



Thornlea SS

Principal: Joe Foti

Vice-Principal: Kim Tavares

Vice-Principal: Barb Caravella

December 8, 2016

Hope to see you!

Thornlea Drama Presents

A Bad Year for Tomatoes

By John Patrick

Theatre Two One Nine

December 13-16, 2016. 7:30pm

Tickets:

\$10 Student

\$12 Adult

Student Special

\$15 for both casts!



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

We hope you are well and getting ready to enjoy the winter weather and holiday season which are fast approaching!

There is a lot happening at the school as we switch over from our fall sports schedule to our winter sports schedule. All Thornlea students are encouraged to join a team or an activity at school as social development and physical wellness are just as important as academic growth.

The Thornlea Basketball Prep team is 4-3 in the OSBA and will be playing next weekend in the Vaughan Senior Classic. Thornlea Senior Team is 1-0 in League play and won the Henry Carr Jr. Early Bird Tournament and is in the semifinal this weekend of the Thornlea Thunder Invitational.

Thornlea Junior Team is 1-0 in League play and has advanced to the Semi-Final of the Blessed Mother Theresa Junior Tournament this weekend. The Thunder Basketball is rolling strong to start the season!

Thornlea Senior Girls Volleyball are looking forward to a strong season in Tier 1. The team is 2-0 in league play and were final-four in the very competitive Trudeau Invitational tournament on Dec 2.

In the world of Arts, our annual winter music concert and art show took place on December 7th. It was a wonderful display of the musical and artistic talent here at Thornlea! Congratulations to the music students, art students, Mr. Chan and Ms. Lerman for a fantastic night.

Finally, remember that the school's drama club show takes place from December 13th to the 16th in Theatre 219. We look forward to seeing you at *A Bad Year for Tomatoes!*

Warmest Regards,

Kim Tavares

December 2016 – Trustee Greetings

Message From Our Trustee

As we near the end of 2016, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school.

It is wonderful to have opportunities to see not only what our students are learning, but to see how they are learning – collaborating and problem solving, using technology in exciting new ways, and engaged in hands-on activities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff members, students, families and community members across our Board. Thanks to all of the great people we have in our system, we continue to advance student achievement and well-being.

Our Board continues to have a strong commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive learning environments that enable all of our students to thrive. Engaging families in your child's education and the school community is in an important part of creating that environment.

There are resources for families available on our Board website at www.yrdsb.ca/parents, including information on Board programs and supports, and tips for parents to support your child's learning at home and at school.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2017. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

Happy Holidays from the Guidance Department!

A reminder that the Guidance Team this year consists of: Mr. Paul Stephenson (Counselor/Student Success), Ms. Joan Walker (Counselor & Head of Technology), 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!! 170 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 application seminar on Monday Nov. 21st and will offer a College Application workshop on **December 13th, 14th at 11:35 in the lower computer lab.**

No PinCodes are distributed for College Applications; students will create their own with their Ontario Education Number (OEN) at www.ontariocolleges.ca- Students can apply today!

The Deadline for your University Application is January 11, 2017 (highly recommended to pay on-line with a credit card)

The next OUAC University grades transmission is scheduled for February 15th, 2017.

The "Equal Consideration" Deadline for your College Application is February 1st, 2017 (highly recommended to pay on-line with a credit card)

The next OCAS College grades transmission is scheduled for February 10th, 2017.

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 27th, 2017. Before the next OUAC/OCAS transmission.***

If students are planning on making a request for a timetable change for 2nd semester, they should make an appointment with their counselor today.

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

www.yconic.com

www.scholarshipscanada.com

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. 10th – register through Career Cruising
www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx

Night School E-Learning Course registration starts Jan. (Only if you have 3 or less courses on your Timtable)
www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Winter-Catalog.aspx

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education

Attention ACAM Students!!

All ACAM students are invited to celebrate the Grand Opening
of our newest creative space at Thornlea!

Please see details below!
Look forward to seeing you there!



**As an ACAM student we invite you celebrate the opening
of our newest CREATIVE SPACE, our new digital media art lab!**

Details: Tuesday December 20th in room 223 from 11:30 - 12:00

RSVP to Ms Lerman (zehava.lerman@yrdsb.ca) by Dec. 16th

If you have any allergies or dietary restrictions please let her know.

A HUGE thank you to Mr. Foti and Mr. Borenstein for making this happen!!

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Thornlea Secondary School Winter Art Show 2016

**Thursday December 15th
5:30-7:30pm in the Main Foyer**

**Make it an Art Night & see the
Drama Show starting at 7:30**

Advanced Placement (AP)

Studio Art

at Thornlea Secondary School

Thornlea Secondary School is currently the only school in York Region to offer AP Studio Art. Students can select the course for their grade 12 year. Once the course begins students decide whether to focus on a Painting/Drawing Portfolio or a 2D Design Portfolio. Painting/Drawing can include any paint or drawing material such as acrylic paint, watercolour, charcoal, graphite, pastel. The 2D Design portfolio can also use those materials but in addition students can incorporate mixed media work, digital work, and photography.

The first half of the course focuses on the Breadth aspect of the portfolio -students work in a wide range of styles and materials to show their breadth of skills. The second half of the course focuses on the Concentration part of the portfolio where students choose a topic and subject matter to focus on for a series of artworks, to show they can use art materials to deeply examine a topic of their choice.

Students use class time to work on their portfolios and develop their skills. They earn a mark from the Thornlea teacher but also submit their Portfolio to the AP College Board. Portfolios are due the beginning of May. Five pieces are sent to the AP College Board for evaluation. The other pieces are submitted electronically with short artist statements. Students are scored out of 6. If students earn a score of 4 or higher they may be eligible for a university credit.

AP Studio Art is an excellent opportunity for students who want to take a semester to focus on developing their artistic abilities, build a portfolio, and earn an AP credit which although rigorous is deeply rewarding.

More information can be found on the AP website: search AP COLLEGE BOARD and Visual Art or please contact the Head of Art, Zavi Lerman at zehava.lerman@yrdsb.ca.



Artworks from the AP College Board website.



On December 5th, over 100 Willowbrook Elementary and Johnsvie Elementary students got to spend a morning experiencing what it's like to be part of Thornlea's ACAM program.

The Academy of Creativity and Multi-Media is a program unique to Thornlea, where students get to have very practical, hands-on experience across *all* of the fields of visual art, digital design, animation, communication technology and theatre arts & design. The Grade 8's were able to try their hands at silk screening their own T-shirt, animation in our brand new, state-of-the-art computer lab, acting in scenes, and filming all of the above for a short movie that will be edited by our current ACAM students.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 13-16	Drama Club Show
December 15	Art Show
December 24-January 8	Christmas Break
January 23-24	MATH EQAO Gr. 9 students
January 26-February 1	EXAMS
February 2	EXAM Review Day
February 3	PA DAY
February 6	First Day Semester 2
February 9	Semester 1 Final Reports Home
February 16	Photo Day Semester 2
February 20	Family Day (No School)
February 21	School Council Mtg. 7:15pm
Feb 27-Mar 3	GRAD Photo's (Book online)
March 9	Interim Report Home
March 13-17	March Break

Happy Holidays!

