



# Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

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November 27, 2020

## Rotation 2

Friday, November 27 to Monday, December 14

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in-school for **Block 2**

Online – Periods 1, 3, 4

## Grade 8 Virtual Open House

December 2, 2020

On Wednesday, December 2, our Virtual Grade 8 Open House will be available on our school website. Although we are unable to host an in-person event this semester, we look forward to this opportunity to welcome Grade 8 families, to provide information regarding secondary school programming, and to share with the Class of 2025 all of the exciting curricular and co-curricular activities that Dr. J.M. Denison has to offer.

In addition to the main presentation, you will be invited to explore our Denison Bitmoji Classroom. Please have students log into their GAPPs accounts so they will be able to access all of the links. In this interactive, virtual classroom, you will have the opportunity to tour the school, hear from Denison students, and learn more about each department has to offer. Remember to complete the survey for a chance to win prizes.

Visit our school website under **Announcements** on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the link to our virtual open house.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/denison.ss/Pages/default.aspx>

## Diploma Pickup Time

<https://forms.gle/ukFHEdsPNEbJcNnG7>

Please click on the form to arrange a time to pick-up your documents including diploma, yearbook, composite, etc.

This link was sent to our graduates gapps account. If you have a student in your house that has graduated, please have them book an appointment asap for next week using the link provided.

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### Superintendent

Erik Khilji

### Trustee Name

Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey

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## Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements](#)

[Order Husky School Wear](#)



## Student Council

Week of November 30 – December 4

Congratulations to our two winners for the Remembrance Day art contest, Taylor Wilkinson and Melanie Ros. We would like to thank the students for submitting their beautiful artwork. This year, student council is creating our very own dance video to the Cha Cha Slide by DJ Casper. Students can send an appropriate video of them dancing to the Cha Cha Slide by Friday November 20th to the Denison Instagram account or through the form on our student council website. All submissions will be edited together to create one huge video that will be played in the school. Stay tuned for exciting upcoming events!

## Inclement Weather

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance. Our priority continues to be the safety of our students, staff members and families. If you have any questions, please speak with your school principal.

Transportation cancellations or school closures will also continue to be communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services website: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)
- Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- [Board website](#) and school websites
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

Families who have provided the school with their cell phone will also receive a text message, unless you have opted out of this service. Please contact your school if you have any questions.

## Student Learning will continue

- Students attending secondary school in person will shift to virtual learning for all of their classes for the day.
- Elementary and secondary virtual schools will operate as normal.

## Recognition Assembly 2019/2020

This year, award winners had their certificate emailed to their School Gmail (Gapps) Account.

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement! Please accept this certificate as a recognition of the time, focus, and effort that you have put into your program. This certificate not only recognizes your learning but also stands as evidence to your perseverance in the face of adversity. The process of remote learning is not always easy, but you stayed motivated and engaged through the difficult moments. We are so proud of you and celebrate your success.

Congratulations to all of our Winners.

## Weekly Quote



LET YOUR SMILE  
CHANGE THE  
WORLD  
BUT DON'T LET THE  
WORLD CHANGE  
YOUR SMILE



## Interested in Debate?

Virtual Debate Team starts soon.

This year's events:

- Ontario Ethics Bowl
- Martingrove Model United Nations

Fill in the form at... <https://bit.ly/DenisonDebate>

## **Attention all grade 9-11 and returning grade 12 Virtual and Face to Face students!**

We would like all students to log onto their Pathway Planner, which is the same place you would go to pick courses for next year, and fill out the courses you INTEND to take for next year. This process is very important as it helps us decide which courses will be offered at regular course selection time in February. Please watch the following short video and complete your course planner by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**!

[Intentions video link](#)

**College and University students** are reminded that applications are due on February 1 for Ontario Colleges and January 15 for Ontario Universities! There are videos and information posted on the Guidance Google classroom.

**Dec 2 Virtual Open House** and registration information for grade 8 students and their families posted on the school website

**Community Volunteer Hours** for students graduating in the 2020-2021 school year, the community involvement graduation requirement will be reduced to a minimum of 20 hours of community involvement activities.

**Virtual Guidance appointments** are available by booking on Teach Assist. Click on Appointment Manager for a google meet. We would also be happy to speak to you via email or telephone!

**Course changes for semester 2** will continue until the end of January. Please fill out the Google Form on the Guidance Google classroom!

## **Mental Health Supports**

Room 201 at Denison is a place where students can go if they are feeling the need to speak to a caring adult or just need a place to calm down.

### **DENISON'S CHAPTER**

#### **JACK.ORG**

<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](mailto:sarah.vickers@yrdsb.ca) or [roda.jama@yrdsb.ca](mailto: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

**Emergency Medical Services: 911**

If you or someone you know is in crisis (at risk of hurting themselves or hurting others) call 911. If it is someone you know, stay with them until help arrives, if it is safe for you to do so.

**310 COPE**

Toll free number 1-855-310-COPE (2673) or (TTY) 1-866-323-7785, you can speak with a crisis worker anytime you need to. The crisis worker will provide an immediate telephone/text response in a variety of situations, such as if you are feeling depressed, distressed, lonely, anxious, scared, angry or are worried that you have nowhere to go.