



# Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

October 24 - 28, 2022

## Timetable

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

## Student Council

We will be hosting our second Spirit Week of the year from October 24th to October 28th.

Monday – Cartoon Day

Tuesday - "Anything but a Backpack" Day

Wednesday - Celebrity Day

Thursday - Pink Day

Friday - PJ Day

We are excited to see all the Husky Spirit!

House Colours will also be coming back to Denison. We will be hosting events like the tricycle race, dance competitions and many more for students to participate in. We will have our first buyout of the year on Thursday October 27th. Students can buy a ticket to watch an exciting volleyball game between students and teachers in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Razan Farraj  
Grade 12 Representative

## Important Dates

Oct. 24: Diwali

Oct. 27: Teacher Interview Night

Nov. 2: Take our Kids to Work Day

Nov. 10: Term 2 Begins

Nov. 11: Denison Remembers

## School Contact Information

### Principal

Alex Corry

### Vice-Principals

Elissa D'Souza

Alexandra Wright

Doug Case

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<http://denison.ss.yrdsb.ca/>

### Superintendent

Farooq Shabbar

### Trustee Name

Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey

Linda Gilbert

## Visit the Denison Webpage

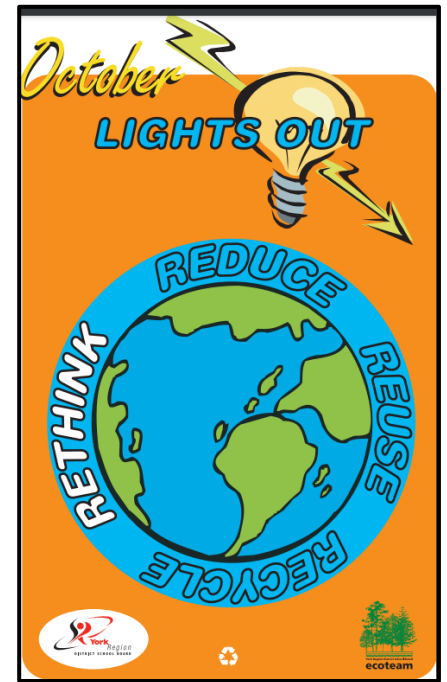
[Morning Announcements](#)

[Husky Athletics - Game Times](#)

## Husky Wear – Order Now

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

## Girls Rugby Team



## Husky Athletics



The Huskies are finishing up their seasons on the courts, fields, pitches, and trails and are making Denison proud. The teams play with energy, enthusiasm, and character and it's nice to see the positive role it plays in our school.

The Boys and Girls 7's Rugby teams have been turning heads this fall with their strong play. The Junior Boys just finished the season by winning the gold medal in their Tier 2 league and the Senior Boys took silver after a very competitive final game. The Girls' team showed incredible improvement and are going to be a team to be reckoned with next year. Mr. McRogers and Mr. Piper wants to thank all of the rugby players for their excellent work.

Exciting volleyball is back at Denison! The Senior and Junior Boys are finishing their seasons up and are looking towards a playoff berth. The boys have shown considerable improvement and are always entertaining to watch. Go Huskies!!!

The Varsity Girls Field Hockey team just finished their season with a York Region silver medal and have qualified for OFSAA to represent York Region in Hamilton in early November. The girls always bring their Husky spirit and we await their results from OFSAA. Congratulations!

The Varsity Boys Soccer team continues to play with energy as they finish up their season in a quest for the playoffs. The team has a strong nucleus for the future. Coaches Campbell and Zantingh are happy with their progress.

Our Senior Girls Basketball team continues to make strides during their season. The girls show a real commitment to defense and Mr. Grimes is thrilled with their enthusiasm. Way to go, girls!

The results from the recent York Region Cross Country Meet were terrific for Denison. This hard-working and cohesive team competed to the best of their abilities. 4 of our runners qualified for OFSAA in Uxbridge on November 5. The 4 runners were Anastasia Kirova, Michelle Kelly, Ryan Ward, and Christian Myers. Congratulations to the team of dedicated athletes!

Denison is proud of its student-athletes during this successful fall season.

Congratulations, Huskies!!!

## Take our Kids to Work Day – Grade 9 Students

“Take Our Kids to Work” (TOKW) is an initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to **OBSERVE** a work environment for one day. As suggested by the *Premier’s Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel Report*, the program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

On **Wednesday, November 2, 2022**, Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer. There is a [Family Guide Resource](#) available to support families with planning.

All Grade 9 students will have received this information to their GAPPS account. Please review the permission form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions.

Parents/Guardians can also choose to have their child participate independently in career exploration activities at home or at school. Please indicate this choice on the permission form so that schools can plan appropriately.

### [Permission Form Link](#)

## 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.



## What Is Diwali?

**Diwali** (also called **Divali** or **Deepavali**) is a “festival of lights” that celebrates the triumph of light over dark and good over evil, and the blessings of victory, freedom, and enlightenment. The name comes from Sanskrit *dipavali*, meaning “row of lights.” On the night of Diwali, celebrants light dozens of candles and clay

lamps (called *diyas*), placing them throughout their homes and in the streets to light up the dark night.

In most of India, Diwali consists of a five-day celebration that peaks on the third day with the main celebration of Diwali. In other places where Diwali occurs, usually only the main day is celebrated.

## 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.



## Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School



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 <b>teachassist</b> parent portal <a href="https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents">https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents</a> 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, 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.

## 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 preventio