

# Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

October 1, 2021

## WEEK 2 – Period 3 & Period 4

Homeroom	8:30 – 8:35 a.m.
Period 1	9:50 – 11:05 a.m.
LUNCH/Travel	11:05 – 12:20 p.m.
Period 2	12:20 – 2:50 p.m.

## Student Council



We would like to thank all students who participated in our September spirit week. Our next spirit week will be in October. Students are encouraged to DM us on the Instagram account or fill out our suggestion form on the Google site if they have any suggestions for spirit days. Last Thursday on September 30th, we recognized Canada's National Day for Truth & Reconciliation at Denison. Staff and students were asked to wear orange to honour and commemorate the children affected by Residential Schools. All students were also asked to commemorate by writing a solidarity message on cutouts of orange shoes that will be taped around the school.

Razan Farraj  
Grade 11 Representative

## Student Verification Forms

On Monday, students should have come home with a Student Verification Form. The purpose of the form is to verify all contact information. If there is a change to be made, please hand in the form as soon as possible.

## Important Dates

Oct. 11: Thanksgiving Day  
Oct. 15: Asynchronous Learning  
Oct. 21: Interim Reports  
Oct. 28 Virtual Parents Night

## School Contact Information

### Principal

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### Vice-Principals

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### Superintendent

Farooq Shabbar

### Trustee Name

Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey  
Linda Gilbert

## Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements & Calendar](#)

[Husky Wear](#)

## Co-op News

### Attention Co-op Students:

If you are scheduled to take full day Co-op (4 credit) in Semester 2 and are interested in a Co-op experience with the Canadian Armed Forces, please contact the Co-op Office for more information (room 305).

Evening information sessions are taking place on October 5, October 6, October 12 and October 13.



### **Cyber Awareness Month (CAM) Month 2021 - October 4 to 29, 2021.**

Cyber Awareness Month (CAM) is an internationally recognized campaign, and this year's theme is **"Cyber awareness as self-care"** - adopting safe, secure and healthy habits online is caring for your online presence and digital footprint, while helping to ensure you and your family are protected online.

The past 18+ months have shifted the way we rely on and interact with technology. In all areas of our lives, we have seen an unprecedented increase in the use of technology and the internet for staying connected, for recreation, for online learning, and more. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we learn to protect ourselves online. The Cyber Awareness Month (CAM) campaign tailored for K-12 needs, with a focus on cyber security, online safety, and online privacy.

The campaign focuses on four weekly themes, based on the foundation that technology and the internet are part of our lives, and information and tips will be shared to help protect privacy and stay safer and more secure online.

Just as we lock our doors and secure our homes, visit the doctor to support our physical and emotional health and find peace in meditation to quiet our busy minds, caring for our online presence and digital footprint is just as important.

You can participate by following **@ITS\_YRDSB** on Twitter.

Here's an introductory video created by ECNO and the Ministry of Education about Cyber Awareness Month 2021 - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_JQFLqbYsw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_JQFLqbYsw)

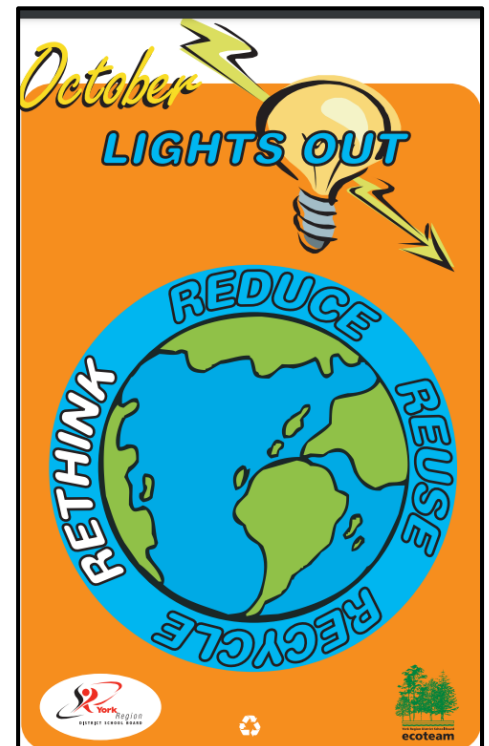
Stay Cyber Safe!

## Devices Loaned During Pandemic

If you were loaned a device for use in online learning in the spring of 2020, or spring of 2021 we ask that you return them to the school as soon as possible. These devices need to be serviced and re-imaged in order to keep them at their optimum. Additionally, with the return of in-class learning, many of our students require access to a device in order to participate in their classes.

The devices can be returned to the school library. If you have any questions, please contact

[alexandra.wright@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alexandra.wright@yrdsb.ca)



## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day @Denison September 30

Denison students and staff participated in active learning and demonstrations of solidarity through the week leading up to and culminating in events during the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Through the week the morning music featured indigenous artists including the National Anthem sung in Ojibwa. The anthems were crafted by both a local band and another featured a prior Denison student.

On Wednesday, students listened to a presentation in homeroom given by Phyllis Webstad a third generation residential school survivor and the creator of Orange shirt day. Her experience is the reason why we wear an Orange Shirt on September 30.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=E3vUqr01kAk>

In homeroom on Tuesday and/or Wednesday, students had opportunity to sign a cut-out of an orange shoe to indicate their understanding of the impact of Residential Schools on the children and their survivors. The shoes were then included in a 10m banner displayed in the front atrium.



The learning continued on Thursday as the students participated in a board wide virtual assembly facilitated by the YRDSB Indigenous Education Team in association with Indigenous community through a ceremony on Google Live Stream. Student Council also shared an exceptional slide deck that teachers could use to augment the learning from the morning in our afternoon classes.

Our learning and understanding of the impact of residential schools on the members of our community is a commitment that Denison affirms on a daily basis with our partners in education.

## School Start-Up Forms

We also want to remind families to complete the [school start-up forms](#) that were sent to families last week. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain important information and permissions. They can also be found on the Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources](http://www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources) under Family Start-Up Forms, along with some [information on how to complete the forms](#). Please note, you must be signed in to your child's student GAPPs account to complete the form. Please remember to sign out of one student account before signing into another.

## Guidance News

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**Grade 12 Virtual Assemblies** – Applications, timelines and resources for researching programs etc. will be covered.

- College Bound students - Tuesday, October 5 at 2pm in class.
- University Bound students – Wednesday, October 6 at 2pm in class.
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**Guidance Google classroom** is a source for important information and dates for all students! Volunteer information and sheets, videos, mental health supports etc. etc.!

Grade 9-11 – Class code is **6zcppvn**

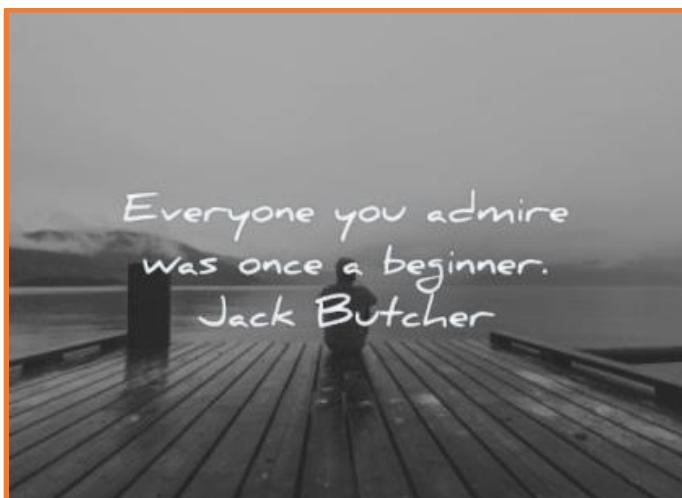
Grade 12 Class code is **jzkcwls**

If students are having difficulty joining, please come to Guidance for help!

**Guidance Appointments** are available to book on TEACH ASSIST – appointment manager.

**Semester 2 course changes** are available from now until January. Students missing courses or requirements should book an appointment and fill out the Google Course Change form on the Guidance Google Classroom ASAP.

## Quote of the Week



# School Council

## Our Voice counts....



On behalf of your past executive Co-chairs 2021 (Chris, Emmy), please join us for our **Monday, October 18** meeting of the 2021-2022 School Council. 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 October's Council Meeting we will facilitate a report from the students, staff and administration on recent and future initiatives in the school. **Also**, we facilitate appointment of the new Executive and fill the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasure, Community Member and Executive from nominations submitted by October 15, 2021.

Please complete the [SchoolCouncilCandidateNominationForm](#) sections as appropriate and have your child deliver the document to the school's Main Office.

The meeting will be hosted virtually and you can join following the directions below:

Dr. J.M. Denison School Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: October School Council

Time: **Oct 18, 2021 07:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/99007598172?pwd=YmNJRG40UTVHeml0V0VPenZOanhxZz09>

Meeting ID: 990 0759 8172

Passcode: 891327

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Find your local number: <https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/u/adzYUYH000>

## 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, Islamaphobia, 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, or watch this [short video](#) to learn more.

## 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](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

**UP HUB**

A collection of peer-led tools and resources created to uplift York Region residents who are seeking services or need support": <https://www.uphub.ca/en/index.aspx>

They also have a hard copy guide which they will mail out upon request. This guide is an outgrowth of the former York Region on a Limited Budget book

<https://www.uphub.ca/en/up-tools/yr1b-book.aspx?mid=10914>