



# Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

February 13-17, 2023

## Timetable

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

## Student Council

On Wednesday, [jack.org](http://jack.org) brought in Therapy Dogs. Entry was completely free and students had the opportunity to select a time slot. Tickets for this year's Semi-formal began selling in person last Friday, February 10. Tickets will also be available on School Cash Online. The theme is Masquerade Ball. The Student Council sold Crush cans for **Valentine's Day**. They were sold last Wednesday and Thursday at the beginning of lunch for a dollar each. Students were also able to include a short message with each can. They will be handed out on **Valentine's Day**.

Razan Farraj  
Grade 12 Representative

## Important Dates

Feb. 1: Black History Month  
Feb. 21: Family Day  
Feb. 22: Pink Shirt Day  
Feb. 28: Grad Photo Retakes  
Mar. 13-17: March Break

## School Contact Information

### Principal

Alex Corry

### Vice-Principals

Elissa D'Souza  
Deborah Austring

135 Bristol Road,  
Newmarket, ON, L3Y 8J7  
(905)836-0021

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

### 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](mailto:dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca)



## Attendance



Parent(s)/guardian(s)/students age 18 and older, and students who have declared their independence, must report all absences, late arrivals and/or changes to departure plans to the school in a timely manner. Where possible, notify in advance by calling the school at **(905)836-0021** and leaving a message on the answering machine or emailing the school at [dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca)

The Attendance icon can also be accessed on our Denison school website.

An automated call/email will go home after Period 1 to notify parents/guardians of any absences or lates that haven't been approved. This call/email will also help as a reminder to guardians to please notify the school for any absences. An automated call/email will also go out at the end of the day for absences and lates that haven't been excused for the day.

If a student has been marked absent because they were late in error, they should speak with their teacher to have it revised.

## Pink Shirt Day is February 22, 2023.

**#PINK  
SHIRT  
DAY**

Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when a student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. It has since been recognized annually worldwide as a day to stand against bullying.

## Guidance Notes

**Wednesday, February 16** - Students can begin locking in course selections, in MyPathway Planner at 9:00 am

**Wednesday, February 16** – OUAC/OCAS Transmission of Semester 1 Final Marks

**Friday, February 24** - Course Selection due in MyPathway Planner by 4:00 pm  
No paper copy is required, parent approval through email via Pathway Planner

Monday, February 13 - 15 - Period 2: **Grade 12 Class Visits**  
Student intentions for next year and pathway and community opportunities.

## Graduation

Please be advised that we have changed the date of our Graduation ceremonies to June 26th. Please update your calendars!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Denison on **June 26, 2023** at 7:00 p.m.

## Husky Athletics



February is an exciting time for Denison Athletics with playoffs and OFSAA around the corner. The Senior Girls Volleyball and Senior Boys Basketball teams begin their playoff runs with the goal of an OFSAA bid. The Nordic Ski team is continuing with ski meets in preparation for OFSAA which is being held in Lakefield at the end of February.

The Junior Girls Volleyball team begins their season on February 9 and will play up until March Break. The girls are enthusiastic to take on the rest of the teams from the North of York Region.

Junior and Senior Coed Badminton tryouts will be beginning in a couple of weeks. Please listen to the announcements and look for signs for more information.

Go Huskies!!!

## Every Student Counts Survey

As was previously communicated, York Region District School Board will be engaging students (Grades K-12) in the [Every Student Counts Survey](#) from April 24, 2023 - May 12, 2023 to help us better understand our student population and school communities.

As part of the survey development process, our Research and Assessment Services team are engaging our external and internal stakeholders in a robust consultation process to gather feedback and input to help inform the survey development.

In order to gain valuable feedback from families, we ask that you please take sometime to review our draft surveys that are available on the [Board website](#) and provide your feedback through this [form](#). The form will be open from February 3, 2023 - February 10, 2023. Responses made through the feedback form are voluntary, confidential and anonymous. Families will receive a communication in advance of the survey implementation with details on how to opt students out of participating in the survey.

Student and family feedback is critical to the survey development process and helps to ensure that the survey is an accurate reflection of our school communities.

Thank you in advance for your input.

# YOUR GRADUATION PHOTO DAY IS HERE

Graduation Portraits at your school will be starting on:

## ***FEBRUARY 28, 2023***

To book an appointment please visit:

<https://www.brightpics.ca/bookyourappointment>

Create an account and book an appointment using the  
JOB ID and GRAD ID provided below:

**JOB ID: N9004R GRAD ID: fy8sKD5M**

Each student is required to pay \$20.00 Sit Fee to the Photographer on Photo Day. This fee includes digital proofs as well as an 11" x 14" composite of the Graduating Class.

**Your digital proofs will be sent to the email address used to register for your appointment**

Your Graduation Portrait session should be a memorable event. Please take time to look your best! We recommend all graduates wear a white collared shirt for the best results!

Graduates may also wear a tie if they choose.

**Please be on time for your appointment!**

If you need to make a change or cancel your appointment please contact us at:

[studio@brightpics.ca](mailto:studio@brightpics.ca)



## 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](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