



Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

February 5, 2021

Current School Closure

All Classes Online

Feb. 4-15

Period 1	8:30 – 9:45
Period 2	9:50 – 11:05
LUNCH	11:05 – 12:25
Period 3	12:25 – 1:40
Period 4	1:45 – 3:00

Once schools reopen, the schedule will return to an adaptive model as used in the fall. Details will be provided at that time.

Adaptive (face-to-face) schools will be providing students with a revised daily schedule. School start and end times remain the same.

Student Council

With the new semester, we are introducing a new homeroom class challenge. Students can play the homeroom challenge every week by answering our weekly trivia questions shown in our announcement videos. The classes that earn points will be kept track of and the winning class will receive a prize at the end of the month. We are encouraging classes and students to tune in every week and participate in our fun classroom competition! We will be releasing information about our next virtual events in our Husky Spirit Google Classroom. To participate in fun upcoming events, students can join the classroom for access to exciting virtual events such as the trivia game.

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Report Cards sent home

Feb. 11-16

Semester 1 Report Cards will be sent home via students' GAPPS accounts.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. Please contact the school administrator to discuss any questions.

If you have concerns about how your child may be affected by the current circumstances, including any concerns related to mental health, help is available. Resources and supports related to student mental health can be accessed through [YRDSB COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families](#). If you ever have an immediate safety concern for your child, including risk of suicide, please contact your local hospital or emergency services by calling 911 immediately.

We remain deeply committed to supporting our students and families as we continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19 on education. If our school can support your family, we encourage you to connect with us.

Night School Registration Information – Winter Session

Night School registration for the winter session is now open through my Pathway Planner and will close at noon on Thursday, February 11.

Please be advised that our traditional in class face-to-face [Night School program](#) (Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:45 pm) will continue to use a remote learning delivery model. The program will be delivered virtually in real-time (synchronous).

Staff

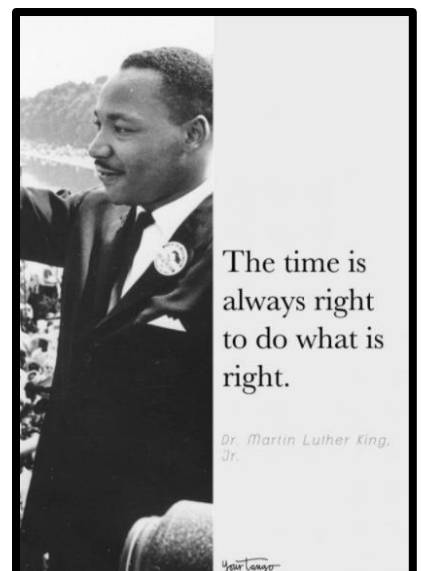
The following staff are working in different locations for semester 2.

Thank you for supporting our students and community:

Kevin Cardoso
Sophie Dedman
Matt Lezon
Chris Marshall
Candice Mott
Stephanie Ward
Cristina Virone



Quote of the Week



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



On Tuesday February 9th, we will be hosting guest speaker Dwayne Morgan in a virtual assembly. Our school day will be operating using a modified schedule. Students will attend period one at 8:30, their teachers will direct them to log out of their period 1 class around 8:50 and log into the virtual assembly using a zoom code and password. All students have access to zoom through their GAPPS accounts and teachers will be directing them how to access the assembly on Tuesday morning. At the end of the assembly, students will return to their period 1 classes.

Dwayne has visited Denison a few times in the past few years and his talks never fail to inspire. He is a spoken word artist, amazing speaker and the students enjoy his informal and interactive delivery. We are excited he is able to visit us again this year in a virtual environment.

Stay tuned for additional activities running throughout the month to honour Black History month.

Tuesday Feb 9th Schedule

Period	Start	End
1	8:30	10:30
2	10:35	11:35
lunch	11:40	12:50
3	12:55	13:55
4	2:00	3:00

Support for Learners

[Support for Learners](#) grant has opened for students in grades 7-12.

Deadline to apply is Monday, February 8th.

Semester 2 timetable changes! Guidance will continue processing course request changes until February 9, 2021.

We ask that all requests are made on the "Semester 2 Google Form" located on the Guidance google classroom. It is important that all requests are completed using this form.

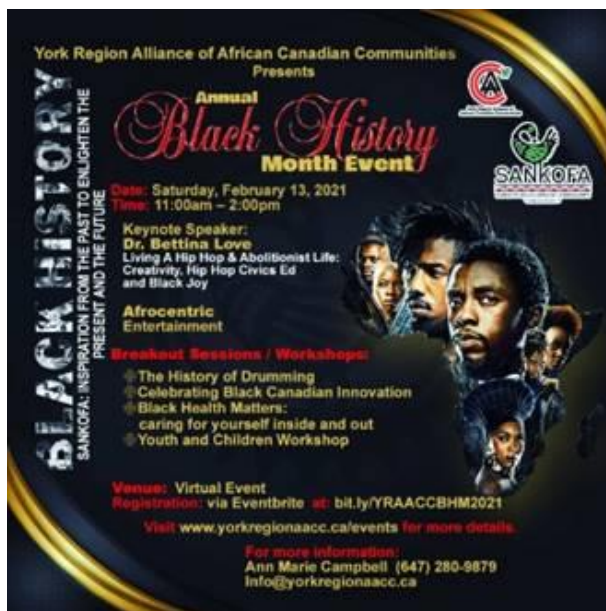
All **available** courses for Face to Face and Virtual schools by grade and period are also posted on the google classroom.

Thank you for your patience at this very busy time.

Official Course Selection for the 2021/22 school year will take place between **February 16-24** after this time the system will lock and you will be unable to make a change.

Course Selection Informational videos by grade, will take place on **Thursday, February 11** for all students in the period 1 block. Videos will also be posted on the Google classroom for review and for all virtual students.

Virtual appointments will be available for course selection and other information beginning on February 10 and can be booked on Teach Assist- Appointment Manager.



Save the date: Black History Month Event

[https://yrdsb.sharepoint.com/sites/COVID-](https://yrdsb.sharepoint.com/sites/COVID-19/System%20Communications/Public%20Communications/YRAACC%20Black%20History%20Month%20Event.jpg?csf=1&web=1&e=B9FD6o&from=DigestNotification&at=9&cid=4c5333e6-eb2c-4e7b-9351-456fc6bac107)

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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=L0JVMtBPdXErNzc0ODRxdTY3bTdSQ09>

Meeting ID: **992 0038 7620**

Passcode: **278806**

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

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