

Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

October 22, 2021

WEEK 1 – Period 1 & Period 2

October 25-29

Homeroom	8:30 – 8:35 a.m.
Period 1	9:50 – 11:05 a.m.
LUNCH/Travel	11:05 – 12:20 p.m.
Period 2	12:20 – 2:50 p.m.

Student Council



Last week we hosted our annual Halloween food drive, Trick or Eat. Students were asked to bring in non-perishable food items to their period 3 class. All of our food items will be donated to the Newmarket Food Pantry. During the week of October 25th - 29th, the student council is hosting a Halloween photo scavenger hunt. A list of 100 Halloween themed items will be posted for every student and students will be required to submit a Google Slideshow with their own photos. The individual or group that submits the most items first will win our mystery basket prize. Last Thursday the 21st, students were asked to wear purple in support of the global event, Spirit Day, to raise awareness for and support LGBTQ Youth. On Friday the 22nd, students were also asked to wear pink for our pink out day. October is breast cancer awareness month. You can check out www.cancer.ca to learn more about breast cancer and how you can help the cause. Next week, we are hosting our second spirit week of the year. The spirit days include Mix and Match Monday, Twin Day Tuesday, Country Day Wednesday, Scariest Halloween Covid-19 Mask Thursday, and Halloween Costume Day Friday.

Razan Farraj
Grade 11 Representative

Important Dates

Nov. 3: Virtual Teacher Interviews
Nov. 3: TOKTW Day
Nov. 4: Diwali
Nov. 19: PA Day

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Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements & Calendar](#)

[Husky Wear](#)



Co-op News

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (Accelerated OYAP) Information Session

Hello Parents/Guardians and Students,

If your child is interested in pursuing a career in the Skilled Trades, we invite you to have a look at the [Accelerated OYAP Information website](#) our [YRDSB OYAP Video](#) and the [YRDSB OYAP Webpage](#) to find out more information about the exciting apprenticeship opportunities available through YRDSB and our College and Training Center partners. The Skilled Trades offer excellent employment opportunities, training in state of the art facilities and higher than average career satisfaction.

We are holding our **Virtual Open House** on **Wednesday October 27th, 2021 @ 7:00pm** please [REGISTER FOR THE EVENT](#) to find out more about the Skilled Trades. Hope to see you there!

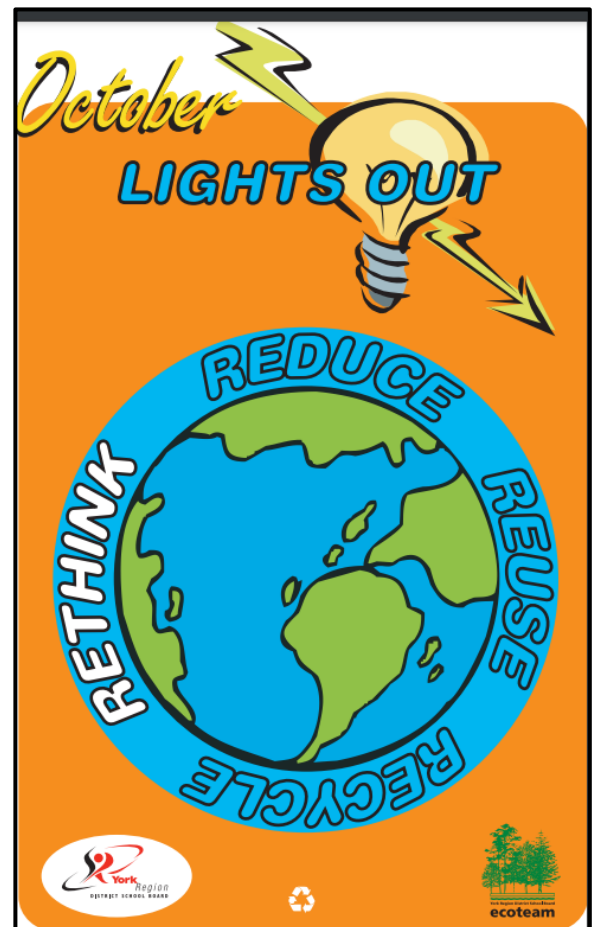
Devices Loaned During Pandemic

If you were loaned a device for use in online learning in the spring of 2020, or spring of 2021 we ask that you return them to the school as soon as possible. These devices need to be serviced and re-imaged in order to keep them at their optimum. Additionally, with the return of in-class learning, many of our students require access to a device in order to participate in their classes.

The devices can be returned to the school library. If you have any questions, please contact

alexandra.wright@yrdsb.ca

Weekly Quote



Guidance News

Any student with a **semester 2 spare** that shouldn't have, should come to Guidance ASAP!

University PIN numbers were emailed out today to grade 12 student's GAPPS accounts. If there are any problems, please come to Guidance ASAP.

Researching for College and University requirements?

Visit www.ontariocolleges.ca

Or www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca for requirements and information!

College applications are due by February 1, 2022

University applications are due by January 13, 2022

Open Houses for Universities have been posted on the Guidance Google Classroom and posted here: <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/universities/events>

Ontario Colleges have College Mondays!

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/college-recruitment>

Apprenticeship Process and Information!

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship>

The Scholarship/University/College/Apprenticeship grade 12 presentations are posted on the Guidance Google classroom

Volunteer Opportunity from Salvation Army has been posted on the classroom as well.



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Online Homework help is available! visit www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org or www.khanacademy.org

We will be hosting a **Virtual Pathways Fair** for students and parents on **November 10 from 6:30pm -8:30pm!**

There will be links to lots of College/Universities and skilled trades representatives to get information and ask questions!

More details to follow!!

Take our Kids to Work Day

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

We hope this correspondence finds you and your family well.

"Take Our Kids to Work" (TOKW) is a national initiative that provides grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment or ENGAGE in pathways planning for one day. As suggested by the Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel Report, the Take our Kids to Work program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., grade 9 students will take part in activities that will support them with their pathways planning. Grade 9 students, with the support of their parent/guardians, will have the opportunity to participate in one of the following TOKW opportunities:

- For students who wish to arrange for a virtual/in-person job shadow placement, we ask that parents/guardians review this [Family Guide](#) with their child. We also ask that the student provide their selected work location with the [Workplace Guide](#); or
- Students, who would like to participate in a series of dynamic and engaging "Live Stream" webinars **from home** on a variety of Career pathways, will be invited to join the Learning Partnership and the Pathways Team, Curriculum and Instructional Services, for a livestreamed session. Students will also engage in reflection activities and learn how to use the Pathways Planner and work on their IPP. For more information, please visit the YRDSB Take Our Kids to Work Day [events page](#) at www.yrdsb.ca.

All grade 9 students will receive an email from their home school in their GAPPS account with the required links for the livestreamed event as well as the schedule for the day.

Please be advised that permission forms to participate in Take our Kids to Work Day will be sent to your child's GAPPS account. We ask that you review the form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact a guidance counsellor or administrator to discuss your questions.

Please take care,

Alex Corry

Principal, Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

OSSLT

Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessment 2021–2022

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is administered by the Government of Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This test is administered to determine whether students have acquired the minimum literacy skills expected in the Ontario Curriculum, up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of this literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

EQAO is administering the OSSLT in the fall and spring in a fully online platform. Eligible Grade 11 and non-graduating Grade 12s will write in the fall window in the latter part of November. **The specific date for these students to write the test will be shared in a separate communication in the coming weeks.**

Grade 10 students will write in the spring window. This will support grade 10 students with opportunities to develop literacy skills. For Grade 12 students graduating in the 2021-2022 school year, the Ministry of Education has waived the literacy requirement for graduation.

Grade 11 and non-graduating grade 12 students who write in the fall will receive their individual results by the end of January 2022. Students who are successful on the OSSLT will have satisfied the OSSD graduation requirement.

Students have the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform through EQAO's [online practice test](#). For more information about EQAO and to view the full practice test, you are encouraged to visit EQAO's website www.eqao.com.

Sincerely,

Alex Corry
Principal

Dr. Denison Secondary School

October 19, 2021

Parents' Night is on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom. For health and safety reasons, we are unable to host an event at the school as we normally would; however, we look forward to meeting with you virtually.

Parents can use TeachAssist, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their children's teacher(s) on Parents' Night. All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information associated with their class assessments.

Parents/guardians may access appointment bookings on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 through the TeachAssist Parent Portal available at <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>. From there, enter in your email address and leave the password blank, to set up a one-time access link, or to reset a password that you've created. An email will be sent with a time-limited link that will look similar to this:

Once logged in, parents/guardians will have the option to set up a password.

For instructions on how to book a parent-teacher interview through TeachAssist, please click here. <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/resources/teachassistParentPortal-ParentTeacherInterviews.pdf>

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Main Office.

Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the Main Office or classroom teacher.

Important Timelines:

October 21-26: Interim Reports distributed electronically.

October 26-29: Parents' Night schedule opens for booking. Parents/Guardians will go to the TeachAssist parent portal (<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>) to book their appointment(s).

October 29: Interview Scheduler closes at end of day. Virtual Interview meeting links will be sent to families by email.

November 1-2: Parents/Guardians to receive confirmation email(s) from teachers.

November 3: Virtual Interviews - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Your partners in education,

Alex Corry
Principal

Elissa D'Souza
Vice-Principal

Alexandra Wright
Vice-Principal



October is 2SLGBTQ+ History Month.

A time to reflect on and learn about 2SLGBTQ+ history, the history of gay rights and other related civil rights movements. By looking back, we can work to ensure the road ahead is free of obstacles and equal for all.



In October, we celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** and take time to celebrate and educate future generations of Ontarians about the outstanding achievements of Hispanic people in the province as well as their meaningful contributions to our social, economic and multicultural fabric.

It's **Women's History Month** & here in Canada we have so many incredible women to celebrate! YRDSB will be sharing the stories of 10 amazing women throughout the month of October to honour and celebrate some amazing women who have shaped our country's history.

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1444007226163843073>

October is Islamic Heritage Month!

October is **#IslamicHeritageMonth** and is a time for Ontarians to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding Islamic history of Ontario as well as the vital contributions of Muslims to our province's social, economic, political and cultural fabric.



Islamic Heritage Month



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, or watch this [short video](#) to learn more.

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. Any student's interested in joining Denison's chapter of jack.org can contact sarah.vickers@yrdsb.ca or roda.jama@yrdsb.ca



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

UP HUB

A collection of peer-led tools and resources created to uplift York Region residents who are seeking services or need support": <https://www.uphub.ca/en/index.aspx>

They also have a hard copy guide which they will mail out upon request. This guide is an outgrowth of the former York Region on a Limited Budget book

<https://www.uphub.ca/en/up-tools/yrlb-book.aspx?mid=10914>