

# Thornlea SS



**April 28, 2021**

**Principal: Joe Foti**

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# Message from the Administration

Dear Families and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we are entering the final two months of the current school year.

Mid-term reports were emailed to your child's gapps account beginning on Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>. For our Grade 12 students, marks were sent to OUAC/OCAS. Many students have received acceptances from University and College and we would like to congratulate all of them. A reminder to all graduates to read their acceptance letter closely as these are conditional acceptances. Universities and Colleges will receive the final marks at the end of June. We encourage our students to keep working and maintain the marks they need for their individual programs.

We would like to congratulate Grade 12 student, Eva Sosnina, for her outstanding achievements. She has been selected to receive Canada's largest STEM scholarship, the Schulich Leader Scholarship valued at \$100,000.

A reminder that while Thornlea remains closed to in-person learning, students will continue to engage in online learning. During the closure, we are following this 75 minute per class schedule with 5 minutes of travel time between the morning and afternoon classes:

<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>PERIOD 1</b>	<b>8:50 – 10:05</b>
<b>PERIOD 2</b>	<b>10:10 – 11:25</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>11:25 – 12:45</b>
<b>PERIOD 3</b>	<b>12:45 – 2:00</b>
<b>PERIOD 4</b>	<b>2:05 – 3:20</b>

Our next Feedback Day will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup>. During the Feedback Day, students will attend all classes online for the morning block; 35 min/class. The afternoon portion is asynchronous. Teachers may connect individually with students and families for targeted student needs, supports and/or feedback.

For parents and community members that attended our April School Council Meeting, Dr. Bernardini's presentation, *Covid 19 + Mental Health: Parallel Pandemics*, has been uploaded to our school's website. Please use this [link](#) to view the contents. The presentation is located in the section 'additional resources'.

For updates on the various school clubs, school happenings and general information, please follow our school's official IG account @thornleayrdsb.

Upcoming Dates:

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	PA Day-Secondary Schools only
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feedback Day
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day (no school)

Best wishes,

Joe Foti + Sofia Papadatos

## UPDATES FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

### Summer School 2021

Please review the two attachments enclosed within this e-bulletin. One flyer provides information for courses and the other flyer provides information for the cooperative education courses.

#### Instructions to register for a summer school course:

Login to myPathwayplanner. You can find this tab on both the YRDSB or Thornlea SS webpage.

Login to your student Gapps account.

This will take you to your myBlueprint account.

Click on the 'continuing education' tab.

Parent approval is required for summer school. Email your alpha counselor and attach in pdf for the summer school consent, signed by a parent.

#### Thornlea's alpha guidance counselors:

[nizam.alkins@yrdsb.ca](mailto:nizam.alkins@yrdsb.ca) (Head of Guidance)

A - KEB

[lovleen.raai@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lovleen.raai@yrdsb.ca) (SHSM Lead)

KEL - TAY

[viviane.estafanos@yrdsb.ca](mailto:viviane.estafanos@yrdsb.ca) (Student Success)

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#### Note:

If a student does not complete or earn the summer school credit, the student may be placed on a waitlist to take this course in second semester, provided that it is available.

There are two summer school options for YRDSB students this year.

#### **Option 1:**

**Remote (Synchronous)** – “live” teaching. Students follow a daily schedule with strict start and end times. In this model, students can receive regular and instant feedback from the teacher.

#### **Option 2:**

**Asynchronous** – This is a self-directed learning model geared towards the independent learner. Time management and task completion is regulated by the student as there is no fixed daily schedule to attend classes. This model is more flexible and the teacher has designated office hours for students to access feedback and support.

# Message from your Guidance Team

GUIDANCE UPDATE-

Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Greetings from the Guidance Department! The team has been working hard to provide students with support for **summer school registration**. We will be reviewing student requests and will try our best to support individual student and parent/guardian questions.

## Guidance Appointments

If students need to make a guidance appointment, please ask them to complete this [link](#). They can request an appointment with their alpha counsellor.

## **Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied through OUAC for university!**

**Your mid-term grades from semester two 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 Counselor as soon as possible to have it corrected.**

## **Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied through OCAS for college!**

**Your mid-term grades from semester two have been processed by OCAS and sent to the Colleges 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 OCAS does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OCAS/your Colleges because of a junk-mail setting with you inbox. If you see an error in your OCAS file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counselor as soon as possible to have it corrected.**

## **OUAC** – Ontario University Important Dates:

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### **May 27, 2021**

The latest date all high school applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes: an offer of admission; a refusal; or a deferral, once additional information is received.

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### **June 1, 2021**

The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.).

All other admissions-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 1, 2021, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.

### June 4, 2021

The date the Admission Information Service (AIS) opens. The AIS allows you to determine which Ontario universities still have spots available in first-year undergraduate programs.

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### July 13, 2021

Target date for the OUAC to send all remaining final grades to the universities. The OUAC will attempt to contact all schools that have not provided their grades.

## **OCAS** – Ontario College Important Dates:

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### **May 1, 2021: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission**

Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date. Log in to your ontariocolleges.ca account to **confirm your offer**.

Colleges may extend offers of admission after this date. Each college will set the deadline to confirm offers made after May 1, and this deadline will be communicated to you with your offer.

### **June 2021: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges**

The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline. This information will be communicated to you by the college.

Graduating students who plan to attend college or university in September 2021 should **continue to check their OCAS and OUAC accounts and their email** on a regular basis.

A reminder that **all offers are CONDITIONAL upon the receipt of final grades** – students should continue to work hard to ensure the required final average.

Remember if you have any questions/concerns do not hesitate, just ask a member of our team. J

### Guidance Google Classroom

If your child has not joined our Grade-specific Guidance Google Classrooms, please ensure they join via:

#### **Grade Google Classroom Join Code**

**9**      **6g26xk4**

**10**     **bjvseyj**

**11**     **miroalj**

**12**     **Aonjtop**

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



## **Community Service Hours**

We would also like to remind our learning community that there is a process in place for Community Service Hours. 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 pre-approval. It should be at a Not-For-Profit organization.

***A reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours ASAP. Due to the pandemic – graduating students only require 20 hours this school year.***

On behalf our Guidance Team, please reach out to your counselor for support.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education*

# Summer Pathways Programs 2021



## 2 Credit Virtual Health & Wellness Co-op May - July 2021

Students will work with St. John Ambulance (SJA) in the Health & Wellness Sector. Students will work remotely with SJA employees on a design challenge and will have an opportunity to implement an event that will positively impact the community. Co-op students will also participate in the industry recognized SJA Leadership 1 and Leadership 2 certifications.

**Program Dates:**  
Remote Pre-placement: Wednesday Evenings, May 26 – June 30, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Office Hours: TBD

**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/SummerCo-op>  
**Deadline:** May 10

## 2 Credit Virtual Business Co-op May - July 2021

Students will work with Junior Achievement (JA) in the JA Virtual Co-op Company program. Student will have the opportunity to work remotely with JA mentors from the business community and learn how to develop and operate a digital business and create a service or product that will positively impact the community. See the JA Job Description for more information. The students will also participate in a Financial Literacy Certification from Enriched Academy.

**Program Dates:**  
Remote Pre-placement: Wednesday Evenings, May 26 – June 30, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Office Hours: TBD

**Virtual Placement:** July 7 – 30, 8:45 am – 3:33 pm  
**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/SummerCo-op>  
**Deadline:** May 10



Wed. April 28 @ 4:30 p.m.  
<http://bit.ly/SummerINFO>  
(case sensitive)

## Youth Innovation By Design - Remote July 2021

The Youth Innovation by Design course (IDCAU or IDC 40) focuses on ways in which innovators identify problems, see them as opportunities, generate ideas, and organize resources to develop and take successful solutions forward into the world, both for-profit and not-for-profit. Students will use a variety of design thinking techniques to develop and grow their ideas. They will consider the ethical and legal implications of decisions, the breadth of roles in innovation culture as well as related financial literacy and sustainability models. Student learning will be supported by guest speakers and mentors provided through a collaboration with York University's YSpace-Markham and Innovation York.

**Program Dates:** July 7 – 30, 8:45 am – 3:33 pm  
**Register using myPATHWAY Planner**

## Dual Credit - Remote July 2021

Summer Dual Credit program allows secondary students in grades 12 to explore the college pathway while taking courses in an area of interest. Students simultaneously earn two credits; one college credit and one secondary school elective credit. All costs are covered by YRDSB, including course tuition fee and college books. The colleges will be offering the dual credit programming through an online platform. For more information on eligibility and courses visit: <https://bit.ly/summerdcfyer>

**Program Dates:**  
Remote DC classes: July 7 – 30  
\*Exception with Baking/Culinary July 9 - 31  
Office Hours: TBD

**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/yrdbsummerdc>  
**Deadline:** May 25

## 1 Credit In-Person or Virtual Co-op July 7 – 30, 2021

1 Credit Co-op is available to students in grades 10 – 12 interested in a work experience. Students will participate in remote learning and in-person or virtual Co-op Placements in their community during the month of July.

**Program Dates:**  
Remote Pre-placement: July 7-9,  
In-Person or Virtual Placement: July 12 – 30  
8:45 am – 3:33 pm

**Remote Integration:** TBD

**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/SummerCo-op>  
**Deadline:** May 28

**Please Note:** In-person placements will be determined closer to the date pending COVID Protocols



**Summer School 2021  
Remote & Online  
Learning Registration  
IS NOW OPEN**



**OPTION #1:  
Remote Learning**

Remote learning will be offered to replace face-to-face due to the COVID19 pandemic. Classes will be synchronous and students will be required to attend from 8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

## COURSE OPTIONS FOR REMOTE LEARNING Acceleration Courses

DATES: WED JULY 7 to FRI JULY 30

### Courses Offered:

- Compulsory and Elective subjects
- Co-operative Education opportunities
- French Immersion Courses
- English as a Second Language
- International Languages (Spanish, Mandarin, Farsi)

### Credit Upgrading or Reinforcement Courses

DATES: WED JULY 7 to MON JULY 19

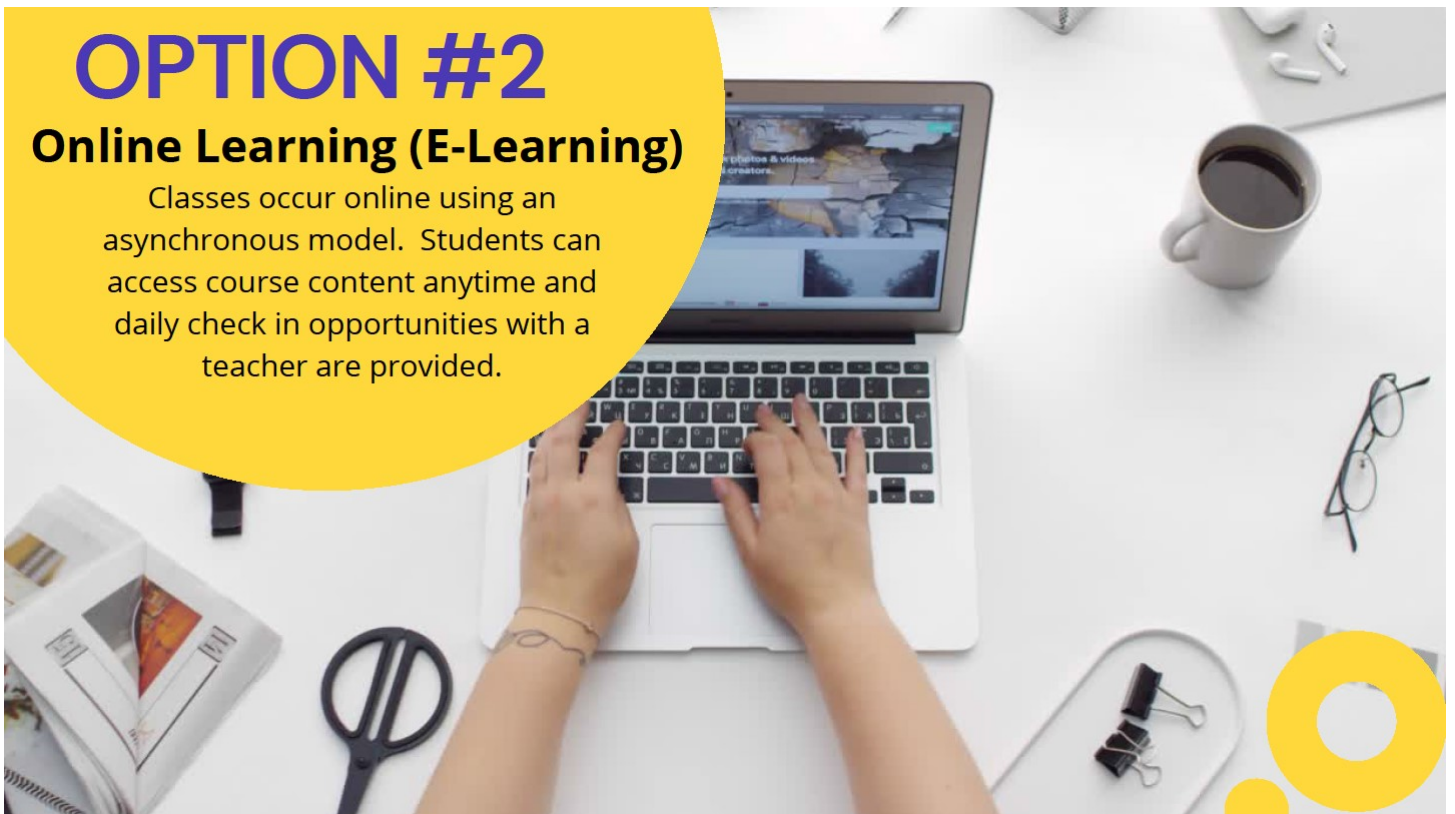
OR

TUES JULY 20 to FRI JULY 30

## OPTION #2

### Online Learning (E-Learning)

Classes occur online using an asynchronous model. Students can access course content anytime and daily check in opportunities with a teacher are provided.





## COURSE OPTIONS FOR ONLINE LEARNING

### Acceleration Courses ONLY

DATES: FRI JULY 2 to WED JULY 28

**Courses Offered:**

- Compulsory and Elective subjects



### Need more information?

- Contact your Guidance Counsellor
- Visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) – Summer Pathway Opportunities

*Please note: Course Offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment, classroom and teacher availability.*



## NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT

### Take Advantage of these Great Learning Opportunities:

#### **ART COMPETITION – "ONTARIO LAW DAY - YOUR CHARTER PROGRAM"**

*This year, you can collaborate with the Ontario Bar Association (OBA) for its 2021 Law Day Your ChARTer Program! Your ChARTer 2021*

Your ChARTer is a newly expanded program that invites Ontario students to submit a visual or written creative work that represents the core principles of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and what it means to them.

Inspired by artworks in the AGO's Collection, our Art Educator and an OBA Law Day Co-Chair explore themes of freedom, justice and the *Charter* in a series of videos, and invite your students to submit their own visual, written or media work(s) to the OBA, in response to the theme:

*"What freedom and equality under the Charter look like to me..."*

The invitation is open to all Ontario students in Grades 5 - 12, who may participate as a class, group, or as individuals by sending their submissions through the Your ChARTer 2021 online submission form. The OBA and the AGO will evaluate submissions, and the top three from elementary and secondary schools will receive an award certificate and have their name and work featured online!

Please visit [OBA.org - Your ChARTer](http://OBA.org - Your ChARTer) for details.

#### AGO ART MEDIUM: INTRODUCTION



## NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT

### FASHION & DESIGN

From the avant-garde to the timelessly elegant, fashion and design both guide and reflect the world we live in. Watershed moments in history can be marked by distinct shifts in clothing, architecture, furniture, and decorative arts, as style takes the form of personal and public expression. Explore the dynamic interplay between fashion, culture, and nature through the works of pioneering designers and the influence of the natural world on the creative process.

**Book your free Virtual Trip with Royal Ontario Museum:**

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/learn/school-visits>

## ROM AT HOME

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#### Upcoming Events

##### Indigenous Voices

May 3, 11:00 am to 12:15 pm

##### ROMKids Show

May 4, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

##### ROMKids Show

May 11, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

##### Indigenous Voices

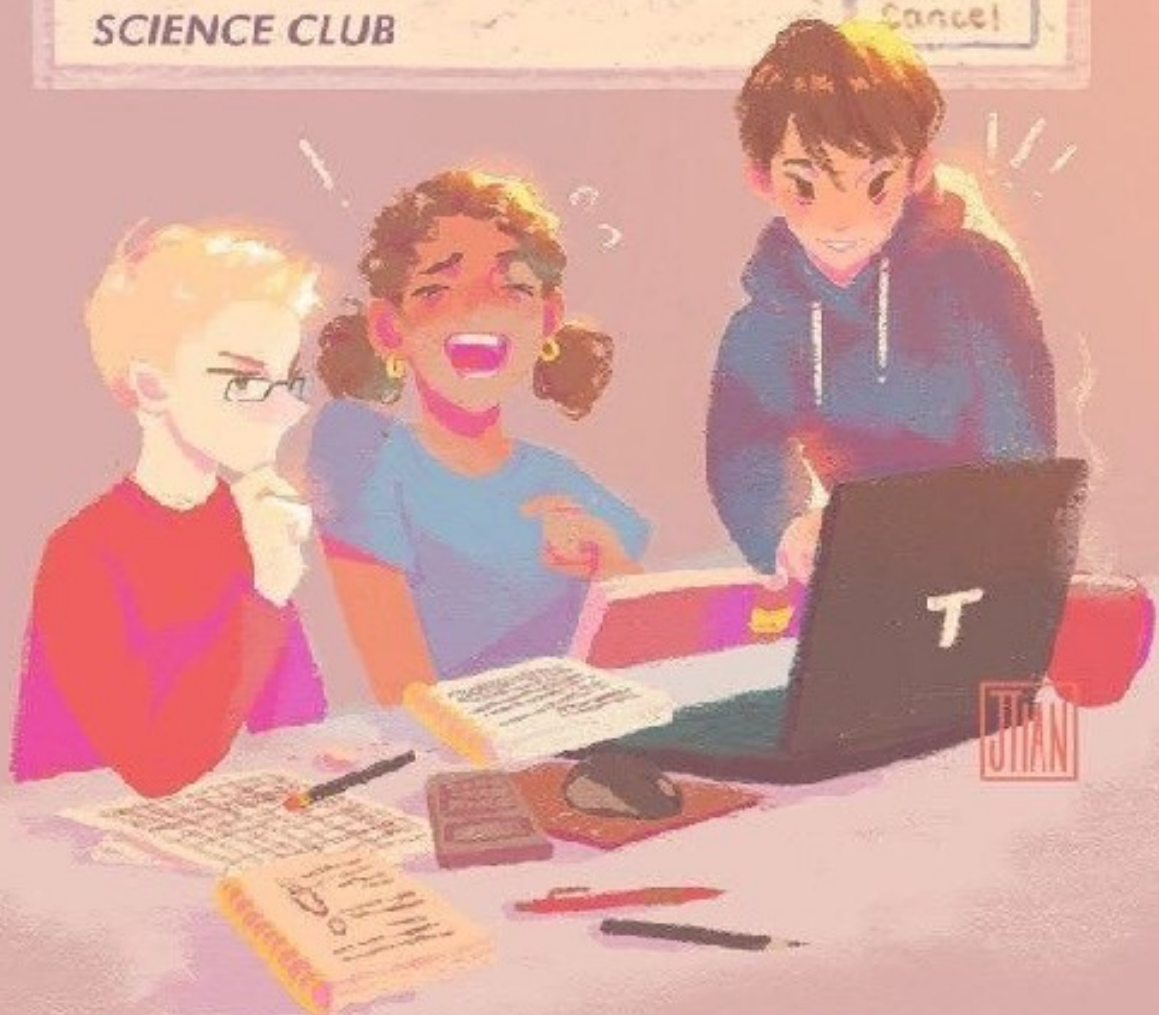
May 17, 11:00 am to 12:15 pm



### **MUSIC MONDAY IS HAPPENING NEXT MONDAY, MAY 3RD 2021!**

With our students all online this is a great time to sing together. The 2021 Music Monday anthem is Oscar Peterson's iconic "Hymn to Freedom," with lyrics by Harriette Hamilton. The Arts Team invites you to come learn about Music Monday and collaborate with colleagues on ways to connect as an arts community, inform yourself and students about the contributions of Black musicians, explore arts as advocacy and celebrate the arts by giving student a voice! For more information on Music Monday

visit: <https://coalitioncanada.ca/musicmonday/en/>



**NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

Google Classroom  
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Thurs, May 6  
3:45PM-4:45PM