



Dr. Denison Secondary School

November 9, 2018

Guidance Appointments

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



Take Your Kids to Work Day

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 - Take our Kids to Work is a Canada-wide event where grade 9 students across Canada will be spending the day with an adult at their work place. Spending a day with an adult at their place of work helps students gain a good understanding of skills, training, and education necessary for success at work. This experience also allows students to gain valuable insights into the expectations placed upon people in the workforce. There will be no grade nine program at school this day because all grade nines are expected to participate.

Permission forms are due back ASAP.

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

Every Student Counts Survey



From November 12 to 30, 2018, the York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS).

The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school.

Important Dates to Remember:

November

- Nov 11: Remembrance Day
- Nov 14: Take Your Kids to Work Day (TYKTW)
- Nov 15: YRAA Basketball Championship
- Nov 14: Mid-term Reports
- Nov 19: School Council 6:30
- Nov 22: Semi-formal
- Nov 23: PA Day

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Guidance News

Career Cruising will no longer exist for students as of November 15! Students are encouraged to SAVE all information and portfolio materials as we begin using our new platform- My Blueprint!

Full Disclosure – November 22 is the final day for eligible grade 12 students to drop a course and not have the mark appear on their final transcript.

Guidance will be hosting a **College and University Application session** on November 16 in the Cafeteria. All grade 12 students planning to apply should plan to attend.

There will be an **OSAP/Financing your Education presentation** for students in all grades and parents on Monday, November 19 at 6:30 pm in the Library. Plan to attend to get important information about where to look for scholarships and bursaries as well as learning about OSAP.

The SCHOLARSHIP report is now available to Denison families. This issue contains scholarships with deadlines from JAN-MAR as well as advice on where to locate scholarships, tips from guidance counselors, a checklist for students, etc. We will also include listings of scholarships offered by Ontario universities.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

November 18-24, 2018

This annual event raises awareness in our students and staff around bullying and the impact it has both on individuals as well as the broader learning environment. During [Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week](#)[↗], our schools focus on promoting a safer learning environment for all students.

While YRDSB schools engage in bullying awareness and prevention every week of the school year, we recognize this time as a valuable opportunity to raise awareness in parents and the local community. It is important to note that everyone has a role to play in bullying prevention. Students, parents, teachers and school staff are encouraged to work with their Well-Being team, school council, student council and community partners to promote and facilitate participation in Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week.

Schools that have bullying prevention and intervention strategies in place foster a positive learning and teaching environment that supports well-being and helps students reach their full potential.

Providing caring, safe and supportive learning environments are at the heart of all of the York Region District School Board's efforts to promote student achievement, well-being and success.

Video Resource: [Rick Mercer on Bullying](#)[↗]

November is Financial Literacy Month

York Region District School Board is committed to educating students about the value of financial literacy. Financial literacy is important so that individuals have the resources and skills to make responsible economic and financial choices.

Financial literacy is integrated into the current Ontario curriculum and taught in subjects such as mathematics, social studies, Canadian and World studies and business.

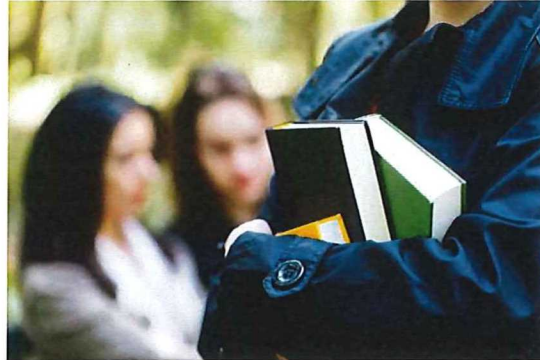
Financial literacy works to build understanding of:

- personal finance
- money management
- economics
- investing

To learn more about how students are learning about financial literacy in schools visit the [Ontario Ministry of Education](#) website. This November watch out for [financial literacy month](#) initiatives.

FLU SEASON IS HERE

Get the flu shot as early as possible



The first and best step to preventing the flu (or influenza), is to **get the flu shot every year**. The flu spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others and anyone can get it. Getting the flu shot can protect you, your family and those around you.

Students may be at higher risk of getting the flu as they come together in close public spaces including the classroom, gymnasium, cafeteria and library.

The flu shot is especially important for students who have a chronic condition (e.g. asthma, diabetes) or those who live with or have close contact with a pregnant woman, kids less than five years old, or a resident of a nursing home or other chronic care facility since these groups are at higher risk of getting very sick or being hospitalized because of the flu.

Flu shots are **free** and are readily available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

In addition to getting the flu shot annually, here are some other health tips that can help prevent the spread of the flu:

- Wash your hands well and often with either soap and water or alcohol based hand rub
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze (if you do not have a tissue, cough into your upper sleeve)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you're sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared items

It's important to get the flu shot as early as possible as it can take nearly **two weeks** for the influenza vaccine to take full effect.

To learn more about flu and flu vaccine, visit york.ca/flu.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/flu



York Region



Denison Families - ALL Grades!
Please join us to learn from an
expert how to finance
College and University
The time to start thinking is now!

Monday, November 19, 2018

6:30-7:30 pm

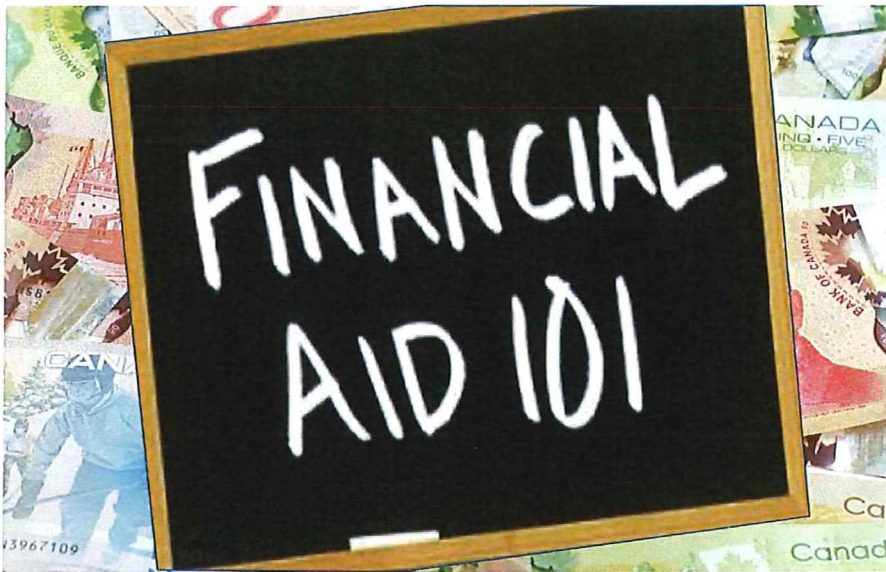
Dr. JM Denison S.S. Library (2nd floor)

Fantastic Guest Speaker: Liz Henriques

The presentation will be followed by our School Council Meeting.

All are welcome.





HOW TO FINANCE COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

DATE: Mon. Nov 19th TIME: 6:30-7:30 pm

Worried about student debt?

This one-hour session will cover information to help alleviate students' (and parents') worries about the cost of post-secondary education in Canada.

Liz Henriques has been at George Brown College since 1999, including 13 years as a student recruitment advisor.

She's also the parent of a post-secondary student living away from home and uses examples of her costs & financial aid received!

Topics covered include:

- Average student debt in Canada
- Average costs of college & university
- Types of available financial aid (internal/external scholarships, awards, bursaries, crowdfunding, etc.)
- College to university pathway options (can save money!)
- How OSAP is calculated & how to apply
- List of useful resource websites

TESTIMONIALS

"informative presentation, suitable for students & parents who want insight into the ins & outs of helping to finance any post-secondary pathway including information on OSAP."

"Liz is a dynamic presenter highlighting valuable information related to 'How to Pay for Post-secondary Education'. Her presentations are extremely well-received by parents & by students. It has become a must see for our grade 12 graduating class in preparation for their post-secondary pursuits."

"The content was excellent, and your personal experience and professional reflections made it real! You did not try to 'sell' and spoke fairly about all options. Excellent!"

"Financial literacy is so important in today's education especially for our graduating students who are moving on to post secondary pathways. Liz's presentation takes a dry topic and makes it entertaining and informative. She has a personal interest in the topic as her own family is going through the process, so she is up-to-date with the current trends."



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