



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

January 17, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 22-28	Exams
Jan 29	Instructional Day
Jan 30	Exam Review Day Modified Schedule
Jan 31	PA Day

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Library
(across from the main office)

Meeting Dates:

Tuesday February 18, 2025 &
Monday April 7, 2025

SCHOOL email:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

ATTENDANCE email:

thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

CONTACT/TELEPHONE CHANGE:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

YRDSB LINKS:

[18+ Student Consent Form](#)

[SchoolCash Online](#)

[What is De-Streaming](#)

[YRDSB Guide to the School Year](#)



THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

Dear Thornlea Families:

We have had a very successful two weeks back after the Winter Break. Our students have been working diligently on completing Culminating Assignments and preparing for exams. The Thornlea staff have been working with our students through this busy time. If there is any additional support your student may need as their subjects for semester one are ending, please reach out to school! Our staff (teachers, Guidance Counsellors, SERTs, Student Success teachers and support staff) are great supportive resources for students as they navigate this time of year.

Our Semester 1 Exams start on January 22. Please consult the exam schedule below to review when your student is writing exams. There is a link to the exam schedule on the next page.

We are looking forward to meeting with the School Council in the new semester. Our first meeting of the new year will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 in the library. All parents/guardians are welcome!

We have quite a few lost and found items that have been on display outside of the office for a few weeks. If your teen is missing something, please have them drop by to look for their items. We will be donating any items that have not been claimed by January 24, 2025.

Lastly, this is just a reminder that January 29 is a regular instructional day, not an exam day.

Warmest regards,

Thornlea Administration Team

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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](#)

USEFUL LINKS:

[Thornlea Calendar](#)

[Thornlea Instagram](#)

[Thornlea Website](#)

[York Region Public Health](#)

KIDS HELP PHONE
1-800-668-6868
1-800-THORNLEA

YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK
1-855-303-COPE (3673)

Suicide Prevention Canada
Call 905
Text 905

360 kids
2020-2021: 416-969-2884
2022-2023: 416-969-2884
WWW.360KIDS.CA

youthline
416-491-4371

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

MORE RESOURCES

Mental Health Resources

Thornlea Secondary School
shop!

FEATURED CATEGORIES



TO SHOP: See link below

[Thornlea Merchandise](#)

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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	HRS	Course	Teacher	RM	HRS	Course	Teacher	RM	HRS	Course	Teacher	RM	HRS	Incident Weather/Overflow Day
9	FSF1D1-3	Ah-Kim	128	1.5	FSF1O1-1	Volfovsky	143	1.5	FSF1O1-2	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	FSF1O1-3	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	
													MTH1W1-5	Robinson	238	1.5	
													SNC1W1-5	Manners	134	1.5	
													SNC1W1-8	Chan	123	1.5	
10	CHC2D1-1	Ceausu	218	1.5	CHC2D1-3	Muckie	225	1.5	CHC2D1-4	Muckie	225	1.5	CHC2D1-5	Ceausu	218	1.5	
	MPM2D1-1	H. Wang	220	1.5	CHC2D1-1	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	RIF2D1-1	Fu	138	2	MPM2D1-10	Nejadi Rad	133	1.5	
	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					
11	BAF3M1-1	Daneshmand	109	2	BAF3M1-2	Daneshmand	109	2	MCR3U1-4	Mahalingam	129	2	MCF3M1-1	Mahalingam	129	2	
	RIF3U1-1	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	MCR3U1-6	K. Lee	135	2	
	NBE3U1-4	Lewin	235	2	NBE3U1-1	Levine	230	2	SCH3U1-1	L. Wang	139	2	NBE3U1-5	Lewin	235	2	
	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	Houman Farshahi	139	2					SPH3U1-2	Paydar	118	2	
12	ENG4U1-1	Liu	230	2	ENG4U1-2	Swales	226	2	BAT4M1-1	Ye	126	2	ENG4U1-4	Kennedy	235	2	
	FIF4U1-1	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	
	SBI4U1-1	Wan	117	2	MHF4U1-4	McCutcheon	132	2	MHF4U1-3	Nejadi Rad	133	2	SBI4U1-2	Wan	117	2	
	SBI4U1-1	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	SCH4U1-1	Manivannan	125	2	
									SPH4U1/E-2	Houman Farshahi	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

Click below for copy of exam schedule:

[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 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

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.

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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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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Our student's robotics team Thornlea SS Thunder Robotics Team 8764 will be competing at the University of Waterloo in Waterloo on March 21 - 22, 2025 and at Durham College, Oshawa on March 15 - 16, 2025 against other high school teams from across Ontario during this upcoming FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) 2025 competition season. Kick-off of this year's competition season happened on January 4, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNyZrkLxAtA>. Our students are busy brainstorming ideas for strategy and design of the robot. Build sessions for fabricating, assembling and wiring, and programming the robot happens in after school build meetings at the school. Our robotics team is aiming for the Ontario Provincial Championship at the International Centre in Mississauga on April 2 - 5, 2025.

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The Thornlea Hackers Club is about to enter an online cybersecurity competition that's happening soon and is open to having new members. Students who are highly math-minded (familiar with "numbers theory", achieving high marks in math, interested in the 6 specific areas in which they have to compete). Here's some more info about it:



picoCTF: High School Hacking Competition

☀ It's time to gear up for picoCTF 2025! ☀

Are you ready to dive into the world of cybersecurity? Whether you're a student exploring the basics or a seasoned coder testing your skills, picoCTF offers exciting challenges for everyone!

Join the world's largest free hacking competition where you can compete for cash prizes, specialty awards, and a chance to visit Carnegie Mellon University. More info is available here: <https://picoctf.org/index.html#picogym> and their brochure with photos of past winners is here: https://picoctf.org/pdfs/PicoCTF_Brochure_4_2020.pdf

From https://picoctf.org/get_started.html: Hacking is all about curiosity, exploration, and deeply understanding how something works. Most people who identify as "hackers" are working very hard to protect people and to make technology easier and safer to use. Unfortunately, when most people hear or read about hacking in the news, the story is about people using hacking to do harm, but this couldn't be further from the truth. Career-wise, people skilled in hacking are highly sought out by companies looking to strengthen their cybersecurity. Computer security experts are in very high demand today, and often are paid six-figure salaries.

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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.

Course Request Changes - the google form to request a timetable change will be emailed to all students on Tuesday Jan. 28th - there are very limited choices, and you can only submit the form once.

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

Feb. 13 is the OUAC transmission of final grades for Ontario Universities.
Feb. 14 is the OCAS transmission of final grades for Ontario Colleges.

Feb. 13 is the start of course selection for September 2025, students must submit by Feb. 21st.

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Summer school registration will open on myBlueprint in late April, date to be announced.

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

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

[Slides - OCAS Applications](#)

[Slides - OUAC Applications](#)

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/>

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The Tenants' Housing Rights Free Virtual Workshop

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/tenants-housing-rights-free-virtual-workshop>

Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

Monday, January 27, 2025
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

<https://yrdsb.sharepoint.com/sites/BWW-News/SitePages/CBSE-January-Family-Info-Session.aspx>

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AT THORNLEA:

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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BUILDING HEALTHY KIDS

This winter reboot your family's routine!

A new year is here, and it's a great time to think about your family's routines!

As you start to think about your family's goals for 2025 be realistic. Make sure to incorporate things you already enjoy, build upon on what's already working well, and be patient with yourself and your kids.



Help your family to continue building healthy habits for 2025 through daily movement, nutritious meals, and mental health promotion strategies you can use with your children all year round! During the winter months, try foods to keep you warm including soups, stews, casseroles, curries, and chili. Enjoy some family meals together and cooking with your children – it's a great way to connect, spend time together, and learn new skills.

If you are thinking about getting more active, consider getting outdoors to play! When children and youth are outside, they move more, get curious, and find joy. Interacting with nature, even when it is cold outside, has many benefits. It helps restore our ability to concentrate and pay attention. It improves mood, focus and our stress response. Remember to dress for the weather, it's the first step to enjoying being outside and the best way to do this is to layer clothing you can remove easily when it is warmer or put back on when it becomes colder. Make sure gaps such as wrists, ankles, neck, back and waist are covered and even though it is winter - don't forget sunscreen and sunglasses!

If you find things are tough at the start of the new year for you or your family, you can try breathing, visualization, muscle relaxation, journaling, listening to music, practising gratitude to help you cope. Try a variety of activities to see what works best. As a parent or caregiver, it is essential to take care of yourself, so you can care and support others. Your self care will help improve your energy, focus, ability to cope with challenges and you will be a model to your children.

For more tips on how you can reboot your family's routine this winter routine visit:

[York.ca/HealthyKids](https://york.ca/HealthyKids)

Public Health
1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/HealthyKids



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