

JANUARY 23, 2024

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Call for members	Appointment to Council:
Chair/Co-Chair:	Chris Duggan, Lena Singh
Vice-Chair:	Edna Bazante
Treasurer:	Carolyn Rowe
Secretary:	Christine Stafford
Members:	Peter Holleley,
Teaching Staff:	Nicole Wallace

Nominations

(submitted)

Christine Stafford

Peter Holleley

MINUTES



http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/denison.ss/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Minutes.aspx

REPORTS

Student Council -welcome Debby and Mahad

https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/studentcouncil/video-announcements

TEACHER REPORT

Music Department

In December

- Winter Concert was very successful best turnout ever!!
- Visited two Elementary schools Holland Landing P.S. and Park Avenue P.S.

In February

Music Festival in Toronto

MOBYSS Bus

- Travels around the area to support Youth (12-25 year olds) with physical and mental health
- Visits Denison Bi-Weekly on Thursdays from 9 am 12 pm coming this Thursday

Black History Month



D.O. Gibson has defied the odds as a rapper from Canada, becoming a certified international artist, a successful record label executive and a socially active community ambassador. He set a Guinness World Record when he freestyled for nearly nine hours in 2003, sold tens of thousands of CDs, hit #1 on U.S. College Hip Hop Radio charts and travelled the world performing for sold-out crowds; D.O.'s success is defined in his own terms.

And (Jemva)

Grade 8 Family Night:

The Amazing Race

Any changes to room number or description?

Email steven.pinnigar@yrdsb.ca by the end of the day tomorrow

Co-operative Education

Room 305 The Co-op Office will have information about Co-op. The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programme (OYAP), Accelerat-



Family Studies

Room 103

Test your taste buds in room 103. Homemade or store bought - which is better. cheaper and tastier?

ed OYAP and SHSM (Specialist High

Skills Major). Parents and students are

welcome to browse through hallway dis-



Health & Physical Education

Gvm

Come to the gym (our Husky Dome) where all the action happens! Take some time to enjoy an exciting obstacle course challenge and test your nutrition knowledge!



Music & Drama

Room 119

Come explore all the possibilities of our amazine music program. Listen to some live performances and learn about music courses offered at Denison.



Technological Studies

Room 141, 144/148, 156

Come to Room 141 to see what Denison students can create in our state of the art image capture green screen facility and editing suites.

See students work in our modern woodworking and construction shops in room 144/148.

In Room 156, our Culinary Kitchen, come sample what students are serving up.



Visit our Departments For The Amazing Race

English

Room 227

JEOPARDY: test your Denison and English subject knowledge. Answer questions based around Denison history, current practices, technology and of course, subject material. Visit and amaze us with your trivia skills; just remember to answer in the form of a question.

Geography

Room 205

This destination is one you don't want to miss! Put your mapping and geoeaching skills to the test! Collect a map, find the hidden clues and reveal one of the greatest challenges facing Canada today.



Moderns & International Languages Room 221

Bon soir! You and your child will be working as a team to first of all identify the city of Paris on a map of France, and then you will be blindfolded, and your child will coach you to pin the Eiffel Tower on the city of Paris on a map of France...using ONLY French :)

Library Learning Commons

Room 215

The Amazing Race continues in the Library. Come explore our many resources and search through our book collection



Visual Arts

Room 200

The Visual Art Department is always a bustling place. Stop in and see for yourselves students engaged in Drawing. Painting, Design and Photography based Projects. Take time to admire the various Student Murals throughout the school as you explore the building.



History

Room 214

Room 302

Bowling for Historical Dollars. Competitors can show their knowledge of historical leaders in Canadian history while they enjoy some fun time bowling



Business

Come to room 300 and take the Pepsi Challenge a legendary marketing promotion in which regular people taste test different colas and were asked which they prefer. If soft drinks aren't your thing, try the Lay's "Do us a flavor" taste test. How do your choices rate? Find out interesting facts as to why all taste tests are not equal.

Mathematics

Room 234

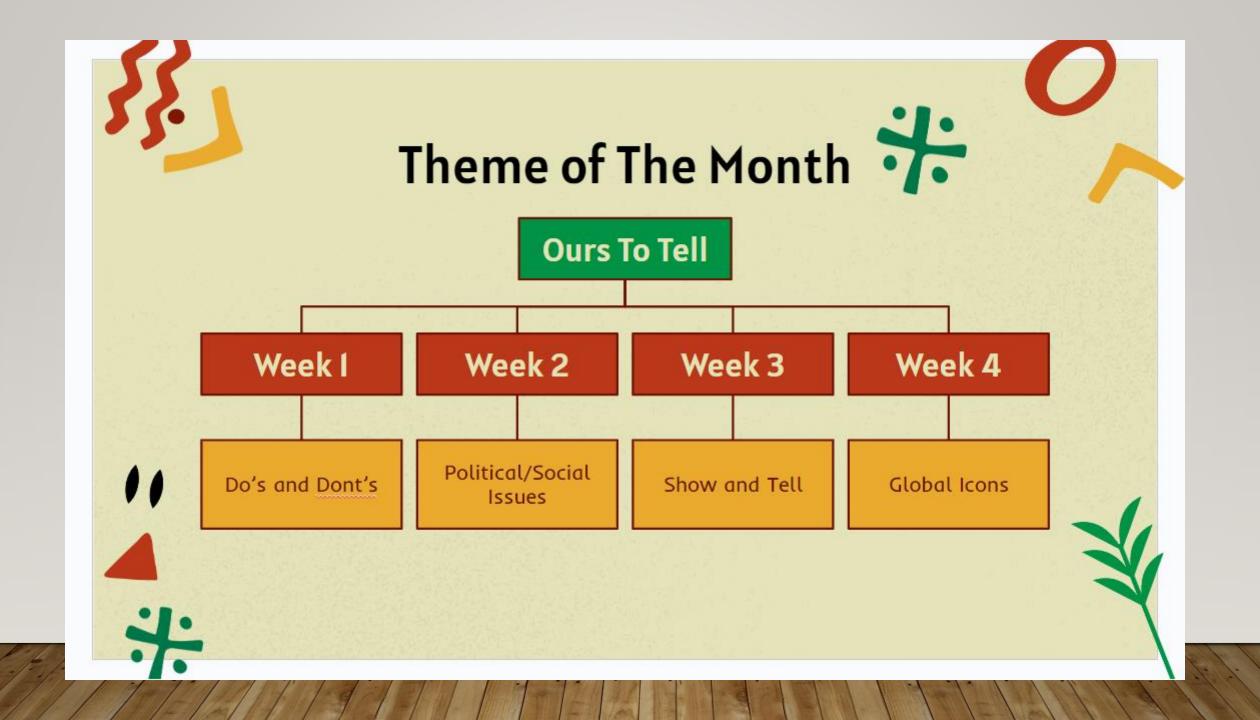
Stretch your mind and develop the logic side of your brain! Puzzles and games are fun ways to improve problemsolving skills. Sometimes they can show us the relationship of math concepts to real-world applications. As recreational activities, they can cultivate your interest in math and they can improve number sense, algebra, and spatial sense skills in a reflective learning manner.

Science

Room 317

After making their way to our chemistry lab (room 317) students will be challenged to solve a puzzle using the Periodic Table of the Elements, build an electric circuit and identify organs in a human body model. Good luck!





REPORTS: ADMIN REPORT

Past	Future
Dec 4 – 8 Grad Photos Dec II Winter Concert Dec 25 - Jan 5 Winter Break Jan II Grade 8 Night	Jan 18 Trip and Term Moratorium Jan 18 Online Courses Exams Jan 25 Credit Rescue Jan 26 – 31 Exams/Culminating Activities Feb 13 Report Cards Feb 20 School Council Feb 27 Grad Picture (retake) Feb 28 Immunization Clinic

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Student Trustees (Policy & Procedure #221.0)

Voting closes Jan 19.

Denison candidate Nishad

Ramjit



Trustee Services

The Student Trustees policy and procedure supports student voice and the contribution of student leaders in the learning process. This policy and procedure outlines the process of student trustee appointments, support structure, professional development and expense reimbursement guidelines for student trustees.

Policy/Procedure



Policy and Procedure #221.0, Student Trustees | York Region District School Board

Student Trustee Elections



Student Trustee Elections | York Region District School Board

Related Links



Student Trustees | York Region District School Board



Indigenous Student Trustee (Policy #223, Procedure #223.1)



Student Leadership and Student Voice

Credit Salvage Jan 25

All students not meeting provincial standard invited

Per 1	8:30-9:50 am		
Per 2	9:55-11:10 am		
Lunch			
Per 3	12:25 – 1:40 pm		
Per 4	1:45 - 3:00 pm		

Denison Credit Rescue - Thursday, January 25

- → Credit rescue is characterized by specific strategies taken by the classroom teacher and/or student success teacher to support a student whose credit is at risk to successfully complete course requirements.
- → Credit rescue can take on various forms such as:
 - supporting a student by setting them up with a peer tutoring
 - arranging for extra help with the subject teacher
 - providing one-on-one or small group instruction and support.
 - receiving direct support from a student success teacher to complete assignments or re-submit assignments.

Jan 25	Credit Rescue/Salvage		
Jan 26		Per 1 exams, 8:30-10:00 am	
Jan 29	Exams	Per 2 exams, 8:30-10:00 am	
Jan 30	January 26 - 31	Per 3 exams, 8:30-10:00 am	
Jan 31		Per 4 exams, 8:30-10:00 am	
Feb 1	Exam Review Day		
Feb 2	PD Day		

Exam Review I	Day Schedule Feb. 1		
8:30-8:35	Homeroom		
8:35-9:12	Period 1	Classes held in regularly scheduled classrooms. As students review their final	
9:18-9:55	Period 2	evaluations, they can ask questions and	
10:01-10:38	Period 3	gather feedback on their achievement.	
10:44-11:21	Period 4		
11:25-12:25		Lunch	
12:30-3:00	Promotion Meetings		
	Severe Weather Day (If needed)		
12:30-3:00	Conferencing with students		

Inclement Weather Day during Exams

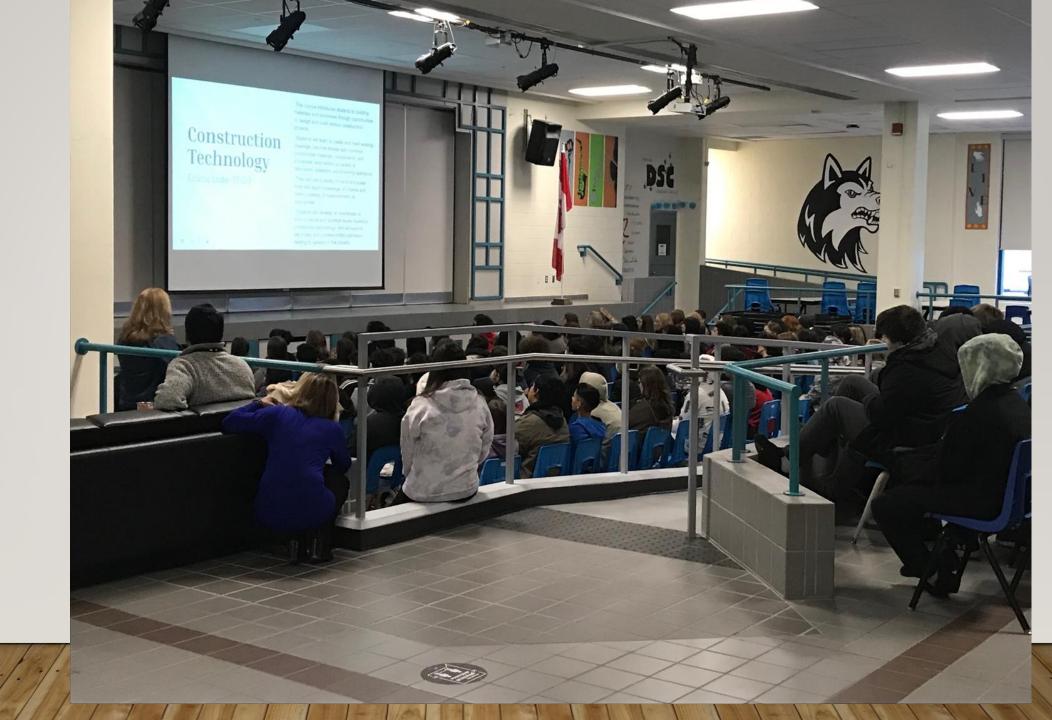
Should an Inclement Weather day occur during the scheduled exam period forcing the cancellation of all exams on a given day, the day for rescheduling exams will be the Exam Review Day.

The Exam Review/Reschedule Day is Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Course Selections 2024 - 2025

November 2023

Intentions Assemblies



COMPULSORY COURSES BY GRADE

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade II	Grade 12
English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	+ 5 Classes
Science	Science	+ 6 Classes	
Geography	History		
French	Civics/Careers		
Phys Ed	+ 3 Classes		
+ 2 Classes			

34 CREDITTHRESHOLD

Link to YRDAB Video::

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9LIoNpA02o

34 Credit Threshold

Helping Students to Graduate within 4 Years

In the 2013-14 school year, the Ministry of Education put in place a 34 credit threshold.

What is the 34 Credit Threshold and how does it apply to you?



34 Credit Threshold

- You need 30 credits to meet Ontario Secondary School Diploma graduation requirements. Most students will complete these credits within four years.
 If needed, you may earn up to 34 credits within five years.
- While enrolled in your first four consecutive years of secondary school, you may go beyond 34 credits.

Online Course Selection

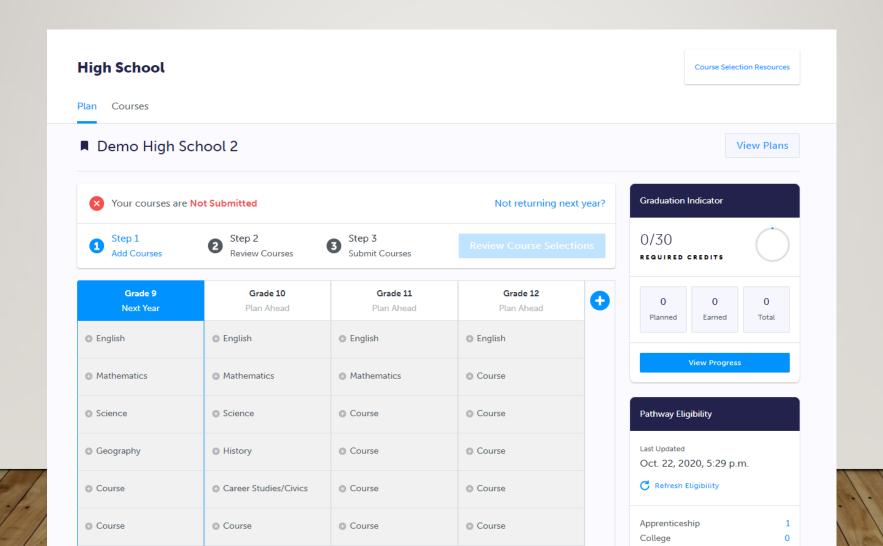
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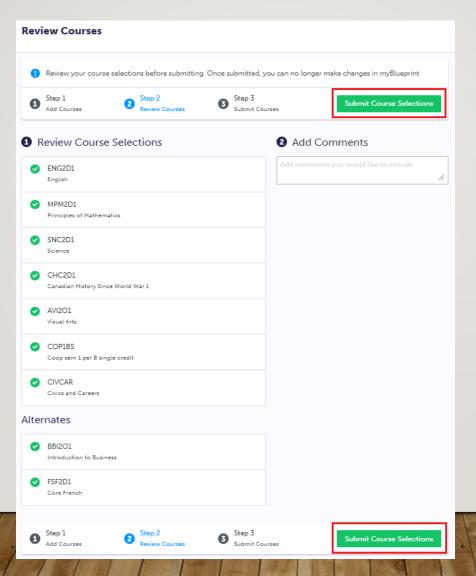


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Pay for student items online

Add courses to your High School Plan. Click on + Course to select



Click Submit Course Selections



Click Send Approval Email

Submission Details









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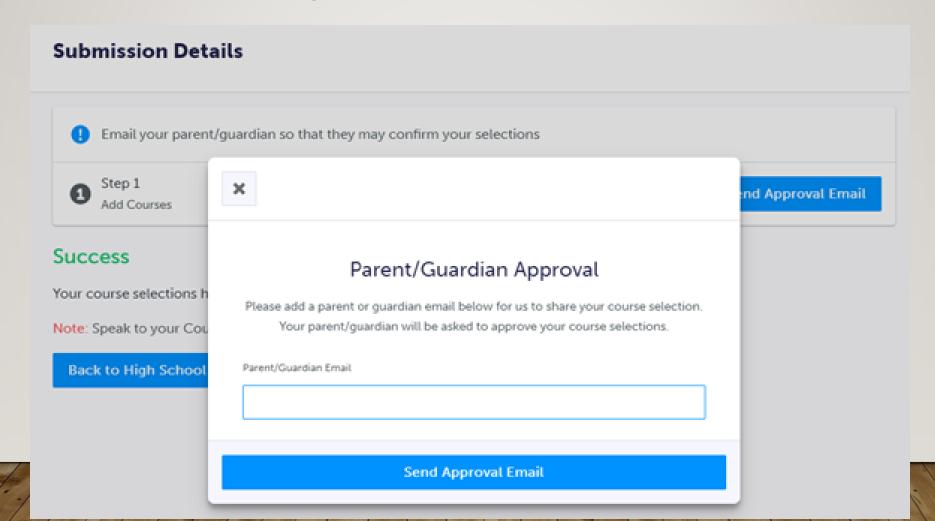
Success

Your course selections have been submitted to your Counsellor for review. Please print the Sign-Off Sheet and return the signed copy to your school.

Note: Speak to your Counsellor to discuss any changes that you wish to make to your Course Selections

Back to High School

Enter Family/Parent/Guardian Email



Parent/Guardian will Approve or Reject

THIS IS AN AUTOMATED MESSAGE, PLEASE DO NOT REPLY!



Course Selections approval request

Hi,

First102 Last102 has requested you approve their Course Selections.

To approve these choices, you must review the information below and click 'Approve Course Selections'.

Name: First102 Last102 School: Demo High School 2

Courses Submitted:

- · English (ENG4C1)
- Chemistry (SCH4CC)
- · Interdisciplinary Studies (IDC4U1)
- Visual Arts (AVI201)
- Introduction to Business (BBI2O1)

Alternate Courses Submitted:

· Guitar Music (AMG2O1)

Approve Course Selections



Don't approve of these Course Selections? Reject Request. If you reject this request, please follow up with your school's guidance counsellor about next steps.

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS AND TIMELINES

- Now Discuss course selections (students, parents/guardians with teachers)
- Friday, February 3 If applicable, submit transfer form
 (by Monday Feb. 13 you will be contacted of final decisions)
- Tuesday, February 7 Course Selection Assemblies
- Wednesday, February 16 Students can begin locking in course selections, in MyPathway Planner at 9:00 am
- Friday, February 24 Course Selection due in MyPathway Planner by 4:00 pm
- No paper copy is required, parent/guardian approval through email via Pathway Planner

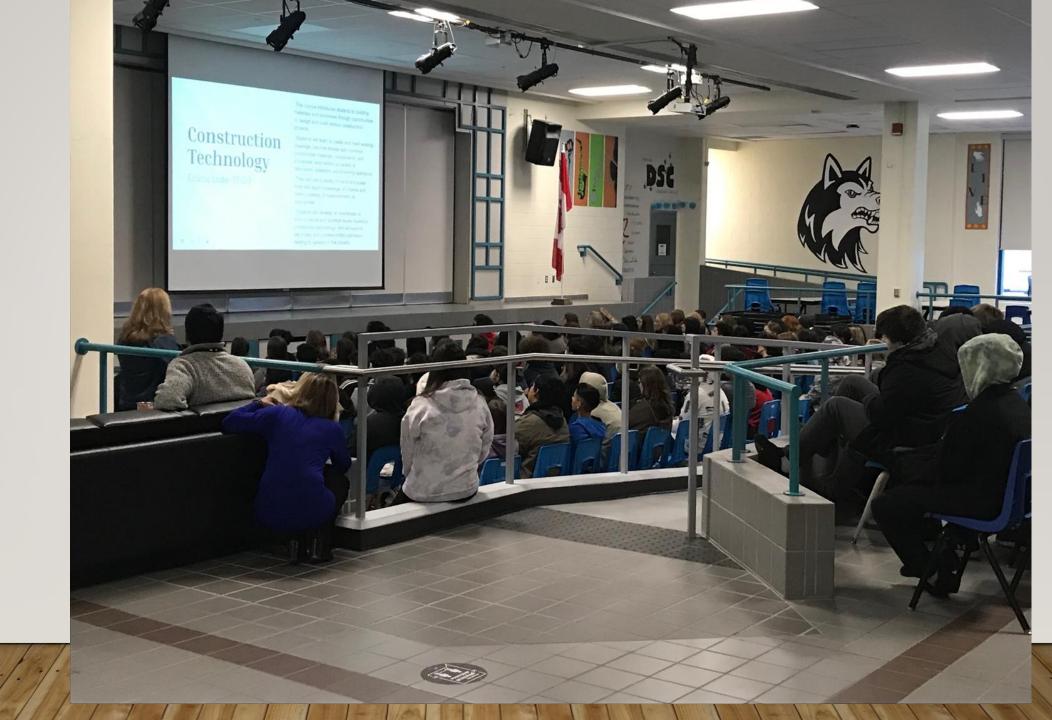
QUESTIONS



Thank you for your time

November 2023

Intentions Assemblies



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English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	+ 5 Classes
Science	Science	+ 6 Classes	
Geography	History		
French	Civics/Careers		
+ 2 Classes and HPE + 3 Classes (2024)	+ 3 Classes		

Arts, HPE, Technology (2024)

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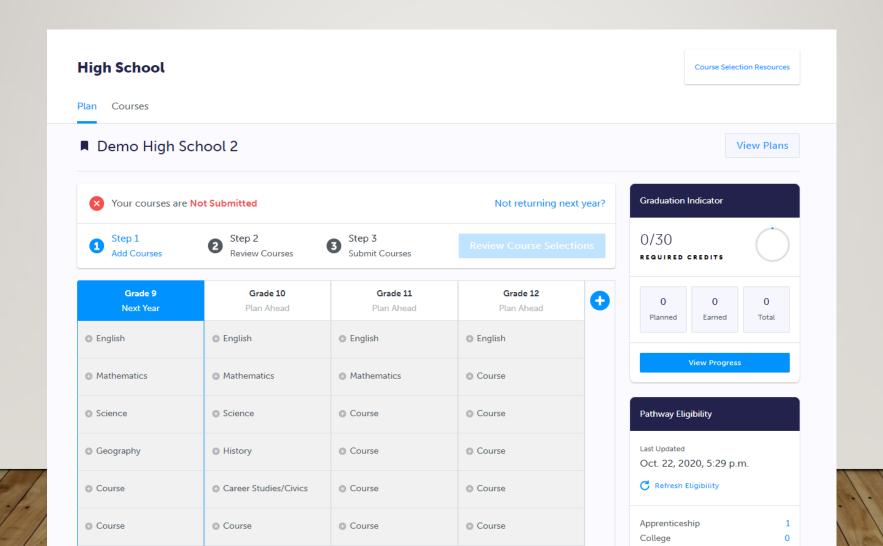
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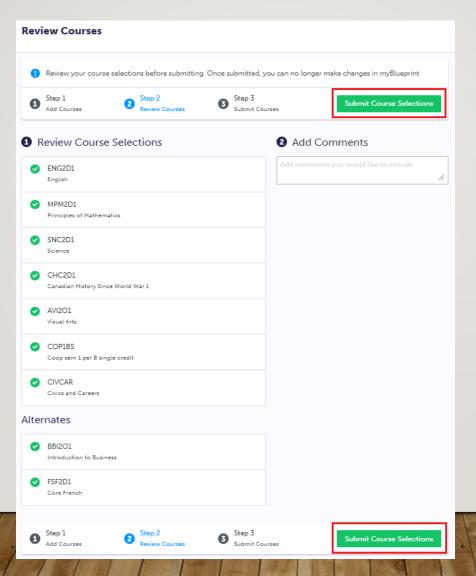


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Pay for student items online

Add courses to your High School Plan. Click on + Course to select



Click Submit Course Selections



Click Send Approval Email

Submission Details









Send Approval Email



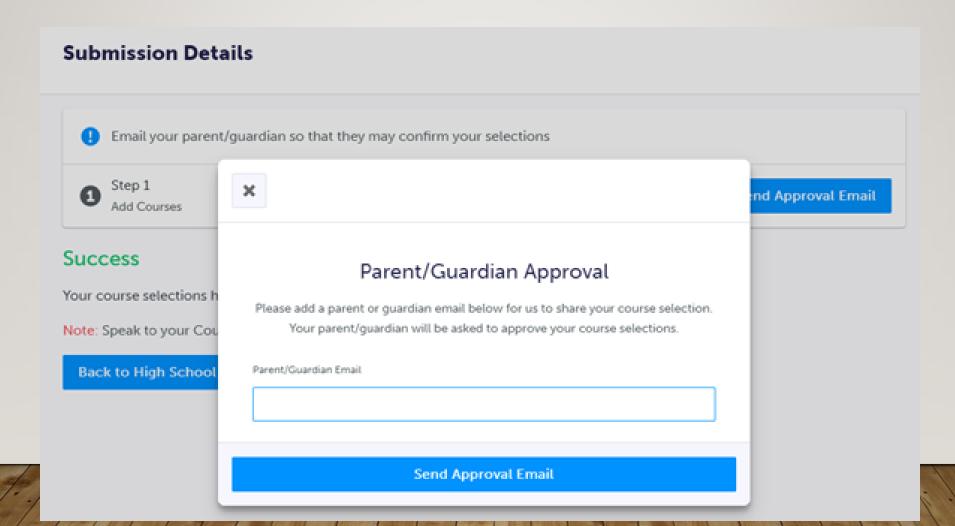
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- · Interdisciplinary Studies (IDC4U1)
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- Introduction to Business (BBI2O1)

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 (by Monday Feb. 13 you will be contacted of final decisions)
- February 12-14 Course Selection Assemblies
- Thursday, February 15 Students can begin locking in course selections, in MyPathway Planner at 9:00 am
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QUESTIONS



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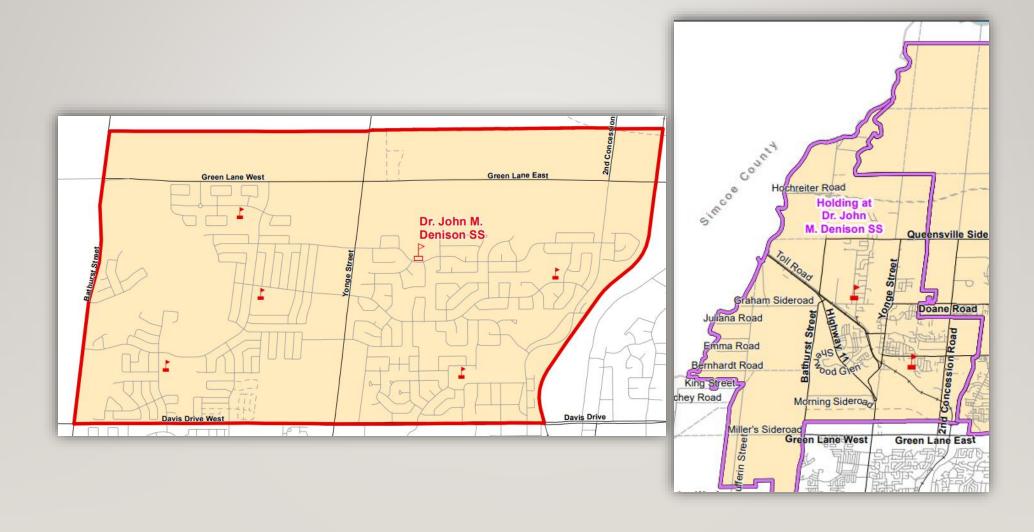
DR. J.M. DENISON S.S. CHANGE OF BELL TIMES

January 16, 2024

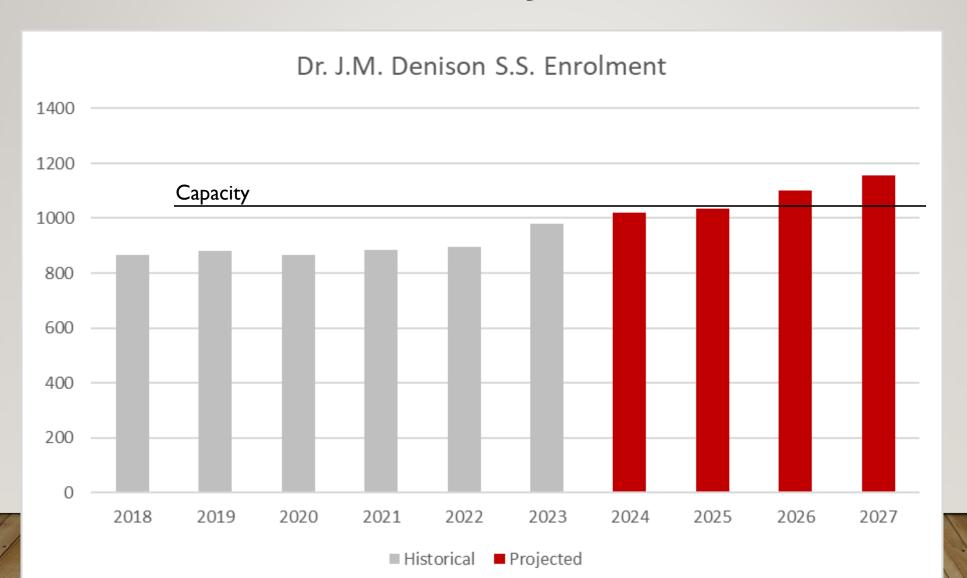
DR. J.M. DENISON S.S.

- Enrolment: October 31, 2023: 980 FTE
- Capacity: 964
- Utilization: 102%

DR. J.M. DENISON S.S. BOUNDARIES



DR. J.M. DENISON S.S. ENROLMENT PROJECTION



EXISTING BELLTIMES

	Start Time	End Time
Homeroom	8:30 AM	8:35 AM
Period 1	8:35 AM	9:50 AM
Period 2	9:55 AM	11:10 AM
Lunch (75 min)	11:10 AM	12:25 PM
Period 3	12:25 PM	1:40 PM
Period 4	1:45 PM	3:00 PM

BELL TIMES BEGINNING SEPT 2024

	Start Time	End Time
Homeroom	8:20 AM	8:25 AM
Period 1	8:25 AM	9:40 AM
Period 2	9:45 AM	11:00 AM
Period 3	11:05 AM	12:20 PM
Period 4	12:25 PM	1:40 PM
Period 5	1:45 PM	3:00 PM

10 min earlier

No Change to End

All periods are 75 minutes

SAMPLE SCHEDULE FOR SEPT 2024

	Start Time	End Time	Class	
Homeroom &	8:20 AM	9:40 AM	English	
Period 1	0.20 AIVI	3.40 AIVI	Liigiisii	Lunch gr 11
Period 2	9:45 AM	11:00 AM	History	
Period 3	11:05 AM	12:20 PM	Lunch	Lunch gr 10
Period 4	12:25 PM	1:40 PM	Math	
Period 5	1:45 PM	3:00 PM	Science	Lunch gr 12

All periods are 75 minutes

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YORK REGION TRANSIT (YRT)

- Planning is underway by YRT to ensure schedules are adjusted to meet school bell times
- YRT schedules for September will be available online in August 2024
- Students may plan their trip at //yrt.ca/PlanYourTrip or by calling the YRT Contact Centre at 1-866-668-3978

DATE: October 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

The call for proposals is now open. The Ministry of Education has made funding available for the 2023-2024 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant program. The allocation is \$800 per school.

April 22, 2024

Please note:

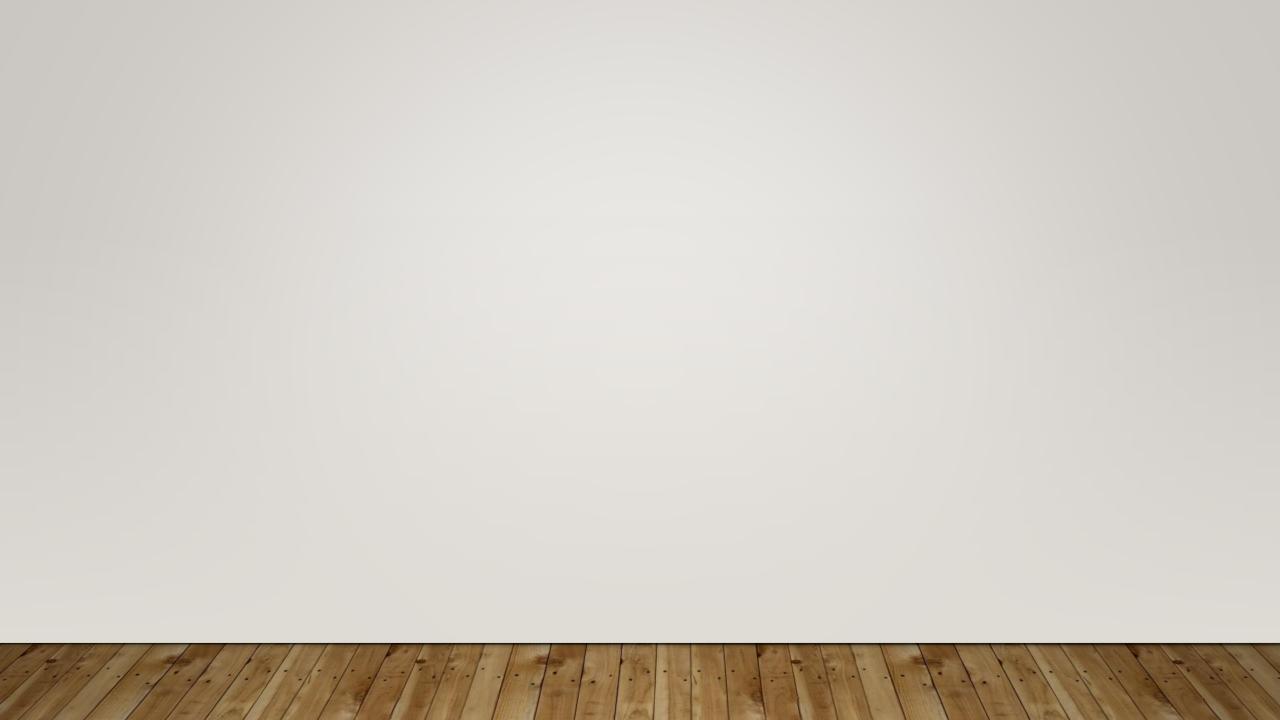
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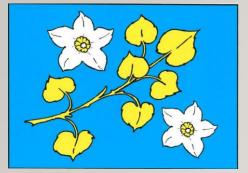
Artificial Intelligence and schools are responsible for costs not covered by the funding

- Aummistrators will be notified of the status of their so PRO Grant application and are encouraged to create an outreach plan to inform pand families of the program and its desired outcomes.
- Upon approval of the school's application, funds will b
 PRO Grant Account 15 4150 1/4 XXX 022.

 Spring Market
- DO NOT use school generated funds (SGF) to make any projects as SGF CANNOT be reimbursed by Operational/Ministry funds.

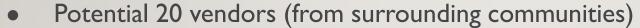


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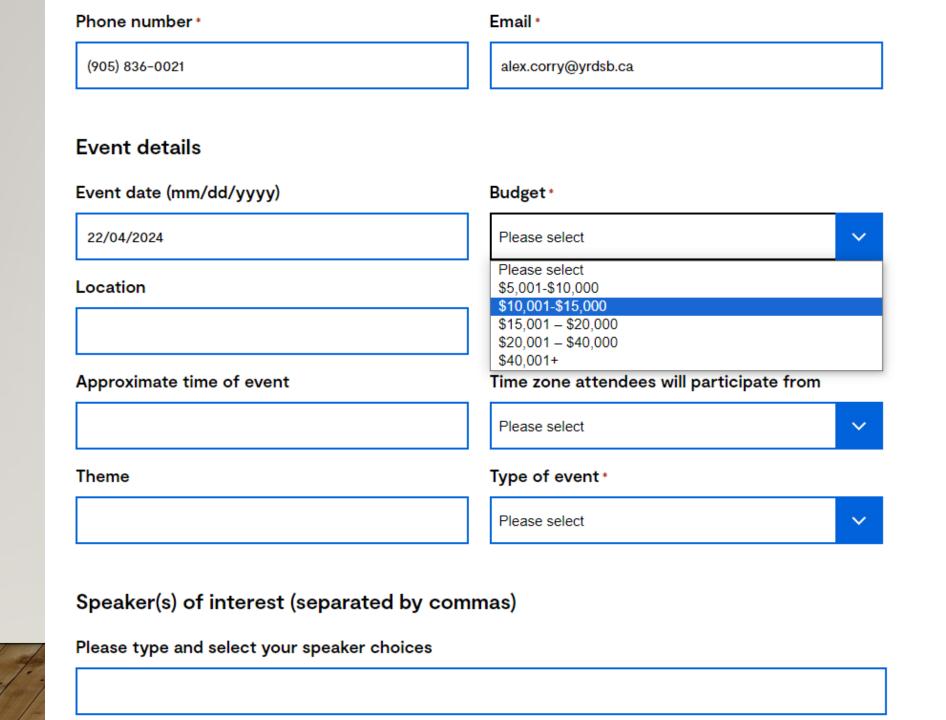
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• Event Date: April 22, 2024 (5:30 pm - 8:30 pm)



- \$50 vendor fee per table (cash payment receipt provided)
- Time stamp applicants if there is too much interest
- Google form to be sent through the school to see for interest in event
- Event to be paired with a guest speaker (TBD by Parent Council)
- Sponsors to purchase space in brochure to be handed out at Relay table at event
- Students to advertise event in local newspapers, flyers in the community (elementary schools, grocery stores, etc.)
- Local community services to have booths at event to promote community engagement









Special event: Generative AI and the future of education

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SHARE

Nexus Lounge (12th floor), OISE, University of Toronto 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON, M5S 1V6, Canada (map)

Hi Alex

We have connected with Ken Boyd who is Director of Education at CIVIX (CTRL-F: Find the Facts — Digital Media Literacy). They describe themselves as a charity dedicated to building the habits and skills of active and informed citizenship among youth.

One of the consultants (Alison MacPherson) saw him speak at a presentation/workshop in TDSB as a parent and said it was very good. The Digital Literacy Team also connected with him as a thought partner and that was a fruitful conversation.

Kelsey Davis, the Digital Literacy Project Manager at CIVIX Canada is who organized the event and is also who Alison reached out to get connected with Ken. Her email is kelsey@civix.ca.

Supporting your Teen Through Stress & Anxiety

This session equips parents with the knowledge and skills needed to understand and effectively support their child or teenager during periods of stress and to understand the difference between the experience of stress and anxiety and an Anxiety Disorder. Through expert-guided sessions, we provide parents with practical strategies, rooted in scientific research, to recognize signs of stress and anxiety, create a nurturing environment, and facilitate open, constructive communication with their children. This workshop empowers parents to build resilience in their family and promote their child's emotional wellbeing.

Leisha Zamecnik < leisha@commoncompass.com >

Enhancing Self Esteem

This session is designed to equip parents with the tools and strategies to foster positive self-esteem in their children or teens. Through a combination of expert guidance and evidence-based techniques, this workshop helps parents understand the factors affecting self-esteem, provides practical methods to promote self-confidence and resilience, and encourages a supportive and nurturing family environment. Join us to empower your child's self-esteem and set them on a path to self-assured and positive growth.

Healthy Social Media Habits

This session is tailored to equip parents with the knowledge and skills needed to understand and guide their child or teens's social media use. Led by experienced professionals, this workshop provides insights into the impact of social media on young minds, practical strategies for fostering healthy digital habits, and open communication channels to address online challenges. Join us to ensure your child's safe and responsible engagement with the digital world.

Your Teen and Sleep Hygiene

This dynamic session is designed to empower parents with the knowledge and practical skills needed to support their child or teen in establishing healthy sleep hygiene and habits. Learn what healthy sleep looks like for your child age and stage as well as effective strategies to establish a consistent rhythm, overcome sleep challenges, and contribute to their academic and life

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Date 3 rd TUESDAY	Topic
October I 7 (Tuesday)	Post secondary
November 21	PRO Grant Proposal and Planning
January 22 or 23	Course selection
February	Plan for PRO event
April	
May	
June	

OTHER BUSINESS