



# Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

December 3, 2021

## 4 Period Day Begins

**December 6**

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| Homeroom     | 8:30 – 8:35 a.m.   |
| Period 1     | 8:35 – 9:50 a.m.   |
| Period 3     | 9:55 – 11:10 a.m.  |
| LUNCH/Travel | 11:10 – 12:15 p.m. |
| Period 2     | 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.  |
| Period 4     | 1:35 – 2:50 p.m.   |

## Student Council



The last day to donate for the Movember fundraiser was last Tuesday. We would like to thank all students who have donated. Our Holiday for Heroes campaign, brought to us by the York Region Police, will run from December 6 - 10. During the last collection week, period 1 classes can use the toy donation list of possible toy ideas to purchase for the drive. The class that brings in the most toy donations will win a mystery class prize. We will also be starting our clothing drive set up near our holiday tree in the front foyer. Four boxes for each grade were placed under the tree and students are able to put their clothing donations in the corresponding box to their grade.

Razan Farraj  
Grade 11 Representative

## Important Dates

Dec. 6: 4 Period Day Begins  
Dec 8: Retake Day  
Dec. 10: Full Disclosure  
Dec. 20-31: Winter Break

## School Contact Information

**Principal**  
Alex Corry

**Vice-Principals**  
Elissa D'Souza  
Alexandra Wright

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

**Superintendent**  
Farooq Shabbar

**Trustee Name**  
Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey  
Linda Gilbert

## Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements & Calendar](#)

[Husky Wear](#)

## Weekly Quote

**“Sometimes you  
will never know  
the VALUE of a  
moment, until it  
becomes a  
MEMORY.”**

**DR. SEUSS**

## Devices Loaned During Pandemic

If you were loaned a device for use for online learning in the spring of 2020, or spring of 2021 we ask that you return them to the school as soon as possible.

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

[alexandra.wright@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alexandra.wright@yrdsb.ca)

## 4 Period Schedule Returns

Starting December 6, courses will return to being 75 minutes each. There will be no change to the start or end time of the school day, or to any student transportation services. Lunch periods will be shortened slightly to accommodate travel time between courses. Schools will be providing updated schedules to students in advance of December 6. Students will remain with the same classes and teachers for the remainder of the semester.

We know the pandemic has been particularly challenging for our students and feel tremendous optimism with the return of the pre-pandemic timetable and believe our students will benefit greatly. Should you have any questions about your child's timetable, please contact the main office.



## Guidance News

**Semester 2 course changes are ongoing!** Students can book an appointment on Teach Assist or stop by the Guidance office and we will make an appointment for them.

**University Applications are due by January 13, 2022!** Students are encouraged to apply over the break to avoid technology problems!

**College Applications are due by February 1, 2022** for equal consideration.

Students that need help can book a guidance appointment.

The **Full Disclosure Date** for eligible students to drop a course is Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> so it will not appear on their final transcript.

**The Guidance Google classroom** is a great resource for support in a variety of areas from College, University and Apprenticeship information and videos to online tutoring help, scholarship postings, community involvement information and forms. Be sure your child is able to access the classroom!





FOCUS  
IMAGING INC.

**Your School Photo Retake Day will be on:  
Wednesday, December 8**

\*\*\* We were pleased to offer your complimentary Student ID Card at the Original Photo Session. Any requests for a replacement Student ID Card will be a \$4.00 fee, payable at the Photo Session. This includes any replacements for lost/stolen Student ID Cards.\*\*\*

**Images will be available online: Saturday, December 11**  
**Here is how you view and order your photos online:**  
**Please visit our website and follow these steps:**

**[www.focusimaging.ca](http://www.focusimaging.ca)**

- \* **Select Order Online**
- \* **Select 2021-2022 Graduation or School Photos**
- \* **Enter your Student School ID Number**  
(\*\*\*Not your OEN Number\*\*\*)
- \* **Select your School**
- \* **Enter Your Job# 1022RET825**
- \* **Press Look up**

**View your images and select any packages**

Any questions or you cannot find your photos online, please contact us  
direct at [www.focusimaging.ca](http://www.focusimaging.ca) or 416.593.6287

\*\*\*\*\***NOTE: All orders will be delivered after Christmas/Holidays**\*\*\*\*\*

**All Retake Photo orders placed online by Saturday, December 18 will be returned to the school for distribution. Orders placed after this date, will be processed with a Shipping/Handling fee and shipped directly to your home. Please allow approximately 4-5 weeks for processing and shipping.**

\*\*\*Note: If you wish to order from your Original Photo Session, please refer to the earlier email sent with Original Photo Day Ordering Instructions and Due Dates. Shipping/Handling charges will apply to any orders from the Original Photo Day\*\*\*

## Graduation

At this time we are planning for our graduation ceremony on Wednesday June 29, 2022. A cap & gown is required to be purchased to have Graduation photos taken. Students will also wear the cap & gown to the graduation ceremony. Details on Graduation Photos will follow soon. Please order on SchoolCashOnline by December 15, 2021. <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

## Hanukkah



Hanukkah begins at sundown on Sunday, November 28 and lasts until sundown on Monday December 6. Hanukkah which is hebrew for dedication of the festival of lights. The miracle of Hanukkah is that only one vial of oil to illuminate the temple for one day yet it lasted for 8 full days. Hanukkah is celebrated by lighting the menorah with one candle for each night, playing dreidel, eating special foods unique to hanukkah, singing and exchange gifts after lighting the menorah. We wish all our community starting to celebrate on Sunday a very happy Hanukkah.

### School Council **LOGO CONTEST**

Our School Council wants to create a new image and logo.

We are inviting all current students to consider participating in a Contest to design a logo over the winter break.

**Current Prize pool \$250**

The winning design will be used on the council's communications such as letterhead, flyers.

**Register today!**

Registration Forms in the main office.

## **Inclement Weather Days**

As we enter the colder months, we wanted to inform families that similar to last school year, we have made the decision to **close schools to students when an inclement weather day is declared and school transportation is cancelled. Please do not send your child to school when an inclement weather day is declared.**

This decision has been made in consultation with Public Health to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and support the health and safety of our students, staff members and families. Prior to the pandemic, schools remained open when school transportation was cancelled. This year, given the importance of adhering to our [health and safety guidelines](#), we are unable to guarantee appropriate coverage for students on inclement weather days when school transportation is closed and classes cannot be combined.

**Please take the time to make plans in the event of an inclement weather day school closure.** Please note that before and after care programs will not be operating on inclement weather days. For on-site, full-day child care, please confirm with your childcare operator. We recognize that this may be an inconvenience for some families. This decision was not made lightly and made to prioritize the health and safety of students, staff members and families.

All students will be provided with asynchronous learning activities for the day. We recognize that each family's situation is unique. As with inclement weather days in the past, the learning will be optional and supplementary to help students continue learning. New material will not be introduced.

There are rare occasions when school transportation is cancelled due to extreme cold weather and not road conditions, and schools will remain open for students.

### **Communication to families**

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance. Our priority continues to be the safety of our students, staff members and families. If you have any questions, please speak with your school principal.

Transportation cancellations or school closures will also continue to be communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services website: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)
- Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- [Board website](#) and school websites
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

Families who have provided the school with their cell phone will also receive a text message, unless you have opted out of this service. Please contact your school if you have any questions.

For more information on inclement weather days, please visit our website [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).



# 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, 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](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

### **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>