



# Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

December 20, 2024

## IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 23 - Jan 3	Winter Break (No School)
Jan 15-16	Grade 9 Math EQAO
Jan 22-28	Exams
Jan 29	Instructional Day
Jan 30	Exam Review Day Modified Schedule
Jan 31	PA Day

### 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:

This week, we had a wonderful Yalda celebration at school, organized by our Persian Students Association. These events serve as a reminder of the rich and diverse identities that make up our Thornlea community.

As we approach the holiday season, I find myself reflecting on how I will spend the holidays. I look forward to cooking at Christmas. This year, we will be at my sister-in-law's, and I have the task of preparing all the sides. I will be making roasted squash and mashed potatoes based on a recipe I learned from watching *The Bear*. The best part is that my brother-in-law, who hates a mess, follows behind me, cleaning and washing everything as I cook.

This time of year is filled with many significant days for members of our community. Whether you just celebrated Yalda, will be celebrating Hanukkah or Christmas in the coming weeks, or will be taking a much-needed break, I wish you lots of time with your loved ones and hopefully some delicious food.

Be Thunderful

Sincerely,  
Paolo Burzese

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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:

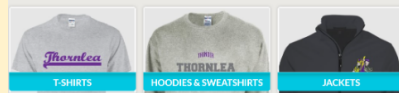
[18+ Student Consent Form](#)  
[SchoolCash Online](#)  
[What is De-Streaming](#)  
[YRDSB Guide to the School Year](#)

## USEFUL LINKS:

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

Thornlea Secondary School  
shop!

### FEATURED CATEGORIES



TO SHOP: See link below

[Thornlea Merchandise](#)

## Thornlea Exam Schedule: January 22-28, 2025

GR.	PERIOD 1				PERIOD 2				PERIOD 3				PERIOD 4				DAY 5
	Wednesday, January 22 - 9:00 am				Thursday, January 23 - 9:00 am				Friday, January 24 - 9:00 am				Monday, January 27 - 9:00 am				Tuesday, January 28
	Course	Teacher	RM	HWS	Course	Teacher	RM	HWS	Course	Teacher	RM	HWS	Course	Teacher	RM	HWS	Incident Weather/Overflow Day
9	FSF1D1-3	Ah-Kim	128	1.5	FSF1D1-1	Volfovsky	143	1.5	FSF1D1-2	Volfovsky	143	1.5	FSF1D1-1	Fu	138	1.5	Culminating Performance Tasks
	MTH1W1-1	Bogdan	131	1.5	MTH1W1-8	Huang	136	1.5	MTH1W1-2	Jeor	127	1.5	FSF1D1-3	Ah-Kim	128	1.5	Credit Rescue
					SNC1W1-1	Wan	117	1.5	SNC1W1-2	Chan	123	1.5	MTH1W1-3	Huang	136	1.5	
10	CHC2D1-1	Ceausu	218	1.5	CHC2D1-3	Muckle	225	1.5	CHC2D1-4	Muckle	225	1.5	CHC2D1-5	Ceausu	218	1.5	
	MPM2D1-1	H. Wang	220	1.5	CHC2D1-2	DeLuca	144	1.5	CHC2D1-2	DeLuca	144	1.5	MPM2D1-5	Jeor	127	1.5	
	SNC2D1-4	Manivannan	125	1.5	MPM2D1-4	H. Wang	220	1.5	FIF2D1-1	Fu	138	2	MPM2D1-10	Nejadi Rad	133	1.5	
11	SNC2D1-8	Jaffer	142	1.5	SNC2D1-9	Chan	123	1.5	MPM2D1-6	Huang	136	1.5	SNC2D1-7	Jaffer	142	1.5	
					SNC2D1-1	Jaffer	142	1.5	MPM2D1-9	Tran	224	1.5					
	BAF3M1-1	Daneshmand	109	2	BAF3M1-2	Daneshmand	109	2	MCR3U1-4	Mahalingam	129	2	MCF3M1-1	Mahalingam	129	2	
12	FIF3U1-1	Fu	138	2	FSF3U1-1	Pilaram	146	2	NBE3U1-1	Levine	230	2	MCR3U1-5	Tran	224	2	
	MCR3U1-2	Tran	224	2	MCR3U1-3	Mahalingam	129	2	SBI3U1/E-5/3	Vervaeke	112	2	MCR3U1-2	K. Lee	135	2	
	NBE3U1-4	Lewin	235	2	NBE3U1-1	Levine	230	2	SCH3U1-1	L. Wang	139	2	NBE3U1-5	Lewin	225	2	
12	SCH3U1-5	Manners	134	2	SBI3U1-4	Nejadi Rad	112	2					NBE3U1-6	Khan	232	2	
	SCH3U1-1	L. Wang	139	2	SCH3U1/E-2/4	Manners	134	2					SBI3U1-3	Vervaeke	112	2	
	SPH3U1-1	Paydar	118	2	SPH3U1/E-5/1	Houmani Farshani	139	2					SPH3U1-2	Paydar	118	2	
12	ENG4U1-1	Ulu	230	2	ENG4U1-2	Swales	226	2	BAT4M1-1	Ye	126	2	ENG4U1-4	Kennedy	235	2	
	FIF4U1/E-1	Pilaram	146	2	FSF4U1-1	Pilaram	146	2	ENG4U1-3	Khan	232	2	MHF4U1-5	McCutcheon	132	2	
	MHF4U1-2	K. Lee	135	2	MDM4U1-1	K. Lee	135	2	FIF4U1/E-2	Pilaram	146	2	MHF4U1-7	Bogdan	131	2	
12	SBI4U1-1	Wan	117	2	MHF4U1-4	McCutcheon	132	2	MHF4U1-3	Nejadi Rad	133	2	SBI4U1-2	Wan	117	2	
	SBI4UE-1	Vervaeke	112	2	MHF4U1-6	Bogdan	131	2	MHF4U1/E-22/1	McCutcheon	132	2	SCH4U1-2	L. Wang	139	2	
					SPH4U1/E-1	Paydar	118	2	SCH4U1-1	Manivannan	125	2	SCH4UE-1	Manivannan	125	2	
									SPH4U1/E-2	Houmani Farshani	118	2					

### Mark/Exam Review Day Schedule - Thursday, January 30, 2025

Time	
8:50-9:25 am	Period 1 Exam/Marks Review
9:30-10:05 am	Period 2 Exam/Marks Review
10:10-10:45 am	Period 3 Exam/Marks Review
10:50-11:25 am	Period 4 Exam/Marks Review
11:25 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch

## January Exam Schedule 2024-2025

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca)

Email:

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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 the anticipated absence 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.

## 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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Attention grade 12 students: Grad photos are coming!

Edge Imaging will be here to take grad photos beginning Tuesday January 7

Don't forget to book your appointment!

Please sign up online at [www.bookmygrad.ca](https://www.bookmygrad.ca). Our school code is: TLS

Sign up early to get the time that works best for you.

Congratulations class of 2025; we look forward to seeing you for your graduation photos.

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## CLASSROOM CONNECTION



Congratulations to the Senior Girls Volleyball Team who in the last two weeks won the Frank Hayden SS tournament and were finalized at the Thornlea Invitational. The team is currently undefeated in York Region play. Purple Power!



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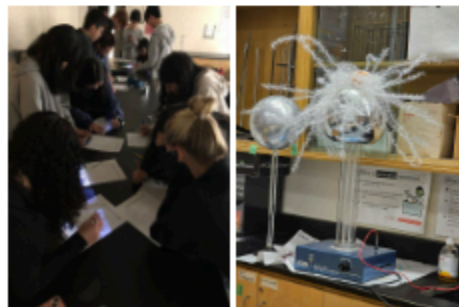
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## 20241120 Ebulletin Science

The community we build goes beyond space and time. As alumni come back, they reminisce about the memories they had; they tell their nieces and nephews where their desk was in the classroom and and who they were sitting with. We train our students to become the leaders of tomorrow and of the world. We model this as we presented during grade 8 night. We thank the volunteers who led our own little Science Fair: Lawson, Ethan, Kameran, Sophia, Julius, Viraj, Thomas, Isabella, Joie and Jason. They delighted the audience with building circuits, VanderGraaf, chemical changes demonstrations along with vertical farming, mindful DNA colouring, origami, and environmental pledge displays and activities.



Grade 10 classes are enjoying hands-on Optics activities. Photo by D. Chan.



Our Science Dept. (including Mr. and Mrs. Claus below) wish you good health, wonder, and peace during the holiday season.

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~Ms. Wan  
Ecoteam



Congratulations TLEA!!! We now have enough points to certify for the Bronze level of Ecoschool Canada Status! We have 19 Action projects on the go, achieving 54.5 points out of the 101 needed for Platinum. We can do it!

Our current projects include: Greenbelt biodiversity, Sit spot, Indigenous based nature technologies, Staff PD, Take me Outside Day, Environmental Literacy, GOOS paper, School to school connections, Vertical Farming and Waste audit conduction! Stay tuned for more projects in the future!

~ Ms. Wan

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## Yalda Celebration organized by Ms. Daneshmand

The ancient Persians depended on agriculture for their livelihood and had to plant and gather according to the change of seasons. By experience they learned that the longer days and warm rays of sun helped their crops and the gathering months brought shorter days and longer nights. They discovered that after what was the longest night of the year the daylight hours started to get longer.

This night was called **Yalda ( Winter Solstice)** which meant rebirth (of the sun), and it was celebrated for the triumph of light over darkness. They built fires on sundown of the last day in fall and kept them burning until the first rays of sun the following day. During this night they gathered with family and friends, ate delicious food, drank, and sang happy songs all night and listened to stories about old times.



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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/>



### KIDS HELP PHONE

1-800-668-6868  
686868  
[KIDSHELPPHONE.CA](http://KIDSHELPPHONE.CA)



### YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK

1-855-310-COPE (2673)



### Suicide Prevention Canada

Call 988  
Text 988



### 360° kids

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EMERGENCY HOUSING: 1-877-464-9675 EXT. 76140  
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# MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

MORE RESOURCES



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**19th Annual**

**STEP OUT**  
YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**DANCE COMPETITION**

**OUR GOAL:** To create a forum for students to get together, perform, compete, share and grow from and with each other.

**Open to Step Teams & Dance Troupes from Grades 6 to 12**

**Levels of Competition:**  
Intermediate and Senior Divisions

**The competition encourages student choreography**

**Suggested music selections:**  
Hip Hop, Pop, R&B, Soul, South Asian, Latin, Soca and Reggae styles

**DATE: Friday May 23, 2025**  
**Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm**  
**Venue: Langstaff Secondary School**  
**Address: 106 Garden Ave, Richmond Hill, ON**

**Registration Deadline:**  
**April 3, 2025**  
**Payment Deadline: March 1, 2025 (to secure your spot)**

For more registration information, please contact Charlene Miller (Beckett Farm P.S.)  
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## INTRODUCING...

# GATEWAY TO MED

### WHAT IS IT?

Looking for more info about undergrad? Want to learn about medical education past high school? Gateway to Med features a panel of speakers pursuing careers in healthcare. Speakers will go over the university application process, available programs in healthcare, and their personal experiences in their programs. !?

1.

The event will commence with a comprehensive presentation that introduces all the guest speakers

scan to register!



2.

Following the presentation, participants can join breakout rooms where representatives will be available to discuss their programs and answer questions

December 21-22nd @ 3 - 5 PM

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## Wellbeing & Mindfulness Workshop



We are delighted to invite you to an engaging Wellbeing and Mindfulness Workshop designed to help students and families nurture balance, build resilience, and practice self-care in today's fast-paced world.

**Date:** January 23, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Location:** Poplar Bank Public School  
400 Woodspring Ave, Newmarket, ON L3X 2X1

**Dinner will be provided.**

During this interactive session, you will learn practical mindfulness techniques, explore strategies to support mental health, and participate in activities aimed at fostering connection and relaxation. This workshop is a great opportunity to prioritize your wellbeing as a family while gaining tools to thrive both academically and personally.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



### To Register

Please [register](#) by January 14, 2025. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to respond early to secure your spot!



[Register Here](#)

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