



# Dr. Denison Secondary School

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April 2019

## Join us for Earth Hour

Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m.



The standard Earth Hour '60' logo represents the 60 minutes of Earth Hour where we focus on the impact we are having on our planet and take positive action to address the environmental issues we face.

## What is the purpose of Earth Hour?

**Earth Hour** is an annual event, usually held on the last Saturday evening in March, when millions of people and thousands of business worldwide turn off lights and shut down most electrical appliances to celebrate sustainability and show their support for strategies that will help solve the problem of global warming.



## World Autism Awareness Day

**Wear blue** in support of World Autism Awareness Day! Let's make York Region a sea of blue.

April 2nd, 2019 marks the 12th anniversary of the very first World Autism Awareness Day. In 2007 this date was declared by the United Nations General Assembly, in order to bring the world's attention to Autism, a spectrum disorder that affects tens of millions globally.

On October 23, 2012, a [World Autism Awareness Day bill](#) was passed by members of the House of Commons in Canada which officially recognizes April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day in Canada.

The York Region District School Board will be celebrating World Autism Awareness Day on Monday, April 2nd, 2019.

## Important Dates to Remember:

March 30: Earth Hour  
April 15: School Council  
April 19: Good Friday  
April 22: Easter Monday  
May 2: Prom  
May 3: PA Day

## Save the Dates:

June Exams: June 19-25  
Exam Review Day: June 26  
Graduation: June 27

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What is the Day of Pink? April 10, 2019 marks the International Day of Pink. It is a day where communities across the country, and across the world, can unite in celebrating diversity and raising awareness to stop homophobia, transphobia, transmisogyny, and all forms of bullying.

## Run for It!

The Running Group welcomes participants of all ages from seasoned runners to those who have never run more than a few minutes in their lives. Our group started off running and walking 1.5k on the track and over the course of a month we moved into the community and up to a 5K walk/run. We share ideas and stories about mental health and wellness and the benefits of healthy living. On Sunday, April 28th we will complete the Shoppers Drug Mart 'Love You' 5k run for mental health together. It's a pretty big feat to learn to run 5k for a great cause and we couldn't be more proud of these amazing people for their support of each other and commitment to wellness.

## Husky Athletics – The Pride of the Pack

The Huskies have had a wonderful year on the court, fields, and trails. The Junior and Senior Badminton teams are also in full swing preparing for their regional tournaments.

As the weather improves, thoughts turn to spring sports. The Huskies will be fielding teams in Boys and Girls Rugby, Ultimate, Baseball, Girls Flag Football, and Track and Field. Tryouts and training are starting or will be starting soon. Last year, 30% of all Denison students were involved in spring sports. Get involved and have fun!

## Grad Gowns

If you still owe for your gown, please order through your school cash online account by **Monday, APRIL 15, 2019**. We regret that orders received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

A letter and invitation will be coming home to you soon.



## United States (US) College Expo

The US College Expo is a free event for students to meet U.S. college admissions representatives. A variety of schools will be in attendance: LA Film School, University of Florida, University of Arizona, Washington State, University of Hawaii, Boston University, University of California Berkeley, and many more.

Several of the universities are recruiting players for the NCAA for a variety of sports: baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, soccer, hockey, golf, swimming, rugby, and more.

The Expo is going to be held on **Saturday, April 13th** at Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto.  
10 to 11 a.m. -- Guest Speakers/Seminar  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. -- Public Exhibit  
Pre-registration is required at [USCOLLEGEEXPO.COM](http://USCOLLEGEEXPO.COM)

## Relay for Life

Relay For Life is back at Denison, raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society! This year, Denison's goal is to raise \$60 000 and have 500 students participate. On Thursday morning the Relay Committee hosted a Relay Rally assembly to kick off this year's event and get everyone excited to participate!



Relay For Life is a closed event for Denison Students on May 30th 2019, 10am - 10pm. It is also a "lock-in" event -- all participants are required to remain at the event for the entire 12 hours, unless a signed "late arrival/early departure" form has been submitted prior to the event.

If your child is thinking about participating, encourage them to join our google classroom for more information, using the class code t4ylfb. Registration is happening NOW!

Follow these steps to participate in Relay for Life 2019!

1. **GET A TEAM TOGETHER!** Talk to some friends and put together a team NOW and choose a name for your team. (Please make sure your team name is appropriate for a school event. Inappropriate names will be changed). All teams must be FULLY registered (including reg. fees paid and permission forms handed in) by Thursday April 18th.
2. Choose a **TEAM CAPTAIN** for your team! The captain will have a few extra responsibilities to help their team get organized, attend a few brief meetings over the next few weeks to get information/paperwork for their teammates or to hand in forms for their team.
3. **REGISTER ONLINE** at [relayforlife.ca/Denison](http://relayforlife.ca/Denison) NOW! Pay the \$20 registration fee online (preferred payment method). The \$20 pays for your registration fee, your Relay For Life t-shirt, a Luminary, and food for the day. You will also choose your t-shirt size for your event t-shirt.
4. Set your **FUNDRAISING GOAL** online. The minimum is \$100, but if you think you can go higher, go for it! You can start fundraising right away by sharing your link with family and friends. Don't worry about raising that \$100! It is easier than you think, and **WE WILL HELP YOU GET THERE!** Stay tuned for organized opportunities for fundraising in our school and community. Get involved!!
5. Get a **PERMISSION FORM** from your team captain! (If you are the team captain, there will be a captains' meeting soon). Read and complete the form. A parent/guardian must also read and sign the permission form, as well as the late arrival/early departure form (on the back of your permission form).
6. Return your signed forms to your **TEAM CAPTAIN** with your \$20 cash or cheque for your registration fee ASAP (ONLY if not paid online). When the forms are received by the Relay for Life Committee, participants will then each receive a **PLEDGE ENVELOPE** to collect cash and cheque donations. Your team must have ALL forms in by April 18th at the latest.
7. Is there a **Cancer Survivor** in your family? Consider inviting them to participate in the Victory Lap and Survivor Reception (approximately 12:00 - 2:00 pm). A **SURVIVOR REGISTRATION FORM** is available from the committee or from your Team Captain. All completed Survivor forms must be received by the Relay for Life Committee by May 9th.

## Denison Coffeehouse & Art Show

The Denison Music Council will be hosting its annual **Coffeehouse and Art Show on Thursday, April 18th at 7pm** in the cafeteria.

Tickets will be \$5 at the door and \$3 for children. Tea, coffee, water and delicious baked goods will be available for purchase.

Please come out and support our Denison musicians, performers and artists and enjoy an evening of live music and entertainment.

## **GOLD** for Denison!

Continuing a long tradition, our Denison bands had the opportunity to perform at the York Region Music Alive Festival on March 29th. Under the direction of Mrs. Hamilton, the Grade 9 Concert Band and the Senior Wind Ensemble both received a Gold Award. Congratulations to all the music students who participated in this valuable experiential learning. They demonstrated teamwork and discipline, and represented Dr. Denison with maturity and class.