

# Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

January 23-27, 2023

## Timetable

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

## Student Council

Last Monday we hosted our Forfeit Pong event. Students were able to watch the game and support their House Colour. We also hosted our Minute-to-Win-it Challenges Friday during lunch. We would like to thank all students who participated in these events and earned points for their Spirit House Colour. Next Tuesday we will be hosting a Team Canada Spirit day to congratulate our very own Gold Medalist, Abby Lunney!

Razan Farraj  
Grade 12 Representative

## Denison student earns Gold with Team Canada



We are extremely proud of our grade 12 student, Abby Lunney, for bringing home gold with Team Canada. Abby just returned from Sweden, where she participated in the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship. On Sunday January 15, Team Canada defeated the host team in the

gold medal game. Abby contributed 2 goals and 2 assists to help Team Canada go undefeated at the tournament. Congratulations Abby!

## Important Dates

Jan. 22: Lunar New Year  
Jan. 24: School Council  
Jan. 25: Last Instructional Day  
Jan. 26: Period 1 Exams  
Jan. 27: Period 2 Exams  
Jan. 30: Period 3 Exams  
Jan. 31: Period 4 Exams  
Feb. 1: Credit Rescue/Salvage  
Feb. 1: Grade 8 Open House  
Feb. 2: Exam Review Day

## School Contact Information

### Principal

Alex Corry

### Vice-Principals

Elissa D'Souza  
Brian Schouten

135 Bristol Road,  
Newmarket, ON, L3Y 8J7  
(905)836-0021

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

### Superintendent

Farooq Shabbar

### Trustee Name

Carolyn Butterworth  
Pamela McCarthy

## Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements](#)

## To Report an Absence

call (905)836-0021 or  
email [dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca)

## Guidance Notes

### Post-Secondary Application Information

Grade 12 students applying to college or university:

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 is the equal consideration date to apply to OCAS (Ontario College Application Service)

Link: <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/apply>

If your child needs support with their application, they can work one-on-one with their Guidance Counsellor – please have them come to the Guidance Office or book an appointment through Teach Assist.

Additionally if your child needs financial support with their application, have them please see their Guidance Counsellor.

### Course Selection Information Sessions

February 1<sup>st</sup>  
January 24<sup>th</sup>

Grade 8 Open House 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Grade 9 – 12 Course Selection and Pathway Information Session

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## Grade 8 Open House

**Thurs., January 19, 2023**  
**7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
135 Bristol Rd., Newmarket, ON, L3Y 8J7

We welcome Grade 8 students and their families to learn about the exciting things that happen at our school. There will be a presentation on:

- Opportunities, programs and supports
- Graduation requirements and course selections

For part of the night, Grade 8 students will be participating in "The Amazing Race Denison" where they will play games and activities organized by each department, to experience Grade 9 course offerings and get familiar with the school.

**THE AMAZING RACE DENISON**

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## Grade 9 - 11 Pathways and Course Selection Evening Presentation

**Tues., January 24, 2023**  
**7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
135 Bristol Rd., Newmarket, ON, L3Y 8J7

We welcome current Grade 9 - 11 students and their families to come to Denison for an evening presentation on:

- Opportunities at Denison and through YRDSB
- Graduation Requirements
- Apprenticeship, College, University, Workplace Pathways
- Course Selections

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## Exam Information

Exam Schedule and Information was emailed to families and can be found on our webpage.  
<http://denison.ss.yrdsb.ca/>

Students are encouraged to connect with their teachers for more information.

## Graduation

Graduations are an important event for our students, families and our staff and we remain committed to ensuring an inclusionary approach for those attending the ceremonies.

Due to scheduling reasons, we are moving the date of our school's graduation ceremony to **Monday**, June 26, 2023. The prior date overlapped with Eid al-Adha, a significant faith day for a number of students and families who are valued members of our school community. It is important that our graduation ceremony is held on a date when all students and families can participate and our whole graduating cohort can gather to celebrate this important milestone. The Board accepts responsibility for this oversight that has led to the need to reschedule the graduation.

We wanted to share this change of date as soon as possible as many families make plans around this very important milestone.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Denison on **June 26, 2023** at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Alex Corry  
Principal

## Husky Athletics

[Game Times](#) Denison homepage calendar

### Sr. Girls Volleyball

Season Starts - Wednesday, Nov. 30 @ Huron Heights S.S.

### Sr. Boys Basketball

Season Starts - Tuesday, November 29 @ Newmarket H. S.

### Jr. Girls Volleyball

Scheduled practices until February 2023

### Nordic Skiing – Morning Practices

Practices to take place on Tues. & Thur. at 7:00 a.m. in the Fitness Room

# 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](http://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

## Tamil Heritage Month – January 2023



Tamil Heritage Month aims to celebrate the richness of the Tamil language and its literature and highlight Tamil Canadians' vibrant traditions, histories, arts, and cultures. In addition, it seeks to recognize the significant contributions of Tamil Canadians in key areas of social, cultural, economic, and political spheres. This

year's focus is Tamils' contribution towards Economic growth - Past, Present, future. Also, of significance is January 14, 2023. According to the Tamil calendar, January 14, 2023, begins the month of "Thai." On this day, people of Tamil heritage celebrate Thai Pongal, the Tamil harvest festival. Thai Pongal is the most important and widely-celebrated festival amongst Tamils around the globe. Thai Pongal is a time to give thanks for the previous year's blessings and a time to look forward to the New Year.

## Lunar New Year – January 22, 2023



Lunar New Year, also known as the Chinese New Year and the Spring Festival, is celebrated by nearly 2 billion people worldwide. In 2023, Lunar New Year falls on Jan. 22, when participants will say goodbye to the Year of the Tiger and usher in the Year of the Rabbit.

Traditionally it's a time to honor ancestors and deities, marked by family reunions, parades and fireworks. While based on the Chinese calendar, Lunar New Year is also celebrated in Korea, Singapore, Mongolia, Tibet and Vietnam and in Asian communities around the world.

More than just the beginning of a new calendar cycle, Lunar New Year represents reunion and rebirth, marking the end of winter and the start of spring.

## York Region Arts Camp

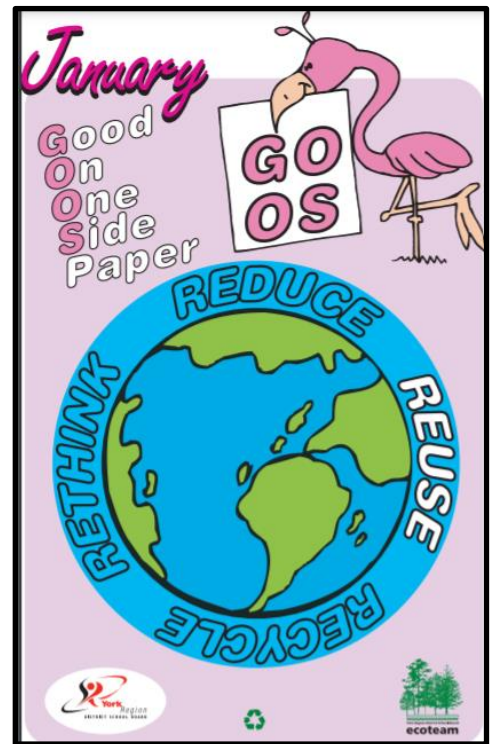


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Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> to  
Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

[CIT 2023](#)

[Preview Application Form](#)



## Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This date was designated by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in November 2005. The day reaffirms "that the Holocaust, which resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people along with countless members of other minorities, will forever be a warning to all people of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice" (UN General Assembly A/60/L.12). This day serves as an international memorial day for the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, which saw the murder of 6 million Jews, 250,000 to 500,000 Roma people, 200,000 to 250,000 persons with disabilities, and 15,000 people who were LGBTQ+. January 27 marks the date when the Nazi concentration and extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated by Soviet troops in 1945.