



# Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

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December 11, 2020

## Rotation Block 3

December 15 to January 13, 2021

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in-school for **Block 3**

Online – Periods 4, 1, 2

## Student Council

Week of December 14 - 18

This week on Thursday December 10th is Human Rights Day. Students can listen to our daily morning announcements on the 10th or 11th, depending on their cohort, for a special song and announcement to recognize this important day. This is also the last week for students to leave any suggestions for December spirit day ideas on our student council website! Our Denison Cha Cha Slide dance video is now up on our student council website. Check out our home page to watch our very own huskies show off their amazing dance moves. The video will also be played in the front foyer for students to watch!

Razan Farraj,  
Junior Vice President

## Sem2 e-learning Course Registration

Registration Details:

- **Registration period:** December 7, 2020 – February 10, 2021
- **Course dates:** February 17- June 10, 2021
- **Registration fee:** No fee, the \$20 fee has been waived for the winter 2021 session

Students must contact their Guidance Counsellor for approval.  
Students must also have a spare on their timetable to qualify.

## School Contact Information:

### Principal

Alex Corry

### Vice-Principal

Michelle Godfrey  
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### Superintendent

Erik Khilji

### Trustee Name

Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey  
Linda Gilbert

## Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements](#)

[Order Husky School Wear](#)



## Secondary GSA Google Classroom

Secondary school students who identify as 2SLGTBQI+ and their allies are invited to join a virtual GSA secondary classroom. The classroom will be moderated by our caring and dedicated GSA advisors, who will make sure the space is following ground rules, safe space guidelines and confidentiality. The classroom is now open and accepting student registrations. Students must [register](#) using their YRDSB GAPS account.

The GSA Google classroom will bring the social and educational aspects, and fun of a GSA online. It will include discussion boards, community services and resources, group social sessions and various supports as students need.

The first GSA classroom meeting will take place on December 15, 2020 from 3:00- 4:00 PM. Our first meeting will be an opportunity to meet the moderators, introduce ourselves and to help shape the classroom as a group.



### Call for Art

The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA) is hosting a virtual showcase of youth artworks during Black History Month 2021 – February 1 – 28, 2021. With a theme 'Standing on Strong Shoulders'.

This virtual show will feature artworks from youth who identify as Black or of African descent in grades 1 – 12, and may include painting, photography, sculpture, and other media.

PRIZES of \$200 each will be awarded to three students based on originality, creativity and relevance of artwork to the theme.

### Contact:

[nacca.vicechair@gmail.com](mailto:nacca.vicechair@gmail.com) should you have any further questions.

### Website, for more information:

<https://www.naccacommunity.ca/nacca-youth.html>

### Virtual Venue: February 1- 28, 2021

<https://www.newmarket.ca/blackhistorymonth>

## Weekly Quote

Don't say  
= I WISH =  
Say  
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## Significant Dates

Dec 10-18, 2020 Hanukkah

December 16-24 Las Posadas

December 25, 2020 Christmas

December 26, 2020 Kwanzaa

## **Important Dates!**

- Dec 16 -Full disclosure deadline (grade 11 & 12 courses dropped after this date will remain on a student's permanent transcript with the mark at the time of withdrawal)
- Jan 15 OUAC (university) application deadline
- Feb 1 OCAS (college) application deadline

## **Scholarship Opportunities!**

<https://www.schulichleaders.com/apply?section=student> Schulich Leader Scholarships are the largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships in Canada with a value of up to \$100 000 each.

Fifty students receive this celebrated award each year.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be entrepreneurial-minded and plan to enroll in an eligible STEM program at one of our partner universities
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Graduate high school or CEGEP in the 2020/2021 academic year NOT planning a career as a medical practitioner or researcher. This includes doctors, dentists, nurses, psychologists, pharmacists, optometrists etc.

THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL-MINDED INNOVATORS OUTSIDE OF THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY

Meet at least TWO of the following criteria:

- Academic excellence
- Leadership (entrepreneurial or community) Financial need

Schulich Leadership Scholarship - Nomination Form complete this form by January 20

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScovyLJsag8SzWh7DnplfboL9LFDhAt\\_6SUfuaBNXLL87FIIQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScovyLJsag8SzWh7DnplfboL9LFDhAt_6SUfuaBNXLL87FIIQ/viewform)

## **Semester 2 YRDSB online learning courses are available for registration for senior students!**

**There are options for courses not offered at Dr. Denison that may be of interest.**

The YRDSB is offering 2 different models for virtual credits for senior students.

Option 1 is a more flexible elearning course done more independently while option 2 is a fixed 2 nights a week course with more synchronous teaching approach.

If interested, please sign up ASAP as all High Schools in the Board will be registering for these spots.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Winter-Catalogue.aspx>

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Winter-Registration.aspx>

Option 2 registration opens January 4<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx>

**Semester 2 course changes** are on hold for the moment from the YRDSB. Students can still use the Guidance Google form to make a request or contact Guidance for an appointment on teach assist appointment manager or by email.



**Monday December 14, 2020**

**ZOOM Meeting**

On behalf of your executive (Chris, Emmy, Kamala, Mike), please join us for our fourth meeting of 2020-2021. 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.

This Monday we will facilitate a report from the students, staff and admin on recent and future initiatives in the school. We will also participate in learning from **Robyn MacFarlane** the School Social Worker about **Managing Stress and Anxiety**. The meeting will be hosted virtually and you can join following the directions below:

Alex Corry is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Denison School Council Meeting

Time: Dec 14, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96029995967?pwd=OWZpRnBnR2tQVURucmhvSUVBMTJLUT09>

Meeting ID: 960 2999 5967

Passcode: **Denison**

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Meeting ID: 960 2999 5967

Find your local number: <https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/u/aeBX3mKBSP>

# Mental Health Supports

Room 201 at Denison is a place where students can go if they are feeling the need to speak to a caring adult or just need a place to calm down.

## **DENISON'S CHAPTER**

### **JACK.ORG**

<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](mailto:sarah.vickers@yrdsb.ca) or [roda.jama@yrdsb.ca](mailto: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

### **Emergency Medical Services: 911**

If you or someone you know is in crisis (at risk of hurting themselves or hurting others) call 911. If it is someone you know, stay with them until help arrives, if it is safe for you to do so.

### **310 COPE**

Toll free number 1-855-310-COPE (2673) or (TTY) 1-866-323-7785, you can speak with a crisis worker anytime you need to. The crisis worker will provide an immediate telephone/text response in a variety of situations, such as if you are feeling depressed, distressed, lonely, anxious, scared, angry or are worried that you have nowhere to go.

