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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members:

We hope that you have enjoyed some quality time with friends and family during the many significant faith days over the past couple of weeks. Everyone is anticipating the warmer temperatures ahead, despite all the rain we have been getting. Soon, we will be enjoying more sunshine as the months get warmer.

This week Drama students are putting on the annual S.O.A.P 21 festival. I hope you were able to see one of the evening performances held this week. Each year we look forward to something exciting coming out of Theatre 219 and it never disappoints. The students are outstanding in their various roles - directors, actors, technicians and crew.

Our second Health and Wellness Day is fast approaching and we are looking forward to another wonderful and successful event for our students! Students will have a great time engaging in activities that promote healthy living and mindfulness. Please ensure that your child signs up for one of the activities as his/her participation will be valuable.

The school is always buzzing with student activities and events. Last week was Spirit Week and Student Council worked very hard to plan daily activities for staff and students to promote school spirit and inclusion.

Student voice is a priority at Thornlea and their input and ideas are valuable in helping to plan school programs and initiatives. This week, students participated in a variety of surveys – an OSSLT survey, a School Climate survey, and the Outdoor Classroom survey.

Students will receive their midterm report cards on Wednesday, April 26th in home-room. We encourage you to contact teachers if there are any questions about your child's progress. We wish all of our students a successful semester two.

As we head into the final months of the semester and the school year, there are still many events and activities being planned and we encourage your child to participate in something that is of interest to them.

We continue to be proud of all our wonderful students as we share in their successes and celebrate their accomplishments.

Warmest Regards,

Barb Caravella
Vice Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians/Families:

We are really excited about our upcoming Wellness Day taking place this Thursday; however, several of our Out-of-School Wellness Day trips may be cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

If your child has not signed up for an activity for Wellness Day, please consider signing them up through School Cash Online for one of the following Out-of-School Activities:

- 1. Health & Wellness Day - April 27th - Graffiti Art Tour and Exploration of Queen Street (\$20)**
- 2. Health & Wellness Day - April 27th - Joe Rockhead's Indoor Rock Climbing (\$32)**
- 3. Health & Wellness Day - April 27th - Laser Tag at Rinx (\$30)**
- 4. Health & Wellness Day - April 27th - Ripley's Aquarium & St. Lawrence Market (\$20)**
- 5. Health & Wellness Day - April 27th - Skyzone (\$35)**
- 6. Health & Wellness Day - April 27th - Snakes & Lattes (College Street) (\$20)**

If you are unable to pay via School Cash Online, see Mrs. Hanff or Miss Chan in the Library, or Mrs. Ackerman in Room 110, and a paper form will be provided. Cash or cheque payable to Thornlea S.S. are being accepted.

As another option, you may consider signing them up via the Google Form available on the main page of the school's website for a FREE In-School activity.



Thank you.

Looking forward to another successful Wellness Day for Thornlea students.

**Barb Caravella
Vice Principal**

Hello all from the Guidance Department!

Our team has been busy providing our students with their course request for next year. Please make sure your child has submitted a signed course selection form to the Guidance Department. A Course Selection Verification Sheet was distributed, students had their opportunity to request a change on this sheet or keep it for their personal records. The deadline has now passed.

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) deadline has now passed. Currently over 162 Thornlea students have applied. We wish them all the best and will continue to answer their questions on the University selection process. The next marks transmission for OUAC will be on **April 27th**. Guidance will continue to monitor and support the College application process. Currently, over 30 Thornlea students have applied. No PinCodes are distributed for College Applications; students will create their own on-line at www.ontariocolleges.ca.

Please note that the “equal consideration” deadline has passed (Feb. 1st), but students can still apply. The next marks transmission for OCAS will be on **April 24th**.

Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied to OUAC for university!

Your grades from semester one have been processed by OUAC and sent to the Universities to which you have applied. Please log on to your online application in order to review your academic information. This verification is especially important if OUAC does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OUAC/your Universities because of a junk-mail setting with you inbox. If you see an error in your OUAC file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counsellor as soon as possible to have it corrected.

College and University Spring Open Houses are a popular way for prospective students to visit various Post-Secondary Institutions and evaluate them prior to applying and/or choosing. It is never too early to begin the search. The Guidance Department encourages all students, especially in grades 11 and 12 to attend the open house program of any potential future University/College. Please visit the University/College website to confirm Open House schedules. Spaces can be limited.

We also would like to remind students of the process for making guidance appointments. If any student would like to make an appointment with their Alpha identified counselor (Mr. Paul Stephenson A to M, Mr. Nizam Alkins N to Z), they should come to the Guidance Office before school starts (8:30 to 8:55), during their lunch, or after school (3:00 to 3:30).

We would also like to remind students that there is a new process in place for Community Service Hours (CSH). All students must complete 40 community hours to obtain their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The Guidance department must approve your community service opportunity before you start your hours. Please see your counselor for a CSH sheet and pre-approval.

Finally, a reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours as soon as possible. It is highly recommended that this be completed before the April 27/24 OUAC/OCAS transmission.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please come down to the Guidance Office and pick up a Community Service Hours form and please take a look at our “**Volunteer Bulletin Board**” for current opportunities to fulfill this Ministry of Education requirement.

Special Announcement: see below

Attention Grade 12 students, you may request Part-Time Status started on Monday April 10th. Please come to the guidance office to pick up a drop request form. This form must be completed and handed in by Friday April 27th 3:00 PM. The Full Dis-closure date is Thursday May 4th, after that date, the mark will be recorded on their official transcript.

Summer School Registration Information

Registration is open on Monday April 3rd – register on-line in your career cruising account, get your sheet signed by a parent/guardian and hand it in to your guidance counselor.

For summer school details:

Copy and paste this link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Secondary-School-Summer.aspx>

If you are a grade 11 or 12 student and would like to apply for the 2-credit summer school Co-op session, please come to the Guidance Office for an application. Deadline is Monday April 24th.

Attention all ESL students, if you are interested in taking ESLB, ESLC, ESLD, ELSE for CREDIT this summer with the YRDSB. Please register in your career cruising account.

Attention all grade 9 French Immersion students – there will be a possible summer course in grade 10 academic history for French Immersion students offered at Pierre El-liot Trudeau – coded CHC2DF (no YRDSB transportation offered to this location). Go on career cruising to register on line – April 3rd.

Summer school E-Learning registration begins on Monday April 24th at 9:00 AM. See link below for more details.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Summer%20School%20e-Learning.aspx>

International Languages Program registration opens on May 1st in your Career Cruising account. (CONED link). See link below for more details.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/International-Languages-Secondary-Program.aspx>



Graduation for the Class of 2017

Thornlea's *Class of 2017* is getting ready to graduate. Please attend our 49th graduation ceremony on **June 29th, 2017** to celebrate your graduate's achievement!

Each year the graduating class of Thornlea S.S. selects a graduating student to give the **Valedictorian** address at the Graduation ceremony. The students' choice of Valedictorian should be someone who can be counted upon to skillfully articulate to parents and students a "snapshot" of your years at Thornlea. The Valedictorian should be someone who exemplifies the character traits of responsibility, respect, honesty, empathy, fairness, initiative, courage, integrity, perseverance and optimism; who has demonstrated commitment to student life through active involvement in a variety of school activities and has contributed in a positive way to Thornlea.

Art Murch was the first principal of Thornlea. When he retired in 1976, the staff set up a trust in his name. From the trust, The **Art Murch Award**, a monetary award is given annually to the graduating student who has a high academic standing, is very active in school life, and is highly regarded by his/her peers and teachers. The recipient should best exemplify the motto "Think and Be Thought Of". The winner is revealed at graduation.

Valedictorian Candidates and **Art Murch Candidates** are nominated by their peers on a form available in the Guidance office now. Voting will take place on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017** during homeroom. If you do not have a homeroom, voting will then take place during your lunch in the Guidance office on Tuesday, May 16, the same day. **Graduating Students must show their Thornlea student card to receive a ballot.**

Residents mark Vimy anniversary with journey to battle site

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Lieutenant-Colonel Sandi Banerjee has been to Vimy Ridge many times.

He knows well the history and significance of this French landmark.

But when he visits this month, his trip will be special. This time, the Thornlea resident takes the journey alongside his wife, son, daughter and 10 Thornlea Secondary School students as well as staff.

This time, it will be the 100th anniversary of the battle, the commemoration of a historic win for Canada.

Banerjee has high hopes for the Thornlea students journeying to France.

"I hope they get the same sense of pride I did my first time there," he said. "I hope they get a sense of national accomplishment. This effort was the whole of Canada. It was the first time every regiment was there."

The attack on Vimy Ridge, an attack on the Ger-

mans in northern France, began on April 9, 1917.

It was a costly victory, which left 3,598 Canadians dead. But the Canadian success would later be called a defining moment for Canada. The Vimy Memorial was unveiled in 1936. It reminds visitors of the 11,285 Canadian soldiers killed in France who have no known graves.

The Thornlea students will visit the Vimy Region, including of course the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, which pays tribute to more than 10,000 soldiers killed or wounded in battle. The students will join fellow Canadians for the 100th anniversary ceremonies of Canada's victory in Vimy Ridge.

The students will also be taking a detour to an elementary school in Anisy, France. The high school students will witness a road dedication. The people of Anisy are naming a road after Clarke Lawson, a soldier from Toronto killed in World War Two.



Steve Somerville/Metro

Lt.-Col. Sandi Banerjee of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada holds wooden poppies that 11 students headed for Vimy Ridge in France made and sold to help raise funds to assist veterans dealing with mental illness and the families of fallen soldiers. Their students' efforts raised \$1,200 for the cause.

Grade 11 student Reannah Ennis is one of the Thornlea students participating in the trip. Asked which aspect of the battle of Vimy Ridge she found most

interesting, she responds with two interesting aspects: "All three (Canadian) regiments were battling together. Canadians came up with the battle plan."

Gordon Izumi, head of the history department at Thornlea S.S., sees this trip as a way of making history real for his students. "There's no replacement for

experiential learning," he said. "It's the best kind of learning."

Izumi is glad the students will be surrounded by people with a connection to Vimy.

"When you are there with the veterans and the families of people who died, it makes it more real. It makes history come alive," he said.

In preparation for the trip, the Thornlea students made more than 100 wooden poppies and sold donors the right to have dedications written on the poppies. Students raised \$1,200 and will be leaving the poppies on soldiers' graves. The \$1,200 will go towards taking care of soldiers' families while the soldiers work overseas.

On the cusp of his journey, Banerjee reveals how important it is to visit the famous battleground of Vimy Ridge.

"I've often thought Vimy is one of those places every Canadian should go to once in their life."

Cosmetology Update

Workshop- Fashion Photographer Jeff Hui of Toronto

Mr. Ackerman's Photography students and Ms. Walker's Hairstyling & Aesthetic students attended a workshop with Toronto's Fashion Photographer Jeff Hui on April 6, 2017 at Thornlea. Mr. Hui shared his work and expertise with students focusing on camera settings, lighting and photography techniques for fashion illustration.

Mr. Hui also provided an opportunity for students to photograph volunteer models to practice camera techniques. During this process students also gained insight to communicating with models in order to obtain the "perfect shot". Participants enjoyed experiencing the role of a fashion photographer as seen in the photos below.

Guenyth Fung an Art Director 3 at Tony & Guy Hair Salon in Yorkville, Toronto accompanied Mr. Hui for this event. Ms. Fung provided an overview of her career pathway including her participation in international hairstyling competitions, and photo illustrations. Our hairstyling students were enlightened with the many career opportunities in the beauty business.

A special thank you to Mr. Jeff Hui, his assistant and Ms. Gwenyth Fung for taking the time out of their busy schedule to share with our students!





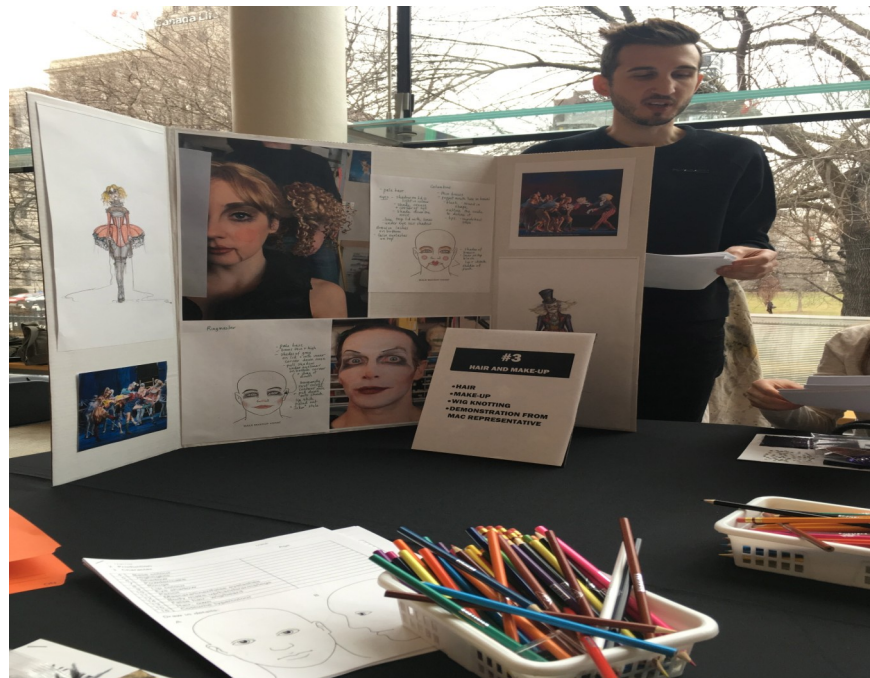
SHSM Certification Workshops at National Ballet of Canada

On March 30, 2017, Arts and Culture Specialist High Skills Major students Andrew Lai, Aviva Mirsky and Alifa Galib along with Ms. Lerman and Ms. Walker, joined high school students from across Ontario for certification workshops in Stage Management and Costume Design at the National Ballet of Canada in Toronto. The day consisted of a tour of the various departments in the building, workshops, lunch and a viewing of the production “Genus & Tarantella & Self and Soul”.

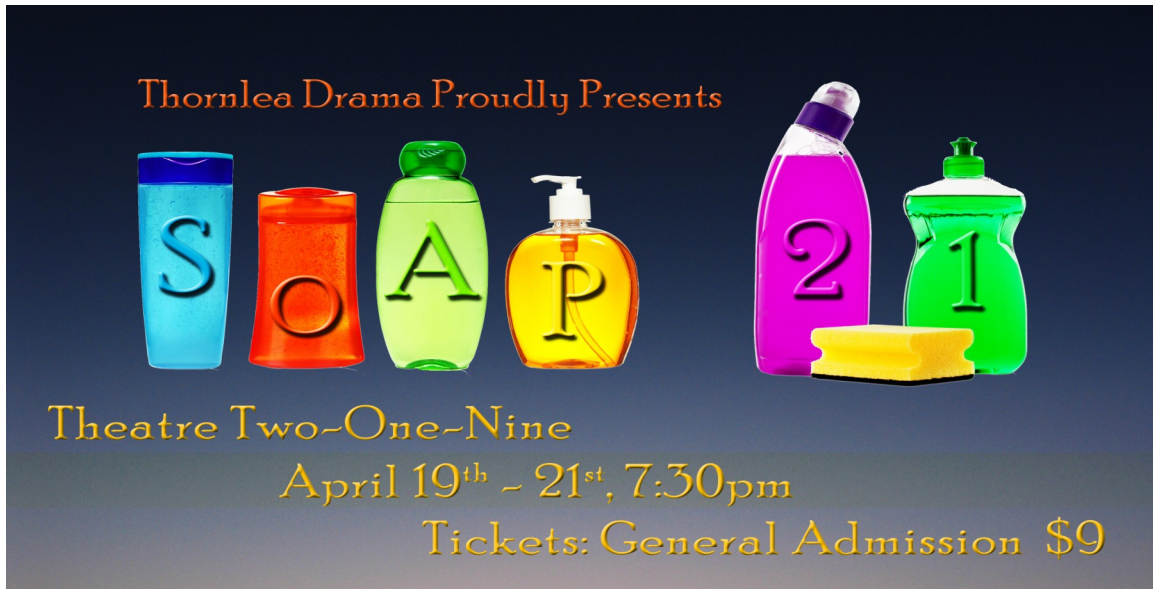
Thornlea students had the opportunity to gain insight to a variety of careers involved in ballet productions ranging from costume designer, footwear designer, wig maker, makeup artist, stage manager, marketer and of course ballerina. Hands on workshops allowed students to develop an understanding of the specialization, skills and knowledge required during the planning and preparation of a production. In addition students became aware of the teamwork and collaboration necessary to guide a ballet from fruition to production.

Attending the show Genus & Tarantella & Self and Soul was an exciting and moving experience. Students were mesmerized by the show and shared their views with each other at the end while they analyzed messages communicated through music and dance. It was especially interesting for students to contrast between contemporary and traditional ballet styles. The production was truly a remarkable and memorable occasion for all.

A special thank you to Lisa Robinson, Education and Outreach Manager at the National Ballet of Canada and Salim Jamal from the Ministry of Education for planning this special event for our students. We look forward to participating again next year!







The Student One Act Play Festival was a great success. To literally the hundreds of people who came out to see SOAP 21— a huge thank you! It's because of you that we do what we do. Glad you enjoyed the show!









HOSA Competition results

Disneyworld here we come!!!

On March 1st and 2nd, many Thornlea students participated in the 3rd annual HOSA Canada Competition at the Toronto Metro Convention Centre. All the competitors did an excellent job at their event.

Congratulations go out to the Medical Innovation team consisting of Tegan Chu, Darren Huspeka, Pamela Lee and Audrey Zheng who placed third in their event.

Congratulations to Maxine Wu who placed 2nd in the Biomedical Lab Science event.

Congratulations to the Thornlea HOSA chapter President Sydney Reid, who placed 1st in Clinical Nursing.

These students have all qualified for the International HOSA Competition being held in June in Florida. A job well done by all. We are very proud of you all.

Go Science Thunder!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 25	School Council Mtg 7:15pm Library
April 26	Mid-term reports Home
April 27	Wellness Day for Health
May 5	PA Day (No school for students)
May 8-12	Outdoor Ed Trip
May 10	Spring Concert
May 15	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
May 18	Prom
May 22	Victoria Day
May 25	Thornstock 2017
Jun 5-9	Senior Drama Show
Jun 14-16	EQAO Math
Jun 21-27	EXAMS
Jun 29	Graduation Ceremony 7:00 pm
Jun 30	PA Day