



Dr. Denison Secondary School

March 2019

Message From Our Trustee

I hope everyone has had a great start to the second half of the school year. Over the past few months, I have had an opportunity to connect with families, students, staff members and with our broader community. I have seen a lot of exciting opportunities for students to explore their interests, celebrate their identities, and develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

Many students are participating in [skills competitions](#) or other events where they problem-solve, innovate, collaborate and further develop their technical skills. Students compete in robotics, construction, hairdressing, transportation, 3D animation and much more. These events are among the many options available to help students explore different careers and [pathways](#), and gain valuable experience. We are grateful for the support of community partners in helping to provide these great learning opportunities to our students.

I also want to express my appreciation to our broader school community. One of the priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to build collaborative relationships. The relationships that our schools have with families is so important. There are many different ways you can be involved - talking to your child's teacher, asking your child about homework, or volunteering on a field trip or the school council. Your contributions make a difference to your child's success and to the success of our schools.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable March Break.

Linda Gilbert, Trustee – Newmarket

Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey, Trustee – East Gwillimbury and Whitechurch-Stouffville

Important Dates to Remember:

March 11-15: March Break
March 18: Interim Reports
March 27: OSSLT
March 28: Parents' Night
March 29: Music Alive Concert

Save the Dates:

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

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Student Council

The Denison house system continues to be a very exciting and inclusive activity at the school. Last week we had our academic Olympics which saw the yellow husky team winning 2 of the 4 competitions. At this point Husky Green is still in the lead by a slight margin followed by Yellow, then red, then blue. We are looking forward to our 'minute to win it' competition at the end of March' and our 'Spring Fling/cultural extravaganza' in April.

The school is gearing up to launch our massive 'Relay for Life' Activity which will be held at the school on May 30th. Please stay tuned for further updates.

Need Help Now?

Kids Help Phone Live Chat: www.kidshelpphone.ca
Emergency Counselling & Housing: www.360kids.ca
Newmarket Food Pantry: www.newmarketfoodpantry.ca
Depressed or Suicidal: www.youthspace.ca or text 741741
Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans Youthline: www.youthline.ca
MOBYSS: www.mobyss.ca
Community Crisis Response Services: 905-310-COPE
Mental Health Helpline Webchat:
livechat.connexontario.ca/ECCChat/MHHchat.html

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

Edsby

You will need to have an Edsby Account to access the online appointment scheduler for Parents' Night. The schedule will be opened on March 21st. For more information on Edsby, see the attached letter or contact our main office.

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.

Music for Life

Welcome to Dr. Denison Music!

Follow us on twitter!

[@DrDenisonMusic](https://twitter.com/DrDenisonMusic)



Husky Wear

Show your school pride and get your Husky Wear!!!

Order online by March 29th for FREE shipping to the school.

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

Sample sizes will be available in the Husky Booth from February 7th to March 7th.

Go Huskies!



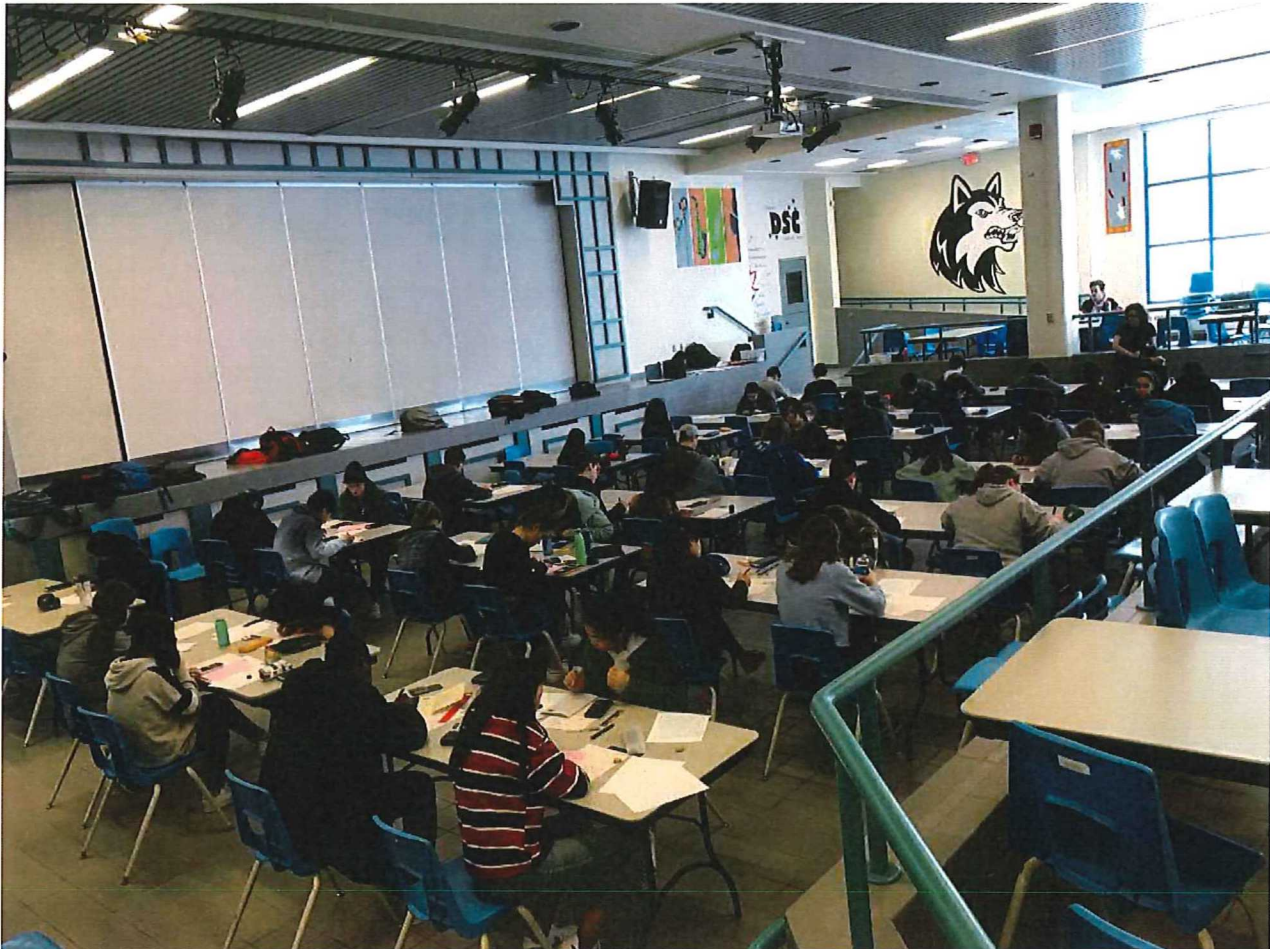
Sr. Girls Basketball

On Friday, February 22nd before the York Regional Police vs Students Basketball game which was played during Period 4, the SR Girls Basketball Team was presented the Sportsmanship Award they were chosen for when they played in the OFSAA Tournament back in November.



Waterloo Math Contest

On February 26th, 60 students in grades 9, 10, and 11 participated in the 2019 University of Waterloo Math Contests. The Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests are an opportunity for students to have fun and to develop their mathematical problem solving ability. The students worked hard and persevered through some very challenging math problems. We are very proud of their efforts! Individual results will be shared with the students in the spring. The Euclid Contest for grade 12 students will be written April 3, 2019.



Run for It!

The Run for It! program is a 6 week mental health workshop and running group for female students.

Female students will meet as a group 2x/week on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. They will be training to participate in the Shoppers Run for Women 5km run/walk on Sunday April 28th in Unionville. The promotion of mental health and wellness are the foci of the running program. Female police officers, as well as other guest speakers, will be presenting and will be joining the students on their runs/walks. Workshops/Running groups will commence after March Break. If you would like additional information, please contact Ms Campbell or Ms Schlosser (See Poster attached).



SHARE



THE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION CHAMPIONS

REGISTERED

RUN FOR YOU. RUN FOR IT!

Walk away from being mad. From being sad. Run from that pit in your stomach. From that shadow in your mind. Run for now. For the way it makes you feel, not in your hamstrings or your glutes, but in your heart and in your mind. Run for feeling better.

LEARN MORE



ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?

Join us to learn how to run your anxiety into the ground!

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Time: Lunch Time

Room/Location: Room 137

Run for It Lead:



@runforit.program



... runforitprogram.ca ...

The 2019 York Region Science and Technology Fair will be held on Friday April 12th and Saturday April 13th 2019 at York University

"There is a single light of science, and to brighten it anywhere is to brighten everywhere." – Isaac Asimov



2019 YORK REGION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

YRSTF 2019: APRIL 12 AND 13, 2019
@ YORK UNIVERSITY

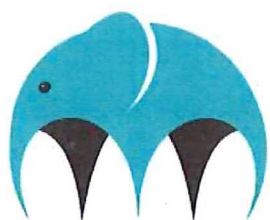
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INFORMATION NIGHT HOSTED BY YORK UNIVERSITY
LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING, ROOM 103.
DECEMBER 5TH, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
HEAR FROM JUDGES AND FORMER WINNERS
ABOUT HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY START A COMPETITIVE
SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT
STAY AND VISIT THE YORK OBSERVATORY DIRECTLY
AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE PRESENTATION! LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PARENTS AND
JR. SCIENTISTS BY YORK UNIVERSITY

 Yorku.ca/YRSTF
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The York Region Science and Technology Fair is a regional science fair that showcases student research performed by students in Grades 7-12. Participation in the fair is open to students currently attending a York Region public, catholic, or private school, are homeschooled, or who reside in York Region. Selected top projects from the York Region Science and Technology Fair are invited to represent York Region and compete at the Canada Wide Science Fair.



Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, March 18th

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 3 rd Monday of each month NOTE some dates change due to statutory holiday conflict.	Monday, April 15th <u>Guest Speaker P. Marra-Stapleton</u> Mental Health Lead York Region District School Board Topic: Four Pillars of Mental Health Monday, May 13th topic TBA (note special date due to the next week stat holiday) Monday, June 17th topic TBA No meetings July and August
	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.



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Parents' Night is on March 28, 2019

Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. will be using an online process to manage our Parents' Night scheduling.

Edsby will allow families to easily reserve times to meet with their child's teachers.

Families will need to create an Edsby account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. **Only families who create an Edsby account prior to the schedule being opened March 21, 2019 will have access.** For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit <http://bit.ly/edsbyfamilyaccounts>

You will receive an email from York Region District School Board after 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 6, 2019** with instructions on how to create an Edsby account if you don't have one already. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office. Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the teacher directly.

Important Timelines

March 6, 2019	Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts if you haven't already.
March 18, 2019	Interim Report Cards sent home
March 21, 2019	Parents' Night schedule opens at 4:00 p.m. for booking. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby inbox with a notification to your email.
March 28, 2019	Interview Scheduler closes at noon.
March 28, 2019	Parents' Night - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm