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Message From the Principal

Dear Thornlea Families,

I hope that you have enjoyed the Long Weekend and that the storm passed you by. Here at Thornlea, we are enjoying the spring weather and the opportunity to get outside at lunch. Students are welcome to use the picnic tables at the front and back of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of our teachers Nathalie Bendavid. Nathalie has been on leave this year but has returned to school to coach our girl's rugby teams this spring. For those that don't know Nathalie is an outstanding coach and leader. Ms. Bendavid has represented Canada at the Rugby World Cup and we are very fortunate to have a former national team member as our coach.

Tonight at 7:30, our School Council is hosting a presentation by Sara Westbrook "Resilient Minds Matter". Please join us on the link provided if you are free tonight. After a two year absence due to Covid, Thornstock makes a return to our school on June 3, 2022. The event is run by our student council and takes place in our backfield. Music, games and fun activities are planned for all our students. On June 10th we will have our Luminary Awards night in our gym starting at 6:00p.m. I am pleased that we can welcome our students and their families to this in person event that acknowledges excellence in the arts at Thornlea. Finally, I would like to remind our grade nine students that EQAO Testing in math takes place on June 20th and 21st.

Warmest regards,

Joe Foti



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****MESSAGE FROM PARENT SCHOOL COUNCIL - YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ****

Dear Parents & Guardians;

**Thornlea Parent School Council invites you to join us
Wednesday May 25th 7:30 - 8:45pm**

Sara Westbrook
Emotional Resilience Speaker

As seen and heard on



RESILIENT MINDS MATTER

Students are facing many challenges that are impacting their emotional and mental health.

Being able to rebound from the tough emotions triggered by challenging circumstances is a skill that is essential to help them build the confidence to navigate through these ever-changing times.

In this virtual, interactive presentation, I provide parents with strategies to strengthen their child's:



Emotional Awareness
Recognize the emotions felt by self & others.
Gain an understanding of how emotions influence choices.



Emotional Management
Decrease feelings of anxiety & stress by learning to move through emotions in healthy ways.



Emotional Resilience
Strengthen the ability to bounce back from stressful circumstances & boost happiness.

Acknowledging emotions is crucial to enhancing performance, productivity, morale and well-being.

'Thank you for an incredible presentation! You gave us a sense of honesty, understanding & connection. As parents the journey can become rocky & doubtful at times wondering if we are doing a good job.'

www.sarawestbrook.com

Zoom Link: <https://vrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94573911476?pwd=Tk9rUE1kSTg2M3FLZkFGa05WbEt2QT09>

If you would like to learn more about Sara Westbrook, check out the attached flyer and her site.

www.upowerpresentations.com

Take care and we look forward to seeing you.

Thornlea Parent School Council is proud to use the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant awarded to Council from the Ministry of Education to host a presentation by Sara Westbrook called "Resilient Minds Matter". Everyone, especially young adults, have been going through a lot and this presentation is specially tailored for caregivers to learn about Emotional Awareness, Emotional Management, and Emotional Resilience and how it affects our students and what you can do to support them.

Join us on Wednesday, May 25th from 7:30 to 8:45 pm.



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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.

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



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Covid-19 School Screening Tool:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>



Masking recommendation in York Region schools

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2022-04/Parent%20Letter%20-%20Masking%20Recommendation.pdf>

Classroom Connection

There will be no formal exams; the 5 days at the end of the semester will be used for culminating activities.

Culminating Activities : June 22* - June 28, 2022 * Grade 12 Courses - Begins June 20th.	
Culminating Activities / Course Review Day – Jun 29, 2022	
8:50 – 9:25	Homeroom & Period 1 (Block 1)
9:30 – 10:05	Period 2 (Block 3) <input type="checkbox"/>
10:10 – 10:45	Period 3 (Block 2)
10:50 – 11:25	Period 4 (Block 4)
11:25 – 12:20	Lunch
PM	Continued instructional focus for the remainder of the day where teachers are available to support students (e.g., individual consultation with students/parents as needed).



Classroom Connection

A grade 12 Thornlea student, Maya Lekhi, has been selected to compete as a finalist in the 2022 Canada-Wide Science Fair! Every year, approximately half a million Canadian students in K-12 do a STEM project, fulfilling numerous learning outcomes and developing a range of competencies, including many associated with 21st Century “Deep Learning.” About 25,000 participate in over 100 regional STEM fairs in every province and territory, where 450 CWSF finalists in grades 7-12/Cégep are selected. That puts CWSF finalists in the top 2% of STEM projects across the country – a significant achievement worthy of celebration.

Normally, the 2022 Canada-Wide Science Fair would be taking place at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton; however, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event is being held virtually from May 16-20. The week long event includes ceremonies, keynote speakers, panel discussions, webinars with universities and colleges, exploring the other CWSF projects, visiting 66 STEM Expo exhibits, virtual STEM experiences at UNB, social activities, and more.

Congratulations Maya!!

Student Dress Code review

The YRDSB is undergoing a review of the Student Dress Code Policy #635.

Please take a few minutes to provide your input. [Link below.](#)

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/about-us/policies-procedures/guideline-policy-and-procedure-review>



*June 27, 2022
Mark your
calendars!*



The Graduation Ceremony will be held at
LeParc

8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 7M6
(Parking availability is limited)

The Ceremony will begin at 7:00pm
Graduates are asked to arrive at **6:00pm Sharp**

2 Guest Tickets Per Grad
Tickets and Gowns will be distributed to
the graduates in mid-June

If you require additional tickets, please send your child to see
Ms. Burdett in Guidance on June 15th from 7:00am—8:45am
(An additional 2 tickets may be provided on a first come first
serve basis).



The Human Rights Committee's poster contest

Each year, District 16 of OSSTF creates opportunities for graduating students and all students within Secondary YRDSB schools. For the 2021/2022 school year, The Human Rights Committee created a Poster Contest for Human Rights Day on December 10th with a prize of \$300 to the winner. They also provided an opportunity for three graduating students to receive a Bursary of \$500 each!

Thornlea SS students met with the Human Rights Committee representative teacher to discuss the application process. Grade 9 student Vasilina, Grade 12 student Esther and Grade 12 student Joy each submitted a poster design. The competition was fierce, and we are proud to say that Joy's design came in 2nd place! All of the designs were well liked by the judging committee!

Graduating students Esther and Maya both applied to the Human Rights Graduating Student Bursary. They worked hard on their personal essays and reflected on their connection and work within Human Rights. Both applications were considered out of four submitted to the committee. We are pleased to announce that Maya was one of the winners of the Bursary Contest and will receive \$500 from D16! Thornlea is so proud of both applicants and sends them a big congratulation!





Student Success Corner



Late/Missed Assignments

Students are responsible for providing evidence of learning within a timeframe specified by the teacher, and in a format approved by the teacher. There are many supports available to help students with assignment completion. Students should understand that there will be consequences for not completing assignments for evaluation or for submitting those assignments late. Our Student Success Team is here to help.

Our Students Success Team is made up of a school administrator, student success teacher, guidance counselor, special education teacher and other educators (i.e. literacy teacher, math teacher, ELL teacher, CYW). The Student Success Team meets regularly to provide extra attention to students that need it, review data and determine next steps.

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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V. Estafanos - viviane.estafanos@yrdsb.ca	T00 – ZOM
G. Burdett (Guidance Secretary) - gail.burdett@yrdsb.ca	

Summer School

→ Summer School registration is still open, please contact your guidance counselor for support.

College and University Applicants

- Graduating students who plan to attend college or university in September should continue to check their OCAS and OUAC accounts and their email on a regular basis. College bound students should have received a response from the colleges that they applied to and can expect to receive communication about payment of fees, with mid-June being the earliest that colleges can require payment of tuition fees.
- A reminder that all offers are **CONDITIONAL** upon the receipt of final grades in July – students should continue to work hard to ensure the required final average.

University Applications:

Click on the link for [OUAC Important Dates - Jan - June 2022](#)

→ **Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied through OUAC for university!**

Your mid-term grades from semester two have been processed by OUAC and sent to the Universities 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 Counselor as soon as possible to have it corrected.



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- We highly recommend you accept your offer before the **deadline of June 1st**. You should be contacted by **May 27th** if you have been accepted into your program. The next OUAC transmission will be on **July 7th**.
- University bound students should verify the deadline for **payment to secure a space in residence (usually June 1st)**.

College Applications:

- **Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied through OCAS for college!**
Your mid-term grades from semester two have been processed by OCAS and sent to the 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 OCAS does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OCAS/your Colleges because of a junk-mail setting with you inbox. If you see an error in your OCAS file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counselor as soon as possible to have it corrected.
- 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.

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.

See link below for the form:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Documents/Community%20Service%20Hours%20Form.pdf>

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.

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education



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Summer Pathway Programs 2022

2 Credit In-Person Co-op May-July 2022
May 25-July 29, 2022

Dual Credit - Remote and In-Person July 2022
July 4-29, 2022

Youth Innovation By Design - YSpace Markham Campus
July 6-29, 2022

1 Credit In-Person Co-op
July 6 -29 2022

More Information

2022 Summer School Programs (Open for Registration)

In-person Summer School:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/2022-person-secondary-summer-school>

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/secondary-summer-school/courses-offered>

On-Line Summer School:

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

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



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Information from YRDSB

Celebrating Asian Heritage Month

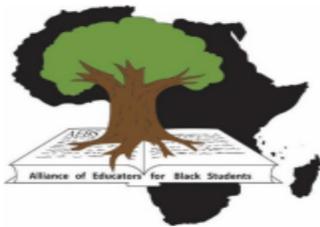
Tuesday, May 31, 2022 6:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m

[Register Online Now](#)

For more information, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca



<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2022-04/Black-Youth-Hotline.pdf>



Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)
EBS Annual Student Achievement Awards 2022
“Celebrating Black Excellence”

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 (Virtually) 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (EST)

Please use the following hyperlink to submit your nomination(s):

<http://bit.ly/AEBSAwards22>



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<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/equity-and-inclusive-education/centre-black-student-excellence>



Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 Time: 6:30 p.m - 7:15 p.m
(with a period for Question and Answer)
Contact: sonya.venugopal@yrdsb.ca

Students in Grades 4-12, Families and Staff are invited to join
a virtual session with the

[Register Here](#)

Honourable Navdeep Bains

as he shares with us his journey, experiences and life lessons.



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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

Victoria Day Holiday (No School)	May 23, 2022
Wellness Fair (Rain date: June 1, 2022)	May 31, 2022
Thornstock	June 3, 2022
Luminary Awards 6 pm	June 10, 2022
EQAO - Math	June 20, 2022
EQAO - Math	June 21, 2022
Graduation	June 27, 2022
Prom	June 28, 2022
PA Day	June 30, 2022