



# Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School

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October 23, 2020

## Rotation 3

### October 13 to October 26

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in-school for Period 3

\*Remember to check TeachAssist for your Per.3 Cohort A or B

Online – Periods 4, 1, 2

## Rotation 4

### TUESDAY October 27 to November 9

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in-school for Period 4

\*Remember to check TeachAssist for your Per.4 Cohort A or B

Online – Periods 3, 1, 2

## Student Council

### Week of October 26-30



"We Scare Hunger" is back, but this year it is a little different due to safety restrictions! Every year around Halloween, students of Dr. Denison S. S. participate in a homeroom challenge to promote the collection of food donations for a food drive. During these

difficult times, we would like to encourage everyone to think of the less fortunate people in our community. For this year's "We Scare Hunger" campaign, students have the option of contributing \$5, \$10 or \$20 towards their homeroom's donation on schoolcashonline. All proceeds from this challenge will be donated to The Newmarket Food Pantry to benefit families in our community! Remember, every little donation helps!

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### **Superintendent**

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Linda Gilbert

## Visit the Denison Webpage

[Morning Announcements](#)

[Order Husky School Wear](#)



## Halloween Reminders for Families

This year, Halloween will look different for York Region families. In light of COVID-19 precautions, door-to-door trick-or-treating is [not recommended](#) by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health for modified Stage 2 areas, including York Region.

The health and safety of our students remains a top priority. For students who wish to celebrate Halloween at school, please keep these reminders in mind:

- When planning costumes that no replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, please be aware that:

- Students will not be able to use washrooms to change into costumes.
- No Halloween masks are to be worn and students should only use single use make-up (no sharing of make-up).
- Students who are required to wear PPE face masks (Gr. 4 - 12) must continue to do so, and students in younger grade (FDK - Gr. 3) are encouraged to continue to wear their PPE face masks.
- Costumes should be of simple design (to limit personal items being brought to school), and treats cannot be shared.

For more information on how to stay safe this Halloween and for alternate Halloween activities, please visit York Region Public Health's [website](#).

## "Take Our Kids to Work" (TOKW)

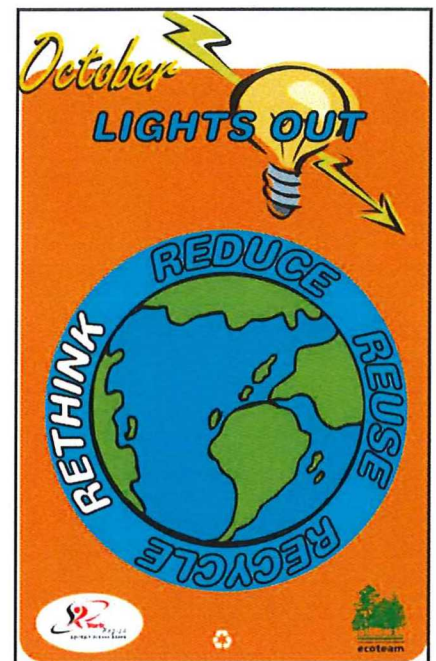
Due to COVID restrictions, on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, students will take part in virtual activities that will support them with pathways planning.

Opportunities for Grade 9 Students on November 4, 2020:

- Participate in a virtual Job Shadow with parent/guardian, family member/neighbour from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. etc.; or
- Participate in a livestream event from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., hosted by the Pathways Team, Curriculum and Instructional Services, in partnership with the Learning Partnership

### Weekly Quote

THE SECRET TO  
GETTING AHEAD  
IS GETTING  
STARTED.



## York Region on a Limited Budget

How to navigate the region when you don't have a lot of money.

<https://www.yssn.ca/usercontent/resource%20publications/YSSL YRLB 2017 se.pdf>



# Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

Interested in pursuing a career in the Skilled Trades?

We invite you to have a look at the Accelerated OYAP Information website

[https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/yrdsbacceleratedoyap/home\\_1](https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/yrdsbacceleratedoyap/home_1)

and our YRDSB OYAP Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiVXIxyATMc>

to find out more information about the exciting apprenticeship opportunities available through YRDSB and our College and Training Centre partners.

The Skilled Trades offer excellent employment opportunities, training in state of the art facilities and higher than average career satisfaction.

Interested? Please contact Mrs. Cherutti and Mrs. Russell in the Co-op Department.

## Guidance News

*October 23, 2020*

**Semester 2 Timetable Changes:** Requests to change semester 2 timetables will begin on November 2. Please fill out the Google form on the Guidance google classroom as it confirms parent/guardian permission.

**The Scholarship/University/College/Apprenticeship grade 12 presentation** is posted on the Guidance Google classroom.

**Video tutorials** are also posted on how to research College and University programs on the Guidance Google classroom.

**Math homework help!** Online math videos for all grades are available.

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

[www.mathtv.com/](http://www.mathtv.com/)

[www.brightstorm.com/math](http://www.brightstorm.com/math)

**OYAP – Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program information. Please click to register!**

<C:\Users\kim.spiller\Downloads\Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship - College Information Night 2020.pdf>

**Virtual College and University Open Houses and Campus Tours!**

[Ontario College Open Houses & Campus Tours](#)

[Ontario University Open Houses & Campus Tours](#)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GLGixW1M\\_gvX8ZVFnt4miX01ZLMKh1418funDz\\_QZHJ0/copy](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GLGixW1M_gvX8ZVFnt4miX01ZLMKh1418funDz_QZHJ0/copy)

# jack.org

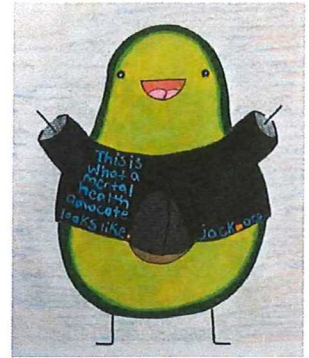
## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

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.

### 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>

bethere.org is helpful for learning about how to support your friends, peers and family who may be struggling with their mental health. Be-There-in-a-Crisis will teach you how to help someone who may be in crisis, although it is not a site for immediate support.

### KIDS HELP PHONE

<https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

Kids Help Phone is a mental health hotline where you can talk to or text a trained volunteer for 24/7 support.

You can call them at any time at  
1-800-668-6868

Or, if you'd rather, you can text them at this number  
686868

### ANXIETY CANADA

<https://www.anxietycanada.com/>

Anxiety Canada is filled with information and coping strategies related to dealing with anxiety.

## CMHA

<https://ontario.cmha.ca/>  
<https://toronto.cmha.ca/youth-zone/>

The Canada Mental Health Association has plenty of information and lists of resources regarding mental health and mental health support.

### **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.

## **Fall into Wellness**

In collaboration with the *York Region Newcomer Youth Service Providers Network*, IYC will be hosting a 6-day virtual wellness event called **"Fall into Wellness"** to support youth ages 12-24 during this challenging time in the community with COVID-19. Youth will have the opportunity to engage in fun activities with peers, obtain valuable information and resources related to mental health, wellness promotion, and academic success with the support of our partners from the *YRDSB, CMHA York and South Simcoe, Richmond Hill Library and Hong Fook Mental Health Association*.

There will be a great variety of workshops offered, surrounding topics like: **Yoga and meditation, Soca dancing, school success strategies, self-care, and an exciting virtual game night!** Registration for our wellness event can be found at: <http://bit.ly/yrnyspnevent>



Dear Families,



**Fee - \$60 plus \$0 shipping**  
**Group code: STDDT-84B**  
Dual Core  
4 GB RAM  
160 GB Hardrive  
Includes: Windows 10  
Monitor, Microsoft Office, Power  
Supply, Sound Card

We are pleased to inform you that YRDSB/Denison is once again working with Renewed Computer Technology. As you may or may not know, Renewed Computer Technology is a non-profit organization that provides refurbished technology to limited income families at an affordable cost. You can learn more about them by visiting their [website](#).

In this application period, we will be offering the program to all students at YRDSB and will keep the application period open for the entire school year.

RCT will be fulfilling orders on an ongoing basis throughout the year so families will not have to wait until the end of an application period to receive their technology. This year, RCT is offering two packages to families. Both options are for desktop computers that cost \$60 and \$200.



**Fee - \$200 plus \$0 shipping**  
**Group code: UPGRDT-4E8**  
i5 (minimum spec)  
8 GB RAM  
500 GB  
Includes: Windows 10  
22" Monitor, Microsoft Office,  
Power Supply, Sound Card,  
Ethernet

Support and shape your child's education by participating on and/or attending the council meetings. The meetings occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month if possible barring holidays and Faith Days. See the list of learning and sharing opportunities for our Council attendees. All are welcome. (Co-Chairs Chris and Emmy)



Date	Topic
September 21	TeachAssist monitoring your student's performance
October 19	Programs for students IDC, SHSM
November 16	Post secondary destinations application process
December 14	Mental Health and Well-being for Parents of students
January 18	Course selections
February 16	TBD



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Family Night is on October 29, 2020. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom. We regret that for health and safety reasons, we are unable to host an event at the school as we normally would, however we look forward to meeting with you virtually.

Families can use TeachAssist, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their children's teacher(s) on Family 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 on **Friday, October 23rd** 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=serdfyugio678>**

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

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

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the teacher.

### Important Timelines

October 23rd	Family Night schedule opens for booking. Parents/Guardians will go to the TeachAssist parent portal <a href="https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents">https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents</a> to book their appointment(s).
October 28th	Interview Scheduler closes. Virtual Interview meeting links will be sent to families through email.
<b>October 29th</b>	<b>Virtual Interviews</b>

Your partners in education,

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Vice-Principal

Candice Mott  
Vice-Principal





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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We hope this correspondence finds you and your family well.

For the 2020-2021 school year, the Ministry of Education is revising the 40-hour community involvement graduation requirement by providing increased flexibility in how hours can be earned for all students, so that they will not be adversely impacted by the ongoing challenges related to COVID-19.

### **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. This recognizes that graduating students have had barriers to earning their community involvement hours last school year and there may be continued barriers this school year.

### **ALL SECONDARY STUDENTS IN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:**

The following opportunities will be considered eligible for the school year;

- At the principal's discretion, schools may waive the restrictions that do not allow students to earn hours:
  - During the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day; or
  - For duties normally performed in the home (e.g., walking a younger child to and from school, helping younger siblings with school work).
- Students aged 14 years and older can count up to a maximum of 10 hours from paid employment towards their earned hours at the discretion of the principal.
  - Students counting paid employment towards their graduation requirement will be required to complete a reflection exercise indicating how their work contributed to the service for others.

Students should continue to seek out and accumulate community involvement hours in accordance with school board [policies and procedures](#), keeping in mind local public health unit recommendations.

At Dr. J.M. Denison, virtual volunteer opportunities are posted on the Guidance Google classrooms:

Grade 12 Google classroom: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MTcwNDY4NDA4MzAx> code jzkcwls

Grade 9-11 Google Classroom: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MjI3MTI5NjI1Mjha> code 6zcppvn

Please be advised that it is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to assess the volunteer opportunity to ensure the safety of the student even when the opportunity is promoted by the school.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact a teacher, guidance counsellor or administrator to discuss your questions.

Please take care,

Alex Corry

