



Thornlea SS

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Message from the Principal

Dear Thornlea Families,

We are now back at school and working online once again. This is not what anyone wanted but we are forced to work with this model once again. Schools across Ontario will be working online until the week of January 17th when the province will again look at opening schools to in person learning. The first week of online learning went fairly well with some minor glitches. If your child is unable to log onto their classroom please let us know and we will do our best to remedy the situation. If your child needs to borrow a computer please let us know and we will have a device for your child set up as quickly as possible. Our teachers will be reaching out this week and next to let their students know what the culminating activity is for their course. There will be no final exams in semester one. In the next three weeks teachers will be doing their best to get students caught up and they will encourage all students to hand in missing and late assignments. There will be no late penalties for any assignment that is handed in.

Our guidance department would like to remind our grade twelve students that the deadline to apply to University and College is fast approaching. If they need help with their application process please reach out to a guidance counselor for support. I want to remind everyone that our next School Council meeting will take place on January 17th at 7:00 p.m. Madame Bern and several of our ACAM students will be doing a presentation. There will be an administration report and Parents/Guardians will have an opportunity to ask me questions. A link to the meeting will be sent out Monday January 10th. I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I hope that 2022 is a better year for all our families.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Foti

AS PER THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT MADE
BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

CLASSES WILL BE ONLINE

BEGINNING WED JAN 5, CLASSES
WILL SHIFT TO REMOTE/ONLINE
LEARNING UNTIL MON JAN 17.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE
PERIOD SCHEDULE (1,3,2,4)



Online Schedule

Period 1: 8:50 - 10:05

Period 3: 10:10 - 11:25

LUNCH: 11:25 - 12:20

Period 2: 12:20 - 1:35

Period 4: 1:40 - 2:55

Parents' Corner:

Our meetings will be virtual meetings until further notice. A link will be sent the week before the meeting.

Please mark your calendar:

- January 17, 2022
 - ACAM Presentation
- February 22, 2022
 - TBD
- April 19, 2022
 - TBD
- May 16, 2022
 - TBD



School Parent Council

Happy New Year!!

We wanted to send a friendly reminder about our online fundraiser, **FlipGive**. Thank you to those of you who have registered but we need more people to sign up. Remember, it's virtual and at no cost to you. **FlipGive** can be used for when you're buying gift cards for any occasion; Birthdays, Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter, Ramadan, Mother's Day or Father's Day, Teacher Appreciation, Graduation. **It can also be used by you for everyday purchases** at Wal-mart, Sobey's, Loblaws or Staples or staying at a Hotel. There are so many stores to choose from.

➤ **Join online at:** <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=5FLXC7>

Use this code: **5FLXC7**

Please share the link with your family, friends & coworkers to help support our school.

All proceeds will be used to support our students. Thank you.

Next Parent Council Meeting: Monday January 17th at 7:00 pm. (A link will be shared)

We would like to remind families that for the 2021-2022 school year when an Inclement Weather Day is announced:

- information is communicated through: local media outlets, the [Student Transportation Services](#) website, School Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001, the Board's website and Twitter account and on the Board and school's voicemail recording.
- to have alternate child care arrangements planned for IW days when schools are closed to students.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

If your contact information has changed,
please don't forget to let us know



Email any changes to:
thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

Thank you!

Student Attendance:

If your child is absent, please inform us by:



Calling 905-889-9696
Press 1 for attendance

OR

Emailing thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

Final Exams/Culminating Activities

The days that would traditionally have been used for exams, will be used for culminating activities (e.g., presentations, performances, demonstrations, portfolios, conversations, credit salvaging and conferencing);

No formal exams will be scheduled for the 2021-2022 school year.

Teachers will share with students and families the format and plan for culminating activities.

Final Exams/Culminating Activities	
Wednesday January 26	Block 1 (Period 1) Classes
Thursday January 27	Block 3 (Period 2) Classes
Friday January 28	Block 2 (Period 3) Classes
Monday January 31	Block 4 (Period 4) Classes
Tuesday February 1	Instructional Day
Wednesday February 2	Culminating Support Day
Thursday February 3	AM: Virtual Feedback Day
Friday February 4	PA DAY

Happy New Year from the Guidance Department!

This year's Guidance team consists of:

	Student Surname:	
N. Alkins (Head of Guidance)	A - KAN	nizam.alkins@yrdsb.ca
L. Rai	KANI – PIN	lovleen.rai@yrdsb.ca
T. Gord	PIR-TAN	tamara.gord@yrdsb.ca
V. Estafanos	TAY-Z	viviane.estafanos@yrdsb.ca
G. Burdett (Guidance Secretary)		gail.burdett@yrdsb.ca

Students are encouraged to connect with us in-person or on-line please complete the bit.ly/Thornlea form. Once you have submitted the form, your alpha guidance counselor will connect with you via their school Gapps email to set-up an appointment.

Please access information through our Thornlea Guidance Webpage:
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>

Our Ontario University Slide deck presentation is also ready to view along with our Ontario College Slide deck. Please see links below:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/University.aspx>

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/College.aspx>

For Scholarship information for grade 12 graduating students, please check the Scholarship section for updates on the grade 12 Guidance GoogleClassroom.

The **next** transmission for OUAC and OCAS will be **February 10th, 2022.**

Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied to OUAC for university and OCAS for College.

Your mid-term grades from semester one have been processed by OUAC and OCAS and sent to the Universities and 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 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.

University Applications:

You can select as many University programs as you would like (\$50.00 each), but, you can only choose a **maximum of 3 programs** per University. For example:

Only 3 choices can be used for all University of Toronto campuses, for example (St. George, Scarborough, Mississauga) can have one program each or all 3 at Scarborough or any combination adding up to 3.

Waterloo University, you could only select a maximum of 3 programs. If you wanted to add a 4th you cannot.

If you need clarification on this process or have questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's counselor. **Deadline for equal consideration is Jan. 13th 2022.**

Ontario College Application Seminar:

You can apply to an Ontario College today! Deadline for **equal consideration is Feb. 1st 2022.**

www.ontariocolleges.ca

Please see your counselor for support with your Ontario College Application.

If students are planning on making a request for a timetable change for 2nd semester, they should contact their counselor.

The Deadline for your University Application is January 13, 2022 (it is highly recommended to pay on-line with a credit card)

The next OUAC University grades transmission is scheduled for **February 10, 2022.**
January 13, 2022

Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit their completed applications to the OUAC.

Note: The OUAC still processes applications received after this date and distributes them to the universities; however, specific university deadlines will apply.

The initial application includes all final grades from completed Grade 11 and 12 courses and a list of all current-year courses in progress.

January 20, 2022

Target date for Ontario universities to receive all application data and grades from the OUAC for applications submitted by January 13, 2022.

February 17, 2022

Target date for Ontario universities to receive all final grades available for 4U/M courses and current full-year grades for 4U/M courses from the OUAC.

May 5, 2022

Target date for Ontario universities to receive all midterm/final grades available for 4U/M courses and interim grades for full-year courses from the OUAC. Grades the OUAC receives earlier than the deadline will be sent to Ontario universities when received.

May 27, 2022

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.

June 1, 2022

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 admission-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, 2022, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.

Early June 2022

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.

July 14, 2022

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.

The “Equal Consideration” Deadline for your **Ontario College Application is **February 1st, 2022** (highly recommended to pay on-line with a credit card)**

The next OCAS College grades transmission is scheduled for early **February 10**, 2022.

If students are planning on making a request for a timetable change for 2nd semester, they should fill out the bitly to connect with their counselor.

Students are encouraged to connect with us on-line please complete the bit.ly/Thornlea form. Once you have submitted the form, your alpha guidance counselor will connect with you via their school Gapps email to set-up an appointment.

Community Service Hours

We would also like to remind our learning community that there is a process in place for Community Service Hours. All graduating students must complete 20 community hours to obtain their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The Guidance department must approve your community service opportunity before you start your hours. It should be at a Not-For-Profit organization.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please check your grade level guidance google classroom.

Night School Course registration **Winter Information:**

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/night-school-credit-courses>

Night School **E-Learning** Course information:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/online-learning-formerly-e-learning/night-school-online-learning/2021-2022>

Thank you for your continued support. .Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education

Information from YRDSB

Student Trustee Elections 2022-2023

Nomination Information

Thank you for taking an interest in the position of Student Trustee for the 2022-2023 school year.

Please submit your completed nomination package by **11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2021**. Your submission should include:

- completed nomination form
- one reference letter
- a brief summary of your school and/or community involvement
- a letter to the York Region District School Board students

Additional information about these requirements is outlined below. All documents must be submitted electronically from your student gapps account to student.trustees@yrdsb.ca.

All candidates will be notified via email to their gapps account about next steps including interview dates and times.

Please note that each of the **final four candidates are required to film a short video** by February 2, 2022 which will be posted on the Board website to help promote your candidacy.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees/Pages/default.aspx>

Upcoming Events

January 5	Back from Winter Break
January 17	School Council Meeting (Virtual)
February 4	PA Day
February 8	Photo Re-take Day
February 22	School Council Meeting (Virtual)
February 28 – March 4	Graduating Class Photo Week By appointment only (more info to follow)
April 19	School Council Meeting (Virtual)
May 16	School Council Meeting (Virtual)