safe and welcoming spaces for all!

On Monday, our GSA was excited to welcome students from our elementary feeder schools for some community building activities and a very fun morning.

There are several events and celebrations that will be happening this month, including being guests at the YRP We Belong Pride Breakfast, and a variety of York Pride events in the community.

HAPPY PRIDE!

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@DrDenisonSS

Relay for Life

Newmarket Today! [Article Link](#)

Important Dates

June: Pride Month
June 5: Prom
June 7: Denison Day
June 10: Arts Banquet
June 13: Athletic Banquet
June 14: Locker Cleanout
June 14: Gown/Ticket Distribution
June 17: Eid-ul-Adha
June 17: Last Regular Day Gr.12
June 18: Grade 12 – Period 1 Exams
June 18: Last Regular Day Gr. 9-11
June 19: All Grades – Period 2 Exams
June 20: All Grades – Period 3 Exams
June 21: All Grades – Period 4 Exams
June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 24: Gr. 9-11 – Period 1 Exams
June 25: Graduation
June 26: Exam Review Day

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Carolyn Butterworth
Pamela McCarthy

Message from Our Trustee

June 2024

It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of another school year. We hope that this has been a great school year for you and your child, and you continue to see evidence of your child's learning and engagement at school.

As a school board, there are several things we have been focused on in recent months that we want to update you on.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the [Multi-Year Strategic Plan consultations](#). The plan sets our priorities and direction as a school board. Your input will help ensure our plan reflects both the [priorities established by the Ministry of Education](#) and the community we serve. The revised plan will be announced in the fall and we look forward to sharing those updates.

We also want to thank everyone who shared their feedback in the **budget survey**. Again, we want to ensure that the community has voice in these important decisions. We are committed to transparency and you can find information about the [school board budget on the board website](#) that will continue to be updated.

This is an exciting time of year as schools host end-of-year events including concerts and graduations. We want to offer our sincere congratulations to all of our students on your hard work this year, and a special **congratulations to the graduating class of 2024**. This is an important milestone and a celebration of years of perseverance, commitment, growth and learning. Graduates should feel proud of all they have accomplished. We wish you all the very best for the future and hope you continue to cherish the memories you have made in this school.

We also want to acknowledge all of the many ways that you support your child's learning and our public education system as family members throughout the year, whether it's helping with homework, reading communications, making sure they're out the door on time or volunteering in the school. We recognize that this is a partnership and value the relationship with families.

As we wrap up the school year and look ahead to summer, we want to remind families:

- While report cards are shared online, families can request a printed copy through the school.
- The school board offers a number of **summer learning opportunities** for students in [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) school.
- You can also access links to [resources to support student learning](#) on the Board website to support summer learning.

We wish everyone a positive end to the school year and a safe, happy and enjoyable summer. We look forward to welcoming back returning students in the new school year.

Carolyn Butterworth, Trustee, Georgina and East Gwillimbury
Pamela McCarthy, Trustee, Newmarket

Graduation

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to the large size of our graduating class, seating will be limited to 2 tickets per graduating student. If you do not require both tickets, please call the school at (905)836-0021 or email dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca.

There are extra tickets available if you should require 1-2 more, you can call or email the office.

Gowns, tickets and instructions for the evening of Graduation will be distributed from the Main Office starting Friday, June 14.

On the night of Graduation, students should arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. and head straight to the Cafeteria, where they are to follow the instructions from the Marshalls on where to line up.

Students are encouraged to leave their personal items with family members.

The school Gymnasium will be open to families at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call or email the office at (905)836-0021 or email dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca

Locker Cleanout



Locker Clean-Out will take place next week on Friday, June 14th during Period 3. Remind your child to remove all their belongings from their locker by the end of the school day. Any materials left in the locker will be removed during the summer and/or donated to a local charity. The school locks are to be left on the lockers; they are not to be removed or taken home. Textbooks and classroom materials are to be returned to the appropriate teacher.

Exam Review Day – June 26

Modified Schedule

8:30-8:35	Homeroom
8:35-9:10	Period 1
9:15-9:50	Period 2
9:55-10:30	Period 3
10:35-11:10	Period 4

Library

All long term loaner Chromebooks and chargers need to be returned to the Library on the last day of classes or on the day of your last exam.

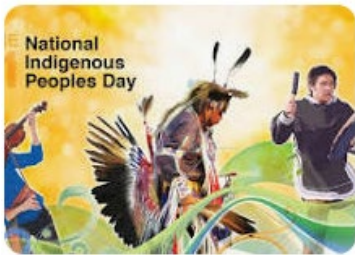
Secondary Credit Courses Indigenous Languages and International Languages – Program Registration

Secondary Credit Courses (Grades 9 to 12)

Registration will open mid-July and will close the 3rd week of class. Remote learning will be in real-time using Google Classroom to deliver both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities. A [flyer](#) with additional information is available. If you have any questions, please email ILIL@yrdsb.ca

Denison celebrates Indigenous People Month

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

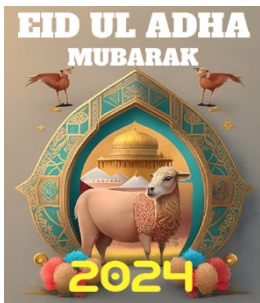


Friday, June 21, 2023

On June 21, for National Indigenous Peoples Day, we recognize and celebrate the history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis across Canada.

Eid-ul-Adha

Eid-ul-Adha is celebrated in Dhul Hijjah, the twelfth month of the Islamic calendar. This is known as a sacred month within the community, as it marks the month of Hajj or Pilgrimage, an important act of worship for Muslims where those who are able to travel to Mecca and perform the pilgrimage together.



Muslims in Canada will join Muslims throughout the world in celebrating the festival of Eid-ul-Adha (the festival of sacrifice, often called simply "Eid"). This major festival celebrates the supreme example of sacrifice and submission to God shown by Prophet Abraham.

The festival of Eid-ul-Adha commemorates the time, 4,000 years ago, when the Prophet Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son, at the command of God. This is held by Muslims as a supreme act of obedience, devotion and submission to the will of God.

This is both a community and a family celebration. On Eid day Muslims, in the morning, go to Mosques/Islamic Centres (or other larger places) to offer prayers. Also traditional meals are prepared, family gatherings take place and they visit each other.

Those who can afford it make arrangements for a sheep, cow, or other animal to be sacrificed and the meat distributed, within the community, with at least one-third going to those experiencing financial barriers. The distribution of meat is a special charity of this festival.

We wish members of the Islamic community, a very happy holiday.

Guidance Notes

Free Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps

For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

Ontario Works

- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Childcare Fee Subsidy (income below \$43,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

For More Program Information and Eligibility: Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca/recreationsubsidies

Summer School Registration is OPEN

The York Region District School Board will once again be offering acceleration (in-person) and reinforcement courses during the summer. The hours for all courses are 8:45 a.m to 3:33 p.m. with two 15-minute scheduled breaks and a 40-minute lunch period.

- Acceleration courses start Wednesday, July 3 and end Friday, July 26.
- Session 1 for reinforcement courses start Wednesday, July 3 and end Monday, July 15.
- Session 2 for reinforcement courses start Tuesday, July 16 and end Friday, July 26.
- All In-person Acceleration courses are for students under the age of 21 with the exception of Adult Credit English as a Second Language. Students register through their My Pathway (MyBluePrint) account - they can register independently or come to Guidance for help.

NEWMARKET FRESH FOOD MARKET

Drop by and enjoy our affordable fresh fruit and vegetable market. This space is open to all and designed to make it easier to access fresh produce. To learn about our markets visit www.yrfn.ca

CASH
CREDIT
DEBIT

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reusable
bag!



DATES:

Thursdays

May 9 & 23

June 13 & 27

July 11 & 25

TIME:

3:30- 4:30PM

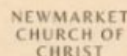
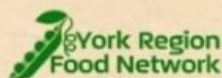
PLACE:

Maple Leaf Public School (Back Field)

155 Longford Dr, Newmarket ON

CONTACT: For market related questions, contact chantalM@yrfn.ca or (905) 841-3101 ext 205

NOTE: Market runs rain or shine. If adverse weather conditions (thunder, lightening), the market will be cancelled. Check our social media channels for confirmation (@yorkregionfoodnetwork on Facebook and Instagram)



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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, Islamaphobia, 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