

Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

December 19-23, 2022

Timetable

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

Student Council



Link Crew hosted a Town Hall meeting last week. Homeroom teachers were asked to have a discussion with their students about school climate and potential issues they could bring to the Town Hall. We will be hosting our Winter

Olympics next week. Students can participate in fun activities and earn points for their House Colour.

Monday: Twin Day & Trivia

Tuesday: Beach Day &

Wednesday: Jersey Day & Gingerbread House Competition

Thursday: Ugly Sweater & Dance-off Competition

Friday: PJ Day & Karaoke.

Students can also get a picture with Santa next Friday.

Razan Farraj
Grade 12 Representative

Important Dates

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
Jan. 19: Grade 8 Open House
Jan. 24: School Council
Jan. 26 – Feb. 1: Exams

School Contact Information

Principal

Alex Corry

Vice-Principals

Elissa D'Souza

Doug Case

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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

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 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
Trustee, Georgina and East Gwillimbury
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Trustee, Newmarket
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Semester 1 Examination/Culminating Timelines

All YRDSB Secondary Schools are returning to our traditional examination periods. Our semester 1 examinations/culminating period begin **January 26 - February 1st**. Please have your child connect with their classroom teacher for more information.

Exam information will be communicated before the Winter Break.



Guidance Notes

Post-Secondary Application Information

Grade 12 students applying to college or university:

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

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

January 12th, 2023 is the equal consideration deadline to apply to OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre)

Link: https://guidance.ouac.on.ca/docs/student_hyperdoc_b.pdf

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

January 19th

Grade 8 Open House 7:00 – 8:30 pm

January 24th

Grade 9 – 12 Course Selection and Pathway Information Session

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 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