



Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School

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Upcoming Dates

December 22nd – **Last Day of School before Winter Break**

January 8th – **Return to School**

January 17th & 18th - **EQAO Math Assessment**

Denison Student Council

During the last week of school, student council will be selling various tree ornaments to raise funds for the 'Me to We' charity. This will be a part of the Battle of the grades competition. Each tree ornament will be for 25 cents and they will be sold in the pit during lunch.

| SPRIT WEEK December 18th to 22nd | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Fuzzy Socks | Crazy Hat & Hair | Winter Sports | Ugly Sweater | Comfy PJ's |

ECO! HO! HO!

The Eco-Ethical Group is happy to once again offer you an *Eco-friendly Holiday Gift Wrapping Service!* The Eco Elves will transform your gifts into one-of-a-kind creations with stunning images, snowflakes and origami! This is a free service, but you are also welcome to make a donation to Denison's Outdoor Classroom, if you wish. The Eco Elves will be wrapping outside Guidance this Friday, Monday and Tuesday!



Exams

January 25th to January 30th, 2018
Exam Review Day February 1st, 2018

Exams are an important part of the final assessment that occurs in January. Semester one exams run from January 25 – January 31, 2017 inclusive. February 1st is Exam Review Day. Examinations are written on a “Period-by-Period” schedule as follows:

January 25 – Period 1 courses
January 26 – Period 2 courses
January 29 – Period 3 courses
January 30 – Period 4 courses



All exams begin at 9:00 a.m. and most are complete by 10:30 a.m. Some senior exams are 2 hours in length and performance exams are scheduled on an individual basis with the teacher. Please plan holidays around the examination dates. All examinations must be written on the specific date and time and in the location as scheduled. They will not be rescheduled for individual students. The **ONLY** exceptions to this will be for **ILLNESS**, **COURT APPEARANCE**, or **BEREAVEMENT**, and proper documentation will be required. Students who miss an examination without such documentation will receive a mark of zero for the examination portion of their final mark.

Denison Music Department presents WINTER SHOWCASE 2017

Denison's holiday concert will be held on **Monday, December 18th at 7pm at Newmarket Theatre**. This concert will feature our grade 9 band class, senior band class, Denison Singers, the Dr. Denison Concert Band, Paramedics of Rhythm Jazz Band and the Dr. Denison Wind Ensemble. Our program includes popular songs by Coldplay, Earth, Wind and Fire, Cyndi Lauper and The Beatles, as well as music from The Avengers, Spiderman and Guardians of the Galaxy. We'll also play some familiar holiday favourites to get you in the spirit of the season! Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Don't miss out on this great night of entertainment!

Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment

Our Grade 9 students currently in Math classes will write the EQAO Math tests on **January 17 & 18, 2018**. The Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics measures how well students have met the expectations in the Grade 9 Mathematics curriculum for Applied and Academic courses. Student achievement in this assessment is reported using a four-level scale that is aligned with the scale used in The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 and 10: Mathematics and the Provincial Report Card, Grades 9-12, In the Ontario Curriculum. The results from this assessment provide baseline information that will assist in board and school improvement planning. Letters outlining test dates will be sent home on December 5th. The students' results on the test comprise 5% of the students' final mark in Math.

Any student considering a **semester 2 timetable change** should book a Guidance appointment ASAP! Come in and talk about pathways and courses before the semester starts to avoid delays and missing any new classes!

Book online at **denisonguidance.youcanbook.me**

Post Secondary Applications!

This is a reminder to all Grade 12 students who would like to apply to an Ontario College and/or an Ontario University. The applications will be due in the New Year, specifically:

OUAC -University- January 17, 2018- We recommend that students do apply over the winter break to avoid technical problems with the high volume of students applying!

OCAS- College - February 1, 2018 (for equal consideration)

Do you want to research Post Secondary programs and prerequisites?

Visit www.ontariocolleges.ca and www.electronicinfo.ca for a wealth of information!

Winter Break is a great time to start or finish community involvement hours! Remember, it must be a NON PROFIT organization to qualify!

There is also a community involvement club right here at Dr. Denison. Come to Guidance and speak to Ms. Spiller for the opportunities at school!

Mental Health Awareness at Dr. Denison Secondary School!

December is the month that Dr. Denison students are looking at messages of support, information and wellness for our school community. Information cards, messages of positivity and kindness on lockers and give aways are some of the things being done this month.

"What consumes your mind, controls your life. Let go of negative thoughts and chart a new course. Inhale, exhale and repeat" Anonymous