



Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

January 22, 2021

Rotation Block 4 **January 14 to January 29, 2021**

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 ALL Student Online each day for Block 4
Online – Periods 3, 1, 2

Student Council

We would like to thank all the students who attended our trivia Kahoot game last Friday. Students had a lot of fun competing and we look forward to having other trivia contests in the future. Congratulations to our top three winners from our trivia kahoot. In first place, we had Sasha Fisher. In second place, Emma Enabulele. Finally, in third place, Barzah Farooqui. For those who missed the trivia, students are welcome to join during our next google meet trivia lunch. Every year the Music Council organizes a Talent Show to showcase the amazing talents of Denison students. However, this year our Talent Show will be held virtually. The deadline for submitting videos was on Friday, January 22nd. We can't wait to see our student's amazing talents.

Razan Farraj,
Junior Vice President

JACK.ORG

Covid-10 Youth Mental Health Resource Hub
<https://jack.org/covid>

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Apply for Support for Learners funding

The purpose of the Support for Learners financial support program is to support children, youth and students in their continued learning during the COVID-19 pandemic in the 2020-21 school year.

The Support for Learners program will provide eligible applicants with a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each child/youth **up to grade 12**
- \$250 for each child/youth up to age 21 with special needs

A parent or guardian can apply for their child/youth. Only one parent or guardian may apply for each child/youth. The parent or guardian should have custody of the child/youth. This could include a parent or guardian with shared custody. It is up to the child's parents or guardians to determine who will apply. The Ministry is not involved in these decisions.

For secondary students over the age of 18, the student can apply on their own, or one of their parents or guardians can submit an application. Only one application will be accepted per child/youth or student. Duplicate applications will not be accepted. The Ministry is not involved in decisions of who should apply to the Support for Learners program.

You must fill out and submit **one application per child/youth or student** to receive funding. Each application will be verified, processed and paid separately. This means that **if you have more than one child/youth you may not receive payments at the same time.**

Payments will be delayed or denied if the information you provide is incomplete or inaccurate. We may contact you to verify the information you are providing through this application.

Link to Apply: <https://www.iaccess.gov.on.ca/SupportForLearnersWeb/public/index.xhtml>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SEMESTER 2 COURSES AND COURSE CHANGES!

With some students choosing to attend virtual school semester 2, our Denison S.S. timetable had to be revised. Changes in school programming by our students resulted in some courses and/or sections with low subscription rates. These classes were removed and other sections have moved periods to balance the schedule and provide enhanced access for all students.

At this time, we do not have the VIRTUAL SCHOOL class schedule available for semester 2.

On **Friday, January 29** you will receive your semester 2 timetable. If you wish to request a timetable change, complete the **NEW GOOGLE FORM** that will be available in the Guidance Google classroom on January 29th.

If you have already submitted a request, please **update** the request by **RE-SUBMITTING** on the new form. We will be posting an **ALL AVAILABLE COURSES BY GRADE AND PERIOD** file that will show which courses/sections have openings at this point. You will note there are **limited** options so please look at the **GRADE AND PERIOD** file, to see if your request could be facilitated.

There are also opportunities to access different senior level courses at Virtual Night School and Elearning for semester 2. You must have an incomplete timetable without the ability to schedule the course at day school to be eligible for Night School or Elearning approval.

The links have been provided on the Guidance Google Classroom and are below.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx>

<http://www.coned.elearning.yrdsb.ca/>

Dear Families and Students:

We hope this correspondence finds you healthy and safe. We wish to provide as much information as possible regarding the transition from Semester 1 to Semester 2.

YRDSB continues to follow the direction of York Region Public Health and the Ministry of Education regarding COVID-19 safety. Unless otherwise instructed, school buildings will remain closed until February 10, 2021.

We are currently preparing to transition into Semester 2. The following are some key dates for you to be aware of:

Feb. 1: PA Day

Feb. 2: Credit Conferencing and Rescue Day

Some students will be involved in activities to support completion of Semester 1 courses. Students are expected to attend only as directed by their teacher.

Feb. 3: Online morning classes only

In the morning, all students will attend classes online in 30 minute blocks following their regular start time. Students will receive an invitation to their digital classrooms before their first period class.

In the afternoon, there are no classes scheduled.

Feb. 4-10: Current School Closure - All Classes Online

For the duration of the school closure, Adaptive (face-to-face) schools will follow a revised school schedule. Students will follow a semester schedule and will attend their classes online in 75 minute periods with a five minute break between the morning periods and between the afternoon periods. This change is based on feedback from students and families about the 150 minute period students are currently experiencing. 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. An 80-90 minute lunch break will occur between period 2 and 3. Schools will be providing students with a revised daily schedule.

Feb. 11-16: Report Cards sent home

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

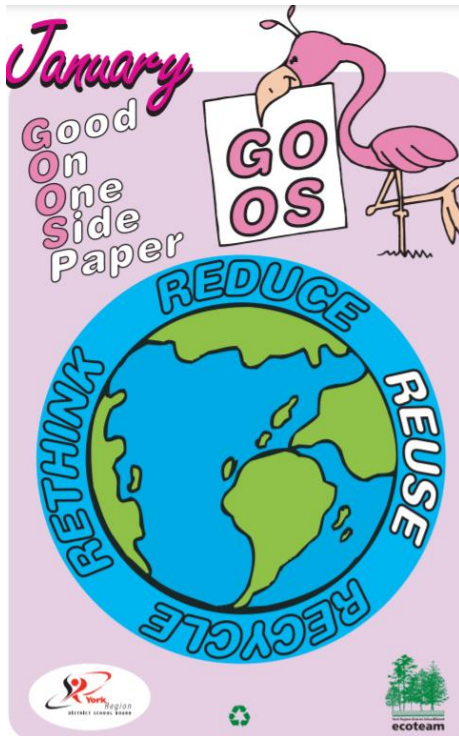
We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. Please contact the school administrator to discuss any questions.

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.

Please take care,

Alex Corry



Quote of the Week



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