



Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

October 17-21, 2022

Timetable

Homeroom	8:30 – 8:35 a.m.
1	8:35 – 9:50 a.m.
2	9:55 – 11:10 a.m.
LUNCH	11:10 – 12:20 p.m.
3	12:25 – 1:40 p.m.
4	1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Student Council

Students who have ideas for Spirit Weeks can DM us on our Instagram @wearedenison, or fill out the suggestion box on our website. Our next Spirit Week will be at the end of October. We are excited to announce that House Colours are back! We will be hosting events like the tricycle race, dance competitions and many more for students to participate in. Participants will represent their house colour and earn bragging rights throughout the school. Students have received emails regarding which house colour they will represent.

Razan Farraj
Grade 12 Representative

Husky Wear – Order Now

<https://www.schoolwear.ca/DHS/>

Important Dates

Oct. 19-20: Interim Reports
Oct. 20: College Fair Field Trip
Oct. 21: PA Day
Oct. 24: Diwali
Oct. 27: Teacher Interview Night
Nov. 2: Take our Kids to Work Day

School Contact Information

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**Visit the Denison
Webpage**

[Morning Announcements](#)

[Husky Athletics - Game
Times](#)

Husky Athletics

The Denison Athletics Department is excited to announce that there are nine sport teams running this fall. Check <http://www.yraa.com/src/> for schedules.

Game times available on Dr. Denison Homepage Calendar.

[Husky Athletics - Game Times](#)

- Cross Country
- Boys Varsity Soccer
- Jr. Boys Volleyball
- Sr. Boys Volleyball
- Varsity Girls Basketball
- Girls Field Hockey
- Jr. Boys Rugby 7's
- Sr. Boys Rugby 7's
- Sr. Girls Rugby 7's <http://www.yraa.com/src/>



Link Crew and Grade 9 Students Raptors Game

Our Grade 9 students have the opportunity to attend a Toronto Raptors basketball game on Wednesday November 9, with students from our Link Crew. This offers the Grade 9 students the opportunity to interact with each other, and with our senior students who possess great leadership skills.

The itinerary for the evening consists of activities, along with pizza, in the Cafeteria starting at 3:15 pm. Students and staff will then travel to Scotia Bank Arena, by school bus, at 4:30 p.m. for the Raptors vs Houston Rockets game. We will return to Denison S.S. at approximately 11:00 pm, where students need to have their rides home organized. We look forward to the value this experience will bring to the Grade 9 students and Link Crew leaders.

The cost of the activity will be \$63.00, which includes pizza, transportation, and ticket to the game. Grade 9 students are asked to wear their t-shirts from Grade 9 day.

This event is optional for all Grade 9 students. It is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Coding Club

Coding Club is off to a great start! We meet on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. in the Library.

Math Club

MATH CLUB and Math Contests Preparation - running on alternate Tuesdays at 3:00PM in Room 228 (next meeting Oct 18) -Google Classroom Code: dwwiwbb

Denison Food Pantry - Survey

[Survey Link](#)

OYAP

Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship:

College Information Night
2022 - 2023

Tuesday, October 18,
2022 at 7:00 PM

[Registration Link](#)



Guidance Notes

Important Information for Grade 12's

During the week of October 17th all grade 12's will be receiving information in their GAPPS accounts to apply to College and University.

To qualify to apply to College (OCAS) and/or University (OUAC) students need to be on track to graduate this school year.

Additionally only students who have ENG4U1 plus five "U or M" grade 12 courses qualify to apply to University (OUAC).

Not everyone who receives a pin is eligible to apply to University (OUAC).

Grade 11 and 12 Classroom Visits

Over the last week and a half, the Guidance Department has visited all grade 11 and 12 period 1 classes. Students received an overview of the Guidance Department and how it can be used to support them. In the presentation information about the post-secondary pathways: apprenticeship, college, university and workplace and post-secondary prerequisites was also shared. Throughout the school year, additional information will be shared through My Pathways Planner, myBlueprint software. All students are part of a grade specific Google Classroom. When new information is shared, students receive an email in their YRDSB GAPPS account.

Grade 10 Classroom Visits

Next week the Guidance Department will visit all grade 10 period 1 classes.

Ontario College Information Fair (October 19 and 20)

Located at the Enercare Centre, find out about the different career options and which college programs are best for you from October 19 and 20. For more information, please visit the [Ontario College Fair website](#).

Grade 12 Field Trip Opportunity: College Fair

Now open to Grade 11 students!

The Guidance Department at Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. is offering students an opportunity to go to the Ontario Colleges Information Fair on Thursday, October 20th. You will learn about careers available and which college programs will best prepare you for those careers. Find out about unique programs that can only be offered at Ontario colleges. You will get more information on how and when to apply. Hear about campus life, housing, and student services and find out how to pay for college.

The bus will depart Denison at 9:30 am and return at 1:30 pm. Students will return to class after the field trip debrief and the pizza lunch in the cafeteria. Sign up for the field trip through School Cash Online, \$5.00 per student.

Breakfast Program - New



Denison is starting a breakfast program for anybody who wants to get something to eat in the morning. It doesn't matter if you didn't have time to eat, or weren't hungry when you left home. From 8:00 a.m. - 8:25 a.m. in Room 153, there will be cold cereal, hot oatmeal, bagels, yogurt, fruit, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate (and occasionally other foods). Come and start the day with a good breakfast!

Student Information System

Over the course of the past two years many Ontario school boards have been working on the migration of their student information systems to a modernized system. The student information system is integral to school operations and is complex in nature. Over the summer, the board implemented this new student system and as is the case with any new project of this magnitude we experienced a small number of implementation challenges. Our Information Technology Services team is working diligently with the associated vendors to resolve the issues. We recognize that these issues may have caused some inconveniences for regular school procedures and will work to provide regular communications to families.

School Council Agenda October 18

7 pm in Library or Virtual

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 230 120 479 778

Passcode: bPRuU3

Standing items

Approval of previous meeting minutes Chair

Student Report

Teacher Report

Admin. Report

Future Meeting dates and topics

Guidance; Intentions, Programming at Denison

Food Programs @ Denison

Council Discussion Items (call for items?)

Next meeting: November 21 or 22, 2022 @ 7.00 PM

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



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.

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October 12, 2022

Family-Teacher Interview Night will take place **in-person** at Dr. Denison, on **Thursday, October 27, 2022** from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Parents/Guardians will have an opportunity to meet with their child(ren)'s teacher(s), and learn more about their course(s).

Parents/Guardians can use **teachassist**, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) on Family-Teacher Interview Night. All students in our school currently have a **teachassist** account to access information associated with their class assessments.

Parents/Guardians may access appointment bookings starting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 through the **teachassist Parent Portal** available at <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>. From there, enter in your email address and leave the password blank, to set up a one-time access link, or to reset a password that you've created. An email will be sent with a time-limited link that will look similar to this:

teachassist@yrdsb.ca

To: parent_email

Click here for your one time access to teachassist

<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/listReports.php?email=parent&token=serdftyugio678>

Once logged in, parents/guardians will have the option to set up a password.

For instructions on how to book a family-teacher interview through **teachassist**, please click [here](#).

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our Main Office.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on October 27, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to make alternative arrangements for another day.

Important Timelines:

October 19-20	Interim Reports to be distributed electronically to parents/guardians/18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.
October 19	Family-Teacher Interview Night schedule opens for booking. Parents/Guardians will go to the teachassist parent portal https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents to book appointment(s).
October 25	Family-Teacher Interview Night schedule closes end of day.
October 26	Parents/Guardians to receive confirmation email(s) from teachers.
October 27	Family-Teacher Interview Night - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Your partners in education,

Alex Corry
Principal

Elissa D'Souza
Vice-Principal

Doug Case
Vice-Principal

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, Islamophobia, 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.

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.

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