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Bi-Weekly e- Bulletin

March 25, 2022



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Virtual Parent-Teacher Interview Night
March 31, 2022

6:30 - 8:30pm

Please book appointments
Detailed information can be found on communication
sent on March 9, 2022



Message From the Principal

Dear Thornlea Families,

As most of you are aware the rules around masking and cohorting at schools were changed as of March 21st. Our cafeteria can now be filled to capacity and more students are using the cafeteria but many students still choose to eat outside or in the hallways and this spreading out at lunch is a good idea. The wearing of masks is now optional and some staff and students have chosen to remove their masks but the vast majority continue to wear a mask at school. We encourage students to make the choice that is in their own best interest.

We now have a date and venue for our graduation. On June 27th Thornlea's graduation will take place at Le Parc from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Grade 12 Graduating Students, please purchase your graduation gown package now through School Cashionline. This purchase will close April 1st and cannot be extended. The cost is \$75. The school will also be able to hold its first Prom in two years as well and our graduating students are looking forward to the event that will take place at Chateau LeParc on June 28th. (Yes they are different venues).

The easing of restrictions has also allowed us to open our gym to spectators. Students, parents and family members are welcome to attend games by our basketball and volleyball teams. The regular season is rapidly coming to an end and playoffs for all teams will commence around April 1st. We would like our teams to have a full gym for the playoffs.

Interim report cards for all students will be going home on March 31st and Parent teacher interviews will also take place on March 31st from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Once again interviews will take place virtually.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Foti
Principal



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School Council Corner

Upcoming Meetings:

April 19, 2022

May 16, 2022

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.



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Absence Protocol

If your child is going to be absent, please inform us.



Call: 905 889-9696
Press 1 for Attendance

or
Email

thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

Has your contact information changed?



Please email:

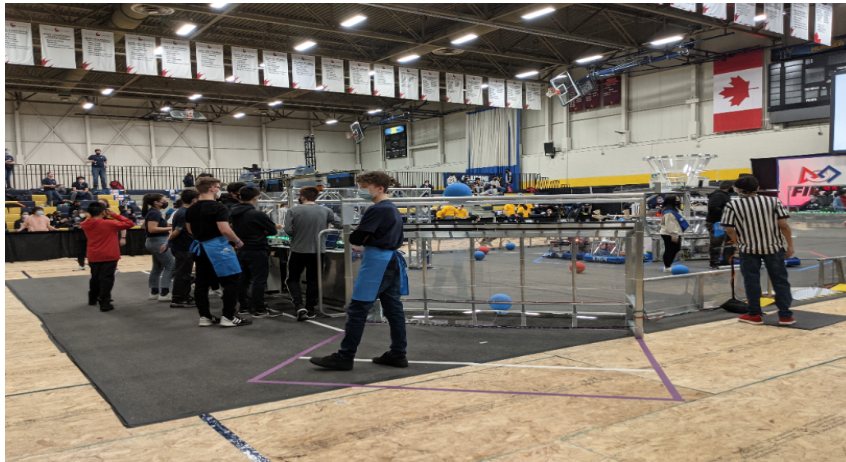
thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca



Classroom Connection

Robotics competition at Humber College

Thornlea robotics students competed at their first event of the 2022 FIRST Robotics competition at Humber College on March 5 and will **compete again at York University on March 26**. Our robotics students impressed everyone and especially the judges. **Our students won the prestigious Rookie All Star Award**, qualifying our team to compete for the Rookie All Star award at Ontario District championships in April and a chance to advance to World Championships.



Pictures from the robotics competition at Humber College on March 6th, 2022.





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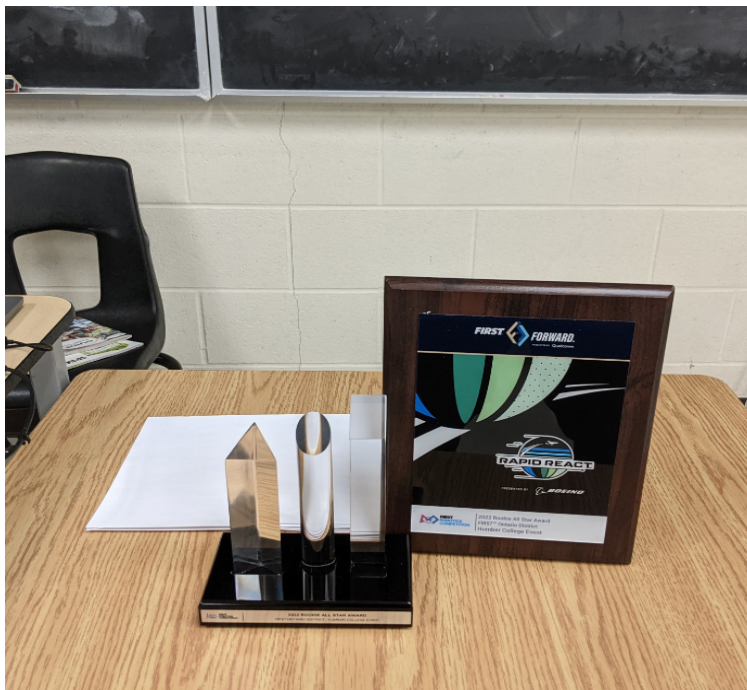


Virtual Awards Ceremony

<https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1419749294>

Video: 00:37:22

Our moment of fame



The Rookie All Star Award trophy that the students won at the recent robotics competition has arrived!

The 2022 Rookie All Star Award
FIRST Ontario District
Humber College Event.



Nowruz Celebration at Thornlea!



Thornlea's Iranian and Afghan Student Association assembled our Nowruz table (see image). Families celebrated this special day on March 20th.

Nowruz is celebrated by many ethno-linguistic groups around the world and for many marks the beginning of the New Year. This day is usually celebrated on March 21st or the day before/after depending on where it is observed.

These are just some of the items you would see displayed on an Iranian Nowruz table or *Haft-sin*: goldfish (life, the sign of Pisces), hyacinth (the beginning of Spring), garlic (medicine/health), apples (beauty), sprouts *sabzeh* (rebirth), coins (prosperity), wheat germ pudding *samanu* (affluence/sweetness), sumac (the colour of sunrise), vinegar (age and patience) and others.



Happy New Year!

عید شما مبارک

-Mme Piliaram and Ms. Daneshmand





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Student Success Corner



Student Success is proud to congratulate ALL students on a successful completion of semester 1. We look forward to supporting all of our students in semester 2.

If you need to get in touch with us please email our Student Success Guidance Counselor:

Viviane.estafanos@yrdsb.ca



The Student Success Team is happy to continue offering ...

Thornlea's Mentorship Program for the year 2021-2022.

Thornlea's Breakfast Club Program. We continue to offer pre-packaged breakfasts daily from 8:30 to 8:50 AM. (Available for pick up at the school's main entrance)

Thornlea's Tutoring Program will restart on Thursday February 17 after school. Students can receive extra support every Thursday after school in TLC (Thornlea Learning Centre-Room 213) or daily during lunch.

*Thank you for your continued support!
The Student Success Team*



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Message From Guidance

Guidance Team Members	Student Surname:
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V. Estafanos - viviane.estafanos@yrdsb.ca	TOO – ZOM
G. Burdett (Guidance Secretary) - gail.burdett@yrdsb.ca	

Course Selections

- Our team has been extremely busy with providing our students with their course request for next year. Please make sure your child has submitted a signed course selection form.
- **Next:** A Course Selection Verification Sheet will be distributed after the March Break, at that time students can request a change on this sheet.
- Summer School registration will begin in **early May**

Students are encouraged to connect with us in-person or online - 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.

University Applications:

- The next OUAC University grades transmission is scheduled for **April 28, 2022**.
- Click on the link for [OUAC Important Dates - Jan - June 2022](#)

College Applications:

- The “Equal Consideration” Deadline for your Ontario College Application was February 1st, 2022. Students can still apply. Please see your counselor if you need support.
- Please check your OCAS account for offers of admission and check your emails, including your spam and junk, just in case.



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→ The next OCAS transmission will be in late April 22, 2022.

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.

Please access information through our Thornlea Guidance Webpage:

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

[Ontario University Slide Deck Presentation](#)

[Ontario College Slide Deck Presentation](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education

Information from YRDSB

AFFIRMING BLACK IDENTITIES: A Focus on Mental Health in the Black Community



**Alliance of Educators for Black Students
(AEBS)**
invites you to

[Monday, March 28th 2022 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm \(EST\)](#)

[Register Here](#)

This event is an opportunity for parents, caregivers, children and youth to hear and learn about ways to promote and sustain positive mental wellness for themselves and children. Please join us for an evening of engaging story-telling, music, information and resource sharing.



Supports for Community Members with Family and Loved Ones Impacted by Events in Ukraine

In solidarity with all of those in our community with family and loved ones impacted by the conflict in Ukraine.

The following are some services currently available to families:

- [LifeWorks 24/7 Free Support Crisis Line for Those Impacted by the events in Ukraine](#): 1-844-751-2133
- [Ukrainian Enquiries Phone Line for Clients in Canada and Abroad](#): 613-321-4243 (Collect calls accepted)
More [information about Canadian immigration measures](#) for people affected by events in Ukraine are available online by [Canadian Immigration and Citizenship](#).
- [Jewish Immigrant Aid Services \(JIAS\) | ukraine@jiastoronto.org](#)
 - Services for newcomers of all faiths and cultural affiliations.
 - Currently supporting with family sponsorships.

● [Emergency Hotline for the Ukrainian Jewish Community](#)
Info, Guidance & Assistance (Hebrew, Ukrainian and Russian)

Provided by The Jewish Agency & The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews

- From Ukraine: 0-800-504-504603 (Toll Free)
- From Israel: 1-800-228055 x4 (Toll Free)
- [Assistance Request Form](#)

150,000 - 300,000 Jewish people live in Ukraine. Ukraine is home to the 5th-largest Jewish community in Europe and one of the poorest Jewish communities in Europe. It is also home to the largest Chabad Centre and Jewish complex in the world.

● In-School Settlement Worker, Olga Joukova
Supporting Newcomer Families in York Region (Ukrainian, Russian & Hebrew)

ojoukova@ccsyrr.org | 416-616-6789

Provided by [Settlement Education Partnership in York Region \(SEPYR\)](#)

[Catholic Community Services of York Region \(CCSYR\)](#)

*Services for newcomers of all faith affiliations.

To assist Canadians concerned about their loved ones in Ukraine, effective immediately, the following phone providers will be waiving all Home Phone and consumer Mobility Postpaid Long Distance charges for calls from Canada to Ukraine until Mar. 31, 2022:



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- Bell Canada
- Fido - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Freedom Mobile - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Rogers - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Telus - waiving all additional charges for long-distance calls and texts to Ukraine until March 12th
- Virgin Plus

These changes will be applied automatically during the month of March. No action is required by customers.

Supporting Success and Well Being for 2SLGBTQ+ Students

Inclusive School and Community Services is hosting A Caregiver Engagement Event In Partnership with PFLAG York Region .

Presenters:

Tristan Coolman, He/Him



Tristan is the President of Pflag Canada York Region, an entirely volunteer-led LGBTQ2 support education and resource network with an over 25 year history. Pflag York Region runs monthly support meetings and other events, currently online, for LGBTQ2 folks and parents, friends and family who gather to receive peer to peer support. Tristan is also the Chair of the Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee with YRDSB, advising the board on program development and policy modification to ensure safe and equitable access to learning environments for students and educators alike.

Max Denley, He/Him



Max is a School Social Worker on the Community Care Team specializing in 2SLGBTQ+ communities at the York Region District School Board. He brings lived experience as a transgender man as well as years of professional experience supporting 2SLGBTQ+ youth and families. Max has previously worked in roles providing counselling, resource navigation, and workshops to communities, as well as consultation on inclusive policy and programming. Currently, he is available to support the mental health of YRDSB students who identify as 2SLGBTQ+ or are exploring gender and sexual orientation, and is working to build capacity for mental health supports for this community within the board.

Kenzie Wass, They/Them



Kenzie is a Community Partnership Developer for the York Region District School Board, specializing in the needs of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. While Kenzie is new to this role in Inclusive School and Community Services, they have experience providing resources and support to queer youth in a variety of settings including camps, drop in services, and non-profit youth services. Kenzie is the point of reference for support for youth and their families, as well as supporting teachers and staff, while holding ties with community partners.

Date: Wednesday, April 6th 2022 Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm [Register Here](#) Registration closes: April 1st, 2022



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YRDSB Helpful Links:

[What is De-Streaming](#)

[COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families](#)

[School Mental Health Ontario](#)

[COVID Community Resources for Behaviour, Mental Health and Financial Supports](#)

Upcoming Events

Interim Reports Distribution	March 30, 2022
Virtual Parents Night	March 31, 2022
Virtual School Council Meeting	April 19, 2022
Virtual School Council Meeting	May 16, 2022
Graduation	June 27, 2022
Prom	June 28, 2022
PA Day	June 30, 2022