



# Thornlea SS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

Today is the last day before the winter break. We would like to wish our students and staff a wonderful holiday spent with family and friends. This year we have a number of students who will be travelling a great distance to reunite with their families, we wish them all a safe journey and a happy holiday. A special thanks to TSAC for the holiday events they have planned for this week to lighten the mood and increase school spirit.

When we return to school on January 4<sup>th</sup> we will have about three weeks of classes before exams start on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students will have time to complete course work, culminating activities, any missing assignments and get ready for exams. Our student success room and library are open before school, at lunch and after school to support students in their learning. Our next School Council meeting will take place on Monday January, 18<sup>th</sup> in the library at 7:15 pm we hope that you can join us.

There have been a lot of great events taking place at Thornlea in the past few weeks. Our drama department just concluded their production of Done to Death. The cast and crew put on a great show and I thoroughly enjoyed myself last Friday; a huge thank you to Mr. Stone and Ms. Pirie for their work on the production. In the World of Sports our Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball teams are having great seasons. Both teams have a chance to qualify for OFSAA this year, keep up the great work. Our design and tech students under the direction of Mr. Braband have been doing a great job beautifying the school. They have built new picnic benches and a sign to display the names of students on the Principal's honour role.

Once again please enjoy the holidays with friends and family and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2016.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Foti,  
Principal



Akina Yoshida  
Feronia Truong  
Mr. Braband

The front foyer of our school now houses a beautiful, barn board sign. In February the sign will house the names of those students on the Principal's List – a recognition of those students who have achieved an average of 90% in at least three courses. The sign was constructed by Akina Yoshida and Feronia Truong under the guidance of Mr. Braband. Thank you for our wonderful new sign.

## Happy Holidays from the Guidance Department!

A reminder that the Guidance Team this year consists of Mr. Paul Stephenson (Counselor/Student Success), Ms. Andrea Tse (Counselor & Head of ESL), Ms. Joan Walker (Counselor & SHSM Coordinator), Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance (Counselor) and Ms. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary).

The Post-Secondary Institutions (Universities and Colleges) visits have come to an end. We would like to thank our presenters and our students for attending these seminars and asking great questions

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) Pin Codes have arrived!! 135 graduating students have already picked up their envelope with their Pin Code and are on their way to applying to University. If a student has not picked up their code, they should come to the Guidance office immediately.

Guidance offered a University and College Application workshop on **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:40**. No PinCodes are distributed for College Applications; students will create their own with their Ontario Education Number (OEN) at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)- Students can apply today!

### **The Deadline for your University Application is January 13, 2016 (recommend to pay on-line with a credit card)**

The next OUAC University grades transmission is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### **The “Equal Consideration” Deadline for your College Application is February 1st, 2016 (recommend to pay on-line with a credit card)**

The next OCAS College grades transmission is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

We would also like to remind students that there is a 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. ***A reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours by Friday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Before the OUAC transmission.***

***If students are planning on making a request for a timetable change for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, they should make an appointment with their counselor ASAP.***

For Scholarship information, please make an appointment to see Mr. Stephenson in the Guidance office.

Two great websites to find out more information on scholarships are:

<http://www.studentawards.com/>

[www.electronicinfo.ca/scholarships](http://www.electronicinfo.ca/scholarships)

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.

Night School Course registration starts Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – register through Career Cruising  
[www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx)

Night School E-Learning Course registration starts Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.  
[www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Winter-Catalog.aspx](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Winter-Catalog.aspx)

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education

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## GUIDANCE NEWS

**Subject:** Western University - National Scholarship Program

Western University believes in rewarding students' pursuit of excellence with one of Canada's most extensive and attractive scholarship programs. Our National Scholarship Program is designed to recognize exceptional undergraduate students who demonstrate the highest levels of academic and extracurricular achievement.

For the 2016/2017 academic year, the Western National Scholarship Program includes the following scholarships:

Five **President's Entrance Scholarships** valued at \$65,000 (\$20,000 for year one, \$15,000 annually for years two to four) and up to 15 at \$50,000 (\$10,000 annually, plus \$10,000 towards first-year residence costs);

Three **International President's Entrance Scholarships** valued at \$50,000 (\$10,000 annually, plus \$10,000 towards first year residence costs). \*These scholarships are reserved for international (visa) students (not Canadian citizens or Permanent residents of Canada);

Up to 15 **Faculty Entrance Scholarships** valued at \$30,000 (\$6,000 annually, plus \$6,000 towards first-year residence costs);

Up to 39 **National Scholarship Study Abroad Awards** redeemable for participation in a Western approved study abroad program. Valued at \$2,500 for up to 4 months (one term), \$5,000 for over 4 months (more than one term);

One **Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Award** valued at \$64,000 (\$16,000 per academic year for a period of four years);

Up to 50 **National Merit Awards** valued at \$2,000 for one year.

The on-line application for the Western National Scholarship Program and additional information including number of students each school can nominate can be found at:

[http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student\\_finances/scholarships\\_awards/national\\_scholarship\\_program.html](http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/national_scholarship_program.html)

Should you have any questions or require further details about the Western National Scholarship Program, please contact Norma Merino at 519-661-2111 extension 85958 or email [nmerino@uwo.ca](mailto:nmerino@uwo.ca)

Yours truly,

Amit Chakma  
President & Vice-Chancellor

## “40” Niner Club

We would like to congratulate 3 more current grade nine students that have already completed their Graduation Requirement of 40 Community Service Hours. They have earned VIP status and are now a member of the "40" - Niner Club.

They have given back to various community organizations, such as Clubs at Thornlea, Camps, Community Festivals, Community Sports, Religious Centres, and other Not-For-Profit organizations.

Mitchell Coulter  
Liam McBoyle  
Alysa Haji  
Mr. Foti



Mr. Foti and Mr. Izumi from the History Dept. hosted a successful information meeting regarding the European excursion to celebrate 100th anniversary trip to Vimy Ridge. We remain open for further registrations for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Please contact Mr. Izumi at [gordon.izumi@yrdsb.ca](mailto:gordon.izumi@yrdsb.ca) for further info."

<p>-Be a Part of History-</p> <h1>VIMY100</h1> <p>Walk In Their Footsteps England   France</p> 	 		
 	 		
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# Thornlea Debate Club



Thornlea's Debate Club has been working hard all semester honing their skills. Two of our members attended the York Regional Debate Tournament held on December 12, 2015.

Congratulations to Vishal Chopra (Grade 11) and Meera Chopra (Grade 9) for their winning performance.

They will go on to represent York Region at the Provincial Debate Championships in February 2016.

**Go Thornlea!**

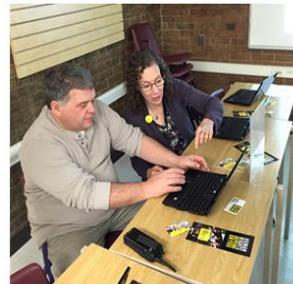
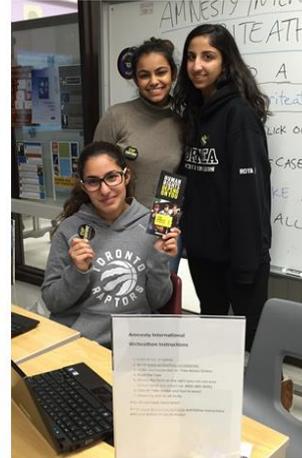
## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

On Thursday December 10th, Thornlea's Amnesty International Club ran its first ever write-a-thon for the write for rights event! December 10th being Human Rights Day, the Amnesty International Club set up several laptops in the library for students to come and use to sign a petition to do their part in helping individuals whose basic human rights have been violated. Students were able to either sign a petition on the website, or take it one step further and write a letter for the individual of their choice.

We we're incredibly happy to see close to 100 students show up and sign not only one, but several petitions. The Amnesty International Club would like to thank everyone who participated in the write-a-thon and especially to Mr.Capilongo for making it all happen! For anyone who is interested in signing a petition, you can visit

**[www.writeathon.ca](http://www.writeathon.ca)** to take action now!

**By: Kathryn Swamy Co-President**  
**with Roja Mojdehi**



This semester, Thornlea Secondary School offered a unique phys-ed course (PAL3/4O1) that focuses on regular participation in a variety of enjoyable, large group activities, specifically basketball, promoting life-long healthy active living. Last week Friday, the class went on what they called "The Field Trip of Dreams". The trip included a tour of Ripley's Aquarium, lunch at Toronto's Eaton Centre, a film at Scotiabank Theatre and tickets to a Raptors game. Two students enrolled in the course share their experiences:

This semester I have had the privilege of being in the Period 4 "Basketball" class. "Since when is there a basketball class?" is the reaction I often receive from other students in the school. Let me tell you how amazing this class is. Led by coach and teacher Mr. James, it is a great way to finish the day, spending it doing something I love!! The class consists of some experienced basketball players and some players that have little to no experience. The amazing part is that we all work together towards a common goal of getting better in a sport we all love. The class gets better every day! Not only do we improve our skills, we have also learned so many different facets of the game from the rules, scorekeeping, refereeing, the history of the game and organizing a tournament.



Last Friday, we took an amazing field trip downtown. Starting in the morning we all got on a bus and went to Ripley's Aquarium, where we had time to see and learn about wonderful exhibits from around the world. Then we went to the Eaton Centre and ate lunch in the food court and shopped around for a bit. To complete our adventurous afternoon, we visited the Scotiabank Theatre and watched the highly anticipated new Rocky film, *Creed*! Who could ever ask for more from a field trip? You may be wondering how this relates to a gym class? Well at the end of the amazing day we all went to see a Toronto Raptors Game!! The whole class had superb seats center court in an executive suite and saw the Raptors dominate the Milwaukee Bucks. As our day came to the end, our relationships were strengthened, our love for the sport increased, and a smile was on everyone's face.

### ***Sydney Perlmutar***

The Toronto Raptors. WOW! Being able to go watch them play was an incredible experience. The fact that my teachers Mr. James & Mr. Moghaizel would bring our basketball class to attend a trip like this was great! As a class, we got to experience firsthand, the basketball fundamentals that we've been learning from September. Not only did we get to see two All-Star caliber players in Kyle Lowry and DeMar Derozan, we watched the game from center court executive suites. In retrospect, watching the game wasn't remotely the best part. The best part of the whole trip was seeing my fellow classmates' faces during the game. The excitement and joy they expressed was the highlight of the night. This trip was the total package. This type of trip can only be found at a school like Thornlea! #ThunderUp

### ***Dre McIntosh***

## VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS...



On Tuesday, December 15-th we went on a Fine Arts Trip to Royal Ontario Museum. Mr. Ackerman and Ms. Parlee went on a Photography Field Trip to the Union/ Kensington Market area.

Our Grade 9-12 students had a great opportunity to visit various galleries and exhibitions such as: Eaton Gallery of Rome

Patricia Harris Gallery of Textiles and Costumes

Gallery of Egypt

Gallery of the Middle East

Gallery of Byzantium (when Istanbul was Constantinople)

Galleries of the Medieval Era and Renaissance

Gallery of Rocks and Minerals

James and Louise Temerty Galleries of the Age of Dinosaurs and more.

**We all had a great day filled with truly unique learning experiences!**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 21-Jan 3	Christmas Vacation
January 4	P1 Reg Timetable
	CAF Gr 11/12 Assembly
January 18	School Council Mtg 7:15pm
January 19	Gr. 9 EQAO Math
January 21	PJ Day
January 22-28	EXAMS
January 29	EXAM Return Day
February 1	PA Day
February 2	Semester 2 Begins
February 3	Gr. 9
	Course Selection Presentation
February 4	Gr. 10
	Course Selection Presentation
February 5	Gr. 11
	Course Selection Presentation
February 9	Gr. 12
	Course Selection Presentation
February 9	Sem1 Final Reports Home
February 15	Family Day—No School Today
February 17	Photo Day—Sem 2
February 22	Spirit Assembly
February 25	Awards Assembly
March 8	Interim Reports Home
March 14-18	March Break
March 25-28	Easter
March 29	OSSLT Assembly
March 31	OSSLT
March 31	Parents' Night
April 5-8	Drama Show
April 14	Term 1 Ends
April 15	Term 2 Begins
April 18	School Council Mtg. 7:15pm
April 22	Campaign Week
April 26	Mid-Term Reports Home
April 27	Election Speeches Assembly
April 28	School Dance