



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

October 13, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 17	VIRTUAL School Council Meeting
Oct 18	Photo Day for Absentees
Oct 19	MOBYSS Mobile Health Clinic
Oct 20	PA Day
Oct 26	Parent/Guardian - Teacher Interviews

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Library
(across from the office)

Meeting Dates:

Monday, Sept. 18, 2023
Monday Nov. 20, 2023
Tuesday Feb 20, 2023
Monday April 15, 2023

SCHOOL email:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

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THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE



Hello Thornlea Families,

We hope you're enjoying the cozy vibes of autumn. Last week, we experienced the first true taste of fall weather, and it's such a magical time with the leaves putting on their colorful show.

Our students have settled nicely into their classes, and we want you to know there are great ways to stay in the loop about how they're doing. Here's how you can keep tabs on their progress:

Teach Assist: this handy tool can give you updates on your child's performance and any assignments they might need to catch up on. Don't worry if you're not sure how to use it; just ask your kids, and they'll happily show you the ropes.

Chat with Teachers: We're big on open communication here at Thornlea. If you ever have questions or want to discuss your child's progress or any supports they might need, our fantastic teachers are just an email or phone call away. Don't hesitate to reach out.

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Our school is buzzing with an incredible number of activities such as our chess, chemistry and drama clubs. In addition to this we have a huge variety of teams. Last Friday we hosted an amazing soccer tournament (we came 2nd, go Thunder.) We hosted a volleyball tournament this Wednesday (another 2nd place finish) and our Rugby team was at an all day tournament as well.

In short, there's a whole lot happening here at Thornlea, and we couldn't be happier to have your most cherished ones with us. Thanks for entrusting us with their education and growth. The best way to keep up with all that is going on at Thornlea is to follow us on Instagram @ThornleaYRDSB and you won't miss a thing.

Warm autumn wishes,

Paolo Burzese

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NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT

JOIN OUR ARTS, EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL!



Dear Students,

We are inviting you to join our Thornlea's Art Council.

We will meet on *Wednesdays at lunch in Room 217.*

We will be working together to make a positive impact on the Arts in our community,
which helps to enrich all lives.

Learn, Earn and Give back to Your Community!

5 Reasons Why You Should Join Arts Council!

1. Help with planning and organizing Thornlea's Fundraising Events: Immersive Arts and Music Nights, Fashion Shows, Digital Media/ Animation Workshops, Arts Field Trips and Exhibitions;
2. Paint with us Community Murals to beautify our school;
3. Learn Entrepreneurial skills, get a head start on your Career in Arts, Design and Creative Business;
3. Qualify for exclusive scholarships and Advanced Placement Portfolios;
4. Help to address Socio-Economic challenges in our Community and earn your Community Hours;
5. Make new friends and create beautiful Art to make your life more meaningful!

Funds raised will be used to support our community's most vulnerable including children, those living with a mental illness, and victims of violence.

If you want to sign up, please email Mme Bern: ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca.



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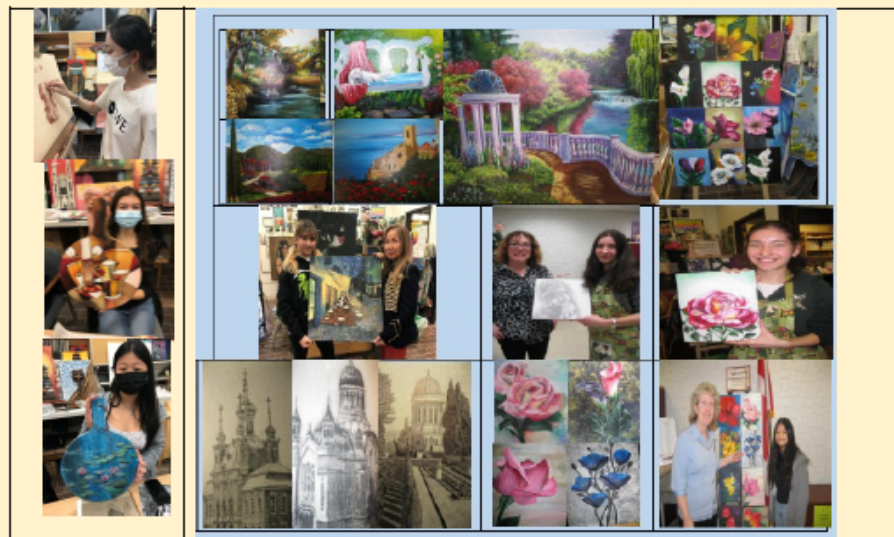
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<p><i>Please support our Thornlea Art Council efforts to raise money to make our school an even more inclusive place.</i></p>			<p><i>We will draw/ paint your picture in any medium of your choice (pencil, charcoal, acrylic/ oil paints.</i></p>
			





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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

Professional Activity Plan – Friday, October 20

Length: Half Day - AM

Topic: Curriculum Implementation Learning Entity

Hosting: All Regular Start and Early Start Secondary Schools (regular SYC)

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administration and Board based personnel

Description: Equitable Assessment Practices Professional Learning Series #1

Details: School teams will engage in professional learning facilitated by school administrators focusing on:

- identifying the tenets of equitable assessment; and
- exploring concrete shifts and changes to classroom assessment, evaluation and communication practices.

SIP/Department Meetings

Details: School teams will engage in School Improvement planning facilitated by school leaders. Topics will vary by subject and may include:

- embedding equitable assessment practices into subject evaluations;
- subject specific integration of high-impact instructional practices to support student improvement in alignment with the curriculum;

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- developing resources and learning plans to consolidate foundational knowledge and skills in de-streamed grade 9 courses including English, Mathematics and Science and across the curriculum;
- data analysis for school improvement; and
- curriculum implementation of new curriculum

Length: Half Day - PM

Topic: Literacy/Mathematics Instructional Strategies

Entity Hosting: All Regular Start and Early Start Secondary Schools (regular SYC)

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administration and Board based personnel

Description: Planning with Multilingual Language Learners at the Forefront

Details: The purpose and goals of the STEP Framework are introduced, followed by time to explore both the structure and components within the Oral, Reading and Writing ESL Continua. This module focuses on:

- Foundational principles in teaching multilingual language learners
- Introduction to STEP framework

OCT Professionalism Module

Details: Staff will engage in learning regarding professionalism through the OCT Professionalism Module.

SIP/Department Meetings

Details: School teams will engage in School Improvement planning facilitated by school leaders. Topics will vary by subject and may include

- embedding strategies to support teaching multilingual language learners into the curriculum.
- embedding subject specific high yield strategies into instruction and assessment
- data analysis for school improvement

Additional professional activities for EAs and Library Technicians

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The Secondary School Year Calendar 2023-2024

The Secondary School Year Calendar has been approved for the 2023-2024 school year. The calendar is shared early to help you plan your family holidays and appointments around your child's learning. Students are expected to attend school on all instructional and exam days.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>



Our Robotics Team competed at the Robots@CNE at the recent 2023 Canadian National Exhibition from August 31 to September 3, 2023 featuring 29 high school robotics teams from across Ontario. Our Robotics Team played well in all their matches all the way to the very last game before the Finals against the World Champions, who went on to the Finals. We are proud of our Robotics Team's performance at Robots@CNE 2023. Our students are working hard at fundraising for the registration fees for this upcoming season.

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We are excited to invite all Latine/o/a/x identifying families and staff to join us for a
Latin Heritage Month Meet-and-Greet

Bienvenidos! The York Region District School Board's Latine Educators Network is hosting its first meet and greet for all Latine/o/a/x families and staff.

You can look forward to community booths hosted by CCSYR (Catholic Community Services of York Region) as well as music, fun activities for the whole family and an opportunity to meet other Latine/Latino families.

Please join us on
October 19th 2023
from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
at
Julliard Public School
61 Julliard Dr, Maple, ON L6A 3W7

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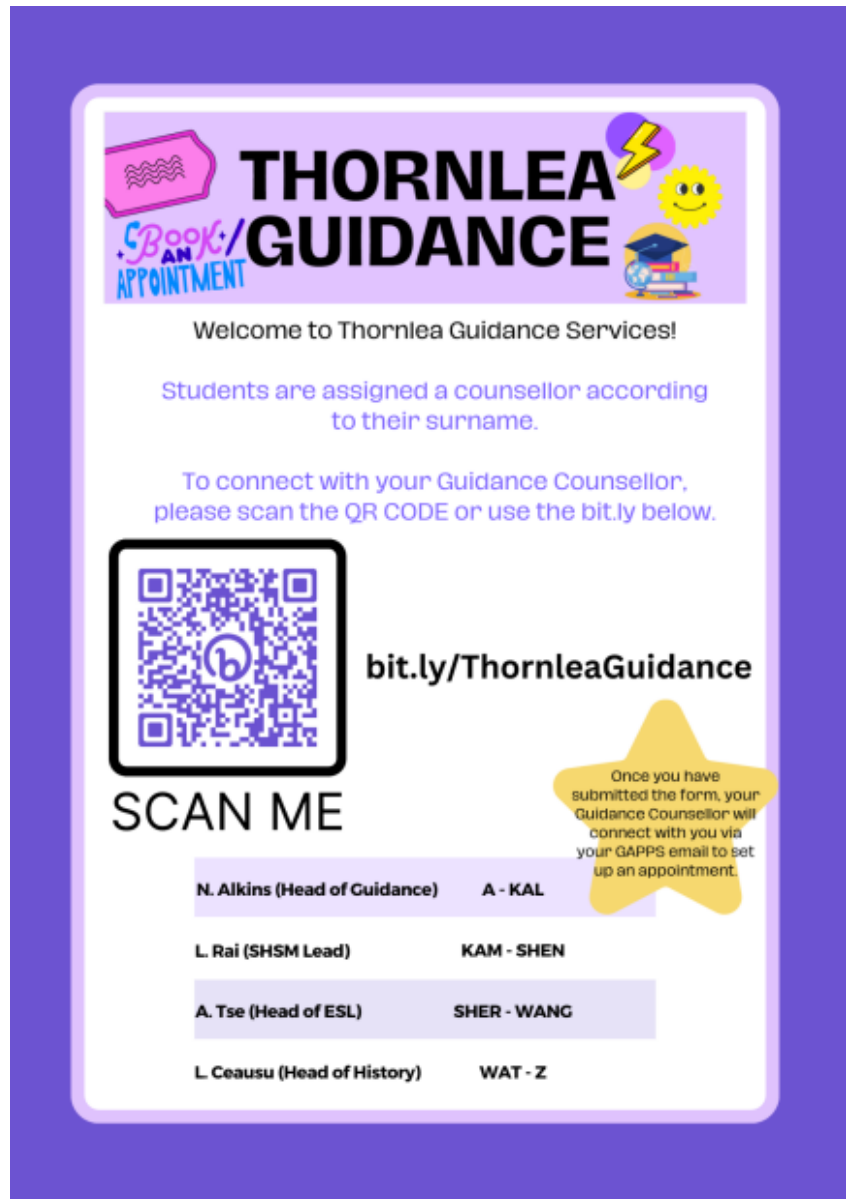
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GUIDANCE NEWS

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)



The poster is titled "THORNLEA GUIDANCE" in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the title is a pink tag icon with the text "Book AN APPOINTMENT" in blue and pink. To the right of the title are icons of a lightning bolt, a sun, and a graduation cap. Below the title, it says "Welcome to Thornlea Guidance Services!" in black. Then, "Students are assigned a counsellor according to their surname." in blue. Below that, "To connect with your Guidance Counsellor, please scan the QR CODE or use the bit.ly below." in blue. In the center is a QR code with a blue 'b' logo in the middle. To the right of the QR code is the text "bit.ly/ThornleaGuidance" in black. Below the QR code is the text "SCAN ME" in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the QR code is a yellow starburst containing the text: "Once you have submitted the form, your Guidance Counsellor will connect with you via your GAPPs email to set up an appointment." Below this, there is a table of staff names and their corresponding surname ranges.

N. Alkins (Head of Guidance)	A - KAL
L. Rai (SHSM Lead)	KAM - SHEN
A. Tse (Head of ESL)	SHER - WANG
L. Ceausu (Head of History)	WAT - Z

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Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night

Join us on a night to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and our Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship
in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

Automotive Service Technician	Baker	Child and Youth Worker
Auto Body Technician	Plumber	Carpenter
Cook	Hairstylist	Electrician
Floor Covering Installer	Drywall Finisher and Plasterer	Construction Craft Worker
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician	Heavy Duty Equipment Technician

Join us on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

REGISTER AT: <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse>



7:00 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB and MLITSD

7:30 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs with the Training Delivery Agent (TDA)

8:15 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

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