



Dr. Denison Secondary School

March 6, 2020

Message to our students and families

I would like to make a brief introduction to our wonderful community. I joined Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School at the beginning of February, as the prior Principal, Ms. J. Atkinson finalized her work prior to retiring this semester. I was very excited to learn of my appointment to a school that has been a pivotal institution to support students in the Newmarket community since 1989. Coincidentally, this date is also aligned to when I began teaching in Ontario and only a few years earlier than our family move to this area. I feel honoured to be have been appointed to a school with such deep roots in the community and an exceptional history of providing for student success, excellence in teaching staff and community engagement.

As you know, our school is named after a local physician, who served the Newmarket community in the health care field and worked with the teenagers of that time. It was with sadness we have recently learned of the passing of his wife Richenda Denison, and our thoughts go to their family.

I have been fortunate to have worked in education with York Region District School Board for many years. I opened Westmount Collegiate Institute as the Head of Science and subsequently filled a similar role at Dr. G.W. Williams prior to becoming an administrator. As a Vice Principal, I had assignments at Markville Secondary School, Sutton District High School, Westmount Collegiate Institute and Middlefield Collegiate. As a Principal I supported Bayview Secondary School and just recently Milliken Mills High School. In each of these settings, I learned that students have a range of strengths allowing them to aspire to any post-secondary opportunity and make our families and staff proud of their accomplishments. I look forward to learning with each of our students in the months and years ahead, meeting you, their families, and connecting with the broader Newmarket community to continue the great work of our staff and alumni from Denison.

As we begin our educational journey together, I trust that we will form a strong collaboration which will support your children to become lifelong learners ready to support themselves and their community into the future. In partnership with the staff at Denison, we will collectively provide instruction and programming that is challenging, engaging and varied to meet the needs of our children's education and ensure they feel they belong to the school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Alex Corry

The proud new Principal of Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School.

Guidance News!

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Course Verifications! A list of courses that have been requested for 2020/21 will be given to students on March 6. Please verify that these courses are correct and keep it for your records. Any students requiring a **CHANGE**, please make it and hand the signed copy back to Guidance by Friday, March 13. Any requests that are handed in after this date, will be held until the timetabling process is complete.

Grade 12 students still wishing to apply to College Programs. There are still open programs!! Go to www.ontariocolleges.ca and find out which programs are still open!!

**Note, Lambton College in Sarnia reports that Nursing/Practical Nursing and paramedic programs never even filled last year!!

OSAP Presentation! If you were not able to attend, or would like to review the information please see the presentation link.

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March Break Open Houses are happening at Colleges and Universities! Plan to attend to see the campuses and ask questions. Visit the school's websites for details or visit the following link....

<https://classroom.google.com/u/0/w/Mjl3MTI5Njl1Mjha/t/all> and then go to **Announcements** and scroll down to **SHSM Reach Ahead Opportunities**. Click on that and you will find all the Spring Open House information for Colleges and Universities!

GTA Colleges presenting to Grade 11 students March 26th! College representatives will present options for diploma and degree programs at Ontario Colleges.

Guidance Google Classroom! Please visit to find power points, support information, volunteer and scholarship information and lots more. **Class code 6zcppv**

As always, Guidance appointments can be booked online at guidancedension.youcanbook.me

Library

Our reading event for the month of March is called "Help Us Read Our Way Around the World". We are encouraging students and staff to read a book that takes place in another country, and then mark the setting on the world map using a sticker. Each dot placed earns you a ballot to enter a draw for a prize.

With the March break coming up, it is a great opportunity for reading our way around the world!

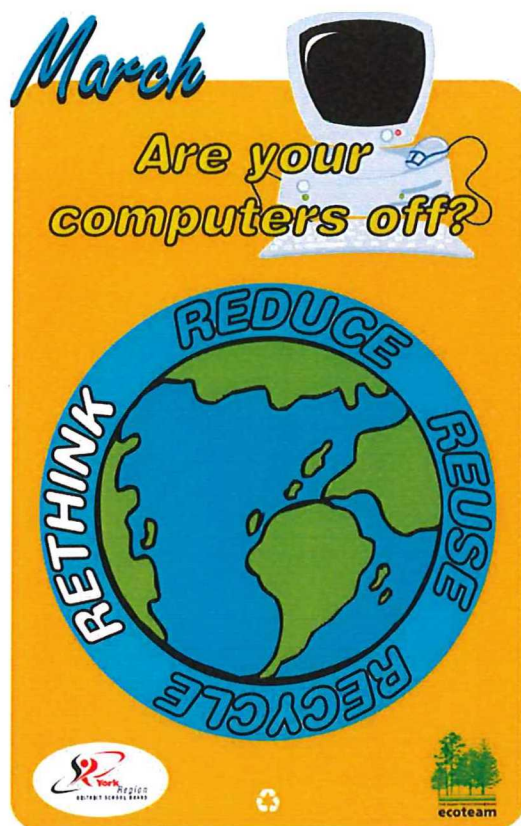
Ms. Porter has created a large display with a selection of titles with their countries labelled on the covers. There are books from all genres.

Happy reading!

Afro-Caribbean cooking workshop

March 20th

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/afro-caribbean-cooking-workshop-and-social-tickets-95936212795>



Prom

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 12 PARENTS!

Planning for our Prom 2020 is underway and we need your help to make it a memorable event for everyone involved.

Please send in school appropriate photos of your grade 12 student(s) and their friends for our slide show. We would like every graduating student to be included, so please send as many photos as you can (recent and throwbacks would be great).

Please send photos

to: denisonprompics2020@gmail.com

Thanks in advance, Denison Prom Committee

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Family/Teacher Interview Night is on March 26, 2020

Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. will be using an online process to manage interviews with your child's teacher.

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. **Only families who create an Edsby account prior to the schedule being opened March 12, 2020 will have access.** For help signing up for 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 **Wednesday, March 4, 2020** with instructions on how to create an Edsby account if you haven't 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

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| March 4, 2020 | Family to create Edsby account <u>if you haven't already</u> . |
| March 10, 2020 | Interim Report Cards sent home. |
| March 12, 2020 | Family/Teacher Interview 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 26, 2020 | Interview Scheduler closes at noon. |
| March 26, 2020 | Family/Teacher Interview Night - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. |