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Bi-Weekly e- Bulletin

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Message From the Principal

Dear Thornlea Families,

We are now back at school and classes are running in person. We have had a large number of students switch to online learning until the end of semester one. If you would like to make the switch for your child then send me an email and we will take care of the rest. As before the school is doing its best to keep everyone safe and we are following all health and safety protocols. For the time being our sports programs are on hold as is our choir. Our clubs are still operating at lunch and after school. I need to let all parents know that it is extremely difficult to find replacements for absent staff. It is possible that your child's class will be covered by a number of our teachers filling in until we can find a permanent replacement. If you have any questions or concerns about this please feel free to reach out to me.

This semester we are not having an exam week instead starting on Wednesday our teachers will work with our students on their final assignments and culminating activities. They will also be supporting students to hand in missing assignments. In addition to the classroom, teacher support is being offered by the Student Service's department and our Student Success program. We hope to catch our students up and raise students' marks wherever possible.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Foti
Principal



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Upcoming Meetings:

February 22, 2022

April 19, 2022

May 16, 2022

Inclement Weather Day

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.

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:

thornleas.ss@yrdsb.ca



Classroom Connection

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

Thornlea Robotics Club



Students of the Thornlea Robotics Club studying the KOP (Kit of Parts) and getting ready for the robot build for the 2022 FIRST Robotics competitions. Students will be fabricating and programming robots to compete against their teams of high school students from across Ontario.



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Message From Guidance

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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.

Please access information through our Thornlea Guidance Webpage:

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

[Ontario University Slide Deck Presentation](#)

[Ontario College Slide Deck Presentation](#)

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

University Applications:

We would like to wish the best to our 252 grade 12's that have applied through OUAC as of January 14th, if you have any questions, please reach out to your guidance counselor.

- The next OUAC University grades transmission is scheduled for **February 10, 2022**.
- 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.
- [OUAC Important Dates - Jan - June 2022](#)



Message From Guidance

College Applications:

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

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

www.ontariocolleges.ca

- The next OCAS College grades transmission is scheduled for early **February 10, 2022**.
- Please see your counselor for support with your Ontario College Application.

Timetable Changes

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

- Guidance will send out the electronic form to request a timetable change on **Monday, February 7th at 9:00 am** to all students.

Course Selections

- Course selections for next year 2022/23, will start on **Wednesday, February 16th at 9:00 am to Friday, February 25 at 4:00 pm** through their personal myBlueprint account.
- There will be zoom assemblies in early February by grade (dates, times to be announced) to provide information on this process.
- Course selections in myBlueprint are to be completed and submitted by **Friday, Feb. 25th** this is the Equal Consideration Deadline.

Continuing Education:

There are 2 options for taking a course at night school in semester 2:

1. Online Night School will run from February 16 to May 31. The course will follow the asynchronous model with 1 synchronous session every week. Students can register for a course on myBlueprint between **January 25 to February 23, 2022**. You can check course options using the link below.

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



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2. Remote Night School will run every Tuesday & Thursday from 6:30 to 9:45 pm from February 17 to June 14. The course will follow the synchronous model. Students can register for a course on myBlueprint between January 17 to January 27, 2022. You can check course options using the link below.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/adult-learning/night-school-credit-courses/night-school-courses-offered>

WE BUILD A DREAM

CAREER DISCOVERY

EXPLORE

York Career Discovery Expo

Agenda

February 3 · 6PM EST

OPENING REMARKS

6:00-6:05PM

PATHWAY PRESENTATION

6:05-6:15PM

DREAM MAKER PANEL

6:15-6:55PM

KAHOOT! GAME

6:55-7:05PM

INDUSTRY SECRETS

7:05-7:25PM

CLOSING REMARKS

7:25-7:30PM

INTERACTIVE BREAKOUT ROOMS OPEN

7:30-8:30PM



REGISTER TODAY: [WEBUILDADREAM.COM/EVENT/YORK22/](https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/adult-learning/night-school-credit-courses/night-school-courses-offered)



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Helpful Links:

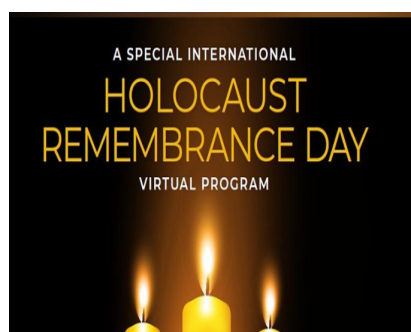
[Parent, Family and Engagement Advisory Committee \(PEAC\) Meeting](#)

[What is De-Streaming](#)

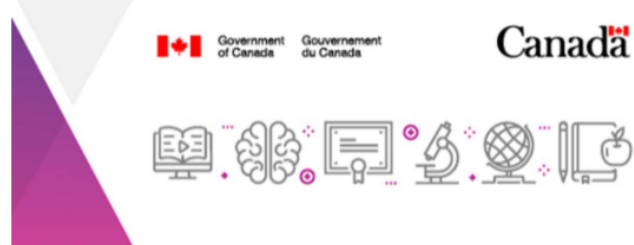
[York Region Public Health](#)

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

[School Mental Health Ontario](#)



[Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)



[Prime Minister's Awards 2022](#)

Now more than ever is the time to nominate an outstanding educator who is inspiring the next generation to be bold innovators. Help them get the recognition they deserve. The nomination period closes on February 8, 2022.



SO THEY REMEMBER
A Jewish Family's Story of Surviving
the Holocaust in Soviet Ukraine

[Register Now](#)

Feb. 3 | 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM



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SEX TRAFFICKING

Instances of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation are a growing concern in York Region.

Youth as young as 12 are being recruited!

Would you know it if you saw it?

What could you do?

This session will provide awareness and information about:

- What is sex trafficking
- How to identify signs of someone who may be in the process of being recruited or is already being trafficked
- Who is at risk
- Available resources and supports in the school and community

Parents, Grandparents,
Caregivers and Community
Members!

Join us to share, learn and build a school culture where mental health and well-being is valued and promoted.

Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Zoom Link will be provided

Facilitator: Shannon Seeraj
Program Manager
Women's Support Network
York Region

[Register Now](#)



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Photo Retake Day	TBD
Virtual School Council Meeting	February 22, 2022
Graduating Class Photo Week	TBD
Virtual School Council Meeting	April 19, 2022
Virtual School Council Meeting	May 16, 2022