



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

December 22, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

By appointment only	Grade 12 Graduation Photos - info below
Dec 25 - Jan 5	Winter Break

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Library
(across from the office)

Meeting Dates:

Monday Feb. 20, 2024
Monday Apr. 15, 2024

SCHOOL email:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

ATTENDANCE email:

thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

CONTACT/TELEPHONE CHANGE:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca



THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE



Hello Thornlea Families,

To our families celebrating, let me wish you a Merry Christmas.

To all of our Thornlea families, I know some of you are traveling and some are staying close, but no matter what you do I hope that the break provides you with time to reconnect and recharge and most importantly to spend time with those

you care about.

I will be spending a good deal of the break engaging in one of my passions and cooking for family and friends. I will be trying a new fish recipe and hand-making some ravioli. My little one who is also developing a love for cooking will be attempting to make his first ravioli as well. I look forward to seeing all of our Thunderful students back at school in January.



Have a great break

Paolo Burzese

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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

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

Driving Your Child to School

Please be considerate and careful when using the school parking lot. In the interest of safely dropping off and picking up your child and to help traffic move smoothly, we ask parents/guardians not to stop or park on the side of the school adjacent to Bayview Avenue; this is a fire route and will impede the arrival of emergency vehicles. As well, parking or stopping in the loop off Bayview Avenue slows the flow of traffic. To facilitate the process of dropping off and picking up, we ask that you drop off and pick up your student in the back parking lot of the school. To avoid the morning rush, consider dropping off your student before 8:45 a.m., carpooling, or encouraging your child to walk or make use of public transit.

Thank you for working with us to keep our students and staff safe.

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

USEFUL LINKS:

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

Dear Thornlea Community,

On behalf of the Drama Department, we would just like to say thank you for such an amazing turn out from the 12th to the 15th. We have received tremendous feedback on our Grade 9/10 Drama Production of *Appropriate Audience Behavior*, directed by Ms. Bern and Ms. Kertesz (not to mention the amount of laughs we got from the audience!). To all the parents, students, staff and friends, your support is amazing and we are so grateful to have the opportunity to present our shows for such a lovely audience!

We hope that you enjoyed the show, unlike Carol and Ashley (who both couldn't manage to find a proper seat during THEIR show). We want to also *thank all of the students* who worked VERY hard throughout their rehearsals, their memorization runs and final dress rehearsals to put this show together.. we couldn't have done this without you! *TLSS Tech Team*, thank you for the constant support in set building and running the lights/sound smoothly during our production process!

To all the parents and TLSS community members, we hope to see you at our next Production of

"Pocatello" on January 11,12,15,16th 2024 starring Ms. Bern's Grade 11/12 Senior Drama students.

Tickets are now available on school cash online for \$10.00 or purchase at the door (early arrival is always best to secure seating.)

On that note, enjoy your winter break and see you in the New Year for our NEXT production of this semester!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Bern

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Some fun photos of our talented students in action



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Special thanks to the TLSS
Tech Team for building our
set for this production!



Thank you to our wonderful students for powering through 4 nights of
pure random, chaos and laughter!!

Our Thornlea staff, students and community **LOVED** it!



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Dear Thornlea Students,
Are you thinking to join
Thornlea Vocal Ensemble "Les Voix"
to sharpen your musical and vocal skills?

We'd love you to join in!

You will have a terrific opportunity
to improve your rhythmic skills,
your vocal range, your listening skills,
your confidence, and your
all-round musicality:

Sight Reading

Ear-Training;

Healthy Vocal Techniques;

Basic Music Theory;

Vocal Exercises and more..

We will be singing songs
and musicals in different languages.

We meet on

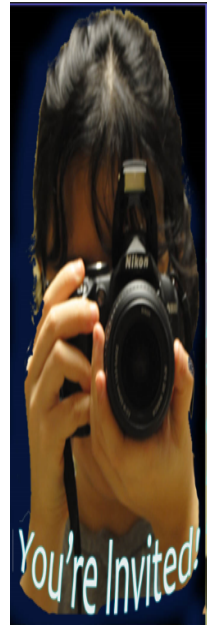
Fridays at lunch in Rm 219 (Drama Room).

If you want to join the Vocal Workshops,
please sign up in Room 219 with Ms. N. Bern.

Can't wait to see you all there.

On se voit là-bas!





Message to our Grade 8 Community

To All Grade 8 Students,

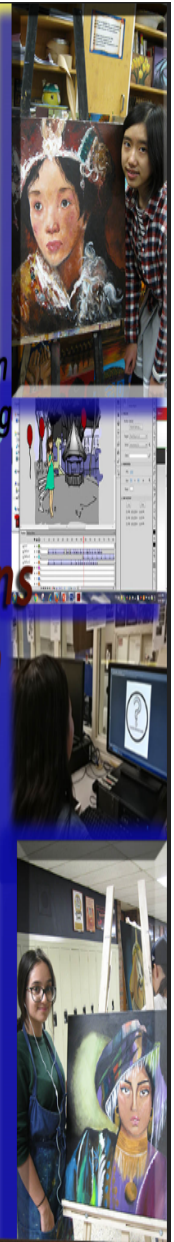
The Arts and ACAM Program

The Arts and ACAM (Academy of Creativity and Multimedia) program with a potential package of up to TWELVE enrichment Arts, Drama, Music and Design courses for artistically talented students with a strong interest in Arts, Digital Media Design, ComTech Design, Performing Arts, Music and Photography.

We are still accepting applications to our Fall 2024 ACAM Program

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATIONS!!!

To Register for the ACAM Enrichment Program, use this Link: bit.ly/3tGW9Mx





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Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessments

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Tuesday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 17, 2024, Thornlea students currently enrolled in a Grade 9 math class will be taking part in the provincial Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics created by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario. This assessment is administered to all students in Grade 9 MTH1W1 courses in Ontario's publicly funded school system.

The assessment consists of two test booklets, and students are given 60 minutes to complete each booklet. Extra time will be permitted where needed under a teacher's supervision. Both booklets are to be completed **online** in school using a YRDSB device.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, which is what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Therefore, your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Students will write the test in a designated location that has computers with their regular teachers (where possible) and can prepare as they would for any other secondary school test.

Please note that this test, or part of it, will also be graded by your child's math teacher and will count towards 5% of their class mark.

After the assessment, EQAO will send our school a report on your child's achievement on the assessment, and we will send it home at that time. Your child's results are private and will give you an indication of their achievement in relation to Ontario's high provincial standard. The standard, or Level 3, represents the range from 70% to 79%. Meeting the standard means your child has a solid grasp of the required knowledge and skills, which is a good indication that he or she will be ready for math work in Grade 10.

You can use the information that EQAO assessment results provide about your child's strengths and areas needing improvement to celebrate and monitor your child's progress. It can also help you in discussions with teachers. As a school community, we use these results, along with other information, to guide our school improvement initiatives. This benefits not only your child but all the students in our school. The results are also used by our school board and the Ministry of Education to direct attention and resources where they are needed.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample of its assessments, you are encouraged to visit www.eqao.com.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for everyone's support!
Merci à tous!

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Grad Photo Sign up

Your Portrait Session

Carry on the Canadian tradition of marking your graduation accomplishments with a classic portrait! Your professional portrait session includes traditional gown and sash poses on contemporary and traditional backgrounds.

**Sit fee details available online when you book your session.*



More Options

Your comfort and enjoyment are our top priority when you are at the camera. We want all students to let your true colours shine. Your sitting options may include: more poses and casual poses.

View details on all your sitting options at bookmygrad.ca

B.G.O.P

Depending on the school, Edge may or may not provide props during your photo shoot. Please feel free to bring your own flowers, books, etc. to be photographed with during your session. There's no limit to your creativity!

**Poses and backgrounds may vary.*



Graduating Class Composite

Just like the ones you stared at in your high school hallways, you'll receive your very own copy of a graduating class composite. Composites are typically handed out at Convocation or at the end of the school year.

A traditional portrait with a blue background will be provided to your school for the composite and yearbook.

**Composite size and folder inclusion vary by school. Details provided upon booking.*



Book your session TODAY!

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to bookmygrad.ca and enter your school code and student number to get started.

SCHOOL CODE: TLS // Beginning Tuesday January 9, 2024

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Senior Graduation

Book Your Portrait Session



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Congratulations on Your Graduation

You've worked hard and it's time to celebrate.

Edge Imaging will be coming to your school to commemorate this milestone moment. Sign up soon so you can be sure to get the time slot that works best for you.

Questions? Check out the FAQs at
edgeimaging.ca/graduation

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GUIDANCE NEWS

The OUAC is officially closed for the holidays from December 22, 2023 to January 2, 2024, inclusive. The OUAC website and online applications will be available during this time.

To reduce the chance of delays and slower online response times, encourage your university-bound students to complete and submit their Undergraduate application well in advance of the January 15, 2024 deadline.

Extended Applicant Services hours will be available on the January application deadline:

Monday, January 15: 9:30 am to 7 pm (ET)

Applicant Services Phone: 519-823-1063

OUAC/OCAS

Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied to, or are planning to apply to OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) for University and OCAS (Ontario Colleges Application Services) for College.

Your midterm grades from semester 1 have been processed by OUAC and OCAS and sent to the Universities and Colleges to which you have officially applied to.

Please log on to your online application in order to review your academic information. This verification is especially important if OUAC/OCAS does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OUAC/OCAS or Universities/Colleges because of a junk-mail setting with your inbox.

If you see an error in your OUAC and/or 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 is January 15, 2024



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Applying to College or University?

Applications are now open! Start your application today by clicking on the links below for next steps.

University Information Link

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/University.aspx>

College Information Link

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/College.aspx>

Equal Consideration Deadline for applications to Ontario Colleges is February 1, 2024.

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

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Welcome to Thornlea Guidance Services!

Students are assigned a counsellor according to their surname.

To connect with your Guidance Counsellor, please scan the QR CODE or use the bit.ly below.



bit.ly/ThornleaGuidance

SCAN ME

Once you have submitted the form, your Guidance Counsellor will connect with you via your GAPPS email to set up an appointment.

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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