



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

October 28, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 2	Take our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 16	Canadian Int. & Sr. Math Contest
Nov. 17	Homecoming & Semi-Formal
Nov. 18	Semi-Formal Paradise Banquet Hall

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm
Meeting Location:
Library (across from the office)
& Online

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Thornlea Families;

Today is Halloween and our students have come to school in costumes, we have a haunted house that was built by our tech crew and it's open at lunch for our students. Our cosmetology students will be getting our students ready for our annual zombie walk. The students will be using theatre makeup in class with their teacher Ms. Geronikolos. It is a sign that student life at Thornlea is returning to normal. Another sign that we are returning to normal is the return of our Homecoming Semi-Formal after a three year absence due to Covid. The day starts with a Volleyball game in our gym and then dinner and the dance at the Paradise Banquet & Convention Centre on November 17th from 6:30 -11:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through school cash online.

This Wednesday November 2nd. Our grade nine students will be participating in take a student to work day. Grade nine classes will not be running at Thornlea on that day. Instead will be welcoming close to four hundred grade eight students to our school so that they can see what a day in the life of a grade nine student is like. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

In sports news our basketball, volleyball and soccer teams are preparing for playoffs. Our winter sports seasons are about to begin as well and tryouts will start shortly. Our gym wall will be getting a major makeover shortly and the outer wall will be wrapped in Vinyl and will display our logo and images from the past, our old mascot Farley will be displayed prominently. The installation will take three days and when it is complete we will share it with you.

Our next school council meeting will be November 21st at 7:00 p.m. in our library. During the meeting we will discuss the recent decision to cancel Pre AP programs in York Region Schools including Thornlea. All parents 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](#)



In recognition of student achievement in the 2021-2022 school year

We hosted the

Thornlea Achievement Awards on Tuesday October 25, 2022.

Over 175 of our students were honoured for their outstanding accomplishments both in and out of the classroom.

Thank you to those families that were able to join us.

Congratulations to all of our awards winners!

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GRADE 12 WORLD HISTORY HENRY VIII TRIAL



Ms. Ceausu's Grade 12 World History class participated in a Trial by Talk Show with Henry VIII being put on trial for his contested choices during his reign. A huge thank you to Mr. Foti for once again taking on the role of Henry VIII. A great engaging learning opportunity for our students hosted in our very own Library.



The Thornlea Library is Buzzing!

We have had a busy and exciting start in our library at Thornlea! We are lucky to have with us this semester a Co-op Library Film Student, Keeran L., who has been making amazing videos to get our students excited about books and reading and to learn more about the library.

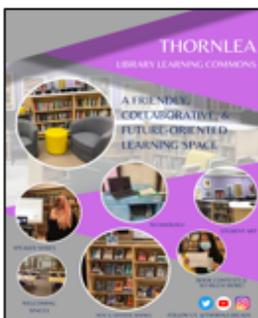
Please follow us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and our Google Classroom to see some of his work.

Here is a brief list of what's been happening lately in our Library Learning Commons:

- Grade Nine Library Orientation Video
- Database and Citation Workshops
- Stress Management & Academic Success workshops
- Our annual Giller Prize and Writers' Trust Fiction Prize contests are running with generous donations from both contests for prizes
- Grade 9 & 12 Culminating Novel Units are well underway.
- We are also running three popular clubs from the library, The Thornlea Creative Writing Club, The Thornlea Slam Poetry Club, and our defending championship Poetry in Voice Team.
- We have also started our Student Book Review initiative where students share their thoughts on their latest reads and are awarded volunteer hours.



Follow us: @thornleareads





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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Clubs at Thornlea SS 2022-2023

Amnesty Book Club	Multimedia Club
Announcements Team	PCA - Pharley's Creative Association
AP Arts Committee	Peer Buddies
Art and Student Equity Council	Peer Tutors
Athletic Council	Robotics Club (Mechatronics)
Bake for Kindness	Rotary Club of Thornlea
Chemistry Club	Sending Sunshine Thornlea
Chess Club	Slam Poetry
Creative Writing Club	STEM Initiative Council
Curling Team	The Luminary Awards
D&D Club	Thornlea Dance (TLDC)
Data Analysis Club	Thornlea Environmental Alliance
Debate Club	Thornlea French Language and Culture Club
Doctor's Of Tomorrow (DOT)	Thornlea Lights Set and Sound
Doctors Without Borders	Thornlea Mentorship Program
Drama Club (Second Semester)	Thornlea Newsletter (TN Magazine)
Partnerships) - Not running this	Thornlea Weight Room Club
Fashion Design Club	Thornlea Wellness Initiative Council
GSA (Equity & Inclusion Alliance)	TSAC
America (HOSA)	Vocal Ensemble
Literacy Club	Yearbook Committee
Math Contest Club	

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/students/Pages/Clubs.aspx>

GRADE 9 - Take your Kid to Work Day (form access extended)

Hello Thornlea Parents and Guardians! Grade 9 Take your Kid to Work Day is quickly approaching. Please fill out the [google form](#) , through your child's GAPPS account, indicating where your child will be on Wednesday, November 2.

Thanks so much!

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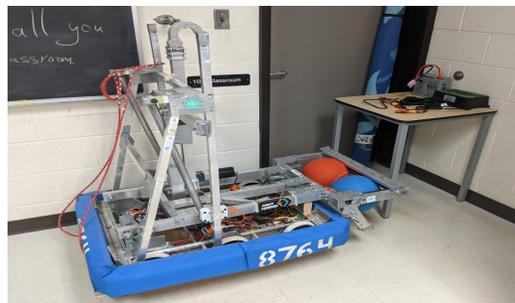
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Ms. De Luca's stellar students promoting Thornlea's French Immersion courses while representing the History Department on grade 8 parents night. Thanks for your amazing help!



Our students' Robotics Team will be competing in the 2023 FIRST Robotics Competition at the University of Waterloo on March 23 - 25 and at McMaster University on 31 March - April 2. Last year our students did amazingly well by winning awards in the regular season, winning big awards at the Provincial Championships and were invited to compete at World Championships in Houston, Texas, USA. Currently our students are focused on fundraising for this year's competition season. Our students would appreciate your support as they try to raise funds to cover the expenses of this year's competition. Your child would be able to tell you more about our hopes and plans for this year's competition and how you may be able to help our students in their fundraising efforts.

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Mr. McCutcheon's period 1 class has collected over 1,200 cans for the Richmond Hill Food Bank. The runner up was Ms. Ross with her can collection exceeding over 200. As a whole school our contribution has exceeded over 2,000 items for the Richmond Hill Food Bank.



Deepavali (also known as Diwali, meaning 'row of lamps'), is known as the Festival of Lights and is a Hindu, Sikh, and Jain festival celebrated throughout the diaspora. The festival of lights signifies illuminating the dark corners of our life and filling it with strength and the zeal to carry on with our goodwill toward others for the rest of the year. To celebrate this joyous and important festival, people may get together with friends and family, exchange greetings and gifts of sweets, and devote time for prayer and introspection. Some set off fireworks and wear new clothes. Many light little clay lamps, or candles. This year's Deepavali was celebrated on Monday, Oct 24th. Thanks to all the students, admin and staff that joined the Deepavali /Diwali celebration Friday, Oct 28th afternoon in TLC. We had such a fun and festive time with music, art work display, Rangoli or Kolam designs, hanna designs and snacks. Sincere thanks to the teachers and students that contributed to this event in many ways. Special thanks to Mrs. Bern and her students for making flower artwork display, Mrs. Jeor for generously borrowing her shimmery shawls, and all the staff for being sportive with your festive spirit. Appreciate all the help from TSAC members and Tech-team.

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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.

Global STEM Leadership Program

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

For registration information, Visit stemleadershipcanada.com

<https://stemleadershipcanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/STEM-GLOBAL-LEADERSHIP-FLYER-2022-rTL-v3.pdf>



2022-2023 Black Excellence Program – Secondary Panel

The vision of the Black Excellence Program, (BEP), is to advance the achievement, wellbeing and sense of belonging of Black students in YRDSB schools through responsive programming that affirms their identity, builds on their strengths, and enhances their access to academic opportunities after high school. Students will have opportunities to learn from each other, experts from diverse fields, and mentors who will uplift, inspire and encourage them.

The Centre for Black Student Excellence is pleased to announce that in the 2022-2023 school year, the program will be extended to 100 students from YRDSB secondary schools who self-identify as Black or African descended. This year's programming includes:

- 3 Full-day Master Classes in November, February and May
- 5 After school "We are Wednesdays" workshops in December, January, March, April and June
- The sharing of Black-affirming books, resources, and networks

Please share information about the Black Excellence Program with your school community and encourage your students to sign-up for this Black affirming experience using the [BEP Registration Form](#).

Black Excellence Program - November 11, 2022 Master Class

The first Master Class for the 2022-2023 school year will be held on Friday, November 11, 2022. The morning of the November 11th Day of Learning and Commemoration will focus on the experiences and contributions of Black military personnel in the pursuit of world peace from the World Wars to present day. Following learning and remembrance, students will enjoy an exclusive premier viewing of the "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" film - one of our texts for the 2022-2023 school year.

Time:

Students will meet YRDSB staff supervisors at 9:00 a.m. at one of four pick-up/drop-off locations; Tommy Douglas S.S., Huron Heights S.S, Bill Crothers S.S., or Thornlea S.S. After an introductory session about the Centre for Black Student Excellence and the significance of commemoration, the student participants will be transported to the Silver City, Richmond Hill Cinemas located at 8725 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, ON for a Remembrance Day Ceremony and a day of learning and commemoration. Students will return to the location that they were picked up from by 3:15 p.m.

Cost:

The November 11th Master Class has been sponsored by one of our community partners and will be offered free of cost to students. Students are responsible for transportation from home to the pick-up/drop-off locations. Snacks will be provided. Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch.

Supervision:

This event is fully supervised by YRDSB staff. Students will not be permitted to leave the cinema. The secondary Safe Arrival guideline will be in effect. If students are unable to attend on the day of the event, they are to inform their home school by 8:30 a.m.

Registration for November 11th Day of Learning and Commemoration:



Registration and the Permission Form for the November 11th Master Class Field Trip is included as part of the BEP Registration form. As part of the confirmation, students and parents/guardians will be sent the expectations for the day.

For more information about the Black Excellence Program – Secondary Panel and/or the November 11th Day of Learning and Commemoration, contact The Black Excellence Program Team at Blackexcellence@yrdsb.ca.

Secondary BEP Dates	
Event	Dates
Master Class Sessions	Nov. 11, 2022 Feb. 2023 May. 2023
"We Are Wednesdays"	Dec 7, 2022 Jan 11, 2023 March 1, 2023 April 5, 2023 June 7, 2023