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THORNLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL



April 2025 School Council Meeting Recap

The following is a summary of the April 7 School Council meeting, highlighting key updates from students, staff and administration, and upcoming events and initiatives within the school community.

The student representative shared about various exciting upcoming activities and initiatives. **Thornstock**, set for May 27, will feature a fire truck, food trucks and an eating contest—volunteers are currently being sought to help run the event. Meanwhile, **TSAC elections** are in progress, with positions open for grade representatives (grades 10–12), as well as leadership roles like president, vice-president, treasurer, and internal affairs. Additionally, planning continues for **Culture Day** where student groups such as CASA, SASA, MSA and others will present traditional dance, fashion and food, welcoming both students and parents in a celebration of cultural diversity. **TWIC** also hosted a St. Patrick's Day themed wellness event for students and staff.

The administration report focused on **student safety**. Concerns about vaping are being addressed through educational approaches. Updates were also shared regarding parking safety concerns, student transportation for school-sanctioned activities, and a successful presentation by Hong Fook on social media awareness. Additionally, to better fund extracurricular activities for next year, a plan to promote the **school activity fee** was discussed.

The teacher representative highlighted strong student engagement in various clubs and competitions. The **Geography Club** is preparing for an Earth Day school-wide event, while **The Hackers Club** has achieved notable success. The **Robotics Club** recently concluded a major competition season. Additionally, the **Math Contests** are generating enthusiasm among students.

The School Council shared updates on several successful initiatives and upcoming plans. The new **Parent/Guardian Coffee Chat** that took place at parent-teacher interview evening on April 3 was well received. Upcoming events include the ProGrant **Social Media workshop** on April 22, which welcomes both Thornlea and feeder school parents, and **Career Night**, which is in the planning stage. A **Staff Appreciation** event is set for early June.

The School Council thanks everyone for their ongoing support and hopes to see parents and guardians at upcoming events.

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The School Council invites parents and guardians to a learning event:

The Parent Network: Social Media and Your Kids

This free MediaSmarts workshop is designed to promote family digital wellness by helping parents to better understand how students are using social networking.

Discover ways to help your children use social media technology wisely and avoid its negative effects.

Speaker Jennifer Casa-Todd is an innovative leader and educator who works with schools and organizations around the globe on literacy, digital wellness and technology-enabled learning.

Presented on behalf of MediaSmarts, Canada's centre for digital media literacy.



Date: **Tuesday, April 22, 2025**

Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Thornlea Secondary School



Please RSVP using this Google Form.



3rd Annual Career Night for Students

Our annual Career Night offers Thornlea students an excellent opportunity to explore various post-secondary and career pathways through insightful presentations from members of our parent and guardian community. This event will take place at the school on the evening of **Thursday, May 22, 2025.**

We are looking for parents and guardians to share their career journey with our students on Career Night as a speaker. Please email us if you are interested: Thornlea.sc@gmail.com

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Thornlea School Council 2024-2025

Executive Members

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Date	Event
April 18	Good Friday (No School)
April 20-May 2	Ridvan
April 21	Easter Monday (No School)
April 24	MOBYSS - Mobile Health Clinic On Site
April 25-May 4	Europe 2025 Trip

YEARBOOK

Photo day portraits will appear in the yearbook UNLESS the parent/18+ student contacts the principal in writing by May 30, 2025.

Current preferred names in our school database will be published in the yearbook.

It’s time to Pre-Order your Yearbook for this 2024-2025 School Year!

The Thornlea S.S. Yearbook is a hardcover color book of memories for the current school year!

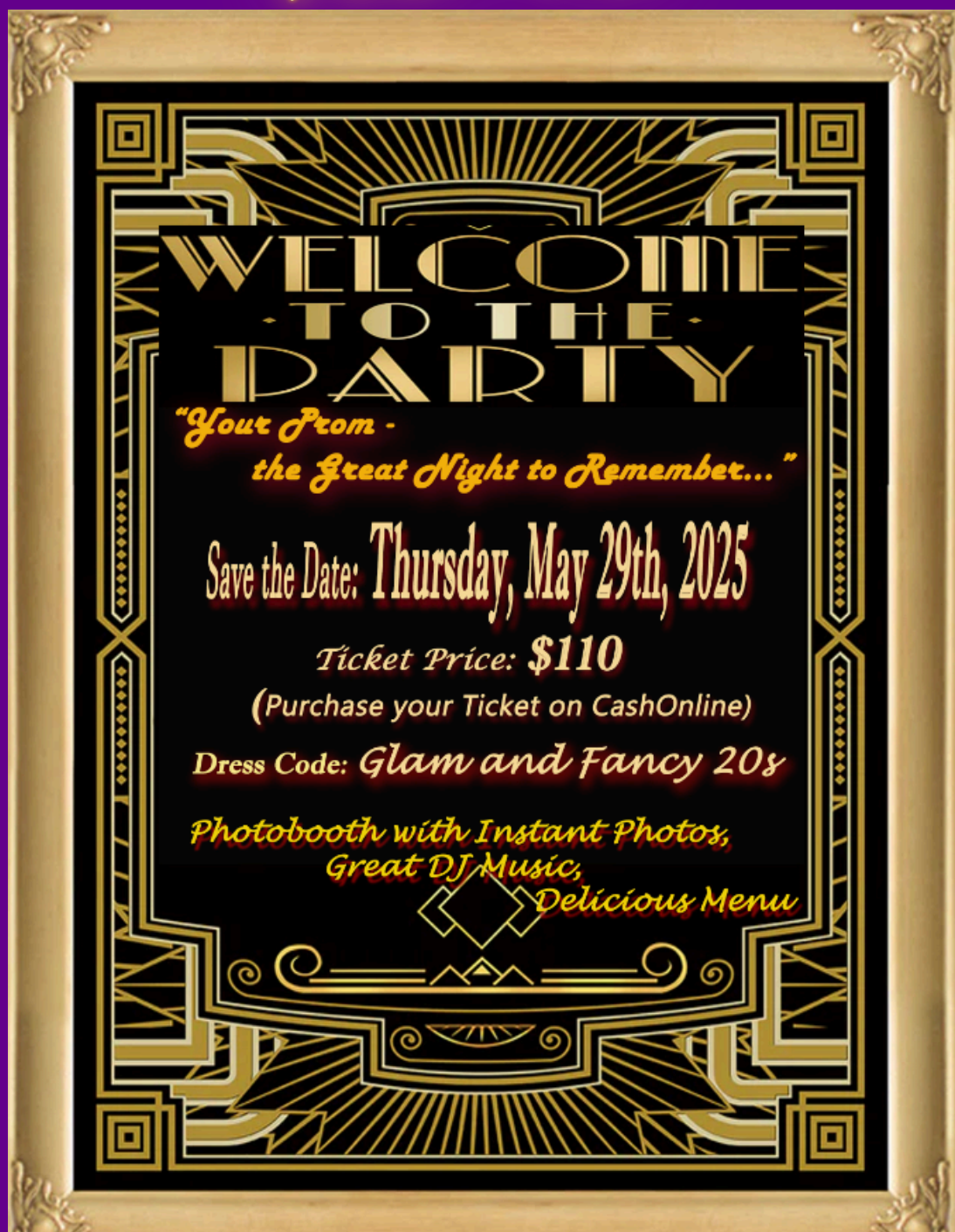
It includes student photos, sports teams, student activities/events, and staff photos.

ORDER ONE TODAY so that you may remember the wonderful memories created here at Thornlea Secondary School.

Thornlea Computer Science Competitions Club

Thornlea Computer Science Competitions Club is one of our newest clubs. Students meet at lunch time in the teacher advisor's classroom to learn about and practice for Computer Science competitions, in particular the University of Waterloo Canadian Computing Contest.

Prom 2025



SCHOOL REMINDERS

Our main office is here to help you regarding student absences. Here are a few notes:
Edsby does not support absence reporting for high school students.

To report a student's absence, parents or guardians can either email thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca or call 905-889-9696.

When sending an email or leaving a message, please provide the following details:

- 1) Student Name (First & Last name)
- 2) Student #
- 3) Current Grade
- 4) Absent date and/or period
- 5) Reason

ANTICIPATED ABSENCE FORM

If your student will be absent 5 days or more, please come to the office to obtain the anticipated absence form. It must be completed by their teachers then signed by the parent. This form needs to be returned to the office BEFORE their absence.

USEFUL LINKS

ATTENDANCE CHANGE	<u>thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca</u>
CONTACT/TELEPHONE DATA CHANGE	<u>thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca</u>
STUDENT DATA ACCESS 18+	<u>18+Student Consent Form</u>
SCHOOLCASH ONLINE	<u>SchoolCash Online</u>
THORNLEA SHOP	<u>Thornlea Merchandise</u>

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION UPDATE:

Summer School registration is open as of Tuesday, April 15th through myBlueprint. Courses can be found under the “Continuing Education tab” on the left hand side of the dashboard.

If your student is requesting a summer school course that they had planned to take next school year, their original selection will be replaced with one of their alternates. If the student is unable to complete their summer course, we will attempt to add this course to their timetable for next year. However, Guidance cannot guarantee that there will be a seat available in the original course selected.

Students who were advised by their guidance counsellor to enroll in credit recovery based on their semester 1 final marks will also need to register as soon as possible. Please note, it is the student’s responsibility to ensure they are registered for the appropriate course(s).

If students require assistance with the summer school registration process, please have them make an appointment with their alpha guidance counsellor.

Please see <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities> for additional summer school information.

The Guidance Team

Guidance Questions? Visit our [website](#)!