



# Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

November 8, 2024

## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 11	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 15	PA Day (No School)
Nov 20	Mid-Term Report Cards Term 1 E-Distribution
Nov 21	TSAC Semi-Formal
Nov 26	Grade 8 Open House 6:30-8:30pm
Dec 2 & 3	OSSLT

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Meeting Time:** 7:00pm

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

**Meeting Date:**

Tuesday February 18, 2024  
Monday April 7, 2024

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## THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

Dear Thornlea Families:

It seems like every week brings another wonderful event at Thornlea Secondary School. Over the past few weeks, we have hosted tournaments and welcomed visits from various colleges and universities.

This week, we were thrilled to meet our future Grade Nines as nearly 300 Grade 8 students from our family of schools visited Thornlea. They had the opportunity to learn about our school and discover what makes our community so *Thunderful*.



We also celebrated Diwali with a fantastic event organized by our South Asian Student Association. The celebration featured a guest speaker who is one of our own Thornlea parents, as well as delicious home-cooked food, henna, and, of course, beautiful lights.

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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](#)

Looking ahead, our History Department has planned a very special morning to commemorate Remembrance Day. The event will include student-made videos, speeches from a member of our Armed Forces, and a performance by our school band. It promises to be a meaningful tribute.

All of these events serve to reinforce what a special place Thornlea is for everyone in our community. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Stay Thunderful

Sincerely,  
Paolo Burzese  
[Paolo.Burzese@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Paolo.Burzese@yrdsb.ca)

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



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Press 1 for Attendance  
Or

Has your contact information changed?



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## CLASSROOM CONNECTION



Last week, The Healthy Active Living class enjoyed a wellness walk; taking in the fall colours.



The girls' rugby team on their last day of competition.  
They finished 4<sup>th</sup> in York Region!

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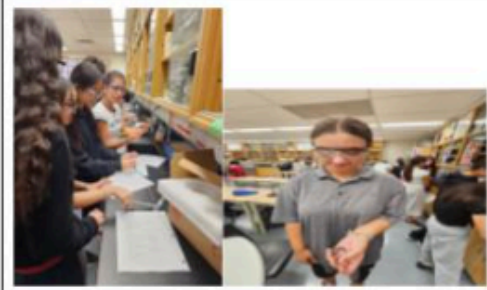
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## 20241103 Science, Ecoschools, CRRP

Grade 9 Science students learned about physical and chemical properties through bodily-kinesthetic lab activities. Students also are learning about design thinking through lab design, scientific method, experiential learning and scientific literacy skills through lab report writing. These 21st Century skills will help them solid foundations.



We partnered with local healthcare workers to borrow equipment so the grade 12 biology students were able to get hands on experience with reflex arcs of the nervous system. Students got a real kick out it!



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The Science Department welcomed grade 8 schools this week on Take our kids to work day. Feeder schools loved the the bodily - kinesthetic inflating purple balloons with chemistry activity that were used to welcome them, as well as the electrifying building circuit activity.



As TLSS begins their journey for Ecoschools Canada certification, we are hoping to involve more of the school community in learning about sustainability. The Ecoteam council has started the Ecoschools' Canada certification application and have teamed up with the TLSS STEMic team. They are getting the hydroponics up and running that retired teacher, M.s. Ross, built with her students. Dr. Manivannan's Grade 12 Chemistry students will be doing the waste audit for the school. More points are needed to attain certification with Ecoschools Canada so if you are doing something environmentally - related, please let M.s. Wan know so that it can be included in this year's application for the school's certification.

~M.s. Cindy Wan

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## Thornlea Secondary School shop!

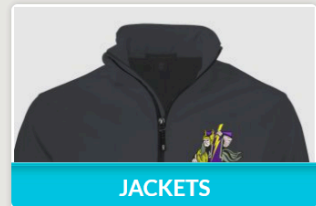
### FEATURED CATEGORIES



T-SHIRTS



HOODIES & SWEATSHIRTS



JACKETS

TO SHOP: See link below

[Thornlea Merchandise](#)

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## AT THORNLEA:

Nov 7, 2024  
Dec 5, 2024  
Jan 30, 2025  
Feb 27, 2025  
March 27, 2025  
April 24, 2025  
May 22, 2025  
June 19, 2025

### STUDENTS:

Are you stressed out? Have problems with school work, home life, time management, relationships, social life or just need to vent? Are you feeling unwell, have an injury, need STI screening or worried about pregnancy? You can come see our team on MOBYSS for any of these, plus so much more. You can talk to one of our counsellors about anything that may be bothering you, or come see our nurse practitioner for anything you might go see your family doctor for..... and it's all free and confidential, which means we will not talk to your parents, friends, or teachers about anything you come to see us for!

### PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Do you recognize that your teenager's mood has changed, do they seem bothered by something and won't open up to you? Do they need medical attention and you don't have time to see your family doctor? No need to worry, encourage them to come to MOBYSS!

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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

The list of presentations, listed below, are from post-secondary representatives that have been scheduled to speak to our students that are interested in finding out more about the programs and the process of applying during this Fall 2024. There is a formal presentation and then a Q&A opportunity.

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

## A Career that works for you.

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We believe that every student can be successful. That drives our work.

We are looking for individuals who share this commitment to student learning well-being, and achievement.

We have ongoing job postings in a variety of positions. Learn more about why YRDSB may be the right place for you.

Meet some of our staff and explore career opportunities. [www.yrdsb.ca/careers](http://www.yrdsb.ca/careers) or scan the QR code.



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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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THE CENTRE FOR  
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

## Subscribe to our mailing list.

**The Centre for Black Student Excellence** is a space committed to the implementation of goals set out in our Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

Establishing this mailing list is one of the key commitments outlined in our strategy.

Subscribe to our mailing list to stay up to date on:

- information about school board and community events and programs that would benefit Black students and families with Black children
- updates on Board efforts to dismantle anti-Black racism

Learn more about the ongoing work to dismantle anti-Black racism and support Black student excellence by visiting [www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence](http://www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence)



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**JF&CS**  
JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILD  
SERVICE OF GREATER TORONTO

## Roots, Ruach and Resilience: Strengthening the Spirit and Well Being of the Jewish Community in the Face of Antisemitism

**Connecting youth, their families and  
community to help build togetherness  
and well being.**

Join us for a group workshop for Jewish high school students to build community, resilience and well being. This program will touch on mental health, wellness and cultural identity coupled with fun programming such as:

- Paint night
- Challah bake
- A visit to the Holocaust museum
- ...and so much more!



**This group is for students in Grade 9-11 that do not attend a Jewish day school. Dinner will be served.**

**4 week workshop | Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm**

**Start Date: November 26, 2024**

**4600 Bathurst Street | Lipa Green Centre, 1st floor**

**Prosserman Jewish Community Campus**

**Spaces are limited.**

**For more information or to register, please contact Stephanie LeBlanc  
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Black Foundation of  
Community Networks (BFCN)



York Region District School Board  
(YRDSB)



## Scholarship Application Workshop

The Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free online workshop to guide Black students and their families on how to prepare, search, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in Grade 8 or high school, this workshop is especially for YOU!

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**  
**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)**

Learn more and register at:  
[bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopNovember26](https://bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopNovember26)

To participate, Black students and their families must be from YRDSB. For questions contact Cheryl Yarde at [info@bfcn.ca](mailto:info@bfcn.ca).



**Learn more about our work and how to support at [bfcn.ca](https://bfcn.ca).**

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