

Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

May 29 – June 2, 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



Monday was the last day for the Homeroom Chain Link contest. The Homeroom that raises the most money to build the longest chain will get a class lunch courtesy of Mr. Muia. We would like to thank all students and teachers who participated and helped with the Relay for Life event!

During the event, there was theme laps. The teams that participated won prizes! We were happy to see students engaging in the events and games planned throughout the day and we are happy to have raised thousands for the Canadian Cancer Society! We would also like to thank all volunteers who were able to share their story and attend the luminary event.

The Student Council Election Forms are out and we are looking for candidates who are willing to represent the elected spots in the Student Council. We wish all candidates the best of luck!

Razan Farraj
Grade 12 Representative

Important Dates

May 29: Spring Concert
June 7: Prom
June 15: Athletic Banquet
June 16: Denison Day
June 19: Gr.12 Per. 1 Exams
June 20: Gr. 12 Per. 2 Exams
June 21: All Grades Per.3 Exams
June 22: All Grades Per.4 Exams
June 23: Gr.9-11 Per.1 Exams
June 26: Gr. 9-11 Per.2 Exams
June 26: Graduation
June 28: Exam Review Day
June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day

School Contact Information

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Vice-Principals

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Superintendent

Farooq Shabbar

Trustee Name

Carolyn Butterworth
Pamela McCarthy

Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements](#)

Denison Music Spring Concert

The Music Department is proud to present **SOUNDS OF SPRING 2023**. Our annual spring concert will be held on **Monday, May 29th at 7:30pm at NewRoads Performing Arts Centre**. This concert will feature the grade 9 instrumental class and the senior instrumental class, Jazz Band, Denison Singers, the Concert Band and the Wind Ensemble. Our program includes popular songs by Imagine Dragons, Frank Sinatra and John Lennon, as well as movie music from Avengers, Shrek and The Greatest Showman!

Music students will be participating in a rehearsal at the theatre during the day on May 29th.

Reserved tickets for this concert are available now through the theatre box office www.newtix.ca for \$15.00/adults and \$10.00/children. Don't miss your opportunity to hear the "Sounds of Spring" from our talented Denison musicians!

Co-operative Education Department

On Instagram follow and like **denisoncoop** this is the place to see what our students do at their placements, share their successes and celebrate their accomplishments.

Best Buddies Prom 2023



We went to Best Buddies Prom at a Banquet Hall in Scarborough today. Students from our Community Classes got all dressed up to celebrate a successful school year.

We have 4 students graduating who were recognized on stage with a certificate.

The day was filled with dancing food and fun!

IYC JUNE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

1. Debate Club (For youth ages 12-24 @ Immigrant Youth Centre)

Join us to hone your critical thinking and public speaking skills. Engage in lively discussions, learn from speakers, and develop the confidence to articulate your views. Expand your horizons and join our community of passionate debaters today.

2. IYC Game On! (For youth ages 13-18 @ Immigrant Youth Centre)

Free drop-in for youth ages 13-18 to hang out with their friends and play every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Drop-in activities include video games, foosball, air hockey, table tennis, board games and movies!

3. Young Investors (For youth ages 14-24 @ Immigrant Youth Centre)

Stressed from not understanding how finances learn? Come get a head start on learning financial freedom with us!

4. Drum Academy (For youth ages 12-24 years old @ Immigrant Resource Centre)

Want to learn how to play a drum kit? Start by joining Drumming Academy!

5. High School Education-Post-Secondary Pathway Planning (For youth ages 12-28 years old ONLINE)

Looking for guidance on how to choose courses that align with your interests and post-secondary aspirations? Want to have a clearer understanding of the different post-secondary pathways? Don't miss out on this opportunity to equip yourself for academic success!

Note that registration is now open for summer **camp counsellors**! Apply today to develop leadership skills and support our newcomer youth community.

Registration for our programming can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/iyclive>. For more information, please contact us at infoiyc@cicscanada.com or 647-209-1883. Specific program inquiries can also be made to the Youth Workers listed on the program calendar. We also offer many volunteer opportunities!

The Fast Track Career EXPO is quickly approaching. The evening event for parents/guardians and students in grades 10-12 is on May 24, 2023 from 5:00PM to 7:15PM.

Flyer with registration link and QR Code:

[LINK](#)



Guidance Notes

Upcoming College/University Deadlines

University (OUAC) - June 1st Deadline to Accept Offers

YRDSB Summer School Registration

[Acceleration Courses \(18 days\)](#)

[Online Learning](#)

Courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format. Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other. Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher. The learning platform is Brightspace by D2L.

Dates: July 4 - July 27

Hours: Flexible (6 hours per day minimum)

[In-Person Learning](#)

Courses will be offered in a face-to-face learning model.

Dates: July 5 - July 28

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm

Locations: Markham District HS, Milliken Mills HS, Newmarket HS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS, Richmond Green SS, Stephen Lewis SS, Sutton District HS, and Tommy Douglas SS.

Registration is open and closes June 9. YRDSB students registered online on [My Pathway Planner](#), please refer to the [my Pathway Planner Student Tip Sheet](#) on how to register. Please return the Sign Off Sheet to the Guidance Office.

The Come Up Summer Program 2023

This unique in-person course offered to self-identifying Black students (and their parents/guardians) in the York Region District School Board, also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch and swag.

Black students entering grade 9 or grade 10 have an opportunity to earn a high school credit:

- Students entering grade 9 will earn the grade 10 Civics/Career compulsory credit.
- Students entering grade 10 will earn a grade 11 Black History elective credit. Students who earn the grade 11 Black History credit will have the option to use this credit to fulfill the compulsory grade 10 Canadian History requirement.

Register by May 26, 2023.

For more information: [The Come Up Summer Program](#)

The Come Up Black Internship Program 2023

The Come Up, in partnership with York University, presents the Black Internship Program. This program is designed to develop leadership skills for Black students and increase education engagement through skills development, experiential learning, and credit accumulation.

Students will be paid, earn one Co-op credit, and receive a Leadership certification from York University.

This program enables students to:

- Customize their secondary school education to suit their interests and skills
- Learn in a safe, supportive and Black affirming environment with like-minded staff and peers
- Explore and refine their academic & career goals
- Earn an co-op credit

- Engage in experiential & community based learning while getting paid

Location and Dates

When: July 5 - July 28, Monday to Friday

Time: 8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Location: York University

If you have any questions, please contact: theComeUp@yrdsb.ca

Recreation Subsidies - Free and/or Subsidized 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)
- Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$36,000)

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

University of Toronto Summer Mentorship Program

The Summer Mentorship Program (SMP) gives high school students of Indigenous or African ancestry a chance to explore health sciences at the University of Toronto over four weeks in July. Students will:

- Explore health science education and careers through hands-on activities, experiments, lectures, and special projects
- Learn from and connect to a variety of health science faculty, professionals, and students
- Enjoy valuable mentoring experiences from a variety of professionals
- Earn a credit you can use on your University and/or College applications

Please direct any questions about the Summer Mentorship Program to

OHPSA.Outreach@utoronto.ca

May 22nd, 2023

Good afternoon,

In a year filled with successes and challenges, we are experiencing a marked slowdown in the café serveries, for many reasons, most of which include nice weather, students leaving the schools on breaks, graduation celebrations, exams, utilizing food services near schools, etc.

It is unfortunate that this results in extremely low revenue, of which the outcome is an inability to cover the costs of operating the business. With that, we proposed to close the café at end of day, Friday May 26th.

Thank you kindly for your co-operation and partnership and we wish you all a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Chartwells School Dining | A division of Compass Group

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

CMHA York Region

<https://cmha-yr.on.ca/contact-us/>

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/>

CRISIS SERVICES CANADA: 1-833-456-4566

This hotline deals with crisis support and suicide prevent