

# Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

December 12-16, 2022

## Timetable

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

## Student Council



We would like to thank all students who participated in the Instagram takeovers last week. Throughout the week, various students had the opportunity to show the school a day in their life. We will be hosting a Movie Night on December 15th.

Tickets will be sold on Wednesday, Thursday, and on the day of the event that week. We will also be hosting the Winter Huskies Olympics. There will be a week of different events running for students to get more House Colour points. The various competitions include trivia, gingerbread house decorating, karaoke, and many more. Link Crew is hosting a Town Hall meeting next week. Homeroom teachers were asked to have a discussion with their students about school climate and potential issues they could bring to next week's Town Hall.

Razan Farraj  
Grade 12 Representative

## Important Dates

Dec. 12: Winter Concert  
 Dec. 19: First Day of Hanukkah  
 Dec. 23: Last Day before Break  
 Dec. 25: Christmas Day  
 Dec. 26: Kwanzaa  
 Jan. 9: Return to School  
 Jan. 18: Gr. 9 Math EAQO  
 Jan. 19: Gr. 9 Math EQAO

## School Contact Information

### Principal

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### Vice-Principals

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### Superintendent

Farooq Shabbar

### Trustee Name

Carolyn Butterworth

Pamela McCarthy

## Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements](#)

# Message from Our Trustees

**December 2022**

I am happy to serve as your trustee on the 2022-2026 Board of Trustees.

As a trustee, my role includes being an advocate for quality public education in York Region, and I want to assure you that I am committed to that work. Every one of our students deserves to be learning in an environment where they feel safe, valued and supported in learning and achieving success.

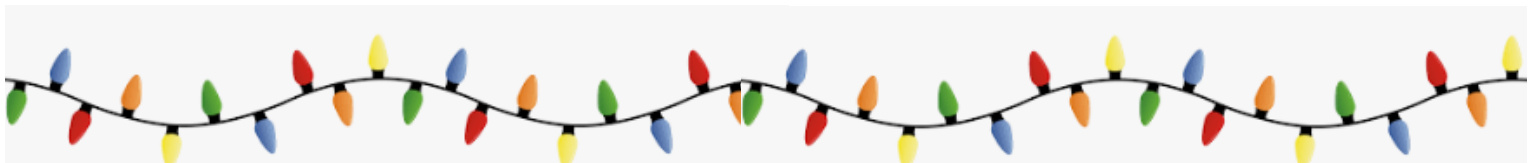
Part of our role as trustees includes making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and setting our priorities as an organization through a [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). Our board will work hard to keep students at the centre of our decision making, and to build collaborative relationships with the families and communities we serve. The education of our students, your children, is a partnership and the relationships we have with families is an essential one.

Communicating with families and members of the public is also an important part of our role, and I look forward to connecting with members of the school community in the coming weeks and months. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I will be sharing information with you throughout the school year, and letting you know more about our work and priorities as a school board. You can also visit the board website at [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) or follow on social media.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates in December for different faiths and cultures, and to all those celebration, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to spend time with family and friends, relax and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Carolyn Butterworth  
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## **Dr. J. M. Denison S.S. Music Department is proud to present WINTER SHOWCASE 2022**

The Denison Winter Showcase Concert will be held on **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at New Roads Centre for Performing Arts** (formerly Newmarket Theatre). This concert will feature the guitar class, Denison Singers, the Dr. Denison Concert Band, Paramedics Jazz Band and the Dr. Denison Wind Ensemble. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.newtix.ca](http://www.newtix.ca) or in person at the concert.

## Guidance Notes

Post-Secondary Application Information

Grade 12 students applying to college or university please see the following links to both OCAS and OUAC:

Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) - Equal consideration date to apply: Feb. 1st, 2023

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

Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) - Deadline to apply: Jan.12th, 2023

Link: [https://guidance.ouac.on.ca/docs/student\\_hyperdoc\\_b.pdf](https://guidance.ouac.on.ca/docs/student_hyperdoc_b.pdf)

Students can also book an appointment with their guidance counsellor through Teach Assist should they wish to discuss their application further.

## 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!

# SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

## Did your child miss the recent student immunization clinic at school?

**An immunization clinic for Hepatitis B, HPV9 & Meningococcal vaccines were offered to students at your child's school this week by York Region Public Health. If your child missed the opportunity in school, it is not too late.**

There are still opportunities to be immunized.

- **In Spring 2023, a second visit to your child's school is planned. To ensure your child is able to receive vaccines at that time, please [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS E-CONSENT LINK](#) to complete an immunization consent form in advance. *A second consent form for the Spring 2023 visit is not required if your child did receive immunizations at school.***
- **Make an appointment at [york.ca/immunization](http://york.ca/immunization) for your child to receive the vaccines at a York Region Public Health student catch-up immunization clinic. *Please note that clinic appointments are released 30 days in advance.***

For more information about the school immunization clinics or eligibility for vaccines please call **York Region Public Health** at 1-877-464-9675 or visit [york.ca/immunization](http://york.ca/immunization)

## 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](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