



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

September 16, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 19	Photo Day
Sept. 21	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 22	Club Fair
Sept. 23	PA Day
Sept 26/27	Rosh Hashanah

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location:
Library (across from the office)

Meeting Dates:
Monday, Sept. 19, 2022
Monday Nov. 21, 2022
Tuesday Feb 21, 2022
Monday April 17, 2022

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Thornlea Families,

Here at Thornlea we continue to fix and change student timetables. Due to our growth, the school board has given us two new classes for periods two and four. Students are being added into those classes today. Priority is given to those students who have no classes during periods two and four. I still need to hire for those positions and we hope to have someone in place to teach those classes next Thursday. The enrollment of our school has increased from about 1,000 students to 1052 as of this morning. Our first priority was to create schedules for the 70 new students who registered at Thornlea. We are now working on grade 12 students and students who have a hole in their schedules. We know that a number of students have incomplete timetables for semester two. Those concerns will be addressed in January before semester two starts. We thank you for your understanding as we continue to work through issues with our new operating system.

I should be writing to tell you that our cafeteria is opening on Monday but that is not the case. We have now been informed that the earliest the cafeteria will reopen is the week of September 26 with some potential delays into the first week of October. We will let you know a firm date as soon as possible. Now time for a little good news. Our fall sports program is now underway with rugby, soccer, volleyball, tennis and cross country holding practices and tryouts. Our annual club fair will take place on Thursday September 22nd at lunch in the cafeteria. Students can walk around and see what clubs are running this year at school, meet the students running them and find out more about the individual clubs.

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We were thrilled our Grade 9 students could head to Camp Green Acres for Fit Day again after a few years hiatus. Camp Green Acres staff and Thornlea Student Leaders helped facilitate many team building activities so that our Grade 9 students could meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors, and have fun!

All students should have now attended our Caring and Safe Schools Assembly. The slides are [linked here](#) and on our school website. Students are expected to treat others with respect, participate, and follow the guidelines put forth so that we can continue to foster a safe and inclusive environment at Thornlea.

Our breakfast program has now returned to Thornlea. Students can pick up a grab and go breakfast as they walk into the school. They are packed in lunch bags and contain fruit slices, yogurt, cheese with juice and milk to drink. On Friday a hot breakfast will be served to any student who is interested. Students looking to pick up volunteer hours can go to room 213 to help with breakfast program.

This Monday our first school council meeting will take place in our library at 7:00 p.m. All parents and guardians are welcome.

Warmest regards,

Joe Foti

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STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS:

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)
[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)
[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)
[Epilepsy Health Care Plan](#)
[Self Administration Of Medication](#)
[Staff Administration Of Medication](#)

YRDSB LINKS:

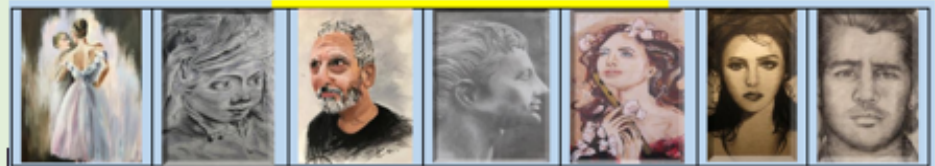
[What is De-Streaming](#)
[York Region Public Health](#)
[COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families](#)

USEFUL LINKS:

[YRDSB Website](#)
[Thornlea Website](#)
[Thornlea Calendar](#)
[Thornlea Instagram](#)
[York Region Public Health](#)

CLASSROOM CONNECTION

NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT



Pre-AP and AP Art Portfolio Workshops for Grade 11-12 students

Dear Students and Parents/ Guardians,

The Advanced Placement Studio Art Portfolios workshops on Drawing and Painting, 2-D Design and 3-D Design are designed for students who are interested in the practical experience of art. We offer Advanced Placement Art Portfolio Workshops to help our Grade 12 students have their AP Art portfolios ready by May 6th. Our Grade 11 Pre-AP Arts students will also benefit from this learning opportunity and can start working on their Art portfolios this year. Please join our Portfolio classes on **Thursdays during lunch** to work on a variety of projects for Arts portfolios (Portraiture, Anatomy/ Figure Drawing, Architecture, Sculpture, Printmaking, Graphic Design, Animation and more). If your child would like to upgrade his/ her portfolios, please encourage them to join us.

If you are interested in attending the virtual meetings or have any questions, please email Mme Bern at: ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca



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Dear Thornlea Students,
Are you thinking to join
Thornlea Vocal Ensemble "Les Voix"
to sharpen your musical and vocal skills?

We'd love you to join in!

You will have a terrific opportunity
to improve your rhythmic skills,
your vocal range, your listening skills,
your confidence, and your
all-round musicality:

Sight Reading

Ear-Training;

Healthy Vocal Techniques;

Basic Music Theory;

Vocal Exercises and more..

We will be singing songs
and musicals in different languages.

We meet on

Fridays at lunch in Rm 219 (Drama Room).

If you want to join the Vocal Workshops,
please sign up in Room 219 with Ms. N. Bern.

Can't wait to see you all there.

On se voit là-bas!



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Student Leadership and Voice and Policy, and Student Dress Code

The York Region District School Board regularly engages in reviewing its policies. Currently, the Board of Trustees has identified a need to review Policy #672 Student Leadership and Voice and Policy #635 Student Dress Code. As part of the review process The YRDSB consults extensively with students, staff and community members.

We encourage you to review this [slide deck](#) to build some context around Student leadership in our Board and fill out the surveys to provide your feedback. You will find the surveys on our [Board's Policy review page](#) along with an explanation of policy review. Scroll down the page and click on to find the links to the surveys.

We thank you for your participation and your voice in ensuring our policies are reflective of our community of learners. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary, anonymous, and confidential. Your input will be considered and used to help inform revisions to the policies.

*Thornlea Secondary School is proud to be participating in this year's **Terry Fox School Run on Wednesday September 21, 2022**. Every year, the Thornlea community raises funds for this worthy cause; please consider **joining us in reaching our fundraising goal** to continue Terry's legacy*

by donating to: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/ThornleaSSThornhill>.

Together, we can all make a difference. #terryfoxschoolruns #tryliketerry @terryfoxfoundation

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Indigenous Languages and International Languages - Secondary Credit Programs

Dear Students and Families,

We welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) program year and thank you for your continued support and patience.

During the pandemic, enrolment in the ILIL Credit program grew when compared to previous years. As a result, the program will remain in an online (remote) format. The program will be delivered virtually through synchronous learning, supported by asynchronous activities. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language classes. All program updates will be made on our [Board ILIL program homepage](#).

Did you know there are many benefits to taking credit language courses?

- Students can take one International Languages Course as a Group 1 - Compulsory or as an Elective Credit towards their Ontario Secondary Diploma.
- Students in the Secondary International Languages program can earn up to three credits towards graduation.
- If students earn a credit in the Level D (university) course, it can be used as one of their top six (6) marks for post-secondary entry. For example, if a student takes Spanish Level B, C and D, the student can submit their Level D mark as one of the top six marks for post-secondary applications.

Already Registered?

If you have already registered for our fall programs, we thank you. Your registration will be moved to the same day on the online Site. No further action is required (e.g., if you originally registered for Greek for Richmond Hill H.S. then you will be automatically moved to the Saturday ILIL Online Site).

Secondary Program Registration

- Credit classes begin September 24, 2022. Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) ILIL registration will not be accepted after the third class. Refer to our [ILIL Secondary Credit Program](#) webpage for the most up-to-date information about class start dates and times.
- **YRDSB STUDENTS**
 - Please register on [myPathway Planner](#) before September 19, 2022.
 - For assistance, view the myPathway Planner [tip sheet](#).
 - After September 19, please complete the online [Registration Form](#). Once submitted, a confirmation form will be emailed to the student.
 - The student must share the form with their guidance counsellor and have them email it to ILIL@yrdsb.ca with their approval in lieu of signatures as our office is closed.
- **NON-YRDSB students:**
 - Complete the online [Registration Form](#). Once submitted, a confirmation form will be emailed to the student.
 - The student must share the form with their guidance counsellor and have them email it to ILIL@yrdsb.ca with their approval in lieu of signatures as our office is closed.

Best regards,
The Indigenous Languages and International Languages Team

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August 2022

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!

REMINDER

You must be photographed to receive your student ID and be featured in the yearbook!

PHOTO DAY TIPS

edgeimaging.ca/photo-day-tips



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