

# Dr. Denison Secondary School

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October 11, 2019

## Guidance Appointments

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

## Husky Wear

Order Husky Wear by October 31<sup>st</sup> for free shipping and delivery to Dr. Denison Secondary School.

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



## Parents' Night

Parents' Night will be on the evening of Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Parents/Guardians, please use Edsby to schedule appointments with your child's teachers.

You can start to schedule appointments at 4pm on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.  
<https://yrdsb.edsby.com>

## Community Involvement Fair at Denison!

November 20<sup>th</sup> during periods 2 and lunch in the cafeteria. All grades are encouraged to come down and get signed up for hours with at least 1 of our agencies!

Volunteer opportunities are also posted outside of the Guidance office!

## Important Dates to Remember:

### October

Oct 14: Thanksgiving  
Oct 21: PA Day  
Oct 18: Interim Reports  
Oct 24: Teacher Interviews  
Oct 27: Diwali  
Oct 28-Nov 1: Spirit Week

### November

Nov 6: Take Your Kids to Work Day (TYKTW)  
Nov 11: Remembrance Day  
Nov 13: Grade 8 Open House  
Nov 14: Mid-term Reports  
Nov 15: PA Day  
Nov 20: Volunteer Fair

## School Contact Information:

### Principal

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### Vice-Principal

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### Superintendent

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### Trustee Name

Linda Gilbert  
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## Take Your Kids to Work Day

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019 (Grade 9s only)**

**Take Our Kids to Work** is a national initiative that provides grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment for one day. On Wednesday, November 6, 2019 the grade 9 students at Dr. J. M. Denison Secondary School will participate in this program by accompanying a family member to work; however, if this is not possible, a relative or family friend may be a suitable host.

This past week, on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, grade 9 students were given an information package which includes a permission form that will need to be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, October 25, 2019. (The permission form is on the back of the brochure).

If you have any questions, please call the school and ask to speak to an Administrator or a member of the Guidance Office or Co-op Department.

**Note:** Extra copies of the permission form can be found in the Main Office.

## Grade 8 Open House

**November 13, 2019**

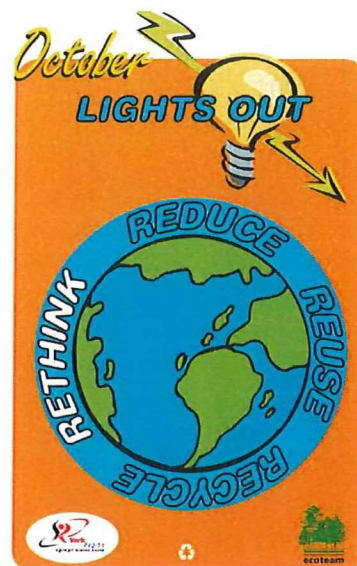
This is an opportunity for Grade 8 students and their families to learn about the exciting things that happen at our school. The theme of the night is "The Amazing Race Denison" where students play games and activities organized by each department.

## Learning Disabilities Month

Don't **DIS**  
my **ABILITIES!**



October is Learning Disabilities Awareness  
Month



## Ontario Colleges Information Fair

Thursday, October 24  
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

[Enercare Centre](#)  
100 Princes' Blvd,  
Toronto, ON M6K 3C3

## Online Homework

**Online homework help** is available@ visit  
[www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org](http://www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org)  
or [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

## Volunteer Hours

**Volunteering** resource:  
[www.yorkinfo.ca](http://www.yorkinfo.ca)

This is online access to volunteer opportunities in York Region. Remember volunteering must be for a non profit organization

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



**Community Involvement Fair at Denison!** Guidance will be hosting community partners on November 20<sup>th</sup> during periods 2 and lunch in the cafeteria. All grades are encouraged to come down and get signed up for hours with at least 1 of our agencies!

Volunteer opportunities are also posted outside of the Guidance office!

**The Guidance Google Classroom** has the power points posted that were presented to Grade 12 students for College and University. There is important information about timelines and scholarships! It also contains resources for all students on a variety of topics and supports.

**Skilled Trades and Technology Assembly** – will occur for all Grade 10 students on October 28 during period 4!

**Scholarship News!**

- The Loran award – Direct entry, is due by October 17 for nomination or Oct. 24 for direct pool. [www.loranscholars.ca](http://www.loranscholars.ca)
- The University of Toronto National Scholarship is due November 1<sup>th</sup>. [www.adm.utoronto.ca/na](http://www.adm.utoronto.ca/na)
- Students of any grade can begin researching scholarships by joining yconic.ca or scholarshipscanada.com
- **Horatio Alger Scholarship.** Due October 25 apply online at [www.horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships) for students who demonstrate financial need and planning to attend University in the Fall.

**School Nominated Scholarships-** If students wish to be considered for school nominated scholarships they should fill out the form in Guidance and return to Ms. Spiller ASAP.

**Researching for College and University requirements?**

Visit [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

[www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca) for requirements and information!

College applications are due by February 1, 2020

University applications are due by January 15, 2020

**College and University Fall Open Houses!**

There is a list of open house dates for Ontario Colleges and Universities in the Guidance office. Please come and pick one up and visit early!

**Announcing Coffee Chat Network!**

We have been working with Coffee Chat Network to introduce a Speaker Series initiative for this school year. This is an enrichment resource that can be very helpful for you and your children with respect to post-secondary choices.

- The Speaker Series is a collection of panel discussions beginning in October featuring primarily 3rd and 4th year university students across a diverse set of programs (ie. U of T computer science, Waterloo engineering, etc.)
- Panels will be broadcast online and hosted in the evenings, so you don't need to miss work or drive or travel in order to attend
- Panels are generally 1.5 - 2 hours long, with the first hour for preset questions and the second hour for live Q&A with the audience
- No individual registration is required
- The Coffee Chat Network team and the speakers are all volunteers, so there is no cost to participate

The kick-off panel will be on Monday, October 7 at 7 pm EST featuring **Waterloo Engineering**. Please tune in if you are interested in learning more about the program and hearing from the Engineering Ambassadors team!

You can check out the more detailed schedule of speakers on Coffee Chat Network's website ([www.coffeecchatnetwork.ca](http://www.coffeecchatnetwork.ca)) or Facebook page



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### Parents' Night is on October 24, 2019

#### Interim Report Cards

Will be distributed on Friday, October 18, 2019. The purpose of the Interim Report is to notify parents and students of their progress and achievement in a course within the first six weeks of school. These reports give a Level (1-4) of current achievement. Your student will have had several assessments in each class that will help the teacher to determine this level. Students in all grades and levels of work will have some homework on a daily basis. If you have any questions about homework, please contact your student's teacher.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

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 October 18, 2019 will have access.** For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit <http://bit.ly/edsbyparents>.

You will receive an email from York Region District School Board after 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 11, 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

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| October 11, 2019 | Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts if you haven't already.   |
| October 18, 2019 | Interim Report Cards sent home   |
| October 18, 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. |
| October 24, 2019 | Interview Scheduler closes at noon.  |
| October 24, 2019 | Parents' Night - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm   |