



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly E-Bulletin

March 7, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 10-14	March Break School Closed
Mar 24	Interim Reports e-distribution
Mar 27	MOBYSS on-site

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Library
(across from the main office)

Meeting Dates:

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 NEWS

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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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
www.kidshelpline.ca

YSSN
YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK
1-855-363-COPE (2673)

Suicide Prevention Canada
Call 1-800-273-8255
Text 1-800-273-8255

360 kids
24/7 helpline: 1-800-387-2323
www.360kids.ca

youthline
1-877-424-4271

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS
MORE RESOURCES

[Mental Health Resources](#)

Thornlea Secondary School
shop!

FEATURED CATEGORIES



TO SHOP: See link below

[Thornlea Merchandise](#)

BUS OR SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

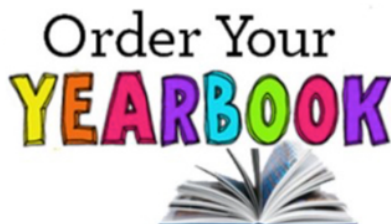
With winter weather here, we want to share some important reminders for families.

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](#).



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.

[ORDER ONE TODAY](#) so that you may remember the wonderful memories created here at Thornlea Secondary School.

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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Black History Month at TLEA

On Friday, February 28th the Thornlea Caribbean African Student Association (CASA) hosted a powerful Black History Month assembly for the entire student body. Our amazing student leaders from CASA created an educational video, shared poetry, and music as part of the impactful event. CASA President, Eden Foster, ended the assembly with this enduring message: "Let's make it our mission to honor black history not only in February but every day. Let's continue to learn, respect, and empower one another at Thornlea today."



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Ramadan at Thornlea



The Muslim Student Association (MSA) was created with the goal of creating a welcoming space for Muslim students to express and celebrate their identities at Thornlea. The MSA has worked to foster a sense of community with the hopes of hosting events and collaborating with other clubs in the school. We were able to host our first ever lunchtime event to teach peers and staff about the significance of Ramadan, which commenced on the evening of Friday, February 28th. Another accomplishment has been Thornlea's accommodation of students for the Dhuhr prayer time, in which a dedicated prayer and reflection room is offered to students as a safe and quiet place to connect with their faith. With the goal for the Club to grow, the MSA hopes to continue promoting understanding, build stronger interfaith relationships, and offer even more resources to support all students at Thornlea!

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Computer Science Competitions!



"Congratulations to our Computer Science students who competed at the NRGHacks 2025 hackathon event at the Aurora Public Library Tuesday, February 18th (8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.). This was a great event for high school programmers to get together to code an app, attend various coding workshops, and network with professionals and university students. Student creations were also judged at the end for prizes.



Congratulations to our Computer Science students who took up the challenge and competed in the University of Waterloo Canadian Computing Competition on February 19, 2025. The Canadian Computing Competition (CCC) is an online contest of over 300 000 students worldwide, reaching students in over 85 countries, designed for students with a range of programming experience. It provides participants with a challenge that helps build confidence and enhances their ability to understand, design, and implement algorithms.

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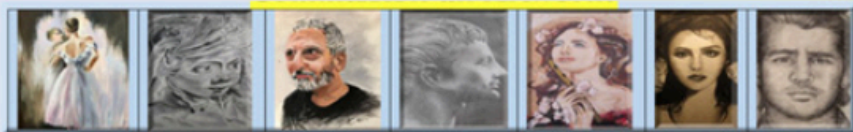
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NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT

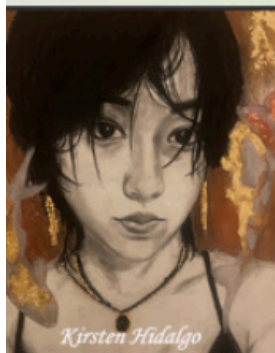
SPRING ART SALES *Shop the One of a Kind Artwork from Thornlea Artists!*



Dear Thornlea Staff, Parents/ Guardians,
Come for a sneak peek and Commission a Portrait!
Our Arts students will be selling their beautiful Jewellery sets, Landscapes, Portraits, Still-Life paintings, Sculptures and more. If you are planning to buy gifts for your families and friends, come and see our selection of beautiful items for your enjoyment. Don't miss out on the fun!
Our Grade 11/12 students are willing to draw or paint commissioned Portraits and Still-Life (please see samplings of their artwork). Artworks will be commissioned in a variety of sizes with a choice of background, and text may be drawn in. Just bring your photographs/ reference images, and our Artists in Residence will draw or paint your picture in any medium of your choice (pencil, charcoal, acrylic, pastels).
All money raised will be used to benefit our school's Arts program and for planning Multicultural Arts events and festivals. Thank you for your support!

Mme Bern and Arts / Student Equity Council

Self-Portraits in Oil pencils with Golden Leaf (Inspirations by Gustav Klimt and Kehinde Wiley)



Kirsten Hidalgo



Claudia Chiu



Yuning Fei



Jenny Liebenzon



Carmen Chow



Angeline Ruitong Wu



Alyssa Lee



Nina Elap

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Thornlea Concert Band News



"On February 11th 2025, Thornlea's Junior and Senior Concert Bands attended the OBA Provincial Band Festival. This festival provides students with an exciting opportunity to perform for their peers from other schools, as well as a panel of judges from universities across North America. They are given a rating based on their performance, as well as a clinic run by one of the judges afterwards to help improve their musicianship skills. Based on their performances, the Junior Concert Band received a Gold Rating, and the Senior Concert Band received a Silver Rating! Both bands received invitations to the MusicFest Nationals Competition! Finally, there are some awards given out after the festival for standout performances, and this year the Junior Concert Band brought home the first award Thornlea has received, for Overall Outstanding Performance! Congratulations to Thornlea's music students!"

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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 counsellors address questions and concerns regarding high school program planning and academic success, post-secondary educational alternatives and career choices.

Students are assigned a counsellor according to their surname.

Here is a list of guidance counsellors and the surname alphabet they service.

Counsellor	First Letter of Student Last Name
Ms. Ceausu	A-KAL
Ms. Rai	KAM-NON
Ms. Tse	NOO-SMI
Ms. Daneshmand	SO -WIL
Ms. Khan	WO-Z

Students can book an appointment with their counsellor on Teach Assist. If they are experiencing difficulty with the process, they can come by the Guidance office for support.

Upcoming Events:

By March 19 = students will have an opportunity to review the courses they selected for next year. An email will be sent to students' school gapps email that will provide the process for making changes to their course selection

April 24 = OUAC transmission will include semester 2 mid-term marks

April 25 = OCAS transmission will include semester 2 mid-term marks

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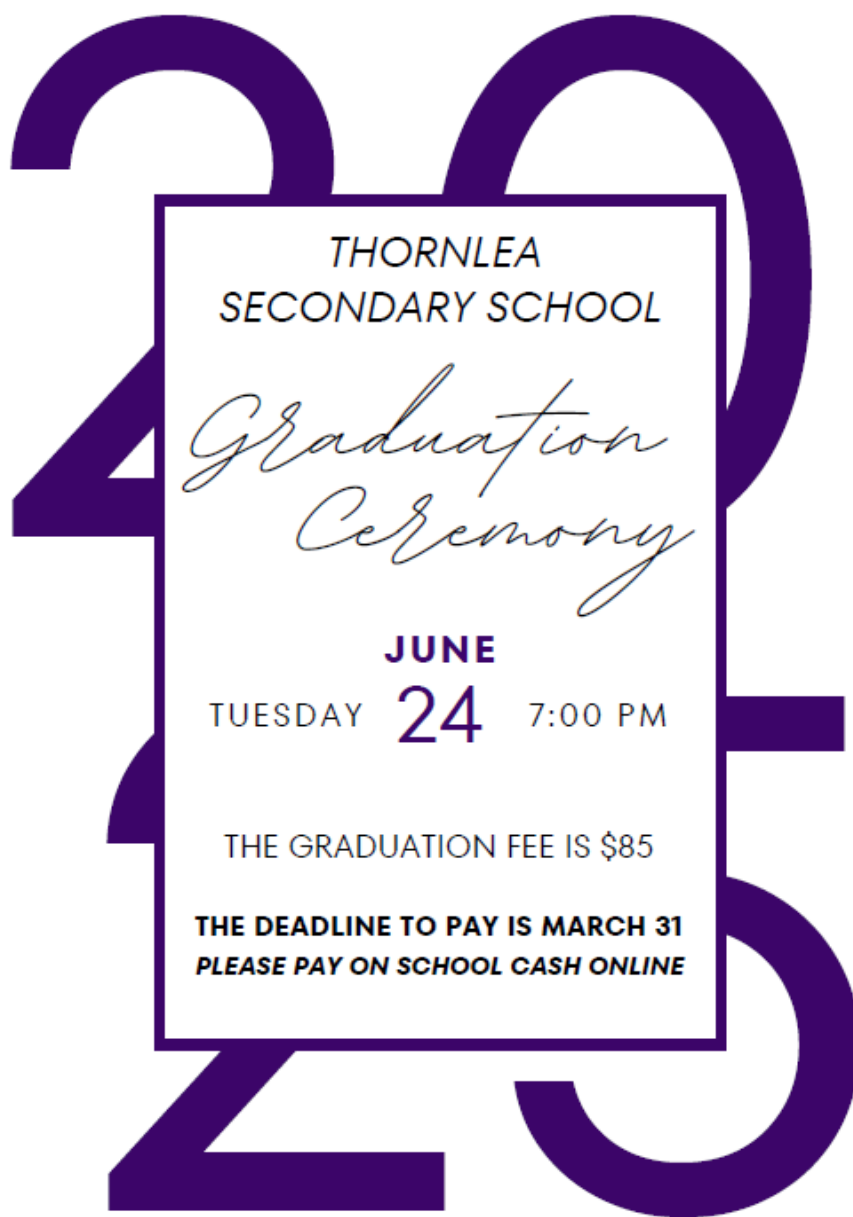


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Accessible, diverse & inclusive environment

The City of Vaughan is committed to:

- providing a welcoming and inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated and where everyone can develop to their full potential, participate freely in society, and live with respect, dignity and freedom from discrimination
- providing high quality accessible leisure opportunities for citizens of all ages and abilities
- identifying and removing barriers in accessing recreational services
- collaborating and supporting the ongoing efforts of the Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee
- celebrating successes and initiatives that promote accessibility, diversity, equity and inclusion.

For information, contact the
Inclusion and Support Services
905-832-2281 ext 7408 or
inclusion@vaughan.ca



Program Code of Conduct

The City of Vaughan is committed to ensuring a respectful environment, free from harassment, discrimination, violence, verbal abuse or vandalism. Recreation staff will make every effort to integrate a participant into programming and accommodate their individual needs. However, under the **City of Vaughan Health and Safety Policy** and **Safe Community Centres Policy** we reserve the right to remove and withdraw a participant from the program should their behaviour pose a potential risk of self-harm, or harm to other participants, staff, patrons or property.

Note: Participants must first complete an assessment prior to being registered into a program. Inclusion staff will contact the parent/guardian to assess the needs of their child and identify their eligibility for the program, then complete a **Participant with a Disability Form** and register the participant.

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Inclusion

2025 Spring Recreation Vaughan

Culinary Arts

COOKING & BAKING

Kids In the Kitchen

7 - 12 years

Measure, mix and master kid-friendly dishes that can be shared with the whole family. Explore a combination of baking, cooking and no-cooking required treats.

Note: Instruction will be adapted for participants with varying developmental and physical abilities. All required ingredients and supplies are provided.

Dates	Day	Time	Fee/Sessions	Code
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Maple Community Centre

Mar 22-May 24	Sat	10:30am-12:00pm	\$327.50/10	84904
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Teen Chefs

13 - 17 years

Do you want to elevate your culinary skills? Prepare savory dishes and tasty meals from scratch while learning about nutrition, food and kitchen safety. Develop basic cooking and baking skills, how to prepare sauces, sautéing and other culinary tips and tricks to create delicious meals.

Note: Instruction will be adapted for participants with varying developmental and physical abilities. All required ingredients and supplies are provided.

Dates	Day	Time	Fee/Sessions	Code
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Maple Community Centre

Mar 22-May 24	Sat	12:30am-2:00pm	\$317.50/10	84909
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Scheduled payment option is available for programs **\$400 and up**.

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Educational

LIFE SKILLS & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Connect

13 - 21 years

Connect with new friends over fun group activities such as baking, scrapbooking, swimming, dancing, bocce, cards, games, and visits from special guests. The focus on community awareness and social interaction outside the family unit helps develop life skills including problem solving, setting goals, expressing feelings appropriately, taking turns, asking for help, and initiating conversation.

Note: To be eligible, participants must be able to manage themselves safely and independently within a group environment. Weekly swimming is a component of this program.

Dates	Day	Time	Fee/Sessions	Code
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Dufferin Clark Community Centre

Mar 22-Jun 07	Sat	11:00am-4:00pm	\$702/12	84369
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Maple Community Centre

Mar 23-Jun 15	Sun	11:00am-4:00pm	\$702/12	84370
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Mar 23-Jun 15	Sun	4:00pm-6:00pm	\$279/12	84371
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Please login to see the many more programs that are offered: vaughan.ca/InclusiveRec

Inclusion Spring Recreation Programs!

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Zonta (Central York, District 4)

Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award Applications Available

Applications for the 2025 Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award are now available from the Zonta Central York, District 4 by contacting: zontacentralyork@gmail.com

The goal of the Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award is to encourage young women to participate in leadership positions by recognizing a young woman's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to building a better world for women in girls.

Applicants are asked to reflect on their voluntary commitment to their school and to their community and the problems limiting the empowerment of women in their own country and worldwide. The Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award looks to the young women of today to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Applications are due to: zontacentralyork@gmail.com by Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Applicants aged 16-19 on 1st April each year, studying at a secondary school, college or university in a Zonta district, or who are studying elsewhere but are citizens of a Zonta country at the time of application, are eligible to apply.

2025

**ZONTA YOUNG WOMEN
IN LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

1 APPLICATION, 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award
Varies by club

37 International awards
US\$5,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: zonta.org/YWLA.

CLUB DEADLINE:
Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:
zontacentralyork@gmail.com

The Young Women in Leadership Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working to build a better world for women and girls.

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