



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

January 27, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 26 - Feb 1	Exams
Feb 3	PA Day
Feb 6	Mark Review Day / Semester 2 begins
Feb 9-14	Report cards
Feb 14	Course Selection Assembly Gr 9 & 10
Feb 15	Course Selection Assembly Gr 11 & 12
Feb 20	Family Day

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm
Meeting Location:
Library (across from the
office)

Meeting Dates:
Tuesday Feb 21, 2023
Monday April 17, 2023

SCHOOL email:

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ATTENDANCE email:

thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

CONTACT INFORMATION

CHANGE:

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Thornlea Families;

We have now completed two days of exams. This Wednesday February 1st will be an exam day for those students that were supposed to write on Thursday January 26th. This Thursday February 2nd will be another exam day in case we have a second inclement weather day during exams. Our second semester will start on Monday February 6th. In the morning students will attend their first semester classes and teachers will review the exam and share the final mark for the course. In the afternoon students will attend their semester two classes. We will send home a schedule for the day and a copy will be enclosed in this E bulletin. While exams are being written the school is open and extra help is available. Student Success is available to help students with missing assignments and help studying for an upcoming exam. They are located in room 213. The Resource room is open for extra help and help completing assignments and they are located in room 246. All missing assignments will be accepted up until Thursday February 2nd.

When we return to classes on Monday there will be a number of students that require course changes. Guidance will be helping students make those changes starting on Monday. The school has experienced growth and we will be requesting new classes from the school board. We hope to have new classes and teachers in place by February 13th. We will work through the course requests as quickly as we can and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in this matter. Once course changes are finalized students and guidance will be working on course selection for next school year for our returning students. There will be grade assemblies for all grades conducted by our guidance department in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about this process please feel free to contact me.

Warmest Regards,
Joe Foti

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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](#)
[Staff Administration Of Medication](#)

YRDSB LINKS:

[What is De-Streaming](#)
[York Region Public Health](#)
[COVID-19 Mental Health](#)
[Resources for Students and Families](#)

USEFUL LINKS:

[YRDSB Website](#)
[Thornlea Website](#)
[Thornlea Calendar](#)
[Thornlea Instagram](#)
[18+ Consent Form](#)
[York Region Public Health](#)

CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Thornlea Arts Department - Winter Performance

This past Tuesday January 24th, the Thornlea Arts Department was excited to present their Winter Concert! The performance included the Thornlea Music Class directed by David Chan, and the Thornlea Concert Band, which is made up of those taking the after school Repertoire Course and is directed by Alicia Kennedy. The event, which took place in the Library, was very well attended, to the point where there was standing room only! Thank you to all those who attended! We hope to see you all at our Spring Arts Show, and will communicate specific dates closer to the time.



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GUIDANCE NEWS

The Guidance Team

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L. Rai lovleen.raai@yrdsb.ca	JAN - MOR
A. Tse andrea.tse@yrdsb.ca	MOS - Z

The Guidance appointment form is currently closed and will re-open on **Tuesday February 21st at 8:45 am.**

Students should be able to view their Semester 2 schedule on Teach Assist early next week.

Guidance will be sending out the link to the Google Form to all the student's school gapps email on **Friday February 3rd**, if they would like to request a change in their semester 2 schedule, please fill out this form.

Please access information through our Thornlea Guidance Webpage:

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

Our Ontario University Slide deck presentation is also ready to view along with our Ontario College Slide deck. Please see links below:

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

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

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For Scholarship information for grade 12 graduating students, please check the Scholarship section for updates on the grade 12 Guidance GoogleClassroom. Grade 12 Invitation Link:

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzQ1MzAxNDUxMDUw?cjc=wrhpcgg>

Grade 12 Code: [wrhpcgg](#)

Apply to an Ontario College today! **Deadline for equal consideration is Feb. 1st 2023.**

www.ontariocolleges.ca

The next OUAC University grades transmission is scheduled for **February 16, 2023.**

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Please NOTE: **Graduation Date Change**

This year's graduation date has been **changed to Tuesday June 27th, 2023.**

Graduation Fee is \$75.00 per GRAD

If you have NOT YET PAID the fee and will be attending graduation on June 27, 2023, please pay now and make sure to include the size of your gown.

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

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Thornlea Supports

- TLC Room 213**
 - academic support
 - mental health support
 - open all day, every day
 - ask your teacher if you'd like to visit
 - Contact: heather.perry@yrdsb.ca
- Credit Rescue**
 - Wednesdays from 3:05pm to 4:30pm in room 213
 - join us if you need some support with your assignments
 - everyone is welcome
 - focus on math/science
- The Resource Room**
 - open all day to students with IEPs
 - write tests, use a computer, and work with a Resource Teacher Room 246
- Extra Math Help**
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch in room 131
 - all are welcome!
 - Wednesdays after school in Farsi in room 246
 - Mathify (free online tutors) www.twomathify.com/students
- ELL**
 - English Language Learners can get support from Maria Mereculias
 - Contact: maria.mereculias@yrdsb.ca

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Exam Preparation Slide - please open link

Exam Preparation Tips

THORNLEA EXAM SCHEDULE: JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1, 2023

	PERIOD 1				PERIOD 2				PERIOD 3				PERIOD 4				DAY 5
GR.	Thursday, January 26 - 9:00 am				Friday, January 27 - 9:00 am				Monday, January 30 - 9:00 am				Tuesday, January 31 - 9:00 am				Wednesday, February 1
	Course	Teacher	RM	HRS	Course	Teacher	RM	HRS	Course	Teacher	RM	HRS	Course	Teacher	RM	HRS	Culminating Performance Tasks
	CCG1D1-02	Eskler	240	1.5	CCG1D1-07	Seguin	216	1.5	CCG1D1-03	Eskler	240	1.5	CCG1D1-01	Seguin	216	1.5	Repetitive Playing Exam
	CCG1D1-01	Avard	140	1.5	FSF1D1-02	Avard	140	2	MTH1W1-03	Perry	136	1.5	FIF1D1-01	Fu	138	2	Credit Rescue
	MTH1W1-01	Tran	224	1.5	MTH1W1/1W3-08	Tews	136	1.5	MTH1W3-02	Tran	224	1.5	FSF1D1-01	Volfovsky	143	2	Inclusion Weather Day
	MTH1W3-01	Tews	136	1.5					MTH1W1-02	Jeor	127	1.5	MTH1W1-02	Jeor	127	1.5	
	SNC1W1-04	H. Wang	112	1.5					SNC1W1-07	H. Wang	112	1.5	SNC1W1-08	Huang	112	1.5	
									SNC1W3-04	Chan	123	1.5	SNC1W3-03	Ross	117	1.5	
	MPM2D1-05	Jeor	127	1.5	FIF2D1-03	Pilaram	146	2	FIF2D1-01	Pilaram	146	2	SNC2D1-03	L. Wang	139	1.5	
	MPM2D3-02	Lee	135	1.5	MPM2D1-01	Patel	131	1.5	MPM2D1-04	Jeor	127	1.5	SNC2D3-02	Manivannan	125	1.5	
	SNC2D1/2D3-06	Manivannan	125	1.5	MPM2D3-01	Lee	135	1.5									
					SNC2D1-02	Chan	123	1.5									
					SNC2D3-03	Paydar	134	1.5									
	MCF3M1-01	Mahalingam	129	2	BAF3M1-01	Lagis	109	2	ENG3U1-02	Kennedy	235	1.5	ENG3U1/3UE-06	Burman	237	1.5	
	MCR3U1-03	Aminvaziri	131	2	ENG3U1/3UE-03	Burman	237	1.5	FIF3U1-01	Fu	138	2	MCR3U1-02	Mahalingam	129	2	
	SCH3U1-02	L. Wang	139	2	SCH3U1/3UE-05	L. Wang	139	2	FSF3U1/4U1-01	Avard	140	2	SBI3U1-01	Vervaeke	123	2	
	SPH3UE-01	Paydar	118	2	SVN3M1-02	Vervaeke	112	2	MCR3U1-05	Lee	135	2	SBI3UE-01	Chu	142	2	
									SBI3U1-03	Vervaeke	142	2					
									SPH3U1-01	Paydar	118	2					
	CLN4U1-01	Ceausu	218	2	CHY4U1-01	Ceausu	218	2	ENG4U1-02	Hutchison	232	2	ENG4U1-04	Hutchison	232	2	
	ENG4U1-03	Levine	226	2	MHF4U1/4UE-05	McCutcheon	132	2	FSF3U1/4U1-01	Avard	140	2	FIF4UE/4UF-01	Pilaram	146	2	
	MHF4U1-02	McCutcheon	132	2	SCH4U1-02	Manivannan	125	2	MDM4U1-01	Mahalingam	129	2	MHF4U1-03	Patel	131	2	
	SBI4U1/4UE-04	Ross	117	2					SBI4U1-02	Ross	117	2	MHF4U1/4UE-07	McCutcheon	132	2	
									SPH4U1/4UE-03	R. Ackerman	134	2					

Mark Review Day/First Day of Semester 2 Schedule

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Mark Review Day/First Day of Semester 2 Schedule

Monday, February 6, 2023

The following modified schedule applies to the Mark Review Day on Monday, February 6, 2023 which will also be the first day of Semester 2.

Students will follow their Semester 1 Timetables in the morning and Semester 2 Timetables in the afternoon.

SEMESTER 1 - Exam Mark Review	
Period	Timing
Period 1 Class/Anthem & Announcements	8:45-9:25
Period 2 Class	9:30-10:05
Period 3 Class	10:10-10:45
Period 4 Class	10:50-11:25
Lunch	11:25-12:25
SEMESTER 2 - Follow Semester 2 Schedule	
Period	Timing
Period 1 Class/Homeroom	12:30-1:05
Period 2 Class	1:10-1:45
Period 3 Class	1:50-2:25
Period 4 Class	2:30-3:05

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RAISING CONFIDENT COMPETENT CHILDREN

Let's talk about it!

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.



January 31, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!

Register Today!

This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children by:

- Encouraging respect and cooperating
- Learning to be independent
- Learning how to develop healthy self-esteem
- Available resources and supports in the community.

Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



This free parent presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

For more Information:

Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB

Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

Message from Our Trustee

February 2023

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to 2023, and enjoyed their winter break.

One of the most important roles of school board trustees is **communicating with the public**. I hope to use this newsletter as one way to keep you updated on Board news, to communicate my role as trustee and how I can support you, and to answer some of the questions I am often asked as a trustee.

Communicating with the public includes both sharing information and attending events to build relationships with families, but also ensuring I am available to you. If you have questions about Board policies or budget, concerns about your community, ideas and suggestions, or have a question and don't know [who to call](#), please feel free to reach out. I am happy to assist you.

Our Board of Trustees is made up of 12 trustees elected during the municipal election process, and one Indigenous trustee appointed through a separate process. Eight of the 12 elected trustees are new this term, and we are all looking forward to connecting with families and fulfilling our roles to support student achievement and well-being.

What do Trustees Do?

In addition to communicating with the public, we are also responsible for:

Establishing a Multi-Year Strategic Plan. This [plan](#) sets out our priorities as a school board and guides our direction and decision making as a system.

Setting policy. [Policies](#) govern the operation of our schools and organization, including field trips, school transportation, homework, caring and safe schools and much more. You can find out which policies are up for review in our [meeting agendas](#), or which [policies are out for comment](#) on the website. Your participation in this process is important to ensuring our policies are serving our communities and align with our priorities.

Setting an annual budget. I look forward to sharing more information about this process with you in the coming months as we engage in [budget](#) consultations.

Participating on Board and Advisory Committees. You can find the dates and agendas for these meetings on the Board website. You are welcome to attend and observe any [public Board, Advisory and Board Committee meetings](#).

Hiring the Director of Education. This process is governed by the [Director of Education Selection Policy](#), and we will keep you updated as this process progresses. In the meantime, I am deeply grateful to Interim Director of Education Scott Yake for his commitment and service.

Advocating for quality public education. I became a school board trustee because I believe in public education. I believe in the potential of each and every one of our students and our

responsibility to nurture their learning, growth and achievement. Our decisions as a board are centred on our commitment to deliver the best for our students.

What's Happening in YRDSB

[Kindergarten](#) registration opened January 20 for families with children who will start Kindergarten in September 2023.

[French Immersion registration](#) is open from January 20-February 6 for students entering Grade 1 in September 2023.

[Student trustee elections](#) are currently underway. All students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote for the student trustees who will represent them next school year.

In February, we recognize Black History Month, celebrating the contributions of Black people to the fabric of our society. I encourage you to visit the Board's [Centre for Black Student Excellence webpage](#) and [newsletter](#) to learn more about upcoming events during Black History Month and what's happening in the Board to celebrate Black excellence.

Family Day and the March Break are also approaching and we hope everyone enjoys the break.

There are a number of other events for families coming up and I encourage you to check the [Board calendar](#).

New Schools

One of the other questions I am asked, particularly in growing communities is about new schools or capital projects. I can let you know that in our municipality the following [capital projects](#) have received approval:

- [Markham Centre Elementary School](#), proposed to open September 2026

There are many ways you can stay up-to-date with what's happening in our school board. Visit the [newsroom](#) or website homepage at www.yrdsb.ca. Listen to our [podcast](#). Follow the Board on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#). Read your school newsletters and emails. I look forward to staying connected with you.

Jenny Chen
Trustee, Markham Wards 1 and 8