

Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

March 6 – March 10, 2023

Timetable

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

Student Council



Students who bought a ticket for Semi formal were asked to come to Room 223 last Tuesday to pick their seats for the event. Those who did not show up will have to choose any remaining seats on the day of. Last week was our Spirit Week. Monday was Crocs or Crazy Socks and Sandals Day, Tuesday was Tom Cruise look-a-like Day, Wednesday was Disney Superhero or Princess day, Thursday was Grade Colour Day, and Friday was PJ Day. We would like to thank all students who participated.

Razan Farraj
Grade 12 Representative

To Report an Absence call (905)836-0021 or email dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca

Important Dates

Mar. 13-17: March Break
 March 8: International Women's Day
 March 9: Semi-formal Dance
 March 20: Nowruz
 March 23 to April 20: Ramadan
 March 24-27: Interim Reports
 March 30: Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews
 April 7: Good Friday
 April 10: Easter Monday
 April 14: Vaisakhi

School Contact Information

Principal

Alex Corry

Vice-Principals

Elissa D'Souza
 Deborah Austring

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

Superintendent

Farooq Shabbar

Trustee Name

Carolyn Butterworth
 Pamela McCarthy

Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements](#)



CFUW Aurora / Newmarket Charitable Trust Annual Awards

<https://www.cfuwauroranewmarket.com/awards>



NACCA will be awarding a general Scholarship of \$1500 to selected recipients in support of their post-secondary education.

Students can access the application on the website:

<https://www.naccacommunity.ca/scholarship-awards-2023.html>

ATTENTION

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING SCENTED PRODUCTS

All staff, students and visitors are asked to refrain from or minimize the use of **scented products**, as they can result in adverse effects on the health of others.

These products include: perfume, hair spray, lotion, body spray, air fresheners, aftershave and hand cream.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR COOPERATION



March

Are your computers off?



REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE
RETHINK



Husky Athletics



Our Senior Girls' Volleyball and Senior Boys' Basketball team finished their successful seasons last week. Coaches Grootenboer, Ward, Pinnigar, and Grimes want to thank their student-athletes and congratulate them on an enjoyable season.

The Nordic Ski Team were declared YRAA Champions with all of our skiers qualifying for OFSAA. Unfortunately, due to an inclement weather day, the team was unable to compete. Mr. McRogers and Ms. Campbell want to acknowledge the grit and determination shown by our team. They make our school proud.

Junior and Senior Coed Badminton tryouts begin this week. Please listen for announcements and look for signs. Looking to see many students try out.

Go Huskies!!!

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 in error, they should speak with their teacher to have it revised.

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.

Guidance Notes

Considering Ontario Colleges? Some programs still have space! Visit Ontariocolleges.ca to research and apply!

Scholarship and Awards Information

Posted regularly in the Grade 12 Denison Google Classroom.

York Region Immigrant Youth Centre

The Immigrant Youth Centre (IYC) is part of Centre for Immigrant and Community Services (CICS), which provides a vast range of programs and services aimed at supporting newcomer youth of York Region in adjusting and settling into their new lives in Canada. Please click on this [link](#) for more information.

Connex Newcomer Youth Program - begins March 2023

This program is virtual. See [flyer](#) for details.

[Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List Subscription](#)

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As part of our Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, we are committed to sharing information directly with Black families.

By subscribing to this mailing list, you will receive electronic information about programs, initiatives and events related to supporting Black students, celebrating Black excellence and dismantling anti-Black racism. This information will include promotional or commercial content about community partner programs, initiatives and events. These community partners are third party organizations that service Black students and families in York Region.

You can unsubscribe from this mailing list at any time.

INSPIRE

2nd Annual International Women's Day Event

MARCH 4TH, 10AM-2PM
CYFS FIRE STATION 4-5
300 EARL STEWART DR, AURORA

Get inspired by local heroes, community groups, advocates, and entrepreneurs.



Community event focused on inspiring future generations.



@CentralYorkFire

www.CYFS.ca

Spring Festivals

Nowruz (Persian New Year)
Holi (Indian Festival of Colours)

Holi



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 (dhola) 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.

Nowruz



For most of us, March 20th signifies the beginning of a new season, spring and a chance to look forward to warmer weather. For many of us from countries like Iran, Afghanistan, the Kurdish regions of Iraq, Turkey and Syria, throughout Central Asia and many more - The first day of spring is a New Year's Festivity, also known as Nowruz (pronounced NO-ruz). While specific traditions vary from country to country, as different cultures add their own elements, the central theme is the same: a celebration of spring and a time for rebirth and renewal.

First Day of Ramadan



Evening of Wed, Mar 22, 2023 – Evening of Thu, Apr 20, 2023

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.

Breakfast Program



Denison has a breakfast program for anybody who wants to get something to eat in the morning. It doesn't matter if you didn't have time to eat, or weren't hungry when you left home. From 8:00 a.m. -8:25 a.m. in Room 153, there will be cold cereal, hot oatmeal, bagels, yogurt, cheese, fruit, coffee, tea, juice, and hot chocolate (and occasionally other foods). Come and start the day with a good breakfast!

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://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