



Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

October 8, 2021

WEEK 1 – Period 1 & Period 2

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.

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!

Military Co-op:

If you are scheduled to take full day Co-op (4 credit) in Semester 2 and are interested in a Co-op experience with the Canadian Armed Forces, please contact the Co-op Office for more information (room 305).

Evening information sessions are taking place on October 5, October 6, October 12 and October 13.

Important Dates

Oct. 11: Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 15: Asynchronous Learning
Oct 18: School Council
Oct. 21: Interim Reports
Nov. 3: Virtual Parents Night

School Contact Information

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Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements & Calendar](#)

[Husky Wear](#)



Cyber Awareness Month (CAM) Month 2021 - October 4 to 29, 2021.

Cyber Awareness Month (CAM) is an internationally recognized campaign, and this year's theme is "**Cyber awareness as self-care**" - adopting safe, secure and healthy habits online is caring for your online presence and digital footprint, while helping to ensure you and your family are protected online.

The past 18+ months have shifted the way we rely on and interact with technology. In all areas of our lives, we have seen an unprecedented increase in the use of technology and the internet for staying connected, for recreation, for online learning, and more. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we learn to protect ourselves online. The Cyber Awareness Month (CAM) campaign tailored for K-12 needs, with a focus on cyber security, online safety, and online privacy.

The campaign focuses on four weekly themes, based on the foundation that technology and the internet are part of our lives, and information and tips will be shared to help protect privacy and stay safer and more secure online.

Just as we lock our doors and secure our homes, visit the doctor to support our physical and emotional health and find peace in meditation to quiet our busy minds, caring for our online presence and digital footprint is just as important.

You can participate by following **@ITS_YRDSB** on Twitter.

Here's an introductory video created by ECNO and the Ministry of Education about Cyber Awareness Month 2021 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_JQFLqbYsw

Stay Cyber Safe!

Guidance News

Guidance Google classroom is a source for important information and dates for all students! Volunteer information and sheets, videos, mental health supports etc. etc.!

Grade 9-11 – Class code is **6zcppvn**
Grade 12 Class code is **jzkcwls**

If students are having difficulty joining, please come to Guidance for help!

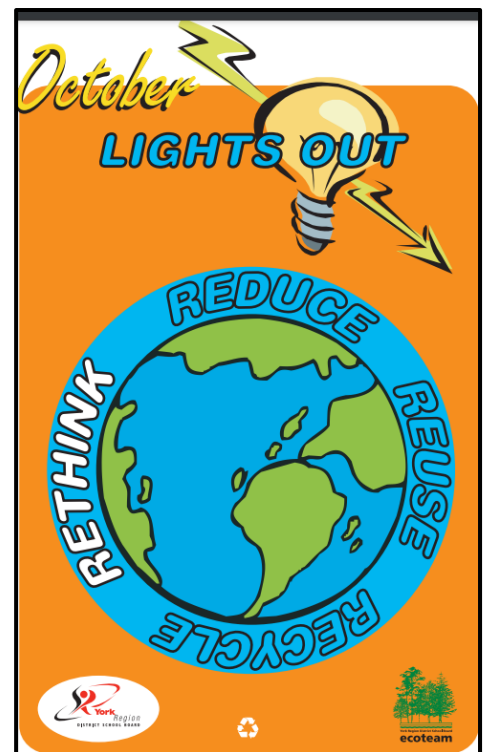
Guidance Appointments are available to book on TEACH ASSIST – appointment manager.

Semester 2 course changes are available from now until January. Students missing courses or requirements should book an appointment and fill out the Google Course Change form on the Guidance Google Classroom ASAP.

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



School Council

Our Voice counts....



On behalf of your past executive Co-chairs 2021 (Chris, Emmy), please join us for our **Monday, October 18** meeting of the 2021-2022 School Council. By participating and/or attending School Council Meetings you can learn about current events in the school and board. At the meeting(s) we will explore how you can contribute to the education of Denison's students through partnership with the school and board.

During October's Council Meeting we will facilitate a report from the students, staff and administration on recent and future initiatives in the school. **Also**, we facilitate appointment of the new Executive and fill the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasure, Community Member and Executive from nominations submitted by October 15, 2021.

Please complete the [SchoolCouncilCandidateNominationForm](#) sections as appropriate and have your child deliver the document to the school's Main Office.

The meeting will be hosted virtually and you can join following the directions below:

Dr. J.M. Denison School Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: October School Council

Time: **Oct 18, 2021 07:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/99007598172?pwd=YmNJRG40UTVHemlOV0VPenZOanhxZz09>

Meeting ID: 990 0759 8172

Passcode: 891327

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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 **Womens 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>