



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

November 22, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 26	Grade 8 Open House 6:30-8:30pm
Nov 27	Full Disclosure
Nov 27	Pathways Info. Night 6:30-8:00pm Library
Dec 2 & 3	OSSLT
Dec 5	Mobile Health Clinic MOBYSS

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Library
(across from the office)

Meeting Date:

Tuesday February 18, 2024
Monday April 7, 2024

SCHOOL email:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

ATTENDANCE email:

thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

CONTACT/TELEPHONE CHANGE:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca



THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

Dear Thornlea Families:

Tour for Humanity

We are honoured to share that we will be hosting the Tour for Humanity bus at Thornlea next week. The bus is a mobile education centre where our students will learn about the horrors of the genocide and the Holocaust. The lessons will also focus on issues of racism, intolerance and human rights.

We have set aside time for parents who wish to visit the bus and participate in the learning Thursday November 28, between 1:50 and 3:05. If you would like to participate in this powerful learning experience, please email me at paolo.burzese@yrdsb.ca.

Stay Thunderful

Sincerely,
Paolo Burzese
Paolo.Burzese@yrdsb.ca

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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](#)

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Our main office is here to help you regarding student absences. Here are a few notes:

Edsby does not support absence reporting for high school students.

To report a student's absence, parents or guardians can either email thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca or call 905-889-9696.

If your child is going to be absent, please inform us.



Call 905-889-9696
Press 1 for Attendance
Or

Has your contact information changed?



Email:

Thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

Email:

Thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

When sending an email or leaving a message, please provide the following details:

- 1) Student Name (First & Last name)
- 2) Student #
- 3) Current Grade
- 4) Absent date and/or period
- 5) Reason

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ANTICIPATED ABSENCE FORM

If your student will be absent 5 days or more, please come to the office to obtain this form. It must be completed by their teachers then signed by the parent. This form needs to be returned to the office **BEFORE** their absence.



Thornlea Secondary School Anticipated Absence Form

Students are expected to be in full attendance every regular school day except in the case of illness or other unavoidable cause. There is a very close relationship between regular attendance and success in school. Absence from school may result in a lower mark or loss of credit.

Any student who requires an extraordinary absence must consult with his/her course teachers IN ADVANCE to determine the effect of the absence on his/her success and to obtain assignments that will be missed and must be completed during or immediately following the absence.

York Region District School Board policy states that examinations may only be written on the scheduled dates and times. A mark of zero will be given if an examination is not written on the scheduled date.

This form enables students and parents to plan for extraordinary absences.

1. The student must complete Part A.
2. All of the student's teachers must complete a section of Part B.
3. The student and his/her parent/guardian should then make decisions about the feasibility of the absence, knowing the possible effects on the student's success in his/her courses.
4. The parent/guardian must complete Part C.
5. Finally, the form is brought to the office for an administrator to sign, indicating it has been received. A copy of the completed form is made with one for school records and one for the student.

PART A: Student

Student Name (last name, first name)		Student ID Number	Age:
Dates of Absence	From: (month/day/year)	To: (month/day/year)	
Reason for Absence:			

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BUS OR SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

With winter weather here, we want to share some important reminders for families.

When an inclement weather or extreme cold day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is canceled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. If you drive your child to school, or your child takes alternate transportation, you must make arrangements for your child to get home at the end of the day. Please call the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when emergency winter events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure.

Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, [Board](#) and school websites and on [X@YRDSB](#).

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days is outlined in the Board's [Severe Weather policy](#).

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Grade 8 Open House

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

8075 Bayview Avenue

Learn about our unique programs:

Advanced Placement (AP)

Academy of Creativity and Multimedia (ACAM)

French Immersion

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Meet with Administrators, Department
Heads, Teachers, Guidance
Counsellors, and Students!

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Principal's Address and
Presentations

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Open House

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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

THORNLEA HISTORY DEPARTMENT



REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2024

LEST WE FORGET N'OUBLIONS PAS

Students and staff at Thornlea participated in an Assembly to acknowledge the observance of Remembrance Day. Thank you to all students and staff for their contributions and assistance this year. A special thanks to Cpl Chung, our guest speaker. This year marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the RCAF. By scanning the QR CODE you will be able to view the videos used in the Assembly, which are also available on our Instagram @thornleayrdsb and @thornleahistory.

Ms. Ceausu, Dept Head of History



bit.ly/ThornleaRemembers2024

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Congratulations to our Grade 9 and Grade 10 students who participated in the recent University of Waterloo Beaver Computing Challenge (BCC) on November 4 and November 13, 2024, organized by the Computer Science Department. Students from across our school took the challenge including students from the Computer Science courses. The University of Waterloo Beaver Computing Challenge (BCC) is an online, multiple-choice contest designed to introduce students to computer science concepts and problem-solving techniques. This contest has been designed to foster interest in computer science and provide students with an opportunity to showcase their computational and logical thinking skills in a fun and engaging way.

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CHEERLEADING TEAM PRESENTS:

Thornlea Secondary School presents to you our lovely Cheerleading Team of 2024-2025!

Exciting news: We have over 53 girls on this team and we are so excited to be part of the School Spirit/Athletic Events here at Thornlea SS.

Last month, we did our Azukita cheer dance for the TLSS Thunder Rally and Nov 21st was our First Buyout game for the SR Girls Volleyball Team - Dancing to our very own "ThunderStruck" for THORNLEA THUNDER!!

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram @tlss.cheer for fun backstage practices/events!

Special thanks to our Ms Bern for coaching this year, alongside with team captains Madeline Perrone, Aita Khanlari and Mia Slavinski.

Till the next event!



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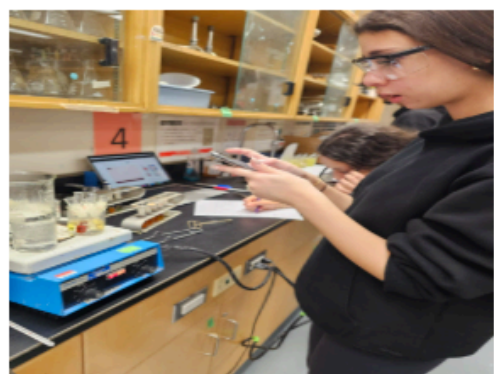
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In grade 12 Biology, students are practicing 21st Century transferable skills. They had a summative lab investigation involving identification of kidney disorders. The students were challenged to use their communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problem-solving skills, in this real world simulated activity.



Grade 11 Biology students learned about anatomy through rat dissections; they related their observations to their own human bodies.

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ECO Team



Learning goes beyond the walls of the classroom. On our journey to becoming a sustainable Ecoschool Canada certified school we partnered up with another local high school's Ecoteam to have a virtual meeting. Ecoteams learned about current projects and fundraising ideas. They exchanged strategies they have used to increase the number of members. Students enjoyed building community with members outside the school.

Ecoteam continues to set up the student-made hydroponic system. The first step is cleaning. Unfortunately, it is taking longer than expected. We also tried to grow green onion in the windowless classroom and they are not doing well. Snake plants are able to grow in the classroom so we will be trying those plants in the hydroponic system after it is cleaned thoroughly.

Ecoteam VP Erik led the collaboration between Dr. Manivannan grade 12 Chemistry class and the Ecoteam for the very first Waste Audit. Thank you to the hard-working caretakers for helping with the waste audit and all they do! We can get a potential of 10 points towards our Ecoschool Canada application for doing waste audits! Thornlea Secondary School has a diversion rate of 46%. We can do better!

All are welcome to join TLSS Ecoteam; we meet Wednesday in 117 at 11:50AM.

We are hoping to involve more of the school community with learning about sustainability. The TLSS Model UN started in June under the supervision of Mr. Wang. A few weeks ago, Ms. Wan set up the TLSS MUN team to meet with RGSS Model UN to exchange team's strategies and activities. Building community is a foundation for learning.

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Thornlea Secondary School shop!

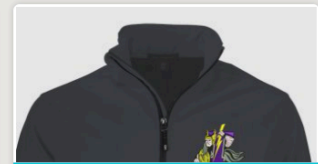
FEATURED CATEGORIES



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.

Here is a list of guidance counsellors and the surname alphabet they service.

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

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Full Disclosure and OUAC/OCAS

Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied to OUAC for university and OCAS for College.

Your mid-term semester grades from semester one has been processed by OUAC and OCAS and sent to the Universities and 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 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 your inbox.

If you see an error in your OUAC file or your OCAS file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counsellor as soon as possible to have it corrected.

Reminder:

Equal Consideration Deadline for applications to Ontario Universities (OUAC) is January 15, 2025

Equal Consideration Deadline for applications to Ontario Colleges (OCAS) is February 1, 2025

[Info Sheet - Applying to an Ontario College](#)

[Info Sheet - Applying to an Ontario University](#)

[Slides - OCAS Applications](#)

[Slides - OUAC Applications](#)

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Useful Websites:

Apprenticeship in Ontario -

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario>

Introduction to Apprenticeships - YRDSB -

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/guidance-and-career-education/introduction-apprenticeships>

Ontario Colleges - <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en>

Ontario Universities' Info - <https://www.ouinfo.ca/>

Undergraduate Application Guide -

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-guide/>

Skilled Trades and Technology Career Planning Information Night

The Pathways Team in Curriculum & Instructional Services in collaboration with the York Catholic District School Board invites families of students in Grades 9-11 to attend a Skilled Trades and Technology Career Planning Information Night. The goal of this event is to inspire students to take their first step towards a career in industries that are constantly innovating, on the cutting edge of emerging technologies, and making a critical difference in people's lives. Students will have the opportunity to learn about some of Ontario's 140+ trades through presentations and information booths. They will hear directly from the YRDSB Pathways team, tradespeople and local employers about life-changing career opportunities.

This event is taking place on Monday, December 9, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Richmond Hill High School (201 Yorkland Street, Richmond Hill, ON, L4S 1A2).

Link -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1LAYPaul9zKqe1KoGCNFb7sJ3MsE0YxSyeqgNo3GuThd8VO/viewform>

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Learn how high school programs can help your child make informed decisions about their post-secondary pathway. Learn about:

- The Co-op Program
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)
- Specialized High Skills Major (SHSM) Program
- Dual Credit Courses

and...learn what your child can do NOW to prepare for post-secondary education. Learn about:

- Scholarships
- OUAC and OCAS
- College Degree Programs
- ONTransfer
- Apprenticeship & Skilled Trades

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN!

DAY: November 27, 2024
TIME: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
LOCATION: LIBRARY

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Post-Secondary Transition Information Night



November 26, 2024
6:00-7:00pm



Virtual Presentation

The Regional Assessment and Resource Centre (RARC) promotes equity and access for students with neurodevelopmental disorders in post-secondary education, by providing evidence-based services and supports to students, practitioners, and educators across Ontario. Our vision is to enable students with neurodevelopmental disabilities to thrive in post-secondary education.

In this presentation, we will discuss programming, accommodations, and supports that equip secondary students with disabilities with the necessary knowledge and skills to access post-secondary education. Presenters will highlight the important role of transition planning to help students feel more confident and prepared to meet educational challenges. The role of assessment and appropriate determination and implementation of accommodations will also be central to the discussion. This training is appropriate for grade 11 and 12 students with learning disabilities, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and/or Mental Health Disorders, parents/guardians, and resource teachers. There is no fee or registration required for this event.



Objectives:

- 1 Identify the skills required to successfully transition to post-secondary education and the resources available to teach your students these skills.
- 2 Appreciate the differences between rights and responsibilities of a student at the various levels of education.
- 3 Recognize how assessment can be used as part of transition planning and the determination of appropriate accommodations.

Join via Microsoft Teams:

<https://tinyurl.com/42pde9dr>

Meeting ID: 278 204 256 553
Passcode: bEjZix



rarc.transitions@queensu.ca



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The Jewish Rainbow

A monthly support group for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ individuals

Cost: Free

Pre-registration is required.

**For more info or to register, please contact
Shirley Shedletsky at 416-638-7800, ext. 6260 or
sshedletsky@jfandcs.com**



**Schwartz/Reisman Centre
from 7:00-9:00pm
On the following Wednesdays:
September 18, 2024
October 9, 2024
November 20, 2024
December 11, 2024**

JF&CS strives for inclusivity in all its programs, serving community members of any income, family structure, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, level of observance, race, ethnicity, cultural identity and place of origin.



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Centre

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விருப்பு

Tamil Community Centre's Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition

2025 Call for Entries!

Theme

Meeting Together, Meeting Place – Celebrating the Tamil Community Centre and Preserving Our Culture.

We're excited to announce the launch of our Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition as part of the Tamil Community Centre's mission to celebrate and preserve Tamil heritage! Students from all schools are invited to participate in this exciting contest.

Theme Overview

The theme **"Meeting Together, Meeting Place"** highlights the power of community spaces like the Tamil Community Centre, where Canadian Tamils gather to share stories, pass on traditions, learn, play, participate in the arts and nurture a sense of belonging. It is a place that will connect generations, shaping bonds that influence the future.

In your video essay, explore how such spaces allow us to celebrate our heritage, foster learning, form community and inspire future generations to carry on our traditions. Share your personal thoughts on how a gathering place like the Tamil Community Centre can create meaningful connections that strengthen and enrich our community for years to come.

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Age Groups:

Category 1: Students aged 10-13

Category 2: Students aged 14-18

Prizes:

First Prize: \$1,000

Second Prize: \$750

Third Prize: \$500

Submission Guidelines:

Video Length: 3-5 minutes **or** Essay: 750-1000 words

Language: English or Tamil

Submission Deadline: January 7, 2025

How to Enter:

Submit your video or essay via email to [info@tamilcentre.ca] with the subject line: **Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Submission – [Your Name]**. Please include your full name, age, school, and contact details in the body of the email. If you are attaching a video, please send a Google Drive link with the correct access settings for anyone to be able to view your video.

Each winner will receive a certificate of recognition, and their videos and essays will be featured on the Tamil Community Centre's website and social media channels. Commended videos and essays will also be shared across our platforms to celebrate the participants' achievements!

We look forward to seeing your creative videos and essays and hearing your inspiring thoughts on how the Tamil Community Centre serves as a home for Tamil arts and artists, enriching our cultural heritage.

Good luck!

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