



Thornlea Secondary School

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 14	MOBYSS Mobile Health Clinic
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



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

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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](#)

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.

University of Waterloo Beaver Computing Challenge

Congratulations to our students who achieved excellent results at the University of Waterloo Beaver Computing Challenge 2023. Congratulations to Ethan, Eric and Taiquan for achieving Distinctions. Of our eleven students who competed, 3 of our students achieved Distinctions, 6 of our students scored 90% and above, and 9 students scored Above Average among more than 8300 contestants.

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THORNLEA DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

Grade 9 /10 Drama Show of

"Appropriate" Audience Behavior by Ian McWethy.

***Please see our cast list on School Cash Online for each night's showing!**

Tickets are \$7.00 through school cash online OR at the door.

Doors open at 6:00 pm - Show starts at: 6:30 pm

Synopsis of the Play:

Have you ever sat in an audience where you were just trying to enjoy a show? But for some odd reason, the people around you keep acting annoying and weird? Let alone, odd and frustrating to sit next to? Well don't be alarmed! We've all been there at least once before. Well this time, Carol and Ashley might be understanding our pain as they try to sit through a performance of Hamlet. Don't know what proper audience etiquette looks like?

Pro Tip: Basically do the OPPOSITE of what the audience is about to do.

Anyway, good luck and happy watching! :)

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram under @thornleadrama for fun rehearsals/ backstage process of putting our show together!

BUY TICKETS:

December/12:

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/287153/72/False/True>

December/13:

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/287191/72/False/True>

December/14:

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/287192/72/False/True>

December/15:

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/287195/72/False/True>

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**THORNLEA'S GRADE 9/10
DRAMA PRESENTS**

*Appropriate Audience
Behaviour*

Written By:
**IAN
MCWETHY**

Performed by:
**MS. BERN'S GR 9 CLASS
MS. KERTESZ'S GR 10 CLASS**

**SHOW DATES:
DECEMBER 12,13,14,15
IN ROOM 219 (DRAMA ROOM)**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
SHOW STARTS AT 6:30PM**

\$7.00 TICKETS ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE/AT THE DOOR

@THORNLEADRAMA



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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



#EDGEGRAD24 Do Good & Get Rewarded!
FIND OUT HOW YOU COULD **WIN A BURSARY**
CHECK OUT edgeimaging.ca/win FOR DETAILS

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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ACADEMY OF CREATIVITY AND MULTIMEDIA



WHAT IS ACAM?

The Academy of Creativity and Multimedia is a specialized program only offered at Thornlea Secondary School. The program provides opportunities for students to develop strong skills in Visual & Performing Arts, and Technology with the purpose of discovering all that can be created when we combine them in new and exciting ways.

ACAM is designed to be flexible so students can also take French Immersion and Advanced Placement courses if they choose. Experience with Visual & Performing Arts and Technology is useful but not required. The program is designed for students who have a distinct openness and interest in being creative with the arts and technology.

Important: ACAM Arts courses are also offered in French (French Immersion Program).



SOFTWARE STUDENTS WILL LEARN TO EXPLORE THEIR CREATIVE EXPRESSION:

Photoshop - Image Manipulation/ Photo Editing/ Graphic Design
Flash/ Animate - 2D Animation/ Shape and Motion Tweens
Adobe Illustrator - Graphic Design and Photo Enhancement
Google Sketch Up and Google Terrain - Designing Animation Layouts/ 3D Model Construction
Adobe Premier Pro - Visual Portfolios/ Claymation/ Movies
Blender - 3-D Animation/ Model Construction and Character Rigging
Dreamweaver - Professional Website Design
Reaper - Digital Audio Workstation/ Sound Editing/ Multi Track Design
Artistically - Students will acquire strong drawing skills in perspective drawing and figure drawing. They will have the opportunity to work with 2D and 3D designs.

Students will also use **Lightroom, After Effects, DaVinci Resolve, Audacity** and **Canva**

Any career that requires strong leadership skills, collaboration, problem solving, adaptability, or new ideas relates to ACAM!

APPLICATION INFORMATION

To be considered for **early admission** into the program, please submit your completed application no later than **Friday, December 15th** by 4 pm to Thornlea's main office.

Students will be notified of their early acceptance in December before the Winter Holidays. All other applicants will be put on a waiting list and notified by late January if there are spaces available in the program.

We do accept applications on an ongoing basis after January but space is very limited. It is best to apply early. Once accepted into the program register to guarantee your spot!

There is no cost to apply. The Application form is on the Thornlea School Website under "Specialized Programs" and "ACAM". If you are a York Region Student, you can apply online or with a printed copy. All other applicants can print a copy of the application and submit to Thornlea Secondary School (main office). You can also pick up applications in our school Guidance office.

COURSES

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF COURSES FOR STUDENTS TO CHOOSE DEPENDING ON THEIR INTERESTS AND FUTURE PLANS.

GRADE 9 REQUIRED COURSES

Art for ACAM: AWS105 in English or AWSOF in French (French Immersion Program)
Communication Technology: TG105

GRADE 10 (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)

Visual Design, Media Arts, Photography, Technological Design, Communication Technology, Drama, Music, Hairstyling and Aesthetics

GRADE 11 (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)

Visual Arts, Visual Design, Media Arts, Photography, Technological Design, Communication Technology, Music, Drama, Theatre Technology, Hairstyling and Aesthetics, Business Entrepreneur and Arts and Culture
SISM Co-op

GRADE 12 (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)

Visual Arts, Visual Design, Media Arts, Visual Arts Advanced Placement (AP), Photography, Technological Design, Communication Technology, Music, Drama, Hairstyling and Aesthetics, Writer's Craft, SISM Co-op

SPECIAL PROJECT

To graduate with an ACAM Certificate, students must complete a final **Special Project** by May of their Graduating year to be showcased at the end of the year show. Some examples include: a short film, comic book, Art show, fashion design, illustrated book, and design work for a business. Students can work independently or with a peer.

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**CLOTHING
DONATIONS
FOOD
DRIVE**

HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED DURING THE COLD SEASONS
(PIZZA PARTY FOR THE CLASS THAT COLLECTS THE MOST FOOD)

**4 DEC
START** | **COLLECTED AT**
FOOD : HOMEROOMS
CLOTHING : FRONT OFFICE | **15 DEC
END**

@tissenvironmentalalliance | all donations will be going to local communities



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GUIDANCE NEWS

Full Disclosure and 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

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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THORNLEA GUIDANCE

Book AN APPOINTMENT

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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BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries.

Date: December 13, 2023, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Schools, please share this flyer with your school communities.

[BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop Flyer - YRDSB - December 13 2023.pdf](#)