



# Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School

Principal: J. Atkinson -- Vice-Principals: M. Godfrey, T. Stein

October 20, 2017



## Upcoming Dates

October 20 – PA Day

October 26 – **Teacher Interviews**

October 26 – **International Night**

November 1 – **Take Our Kids to Work Day**

# SPIRIT WEEK

Tues. October 24<sup>th</sup> to Tues. October 31<sup>st</sup>

<p>Tuesday Twin Day</p> 	<p>Wednesday Brand on Brand OR Colour on Colour</p> 	<p>Thursday Canada Colours</p> 	<p>Friday Jersey Day</p> 	<p>Monday "Socktober" Socks &amp; Sandals</p> 	<p>Tuesday Costumes OR Orange &amp; Black</p> 
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## Halloween

Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> students are encouraged to come dressed in their best costume. Please remember that all costumes must be appropriate for school including no clowns, no masks or toy weapons (York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0).

## **Scotland, Scotland, Scotland**

Last call for any students looking to tour Scotland next April. A few spots left. There will be an information night on Tuesday October 24th in the cafeteria at 7:00 PM

*Don't miss out on an experience of a lifetime.*

Any questions please call Mr. Julyan at the school.

## **Take Our Kids to Work**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017** - Take our Kids to Work is a Canada-wide event where grade 9 students across Canada will be spending the day with an adult at their work place. Spending a day with an adult at their place of work helps students gain a good understanding of skills, training, and education necessary for success at work. This experience also allows students to gain valuable insights into the expectations placed upon people in the workforce.

Permission forms were given to your child on Wednesday, October 4th and were due back to your child's homeroom teacher on or before Thursday, October 19th.

Please note that there will be no programming for Grade 9 students on this day.

## **Interim Report Cards**

Interim Report Cards were 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.

## **OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test)**

The date for this year's OSSLT ( Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) is April 10th, 2018. Grade Ten students will be writing this test, and it is a requirement for graduation. All Grade Nine and Ten students will be receiving target lessons to help them prepare for the test, and there will be "Lunch and Learn" sessions in March. The after-school literacy sessions, paid for by the Ministry of Education, will be offered starting in February, 2018. Information on how to register for those after- school sessions will be available in January. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms Bisbee ([deborah.bisbee@yrdsb.ca](mailto:deborah.bisbee@yrdsb.ca)) or Ms Stein.

# HUSKY ATHLETICS



## IN THE SWING OF THINGS

It's late October and your Huskies are very busy. The volleyball, basketball, field hockey, soccer, and rugby teams are finishing up their regular seasons and are looking forward to the playoffs or regional championships. The Boys' Golf team concluded its season with a strong result in YRAA play and our tennis team finished its season with excellent effort and promising results for the future. One of our tennis players, Nicole Clarke came first place in YRAA Senior Girls play and qualified for the All-Ontario Championships next May. Congratulations to Nicole and the rest of our Husky athletes who represent our school so well. **Go Huskies!!!**

## RUGBY



The Junior Boys Rugby teams, coached by Mr. Mcrogers and Mr. Lolas have enjoyed a wonderful fall 7's season. Beyond all the try scoring and tackling the coaches are most pleased by the commitment and "chemistry" of the players involved. Congratulations to all these student-athletes who displayed fine Husky character throughout the season. Special mention to Nicholas Boultee, Andrew Faulkner, Jamie Coster and others who took on leadership roles at practice and as captains. Finally, thank-you to the families of these players for your support.

Congratulations to our Senior Boys Tier 1 YRAA Champions!!!

## FIELD HOCKEY

The field team finished an outstanding season this week with an 8-1-1 record after regular season and tournament play. The Huskies enter the tier 1 playoffs at Bill Crothers SS next week with very high hopes.



## Guidance News!

**Community Involvement Hours** are needed by many of our grade 12 students! Please get them done as soon as possible and submit them to Guidance.

### Upcoming College and University Open Houses!

<u>University</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ryerson University – Faculty of Communication and Design	October 20, 2017
University Of Toronto	October 21 – St. George Campus October 22 Mississauga Campus November 18, Scarborough Campus
OCAD	October 21, 2017
Carleton – Engineering and Design	October 21, 2017
Carleton Art and Social Science, Public Affairs, Business	October 28, 2017
Concordia	October 28, 2017
Laurentian	October 28, 2017
Nipissing	October 28, 2017
Ottawa	October 28, 2017
Trent – Durham campus	October 28, 2017
McMaster University	October 29 or November 19, 2016
<u>Colleges:</u>	
George Brown	October 26, 2017

### Mental Health Tips!

- Get rid of clutter
- Go to bed on time
- Reduce Caffeine, Sugar and Processed Foods from your diet
- Practice Gratitude!

All of these will help to reduce stress and make you feel better.

## School Bus Safety

**Parent's please do not park in the School Bus Loop before or after school. Thank you.**

### School bus safety

School buses are one of the safest ways for children to get to school.



Every school day, almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles.



## English as a Second Language

York Region District School Board, in partnership with the government of Ontario, provides English as a Second Language (ESL) training for adults (18+) from basic to advanced levels.

Adult ESL programs are available to adults looking to:

- Communicate effectively in English;
- Gain job and workplace specific language skills;
- Acquire the concepts necessary to pass the Citizenship test;
- Learn about Canada and Ontario.

### How do you start?

1. Review [course offerings](#) and select a [location and time](#) that works for you.
2. Registration is ongoing. Call 905-731-9557 or 905-305-4122 to learn more.
3. A language assessment may be necessary to start the training. Call 1-855-330-8655 to book a language assessment near you.

\*Visitors to Canada please call 905-731-9557 or 905-305-4122 to book an appointment.

### Have a question?

Call 905-731-9557 or 905-305-4122, email [uplands@yrdsb.ca](mailto:uplands@yrdsb.ca) or visit a location near you!

We look forward to welcoming you to Adult ESL!

### Additional Resources:

- [Printable Course Map and Location Information](#)
- [Municipal Libraries](#)



**NEWMARKET HIGH SCHOOL**  
 505 Pickering Cres., Newmarket, ON L3Y 8H1  
 Tele: 905-895-5159 Fax: 905-895-1440

October 16, 2017

Dear Parents and Students:

Newmarket High School will be hosting our regional *Post-Secondary Information Evening* on **Thursday, November 9th, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** This is an annual, collaborative event held on a rotational basis by the YRDSB Newmarket area Secondary Schools which includes Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School, Huron Heights Secondary School, and Sir William Mulock Secondary School. All students, parents and/or guardians in the Newmarket area are invited and encouraged to attend! Please note: as parking spaces will be limited, we encourage you to consider walking or car pooling to the event.

Representatives from Ontario universities, Ontario colleges, out-of-province universities, and employment and apprenticeship agencies will be on hand to answer your questions concerning post-secondary education options. Viewbooks and other publications will also be available for distribution. It will be an 'open fair' format which will allow parents and students to gather information from the variety of post-secondary institutions listed below:

<u>Ontario Universities</u>	<u>Out of Province Universities</u>	<u>Ontario Colleges</u>
Algoma	Acadia University	Algonquin
Brock	Bishop's University	Centennial
Carleton	Cape Breton University	Conestoga
Guelph	Concordia University	Confederation
Guelph-Humber	St. Thomas University	Durham
Lakehead	University of New Brunswick	Fanshawe
McMaster		Fleming
Nipissing	<u>Employment/Apprenticeship</u>	George Brown
Ottawa	Aesthetics & Hairstyling College of Canada	Georgian
Queen's	Canadian Forces	Humber
Redeemer	Hair Company Academy	Niagara
Ryerson	Job Skills	Seneca
Trent	Max the Mutt College of Animation, Art & Design	Study North Representing:
Tyndale	Metalworks Institute of Sound and Music Production	* Cambrian
University of Ontario Institute of Tech. (UOIT)	National Defenses Department – Naval Reserve	* Canadore
University of Toronto	Ontario Civil Construction Careers Institute	* College Borealis
Waterloo	Toronto Academy of Acting for Film and Television	* Northern
Western ( and Affiliates)	Youth Job Link/Youth Employment Assistance	* Sault Ste. Marie
Wilfrid Laurier		
Windsor		
York		

Our hope is that you are able to directly access the information you need to navigate a variety of pathway options, help guide your child in their pathway planning and with your child, be able to make the best possible choices for their future education. We look forward to seeing you on November 9<sup>th</sup>. If you require further information, please contact the NHS Guidance Office at 905-895-5159 X515.

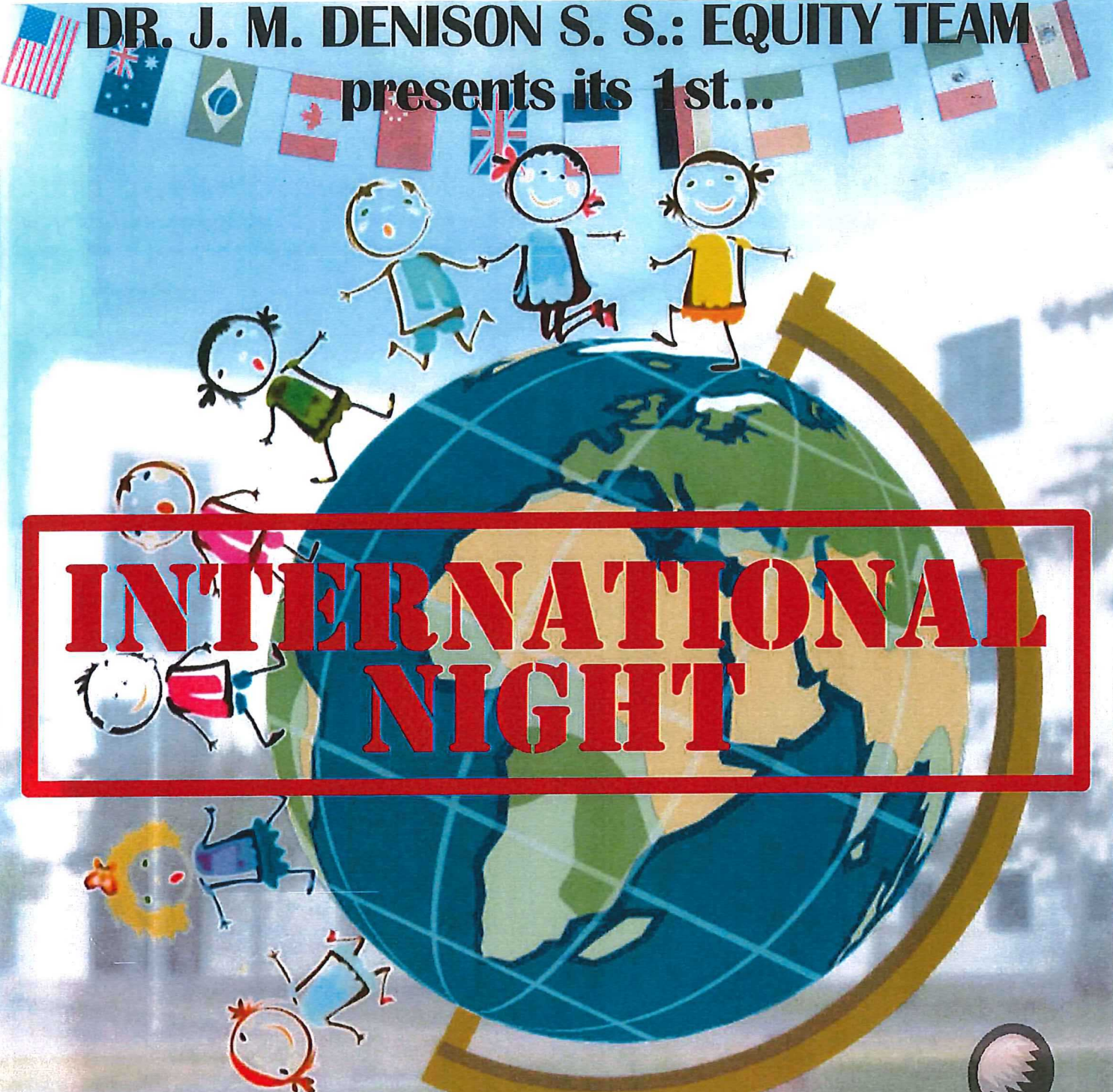
Sincerely,

Mrs. Rawding, Head of Guidance & Career Education  
 Ms. Pressley, Guidance Office Administrative Assistant  
 Ms. Beer, Guidance Counsellor

Ms. Perin, Guidance Counsellor  
 Ms. Taylor, Guidance Counsellor



**DR. J. M. DENISON S. S.: EQUITY TEAM**  
presents its 1st...



**INTERNATIONAL  
NIGHT**

**Thursday, October 26, 2017**

**6:30 - 8:00pm**

**CAFETERIA & FOYER**



**An evening to celebrate the many cultures that make up our school and community with food, music, dancing and other cultural theatrics to enjoy!**

# Have you thought about hosting an international student?



## Can you provide ...

- the guidance and support of a parent, in the absence of a natural parent;
- a caring, safe and secure environment;
- an English-speaking home;
- a private bedroom and three meals (and snacks) daily;
- a home within reasonable distance to a YRSDB school?

*Families are compensated \$1,000 to cover the costs associated with being host/custodian for the student while in Canada.*

*The homestay residence must be within York Region.*

*Homes with basement bedrooms and tenants will not be considered.*

## To find out more contact or visit:

[homestay@yrdsb.ca](mailto:homestay@yrdsb.ca)

905 884 2046 ext 237

[www.yrdsb.ca/homestay](http://www.yrdsb.ca/homestay)



International Education Services  
36 Regatta Ave.  
Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4R1





**Dr. J.M. Denison S.S.**

is excited to announce Pre-AP  
for students entering grade nine in 2018.

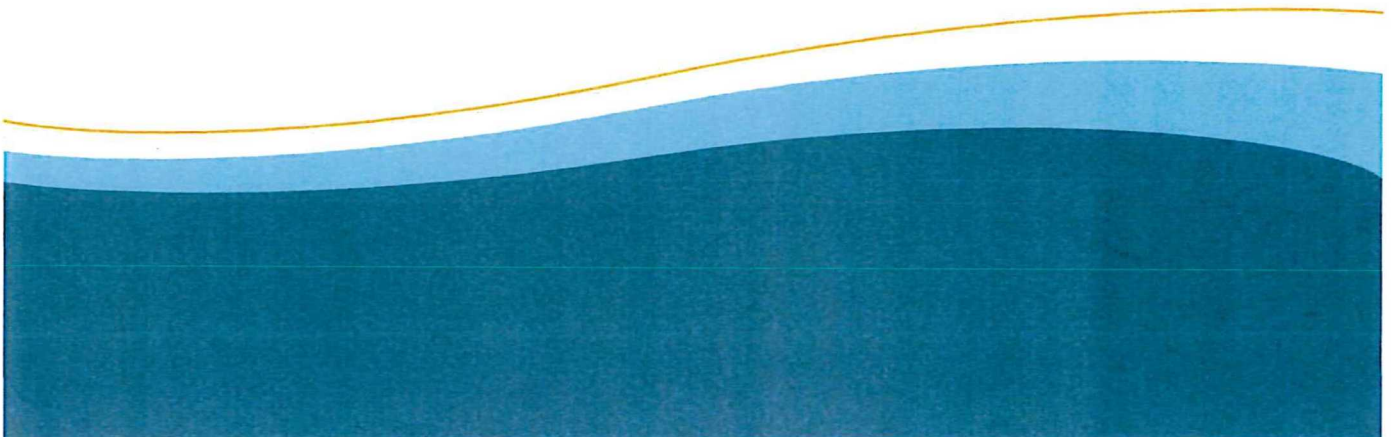
*Is your son or daughter...*

excited about learning and  
showing a keen interest in a

**Math, Science or English?**

**Applications have been handed out in  
your child's grade 8 class.**

Contact [dr. j.m.denison.s.s@yrdsb.ca](mailto:dr.j.m.denison.s.s@yrdsb.ca) for  
further information.



# NIGHTSTOP

Preventing homelessness through community hosting

Nightstop is a voluntary service for young people experiencing crisis that prevents homelessness through community housing. We support young people aged 16-26 years, who have nowhere safe to sleep that evening, by placing them in a volunteer's spare room. Young people have a safe and private place for the evening, a warm meal, are offered a shower and leave the following morning.

Nightstop has been operating since 1987 and helps young people in 33 towns and cities around the United Kingdom. 360Kids is the first internationally accredited Nightstop agency and is excited to offer this program to young people in York Region.

Come out to one of our Volunteer Information Sessions to find out more.

## UPCOMING DATES

### Town of Newmarket:

**Thursday, October 26, 2017** Ray Twinney Complex, Lounge #2 7:00pm – 8:30pm

### King Township:

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017** King City Arena, Arena Hall 7:00pm – 8:30pm

### Town of Keswick:

**Tuesday, November 21, 2017** Keswick Christian Church 7:00pm – 8:30pm

To register please call (905) 475-6694 prompt 6 for Nightstop or email [nightstop@360kids.ca](mailto:nightstop@360kids.ca)