



# Thornlea Secondary School

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 14	Thanksgiving (No School)
Oct 16	Applying to College Assembly (Gr. 12 Period 2)
Oct 16	Interim Reports Available
Oct 21	PA Day (No School)
Oct 24	Parent / Guardian Teacher Interviews 6:30-8:30pm

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Meeting Time:** 7:00pm

**Meeting Location:** Library  
(across from the office)

### Meeting Date:

Tuesday October 29\*, 2024  
\*virtual

Monday November 4, 2024  
Tuesday February 18, 2024  
Monday April 7, 2024

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## THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

After the last newsletter I had a couple of parents ask how they could encourage their children to make better use of their homework time. What exactly are good study habits?

I can tell you from watching students who are very successful academically there are some consistent practices I have observed.

### Key Study Habits to Encourage

1. **Organize Notes Regularly:** Encourage your child to keep their notes organized. This makes it easier to review and find important information when needed. One great strategy is to take a few minutes each night to review the learning from that day and summarize the two or three key takeaways. Students can then use these notes as a study guide.
2. **Review Nightly:** Instead of cramming the night before a test, good students take time each night to review what they've learned. This helps reinforce the material and makes studying for tests less overwhelming. Learning a little every day is far more impactful than spending hours studying the night before the test.
3. **Set Specific Goals:** Help your child set clear, achievable goals for each study session. This can keep them focused and motivated.

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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](#)

## YRDSB LINKS:

[18+ Student Consent Form](#)  
[SchoolCash Online](#)  
[What is De-Streaming](#)  
[YRDSB Guide to the School Year](#)

## USEFUL LINKS:

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

4. **Take Breaks:** Short breaks during study sessions can help maintain focus and prevent burnout. Encourage your child to take a 5-10 minute break after every 30-45 minutes of studying.
5. **Create a Study Schedule:** A consistent study schedule can help your child manage their time effectively and ensure they're covering all their subjects. This is important if they have big assignments to complete. Working backward from the due date can help students get a head of work.
6. **Stay Positive:** Encourage a positive attitude towards studying. Remind your child that it's okay to make mistakes and that learning is a process.

## Tips for Parents

- **Be Supportive:** Show interest in your child's studies and be available to help when needed.
- **Encourage Independence:** While it's important to be supportive, also encourage your child to take responsibility for their own learning.

Finally, research has also shown strong correlation between students that have chores to academic success. So, in addition to studying, make sure they are taking time to help load the dishwasher, take out the garbage and vacuum the floors.

Stay Thunderful

Sincerely,  
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Call 905-889-9696  
Press 1 for Attendance  
Or

Has your contact information changed?



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## Renewed Computer Technology Fall Applications

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board can purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at YRDSB and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards. Please see this [letter](#) and [flyer](#) for more information.

## General Supports for Emotional Well-Being

- 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- [KidsHelpPhone](#): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- [York Hills Help Phone Line](#): 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters.
- [Trans Lifeline](#)
- [Black Youth Helpline](#)
- [Naseeha Helpline/](#)
- [2SLGBTQ+ Youthline](#)

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## CLASSROOM CONNECTION

On Thursday, October 10, Thornlea's digital photography students went downtown to visit the World Press Photo exhibition at Brookfield Place. Students viewed striking examples of photojournalism from around the world, and they learned about the roles and responsibilities of news people who tell stories through the medium of photography.

After viewing the exhibit, students embarked on a downtown photography scavenger hunt that required them to find and photograph various subjects. Check out some of the great work that was submitted by some of our students!

Toronto in A Box



Checking Out The Exhibit



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Brookfield Place



Enjoying A Snack



Three Faces, No Names



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Union Station



Treasures



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Thank you to the teachers who helped make the trip possible: Da-Heh Lee, Selena Ah-Kim, Ilana Bern, and Dave Chan.

Have a wonderful weekend, Thornlea families!

Rob Ackerman.

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## Metrolinx Visit to Thornlea



This week we welcomed Metrolinx for an engaging presentation for our grade 10 Career Studies students! The presentation highlighted the diverse career opportunities at Metrolinx and in the transit industry, including roles in trades, operations, engineering, environmental science, and more. Thanks to Ms. Eckerman and Ms. Ceasu, and Ms. DeLuca for providing this amazing opportunity for our students.



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## Thornlea Secondary School shop!

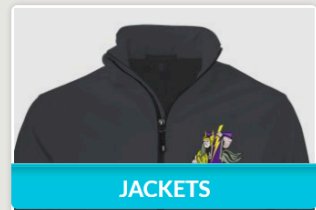
### FEATURED CATEGORIES



T-SHIRTS



HOODIES & SWEATSHIRTS



JACKETS

TO SHOP: See link below

[Thornlea Merchandise](#)

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## GUIDANCE NEWS

Thornlea's Guidance Department provides a broad range of programs and services for our students, their parents/guardians, and the school community.

Guidance counselors address questions and concerns regarding high school program planning and academic success, post-secondary educational alternatives and career choices.

Students are assigned a counselor according to their surname.

Students can now book a guidance appointment with their counsellor using their Teach Assist account.

Please go to 'Appointment Bookings' and click on the calendar icon.

Choose the desired date to see counsellor availability. Counsellors are assigned by student last name as in the chart below.

Under the appropriate counsellor, click on the desired time for your appointment.

Choose the reason for the appointment request and select 'Submit Reason'.

The appointment is now made! You may cancel the appointment by selecting 'cancel' in the Appointment Bookings section.

Please notify your teacher at the start of class that you have an appointment with your counsellor. PLEASE GO TO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE AT YOUR APPOINTMENT TIME, YOU WILL NOT BE CALLED.

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COUNSELLOR	FIRST LETTER OF STUDENT LAST NAME
Mr. Alkins	A – IQ
Ms. Rai	IR – PR
Ms. Tse	QI – STE
Ms. Daneshmand	STR – WI
Ms. Khan	WO – Z

DATE OF PRESENTATION	ROOM	University/College
Tuesday October 15, 2024	230	University of Guelph
Friday October 18, 2024	230	University of Toronto - Engineering
Tuesday October 22, 2024	230	University of Windsor
Wednesday October 23, 2024	230	Carleton University
Friday October 25, 2024	230	University of Toronto
Monday October 28, 2024	230	University of Waterloo
Tuesday October 29, 2024	230	Brock University
Wednesday October 30, 2024	230	Niagara College
Thursday October 31, 2024	230	Western University
Thursday October 31, 2024	229	Kings University College @ Western University
Monday November 4, 2024	230	TMU - Toronto Metropolitan University
Tuesday November 5, 2024	230	McMaster University
Thursday November 7, 2024	230	Queen's University
Friday November 8, 2024	230	Sheridan College
TBA – Rescheduled?	230	Wilfred Laurier University
Thursday November 14, 2024	229	Georgian College
Thursday November 14, 2024	230	Trent University
Monday November 18, 2024	230	TMU - Engineering
Tuesday November 19, 2024	230	Durham College
Thursday November 21, 2024	230	University of Guelph-Humber

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