

Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

December 4, 2020

Rotation 2

Friday, November 27 to Monday, December 14

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in-school for **Block 2**

Online – Periods 1, 3, 4

Student Council

Week of December 7 - 11

Thank you to all the students who submitted a clip for our Cha Cha Slide dance video during the past few weeks. We can't wait to show off all of their amazing dance moves. Students can access this video on our student council website. Student council has made a google form for students to suggest holiday spirit days for December. We would love to hear all of the ideas that students have thought of! They can also access the google form on our student council website. Stay tuned for exciting upcoming events!

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.

Grade 8 Virtual Open House

If you were unable to attend the Virtual Grade 8 Open House, the link will be available on our school website under

Announcements.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/denison.ss/Pages/default.aspx>

School Contact Information:

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Visit the Denison Webpage

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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 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>

Inclement Weather

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
- 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.

Student Learning will continue

- Students attending secondary school in person will shift to virtual learning for all of their classes for the day.
- Elementary and secondary virtual schools will operate as normal.

Weekly Quote

Don't let
anyone
dull your
sparkle.



Significant Dates

Dec 10-18, 2020 Hanukkah

December 16-24 Las Posadas

December 25, 2020 Christmas

December 26, 2020 Kwanzaa

The **"Course Intentions Survey"** for students to pick courses on My Pathway Planner for next year, will remain open this weekend for students experiencing technical difficulties. Please make sure your child has completed their selections. There is a video explaining the whole process on the Guidance Google Classroom!

The **Full Disclosure date** for eligible students wanting to drop a course and not have their final mark appear on their transcript is December 16!

The **Guidance Google Classroom** is an important tool for students to check regularly as it is our primary way to get information out to all of our students, both virtual and adaptive. We post videos, information items, important dates etc. etc. etc. Students do get alerts as information is posted, but please remind them to check regularly for information!

Dual Credit opportunity for grade 11 and 12 students!

Are you interested in taking a Dual Credit Course online with Seneca next semester?

Join our Virtual Information Session on December 14, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to learn more!

Click the link below to join:

WINTER 2021
INFORMATION
SESSION

Some of our most popular courses are back: [Forensic Crime Scene Investigation](#), [Science of Self Care](#), [Sustainable Fashion](#), [Aeronautics](#) and so much more!

Visit the [Dual Credit](#) website to see the complete list of [Winter 2021 Courses](#).

Classes begin in February. Connect your guidance counsellor today to apply!

Follow us on Twitter [@SenecaDC](#) to learn more about everything we have in store for next semester.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Seneca family!

Message from Our Trustee

Dear families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and well. 2020 has been a challenging year in so many ways, and the global pandemic has affected individuals and families in different ways.

I want to reassure you that we continue to work closely with York Region Public Health and to prioritize the health and well-being of our students, staff members and families. It continues to be important that we adhere to the health and safety measures in place to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. You can learn more about what schools are doing at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

While we have seen cases in some of our schools, we continue to work with public health to respond quickly, identify cohorts that need to self-isolate as a precautionary measure and take all appropriate measures. I want to thank all of our students, families and staff members for their diligence in adhering to the public health recommendations and health and safety measures in place in our schools.

One of our priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to foster well-being and mental health. As a result of the pandemic, many of us are facing changes and new challenges that can take a toll on our mental health. It is more important than ever that we check in on one another and practice self-care. There are [mental health resources for students and families](#) on our Board website that address the unique nature of our current situation. You can also find information about our [Mental Health and Addiction Strategy](#) and the [work we are doing in schools](#) to promote positive mental health and provide support for students.

While there are challenges, we also continue to have so many reasons to feel positive. Our students continue to impress us with their kindness, creativity, innovation, resilience, courage and perseverance. Visit us on [YouTube at YRDSBMedia](#) to see just some of these stories.

In the coming weeks and months, many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays, and I wish you all the very best for the season. While we may be celebrating a little differently this year, I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back into our in-person and virtual schools in January.

Tamil Heritage Month 2021

Poster Competition

Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action presents Poster Competition for Tamil Heritage Month 2021

Topic: Remembrance, Resilience & Resistance

Due Date: December 14th, 2020

Submission: Please send poster submission to info@tamilcivicaaction.com



Theme: Reflecting on the 75 Years of Eelam History after the end of European Colonialism with a focus on Tamil Genocide Remembrance, Tamil's Resilience and Resistance. The Poster must reflect at least one of the following:

- Tamil Genocide Remembrance and the Tamil Resistance: 75 Years of Eelam History
 - Any aspect of Eelam History during the post-European colonial period. It could be about the genocide and/or about the resistance to the genocide
 - Arts and culture that developed during this period that reflects the impact of the genocidal war and the resistance
- Poster Guidelines:
- Open to ALL CANADIANS over 14 years old
 - Poster size MUST NOT EXCEED 11" X 17"
 - Posters can be hand drawn, painted, or digitally designed as long as they are original work
 - Poster will be judged on the quality of the work, originality and creativity of the depiction reflecting the theme
 - ONLY ONE ENTRY per person
 - Poster may be used as Promotional Material or as part of a Virtual Exhibition
- Poster must be suitable for public display and not offensive or discriminatory

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 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

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.