



Dr. J. M. Denison Secondary School

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

February 9th, 2018



Upcoming Dates

February 12th – Course Selection Assemblies

February 19th – Family Day

February 23rd – Course Selections Due

February 26th - School Council Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Message From Our Trustee

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

Student Council
Happy Valentine's Day

Student Council will be selling carnations for Valentine's Day in the Snack Shack until Monday, February 12. Depending on the colour they will be sold for either \$1.00 or \$2.00 and delivered to Period 1 Class on Wednesday, February 14th.



Husky Wear



Orders in by February 16th will be delivered to school by March 19th.
(free shipping).

<https://www.schoolwear.ca/dhs>

Husky Athletics

Junior Boys Basketball:

The junior boys basketball team hosts St. Elizabeth at 3:30 p.m. on Friday February 9th in a playoff game. A win will send the junior boys to Markham District High School on Monday February 12th for the next round of the playoffs.



Course Selection

February is course selection month!! On Monday, February 12th during periods 1 and 2, there will be course selection assemblies in the cafeteria. It is important that you attend the assemblies and talk to teachers about choosing courses at the appropriate level for success. **All signed course selections are due to homeroom teachers Friday, February 23rd!**

Math Club

Join Math Club every Wednesday after school in Room 232.

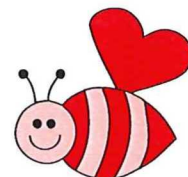
Attendance

Consistent attendance is essential to academic achievement. Our teachers work diligently to ensure that attendance information sent to you is absolutely correct so please contact the appropriate teacher immediately by voicemail or e-mail if there appears to be an error.

When your student is absent, please notify the Attendance Office as soon as possible by phone, note or email dr.j.m.denison.ss@yrdsb.ca by phone to indicate that the absence is parent approved. You can reach the Attendance Office at 905-836-0021 ext. 181. Voicemail is available at all hours.

School Trips

Each year various travel agencies advertise vacation packages and "Grad Trips" to our students through flyers and posters. These trips are not organized or supported by the school or YRDSB. All trips organized by the school will have an information night with school staff and will provide a detailed permission form on school letterhead. If you have any questions about any field trip, event or trip, please contact the school.



School Bus Safety

Please don't park in the school bus zone when picking up your child.

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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**.



School bus travel is very safe in Ontario. Injuries and fatalities, which are very rare, happen more often outside the school bus as students are boarding and leaving the bus or crossing the street.

It's important for motorists, parents, caregivers and students to know how to keep children safe when they are on and around school buses.

Guidance News!

Course Changes for semester 2 should be complete by Wednesday, February 14. Students may hand in a signed paper request, or book an appointment to see a Guidance counsellor. Please note that students must continue to follow their timetable until they have been given a new one. There are a very limited number of spots in classes for semester 2, so course changes are not always possible.

Course Selection Assembly for 2018/19 will be on Monday, February 12 during periods 1 and 2.

Individual Pathway Planning sessions will occur over the next week or so. Students will be given in class time to research courses and pathways, and begin to choose their courses for next year!

They should then discuss their selections at home with a parent or guardian before submitting their choices.

Courses selections are due on Friday, February 23 as Career Cruising will close down at that point. Our timetable for next year is built based on these choices so please have courses submitted on time and choose carefully! Thank you in advance for your support and involvement with this process.

Anxiety workshops will be offered on Fridays at lunch time for any interested students that would like help with some strategies to deal with stress and anxiety. Bring your lunch and come to room 127! All are welcome.

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Dear Families,

Starting in the fall, the York District School Board introduced Edsby, a new engagement platform tool for our students and families.

Edsby provides many opportunities for you to access information from your child's school. Edsby also allows online scheduling of Teacher Interviews with your child's teachers, keeping details and information safe and secure.

We will be using Edsby at Dr. Denison Secondary School Semester 2 to schedule our interviews. In order for families to access Edsby, a valid email address is required.

If you have not yet provided us with your email address or your email has recently changed, please complete and return the form below. Please return this form asap.

At a later date, you will receive information on how to activate your Edsby account.

We are very excited about this new opportunity to connect with families. For more information on Edsby, visit the Edsby website at www.edsby.com/help/parents. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Your partners in education,

Janet Atkinson
Principal

Michelle Godfrey, Tamar Stein
Vice-Principals



Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian email address (please print): _____

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Inclement Weather Procedures

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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

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001.



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The decision to cancel buses will be region-wide.

- **5:00 a.m.** Bus company representatives will communicate with Municipal Road Superintendents, review weather and road conditions for their area and communicate with their Lead Contact. Through discussion and review a recommendation re. Bus service cancellation will be formed.
- **5:30 a.m.** If service cancellation is recommended, the Lead Contact will contact the STSYR Manager to share applicable information.
- **5:35 a.m.** If service cancellation is recommended, the STSYR Manager will contact other Transportation Consortia as required to determine if service cancellation has occurred in their regions. The STSYR Manager will then contact YCDSB and YRDSB representatives to review information and make a service cancellation decision.
- **5:55 a.m.** The STSYR Manager will contact the Lead Contact to confirm a service cancellation decision. The Lead Contact will notify Bus Contractor Representatives.
- **6:00 a.m.** STSYR to notify designated media outlets regarding bus cancellations.