



Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

February 12, 2021

Rotation 1 Begins

TUESDAY February 16th to February 19th

Remember to check TeachAssist for your Per.1 Cohort A or B

Note: Feb 16th and 18th Cohort A
Feb 17th and 19th Cohort B

Period 1	8:30 – 11:00 (in-school)
LUNCH/Travel	11:00 – 12:30
Period 2	12:30 – 1:20 (online)
Period 3	1:20 – 2:10 (online)
Period 4	2:10 – 3:00 (online)

Student Council

February is Black History Month. Last Tuesday, students attended the Black History Month Zoom call assembly with Dwayne Morgan. We will be having a Pink Shirt Day On Wednesday February 24th. Students can participate by wearing a pink shirt to school, changing their Google Account Icon to pink, or by wearing a pink shirt to online class. Pink Shirt Day is recognized every year to stand up against bullying. We are encouraging students to participate and show their support. From February 8th to 19th, students can send videos dancing to the Cupid Shuffle with their class or by themselves. All of the videos will added together to make one video of all the dances. Students can submit their videos through the Google form on our student council website or they can DM us on the Denison Instagram page. Students are giving us their consent to publish their video to the school if they wish to participate. We can't wait to see our student's awesome moves!

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Visit the Denison Webpage

[Announcements & Calendar](#)



Lunar New Year

February 12, 2021

We wish all staff, students and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration in the company of family and friends.



February is Black History Month

In honour of Black History Month, York Region District School Board will be celebrating Black excellence throughout the month of February and beyond by sharing stories of our students, alumni, staff, community members, community partners and our region as a whole.

Stories may be shared by YRDSB in the following ways:

- Written feature stories/profiles
- Social media profiles
- Videos

If you would like to see samples of how stories will be shared, please visit the Celebrating Black Excellence page on the [Board website](#), the Board [Youtube channel](#) and on Instagram and [Twitter](#).



At the school we hosted Dwayne Morgan this past week. Next week we will share the story of one of our YRDSB students on Wednesday and in the last week all classes will highlight the ongoing learning in their courses to Black Excellence and anti-oppression. Each day we will showcase music and inspirational messages from artists and leaders both locally and internationally.



Monday, February 15



Quote of the Week



Official Course Selection 2021-2022!

The guidance team offered grade-specific course selection information sessions on Thursday, February 11 during period 1.

Recorded videos of all sessions are posted on the Guidance Google classroom for review at any time, as well as courses and requirements to graduate information.

ALL STUDENTS (regardless of whether they are returning or not) MUST SUBMIT SOMETHING IN MY PATHWAY PLANNER.

Important Dates!

Feb 16-24 My Pathway Planner is open for **submission** of courses.

The planner will lock at 4pm on the 24th so please submit by the deadline!

Appointments are available from now through the 24th for support for pathway planning and courses.

Research for Pathways can be found at:

www.ontariocolleges.ca

www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

Start an apprenticeship | Ontario.ca

Students are assigned a counsellor based on the first letter of their surname.

Surnames A-L: Joe Zicaro-Joseph.Zicaro@yrdsb.ca

Surnames M-Z: Kim Spiller- Kim.Spiller@yrdsb.ca

Students & families may book an appointment with their guidance counsellor by going to **Teach Assist-Appointment manager for a virtual google meet.**

Career Exploration Opportunities

TYSI

The Toronto Youth Stem and Innovation (TYSI) Conference is a free high school student-run conference. We introduce GTA high school students to current developments in STEM fields through industry leaders with a focus on innovation. TYSI has facilitated networking opportunities between its students and a variety of inspiring STEM leaders for the past five years. Register to hear talks from Uber, Google, UNICEF and more! Check out tysi.org for a detailed list of speakers and our instagram @tysi2021 Friday, February 26 - 3pm -5pm and Saturday, February 27 - 10am-2pm Registration Portal

https://whova.com/portal/registration/tysai_202102/



Centennial College's School of Transportation. Weekly drop-in Information Session - January-June 2021. Learn about Post-Secondary programs with Career options, Modified Apprenticeships and Traditional Apprenticeships, Pathways, Why Consider a Trade, Financial Aid, Support Services, Student Life, Tuition, Other Fees at Centennial College and How to Apply. Mondays – Fridays: 5pm-6pm * ZOOM Webinar ID: 926 6172 4820 Passcode: 920905 Please click this URL to join.

(<https://centennialcollege.zoom.us/j/92661724820>

pwd=Y240a3RxcXpZUjRHZXZzckQyQzJ5QT09) Saturdays: 12pm-1pm * ZOOM Webinar ID: 943 6532 2730 Passcode: 755796 Please click this URL to join.

(<https://centennialcollege.zoo>

[m.us/j/94365322730?pwd=WFFLOGdwdHZlUFhaVTQ1Y2xrRit2Zz09](https://centennialcollege.zoo.us/j/94365322730?pwd=WFFLOGdwdHZlUFhaVTQ1Y2xrRit2Zz09))



TUESDAY February 16, 2021

7 PM ZOOM Meeting

On behalf of your executive (Chris, Emmy, Kamala, Mike), please join us for our sixth 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.

During February's Council Meeting 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 **our Student Services Team as they share with us Universal Design to Support Learning and Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners**. 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: School Council

Time: Feb 16, 2021 **07:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/99200387620?pwd=L0JVMtBpdxErNzc0ODRxdTY3bTdSQTO9>

Meeting ID: **992 0038 7620**

Passcode: **278806**

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Meeting ID: 992 0038 7620

Find your local number: <https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/ab7uCH6MbD>

Student Screening Confirmation

Each day before attending school, students must follow the process below to confirm screening:

- Step 1: Complete on-line self-assessment [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) prior to entering the school.
- Step 2: Upon completion of the self-assessment, complete response to the question "Have you completed the self-screening test?" in the Confirmation [Form](#)
- Upon completion of the form, students will receive an email.
- Once at school, students will be asked to:
 - Show email on phone (showing the email or a photo of the email)
 - Hard copy printout of the email
 - If neither option is available, students can provide verbal response confirming completion

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 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