

Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School


October 15, 2021

WEEK 2 – Period 3 & Period 4

October 18-22

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

 On Thursday October 21st, we ask that all staff and students wear purple in support of LGBTQ youth and the largest worldwide anti-bullying campaign. For more information, visit www.glaad.org/spiritday. During the week of October 25th - 29th, the Student Council is hosting a Halloween photo scavenger hunt. On Monday the 25th, a list of 100 Halloween themed items will be posted and be accessible to each student. Participating students will fill in a slideshow with their photos and the student or group that completed the most items on the list will receive our mystery basket prize. During the week of October 18th - 22nd, we will be running our annual Halloween food drive, "Trick or Eat". During the collection week, period 3 classes will be collecting non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Newmarket Food Pantry.

Razan Farraj
Grade 11 Representative



Important Dates

Oct 18: School Council
Oct. 21: Interim Reports
Nov. 3: Virtual Teacher Interviews
Nov. 3: TOKTW Day
Nov. 4: Diwali

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Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements & Calendar](#)

[Husky Wear](#)

Co-op News

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (Accelerated OYAP) Information Session

Hello Parents/Guardians and Students,

If your child is interested in pursuing a career in the Skilled Trades, we invite you to have a look at the [Accelerated OYAP Information website](#) our [YRDSB OYAP Video](#) and the [YRDSB OYAP Webpage](#) to find out more information about the exciting apprenticeship opportunities available through YRDSB and our College and Training Center partners. The Skilled Trades offer excellent employment opportunities, training in state of the art facilities and higher than average career satisfaction.

We are holding our **Virtual Open House** on **Wednesday October 27th, 2021 @ 7:00pm** please [REGISTER FOR THE EVENT](#) to find out more about the Skilled Trades. Hope to see you there!

Military Co-op:

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.

Weekly Quote

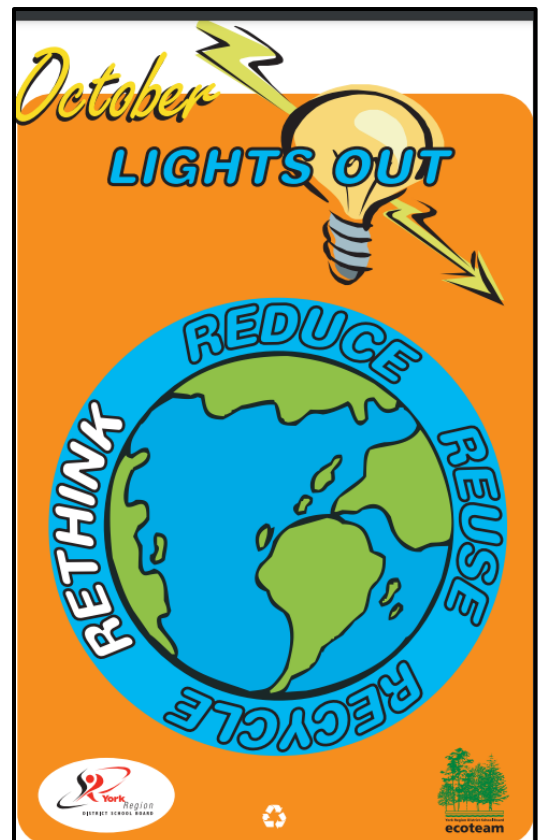


Devices Loaned During Pandemic

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



Guidance News

College and University Presentations for grade 12 students were done virtually this week and have been posted on the Guidance Google Classroom. We have included information on graduation requirements, timelines for applying, where to research and scholarship resources etc.

- College Applications are now open for research and applying at www.ontariocolleges.ca
- University Applications will be available once the Board emails students PIN number and password to their GAPPS email on October 22, 2021

Apprenticeship information and presentation was posted on the Guidance Google classroom October 14th.

Community involvement opportunities with Salvation Army and the Town of Newmarket have just been posted on the Guidance Google Classroom. Neighbourhood Network also has opportunities for High School students to earn ours throughout the year.

<https://neighbourhoodnetwork.org/volunteer/>

The Literacy Graduation Requirement is waived for students graduating in the 2021-22 school year.

[Accelerated OYAP & Apprenticeship Information Open House](#): **October 27, 2021 – 7:00PM-8:30PM**

Last year's evening event was a great success with many parents in attendance! Once again, this event is for students in grade 12 who are interested in applying for one of the Accelerated OYAP Level 1 Training programs AND for students in grades 10-12 who are interested in learning more about apprenticeship and OYAP programming. See the [Accelerated OYAP Open House Flyer](#) for training programs. For more details and registration information on this important opportunity, see the link above or the [bww](#)

Please note: We have just been informed that the [Drywall Acoustic Mechanic and Lather Open House](#) session will take place on October 21, 2021 at 6:45PM. A zoom link for this event will be sent to students interested in this particular trade. For more information on the open house event, do not hesitate to contact david.lovisa@yrdsb.ca , Regional Dual Credit Teacher, or myself, linda.alati@yrdsb.ca

Semester 2 course changes are available by booking an appointment on Teach Assist or by filling out the Semester 2 course change request form on the Guidance Google classroom.

Appointments are live in Guidance or virtual meets for remote students.

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=YmNJRGR4OUtVHemlOV0VPenZOanhxZz09>

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OSSLT

Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessment 2021–2022

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is administered by the Government of Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This test is administered to determine whether students have acquired the minimum literacy skills expected in the Ontario Curriculum, up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of this literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

EQAO is administering the OSSLT in the fall and spring in a fully online platform. Eligible Grade 11 and non-graduating Grade 12s will write in the fall window in the latter part of November. **The specific date for these students to write the test will be shared in a separate communication in the coming weeks.**

Grade 10 students will write in the spring window. This will support grade 10 students with opportunities to develop literacy skills. For Grade 12 students graduating in the 2021-2022 school year, the Ministry of Education has waived the literacy requirement for graduation.

Grade 11 and non-graduating grade 12 students who write in the fall will receive their individual results by the end of January 2022. Students who are successful on the OSSLT will have satisfied the OSSD graduation requirement.

Students have the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform through EQAO's [online practice test](#). For more information about EQAO and to view the full practice test, you are encouraged to visit EQAO's website www.eqao.com.

Sincerely,

Alex Corry
Principal



October is 2SLGBTQ+ History Month.

A time to reflect on and learn about 2SLGBTQ+ history, the history of gay rights and other related civil rights movements. By looking back, we can work to ensure the road ahead is free of obstacles and equal for all.



In October, we celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** and take time to celebrate and educate future generations of Ontarians about the outstanding achievements of Hispanic people in the province as well as their meaningful contributions to our social, economic and multicultural fabric.

It's **Women's History Month** & here in Canada we have so many incredible women to celebrate! YRDSB will be sharing the stories of 10 amazing women throughout the month of October to honour and celebrate some amazing women who have shaped our country's history.

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1444007226163843073>

October is Islamic Heritage Month!

October is **#IslamicHeritageMonth** and is a time for Ontarians to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding Islamic history of Ontario as well as the vital contributions of Muslims to our province's social, economic, political and cultural fabric.



Islamic Heritage Month



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 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 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

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>