

Thornhill PS Email Information: Monday, December 4, 2023

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, December 4

- *Holiday Heroes Food and Clothing Drive begins (until December 17)*
- *Winter Pizza/Lunch orders available on School Cash Online*
- *Junior/Intermediate Homework Club*

Tuesday, December 5

- *Pizza Lunch (for those who order)*
- *Cookie Fundraiser*
- *Junior/Intermediate Homework Club*

Wednesday, December 6

- *Junior/Intermediate Homework Club*

Thursday, December 7

- *Subway Lunch (for those who order)*
- *Cookie Fundraiser*

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday, December 11

- *Holiday Heroes Food and Clothing Drive continues*
- *Winter Pizza/Lunch orders available on School Cash Online (until December 17)*
- *Junior/Intermediate Homework Club*

Tuesday, December 12

- *Pizza Lunch (for those who order)*
- *Cookie Fundraiser*
- *Junior/Intermediate Homework Club*

Wednesday, December 13

- *Junior/Intermediate Homework Club*

Thursday, December 14

- *Subway Lunch (for those who order)*
- *Cookie Fundraiser*
- *Information session for Grade 8s (Westmount)*

PIZZA AND SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS JANUARY-MARCH

Please see our Winter 2024 Lunch Program Flyer [attached here](#). Ordering begins today (December 1) and will remain open until December 17th. We cannot accept any late orders, changes, substitutions, or cancellations.

GRADE 8 GRAD COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Our Grade 8 students will be selling Terra Cotta cookies (kosher and nut free) on Tuesdays and Thursdays during morning recess outside of our gym. Cookies are being sold for \$2 each. Please consider helping our Grade 8 students!

HOLIDAY HEROS FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

This year, Thornhill PS is participating in the Holiday Heroes Campaign that is being run by the York Regional Police to help families in need. The Holiday Heroes Campaign is asking for support to help make this winter season brighter for everyone by donating items to those facing difficult times. We are asking for families who are able to, to help donate non-perishable food items, new hats and/or new mittens/gloves. We will be collecting and hanging all new hats and mittens on our community tree and collecting the non-perishable food items in the boxes in the front hallway across from the office. Our campaign will be running from Monday, December 4th until Friday, December 15th. We thank all families in advance for any donations and contributions you can make to our Holiday Heroes Campaign.

PROGRESS REPORT CARDS

The Board has indicated that the Progress Report cards should be sent electronically this week.

MORNING ENTRY

Please note that morning supervision does not begin until 8:15 a.m. Students will not be able to enter the building before that time. Please help us maintain

student safety by ensuring that students do not arrive to school prior to 8:15 a.m. Thank you for your continued partnership.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE
December 2023

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

As I have been visiting schools and attending events, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

I want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb to learn more.

We also offer a variety of [programs for Black students](#) through the Board's Centre for Black Student Excellence. These summer and school-year programs are

designed to affirm students' identities and support student achievement and well-being. You can learn more about the programs and how to sign up for the centre's mailing list [on the website](#).

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Estelle Cohen

Trustee, Vaughan Wards 4 and 5