# \*THORNLEA SS\* E-BULLETIN

### **MARCH 28, 2025**

### **UPDATE ON E-BULLETIN COMMUNICATION**

Hello Thornlea families,

We are moving towards a <u>weekly bulletin</u> to ensure more timely distribution of events and information. We are also happy to share our bulletin with a new and improved look!

We hope everyone has a great weekend.





Date	Event
April 1	Thunder Rally Assembly
April 3	Parent/Guardian - Teacher Interviews
April 7	School Council Meeting 7pm

### **YEARBOOK**

Photo day portraits will appear in the yearbook UNLESS the parent/18+ student contacts the principal in writing by May 30, 2025.

It's time to Pre-Order your Yearbook for this 2024-2025 School Year!

The Thornlea S.S. Yearbook is a hardcover color book of memories for the current school year!

It includes student photos, sports teams, student activities/events, and staff photos. <u>ORDER ONE TODAY</u> so that you may remember the wonderful memories created here at Thornlea Secondary School.

### **BOARD NEWS**

#### **Dear Families**

The Ontario Ministry of Education released <u>Policy/Program Memorandum 128</u> in the fall of 2024, which included a directive to school boards to set out enforcement mechanisms to address the possession, use and provision of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, nicotine products, recreational cannabis, alcohol and illegal drugs. In support of a comprehensive approach, we are pleased to announce that in the coming months, vape-detecting devices will be installed at all YRDSB secondary schools.

Our schools continue to provide education and support regarding the harmful impact of these products. Please see resources listed below.

Resources for Families

#### **QUASH**

- A Logical Plan for Quitting
  - free smoking and vaping cessation app (co-designed by youth for youth)

#### School Mental Health Ontario

- Vaping: What you need to know
  - general information about vaping; outlines important facts, associated risks, and additional resources to support educators/families in having informed conversations with students

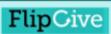
### York Region Public Health (YRPH)

- Vape Facts: What You Need to Know
  - o a website containing YRPH anti-vaping campaign videos and vaping facts
- Vaping and E-Cigarettes
  - o a website continuing YRPH information on vaping and health risks

### **Canadian Lung Association**

- How to Talk to Your Child About Vaping
  - o a pdf guide for parents about talking with your child about vaping and the risks

Please take a look at YRDSB's Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - April 2025



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### Thornlea School Council 2024-2025

#### **Executive Members**

Aroon B. (Co-chair)
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Sharon A. (Co-chair)
Diana L. (Comm/Secretary)
Jennifer F. (Treasurer)

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Amir S., Brenda C., Eileen M., Erika G., Grace Y., Jady K., Jane P., Jenn I., Lee Ann C., Natasha F., Sigalit S., Susan S., Winnette S., Ying T.

#### Contact Us

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### SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



PARENTS CONNECTING WITH PARENTS



### Parent/Guardian Coffee Chat

Parent/Guardian-Teacher interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday, April 3, 2025. Prior to that week, parents and guardians will receive instructions on booking appointment times with teachers. New this year is the Parent/Guardian Coffee Chat, hosted by the Thornlea School Council, providing parents and guardians the chance to connect.

Please visit Room 213 between appointments to enjoy refreshments and light snacks in the company of other parents and guardians.

We hope to see you there!



### **3rd Annual Career Night for Students**

Our annual Career Night is a fantastic way for Thornlea students to explore different post-secondary and career pathways, through informative presentations made by our parent/guardian volunteers. This event will take place at the school on the evening of Thursday, May 22.

We are looking for parents/guardians to share their career journey with our students on Career Night as a speaker. Please email us if you are interested: Thornlea.sc@gmail.com

### **3RD ANNUAL**

## YORK REGION ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER: EDUCATE TO ERADICATE

FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND YOUTH AGES 11+

Join us for an educational and awareness raising event about human trafficking. Gain valuable knowledge, tools and resources to help protect and empower our community!

#### PARENTS!

Learn how to safeguard your children from human trafficking. Hear from a mother of a survivor and York Regional Police officer.

### YOUTH!

Win prizes and have fun, while learning about personal safety, self-esteem building, and resilience.



Funding provided by Department of Justice Canada

#### LOCATION

Seneca Polytechnic, King Campus 13990 Dufferin Street, King City

### DATES

Attend on either May 13 OR May 14 2025 from 6-9 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

#### LEARN. ENGAGE & ENJOY

- Information sessions
- · Community information booths
- · Free pizza and refreshments!



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### **SCHOOL REMINDERS**

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.

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.

### **USEFUL LINKS**

ATTENDANCE CHANGE	thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca
CONTACT/TELEPHONE DATA CHANGE	thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca
STUDENT DATA ACCESS 18+	18+ Student Consent Form
SCHOOLCASH ONLINE	SchoolCash Online
THORNLEA SHOP	<u>Thornlea Merchandise</u>

**Guidance Questions?** Visit our website - <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/default.aspx</a>