



Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School

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Upcoming Dates

October 9 – **Thanksgiving**

October 12 – **Grade 8 Family Night**

October 12 – **Interim Report Cards Distributed**

October 13 – **Photo Re-take Day**

October 20 – **PA Day**

Orange Shirt Day

The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters.

The [orange shirt day](#) movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973.

Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl, who was being raised by her grandmother. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform.

Webstad has felt the impact of that event long after it occurred, "that feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter."

Dr. Denison recognized the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors by wearing an orange shirt on September 29th.





Husky Athletics

Getting Into the Swing of Things

The regular season has started and all of Denison's teams and athletes are competing in YRAA play. The Huskies are currently fielding 15 different teams across 9 different sports. Home basketball and volleyball games are coming up at the Husky Dome and a large crowd is expected. We hope to play well, do our best, and display character.

GOLF

Junior and Senior Boys Golf Team qualify for the YRAA championships on Monday.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country Team started training this week during lunch. We have a group of energetic kids eagerly getting ready for our two upcoming meets on September 29th and October 11th. Any students who did not have a chance to attend the first two practices are more than welcome to join next week. See Madame Gray or Mrs. Vickers for more information.

Grade 8 Open House

On Thursday October 12th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. future Denison families are invited to join in the *Amazing Race Denison*. Through fun activities and challenges you will learn more about curriculum and the life here at Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. Visit booths at our school fair in the cafeteria to speak to Student Club Members to ask questions about our extra-curricular activities. Experience the Adventure that is Denison!



Student Registration Verification Form

Your child should have brought home a Student Registration Verification form last Friday, September 20th. Please review contact information and make any corrections or changes on the sheet and return to Home Room Teacher ASAP. The information collected is to ensure accuracy in our system

Interim Report Cards

Interim Report Cards will be distributed Thursday, October 12, 2017. The purpose of the Interim Report is to notify parents and students of their progress and achievement in a course within the first six weeks of school. These reports give a Level (1-4) of current achievement. Your student will have had several assessments in each class that will help the teacher to determine this level. Students in all grades and levels of work will have some homework on a daily basis. If you have any questions about homework, please contact your student's teacher.

Checking in at the Main Office

When entering the school, please remember to go to the Main Office to obtain a visitor's pass. (A visitor's pass is not needed for Teacher Interview Nights.)

International Night

International Night! Dr. Denison's Equity team will be holding the first ever International Night on Thursday October 26th. International Night will transform our school into a multicultural spectacle aimed to make up our school and dancing and other cultural children can join games or art. We are looking for parental and of food, theatrics and organizing part of this amazing endeavor in any capacity, please email sarah.vickers@yrdsb.ca



during parent teacher interviews. our cafeteria and foyer into a celebrate the many cultures that community. There will be music, theatrics to enjoy. Younger groups throughout our cafeteria. student involvement in the area stations. If you would like to be a

Mental Health and Wellness: Meditation Wednesdays

This brief mindfulness meditation will be offered during the first 5 minutes of lunch on Wednesdays in the library.

All students are welcome

Guidance is now dealing with all semester 2 timetable requests and issues. Please book an appointment online at **denisonguidance.youcanbook.me** from now until the end of January for timetable concerns, or any other way we can support you!

Take our Kids to Work Day!

Grade 9 students will be receiving information and consent forms next week for Take Our Kids to Work Day on November 1. Please read the Parent Guide, decide on a work experience, and return the form to their homeroom teacher.

Scholarship Opportunities for Grade 12 students!

- **Loran** – Applications are due by October 11 for sponsored applicants and October 25 for direct applications. Grade 12 students can start their application today at apply.loranscholar.ca. They may also view our [application overview](#) and a [sample application form](#).
- **TD Canada Trust** - \$70 000 dollars for post secondary education based on Leadership and Community Involvement. Application is available in the Guidance office and is due November 17, 2017.
- **Horatio Alger Scholarship** – Receive up to \$10 000 for post secondary studies. If determination, integrity and courage describe you then visit www.horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/

Newmarket High School is hosting the **Post Secondary Fair** for the north this year on **November 9 from 7-9pm**. Another opportunity for post secondary information is on October 10 at **Pickering College** in Newmarket . All are welcome.

Ontario College Fair is Monday, October 24 from 5-9pm and Tuesday, October 25 from 9am-2pm at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place.

Volunteering resource: www.yorkinfo.ca This is online access to volunteer opportunities in York Region. Remember volunteering must be for a non profit organization to qualify for community hours. Volunteer opportunities are posted on the wall outside of the Guidance office. Why not join the **Volunteer Club at Denison** and earn volunteer hours right here on your lunch! See Ms. Spiller in Guidance for details.

Online homework help is available@ visit www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org or www.khanacademy.org

College and University Research! It's never too early to start researching Colleges and Universities. Grad 9-12 students should all take advantage of the following sites to look at programs and prerequisites!

www.ontariocolleges.ca

www.electronicinfo.ca

Mental Health Tip!

Practice "self trust". This is the ability to believe that you can handle what life throws at you. As you practice the acceptance that you can trust yourself, you learn to take small risks and you will begin to realize that life can be handled more easily than you might think!

Treat yourself as you would your best friend....you deserve it!

Threat Assessment and Intervention

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/SafeSchools/Documents/SD-ThreatAssessmentInterventionBrochure.pdf>