

Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

March 22, 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.

Thoughtful Thursday's

Students and staff participate in community building games at lunch on Thoughtful Thursday's.



Important Dates

Mar. 10-April 9: Ramadan
Mar. 25-26: Interim Reports
March 25: S
March 29: Good Friday (no school)
Apr. 1: Easter Monday (no school)
Apr. 1: World Autism Acceptance Month
Apr. 4: Teacher Interview Night
Apr. 8: Solar Eclipse

School Contact Information

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Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements & Calendar](#)

World Autism Awareness Month

- April



Husky Athletics



As the weather gets warmer, our Huskies are preparing for activities and new sports seasons.

The Junior and Senior Badminton teams are beginning their quests for qualifying for the York Region Championships with 2 different rounds over the next 3 to 5 weeks. The coaches are encouraged with the enthusiasm and improvement of the players.

The spring sports seasons are beginning in May and our Huskies will be fielding teams in Ultimate Frisbee, Girls' Flag Football, Girls' Soccer, and Track and Field. The teams are excited to start training outside on our beautiful facilities and prepare for what looks to be a fun and successful season.

Go Huskies!!!



Peer Tutoring

Begins on Tuesday, March 5th

When: Tues. & Thur. at Lunch

Where: Room 127

Why: A fresh perspective to learning.

Make connections with our supportive senior students.

School Bus Lanes Parking Lot



Please use the rear parking lot only for student pick-up or drop-off before and after school. The front of the school is reserved solely for school busses. For the safety of our students, please **do not** stop or park in the school "Bus Lane". Thank you.

South Asian and Tamil Women's Collective

Well Being Conference on March 23, 2024

The conference is a SHSM Reach Ahead opportunity for those in the Arts/Culture, Health/Well-Being, and Nonprofit sector.

Link: [Registration](#)

Monday, April 22, 2024

School Council Guest Speaker & Dr. Denison Spring Market

School Council – Guest Speaker

- "Children, not profits: Big Tech accountability and what we can do about it."

- Dr. Siobhan O'Flynn

Dr. Denison is pleased to welcome Dr. Siobhan O'Flynn who is a University of Toronto professor who advises on interactive storytelling, social media strategies, and the design of convergent, multiplatform and transmedia narratives. She is a Faculty Mentor specializing in Digital Storytelling & Transmedia Design at the CFC Media Lab.

Dr. O'Flynn has worked with several Canadian digital creators, and has advised on over 70 projects including screen-based works, in situ & social media installations, online social networking initiatives, cross-platform projects, interactive short films, ARGs and interactive graphic novels.

She is also the Canadian representative of Storylabs, an international network of transmedia experts.

Dr. Siobhan will be here at Denison to speak to our parent community on April 22, 2024! She will be speaking about how Big Tech companies have impacted our children and what we can do about it.

Please join us for a very special presentation in the cafeteria during our Denison Spring Market from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Dr. Denison Spring Market

Dr. Denison is hosting our first Spring Market on April 22, 2024 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This event is a fundraiser for our annual Relay for Life event which will be on May 30th this year.

We have over 40 vendors and community partners who will be here with some delicious food, arts and crafts, jewelry and more! We will also have some cool antique cars on display and a photographer taking family portraits on site.

There will be BIG RAFFLE PRIZES so bring cash!!! Bring your family and friends to this wonderful community event!

Ramadan



Ramadan has started from March 10 and it will culminate with Eid on April 9, 2024

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is marked by Muslims around the world fasting for 30 days.

The Islamic calendar is based on lunar cycles, unlike our Gregorian calendar, so the exact dates of Ramadan change every year.

Ramadan is a holy month of fasting and contemplation for Muslims.

Ramadan is referred to in the Qu'ran as a blessed month in which the teachings of the Qu'ran were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

During Ramadan, most Muslims fast during the hours of daylight and increase their focus on prayer and contemplation. At the end of each day the fast is traditionally ended with a prayer and a light meal called the iftar.

Ramadan is considered a time for Muslims to recommit themselves to cultivating spiritual renewal within themselves and their communities, as well as practicing compassion and generosity for others.

During this time of reverence and renewal, we extend our good wishes to staff, students, parents and members of the Muslim communities who will be observing Ramadan.

Holi (Indian Festival of Colours)



March 25, 2024 - Holi, the Hindu "Festival of Colours," is an important annual Hindu festival celebrating the beginning of spring. There are quite a few diverse accounts as to the mythical origins of Holi, but it is primarily considered both a festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil and devotion over ambition, as well as a rural and agricultural festival of fertility.

Holi is traditionally known as the "festival of colour" because the sprinkling of coloured powder (called abeer or gulal) is a major component of the celebrations. Water balloons containing gulal are tossed at friends and neighbours in the spirit of fun, and Indian drums (dhol) and songs often accompany the festivities. Holi is usually celebrated with a great deal of zest and verve, as it is a time to remember the brightness and splendour of living, and a time to spread joy, colour and love. Best wishes for a festive and happy Holi.

Dr. J.M. Denison SS STUDENT SIN CLINIC April 30, 2024

**Meet with a Service Canada representative and receive your
Social Insurance Number on the Spot!**

Service Canada representatives will be at your school to help students and newcomers apply for their Social Insurance Numbers, learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth and learn about the new Federal Dental Program.

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location	What to Bring	Primary Document	Secondary Document	Benefits
Dr. J.M. Denison SS	<p>A primary identification document and a secondary document such as a passport or provincial identification.</p> <p>You would need to bring your original primary document, no photocopies accepted.</p>	<p>Permanent Resident Card or a Confirmation of Permanent Residence or A Study Permit/Work Permit/Visitor Record issued by IRCC which indicates the permit holder "may accept employment" or "may work" in Canada</p>	<p>or A Certificate of Birth or Birth Certificate issued by the vital statistics agency in the province or territory of birth</p>	<p>Be job ready for summer employment by receiving your Social Insurance Number.</p> <p>Learn about the Job Bank and Canada Summer Jobs program for Youth</p> <p>Learn about the new Federal Dental Program</p>

This free service is brought to our school communities through a joint project with Service Canada and York Region District School Board.

For more information, please contact YRDSB Community & Partnership Developers,

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Guidance Notes

For Graduating Grade 12 Students:

The Give Back Awards are an annual cash prize donated by Magna International Inc. and Neighbourhood Network to graduating students from high schools in Aurora, Georgina, King Township, Newmarket, and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The outstanding recipients of the Give Back Awards are selected based on the exceptional contributions they have made to fellow students and citizens, and their ongoing dedication to community involvement!

The applications are **NOW OPEN** until **4:00 PM on Friday, March 22** and are available online at www.nnetwork.org/GBA.

Grade 12 Student Dates to remember:

May 1: On-line Opt Out Form due to Guidance

May 1: 40 Community Involvement Hour Form(s) due to Guidance

Please have your child come to Guidance if there are any questions.

Renewed Computer Technology–Winter Applications Now Open

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at YRDSB and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*.

Additional Information and application:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NJQmvQ2WXT9i-w8MNPTD4HFhvRN6LQIRm0WuQCkWamw/edit?usp=sharing>

Additional Information and QR code:


<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s3VdhDVp94v4HNLTkeIBiK3FPBMGx4UM/view?usp=sharing>

Early Dismissal April 8, 2024 due to Solar Eclipse

Dear families,

Dr. Denison Secondary School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on April 8, 2024. The morning bell, drop off and transportation will remain unchanged. For those eligible for school transportation, such as busing and taxis, service will be adjusted for the early afternoon departure.

The safe arrival program will remain in place, if your child is not attending school on April 8, please record their absence. Student after school activities, including extra-curricular activities will be cancelled on April 8.




YRDSB Arts Camp 2024 CAMPERs

CAMP DATES: SATURDAY, MAY 25TH
TO SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2024.

Learners & Lovers of the Arts 🔍

**Arts Camp 2024 is now
accepting applications
for CAMPERs!!**

APPLY NOW!



More info can be found in
the information package and on
the application form.

Attendance



Parent(s)/guardian(s)/students age 18 and older, and students who have declared their independence, must report all absences, late arrivals and/or changes to departure plans to the school in a timely manner. Where possible, notify in advance by calling the school at **(905)836-0021** and leaving a message on the answering machine or emailing the school at dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca

The Attendance icon can also be accessed on our Denison school website.

An automated call/email will go home after Period 1 to notify parents/guardians of any absences or lates that haven't been approved. This call/email will also help as a reminder to guardians to please notify the school for any absences. An automated call/email will also go out at the end of the day for absences and lates that haven't been excused for the day.

If a student has been marked absent because they were late, they should speak with their teacher to have it revised.

Students should check in with the office upon late arrival to school in the morning and after lunch.

Extended Absence Form

If your student is going to be absent from school for three or more consecutive days an Extended Absence Form should be picked up from the Main Office. The student will take the form to each teacher to document the work and/or assignments they are responsible for during the time of the absence. The form is to be signed by the student and the parent(s)\guardian(s) and then returned to the Main Office. The form will be reviewed and signed by the Vice-Principal. The attendance system is also updated accordingly. The student should pick up the form at least one week prior to the first day of their absence.



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