



Dr. Denison Secondary School

December 7, 2018

Guidance Appointments

Visit <https://guidancedenison.youcanbook.me/>

Music Department

Denison music students have been busy during November preparing their entries for the CBC Music Class Challenge. The vocal class chose to sing "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen and the Wind Ensemble entered their performance of "The Maple Leaf Forever" by Alexander Muir which was recorded at our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Please take a moment to check out their video links below and share them with your friends and family!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_HHM9g2Ghc

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_Hdg_3Ep_A

Our holiday concert will be held on Monday, December 17th at 7pm at Newmarket Theatre. This concert will feature our grade 9 band class and our grade 9-12 vocal class, Denison Singers, the grade 9 Concert Band, Jazz Band and the Dr. Denison Wind Ensemble. Our program includes popular songs by Fitz and the Tantrums, Leonard Cohen and Imagine Dragons as well as music from the movies Coco and The Greatest Showman! We'll also play some holiday favourites to get you in the spirit of the season!

Reserved tickets for this concert are available through School Cash Online or from Mrs. Hamilton in the Music Department for \$10/adults and \$8/students and seniors.

Important Dates to Remember:

Dec 17: Music Showcase
Dec 24 - Jan 4: Winter Break
Jan 7: Return to School
Jan 7: Orthodox Christmas
Jan 15-16: Gr. 9 Math EQAO
Jan 24-30: Exams
Jan 31: Exam Review Day
Feb 1: PA Day

School Contact Information:

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<http://denison.ss.yrdsb.ca/>

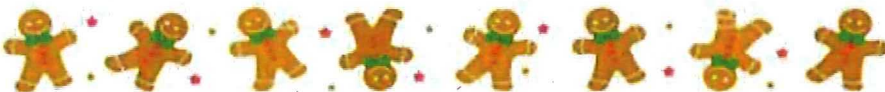
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Exams

January 24th to January 30th
Evaluation Review Day January 31st

Exams are an important part of the final assessment that occurs in January. Semester one exams run from January 24 – January 30, 2019, inclusive. January 31st is Evaluation Review Day.

- January 24 – Period 1 courses
- January 25 – Period 2 courses
- January 28 – Period 3 courses
- January 29 – 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.

Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment

Our Grade 9 students currently in Math classes will write the EQAO Math tests on January 15 & 16, 2019. 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 10th. The students' results on the test comprise 5% of the students' final mark in Math.

Graduation Photos

Grad photos are coming! Edge Imaging will be at Denison beginning Monday, January 9th. Don't forget to book your appointment. Please sign up online at www.bookmygrad.ca
School code is: YDD

Sign up early to get the time that works best for you.

Volunteer Hours

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.

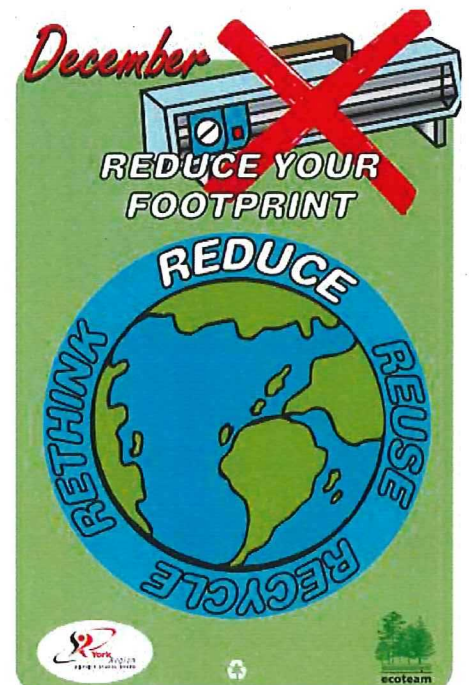
Volunteer opportunities are posted on the wall outside of the Guidance office.

Helpful Technology

myHomework is an app – a digital planner where students can manage their school life

Mental Health tip

Failure is only the opportunity to begin again, only this time more wisely.....Henry Ford.





Inclement Weather Procedures

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Revised: Jan. 2013

School Bus Cancellation Notice

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and Environment Canada forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather is not affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.
- If regular home to school runs are cancelled, Charter trips will not operate.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

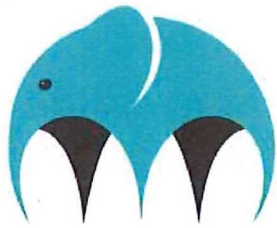
590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM				

88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM
95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV	CFTO Barrie	CFTO TV	GLOBAL NEWS
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A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001.



Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, Dec. 17, 2018

Topic: Anxiety - how to help

Expert Speaker: Shannon Bowler, Kinark

PARENTS' Support Group

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

Future Meetings	3rd Monday of each month Next meeting is Monday, January 21st
	6:30-8:00 pm No pre-registration is needed Sorry no child minding available. Young children cannot safely be left unattended.
Where	*NEW* Aurora Kinark Office 218 Earl Stewart Drive, Unit 7, Aurora, ON L4G 6V7. One block south of St. John's Sideroad. One block west of Bayview Ave.

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.

- **Workplace Bound students** interested in going to College should check out the many programs available at Ontario Colleges! Fleming College offers several programs that lead to rewarding careers for workplace level Grads. Examples include Certificates in Plumbing, Construction, Heavy Equipment, Blasting, Personal Support Worker and Office Administration.....just to name a few. Interested students should make an appointment in Guidance to check out these opportunities and more!
- **Georgina Trades Training** offers many programs at NO COST! There are programs in Construction Training, Greens Keeper, Automotive Service Technician etc etc etc. Visit www.gtti.ca for details!
- **College Bound students** should be researching programs and applying to Colleges before February 1. Visit www.ontariocolleges.ca for programs and where to apply. Need help? Book and appointment in Guidance!
- **University Bound Students** should be researching programs and getting ready to apply well before the January 16 deadline. Visit www.electronicinfo.ca for researching programs and www.ouac.on.ca for applying.
- **OCAD U** is offering Portfolio Clinics on December 8, January 13 and January 26, as well as offering Webinars to find out more about studying art and design at OCAD U. They will learn about the programs, application process, portfolio tips and more! Visit www.ocadu.ca for details.
- **U of T summer mentorship program** application is due January 18, 2019 for early applicants, and can be located at www.uoft.me/smp
- **Part Time Jobs!** For students aged 15-18 years
- Job Skills will pay you for completing training
- Finds you a job
- Helps pay for things you need for work like transportation or clothes
- Visit www.JobSkills.org/Youth for more information!