



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

April 6, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 7	Good Friday
Apr 10	Easter Monday
Apr 17	School Council Meeting
Apr 18	School Council Career Fair 7-9pm
April 20	Semester 2, Term 2 Begins
April 25	OSSLT
May 1	YRPH School Immunization Clinic

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location:

Library (across from the office)

Meeting Dates:

Monday April 17, 2023

SCHOOL email:

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Thornlea Families;

This week we have posted our final exam schedule for the school year, an indication that the end of the school year is rapidly approaching. Exams will start on June 20th for our grade twelve students and finish on June 27th for all students. Please have your child check with their teacher whether their class has a final exam. A family vacation or a summer job is not a valid reason to miss a final exam.

Last weekend our robotics team competed at McMaster University in the First Robotics competitions against teams from across the province. Our robot was built, programmed and repaired by our students throughout the year and competed in two very intense competitions. Due to their results at the University of Waterloo and last week's competition at McMaster University the team has qualified for the provincial championships. Good luck to our team this weekend!

As the weather improves our soccer, rugby, track and field and ultimate Frisbee teams will be able to move outside and onto our fields rather than practicing indoors. In May there will be our annual Luminary awards which celebrates excellence in the arts. We will also be holding an arts coffee house as well with an art show and musical performances from our students.

Finally, I would like to wish a Happy Passover and Easter to all who are celebrating.

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



Our school FIRST Robotics Competition Robotics Team competed at the University of Waterloo FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) event this past weekend March 24 - 25, 2023. Named the Waterloo Event, this FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) event is one of the most popular, most recognized and most prestigious FRC competition events in Ontario and even in the world. Our school robotics team overcame many challenges during the build season and during the two days of competition to emerge the overall winner of the Waterloo Event. It was quite an exciting and exhilarating competition for the students - including the heart-stopping moment at alliance selections when our team was picked for playoffs. During the playoffs our school team alliance dominated the playoffs all the way to the end of winning the overall competition that lasted two days long. Please see the attached photos of the competition event. Skip to the end of the twitchTV video, skip to the end of the video, to the point 8:40. <https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1775189195>.

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June Exams

Exams will occur in some courses during the Exam/Culminating Week on the School Website Calendar which is Tuesday, June 20 - Tuesday, June 27, 2023. These dates are published early in the school year to assist families with planning as students are expected to be available. Planned absences (e.g., family vacations/trips, summer camp/employment, etc.) are not considered valid reasons to miss exams and should be planned outside of the published exam period. Please see the exam schedule organized by period below:

Tuesday, June 20 – Period 4 Exams (Gr 12 courses only)

Wednesday, June 21 – Period 1 Exams (Grade 9-12 courses)

Thursday, June 22 – Period 2 Exams (Grade 9-12 courses)

Friday, June 23 – Period 3 Exams (Grade 9-12 courses)

Monday, June 26 – Period 4 Exams (Grade 9-11 courses only)

Tuesday, June 27 - Exam / Culminating Activities

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Communication between School and Home

Parents/guardians are our most important partners in educating children.

We communicate with you in a variety of ways throughout the year. It is important that the school has your correct contact information.

Please contact the school if your contact information has changed/changes throughout the school year via emailing: thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

Every Student Counts Survey

The YRDSB is inviting all students to participate in the 2022-23 Every Student Counts Survey in the Spring of 2023. Surveys will be available online and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You and your child should have received a letter from the Board notifying them that the survey will be taking place.

The surveys will provide the Board and our schools with valuable information about the learning experiences of students and families this year that are used to inform Board and school planning and to support student achievement and well-being. Students in Grades 4-12 will be given class time to complete the survey at schools. **At Thornlea, this will occur during Period 1 between the dates of Friday, April 28 and Tuesday, May 9.** Families who do not want their child(ren) to be sent an invitation to participate in the survey will be given a chance to opt their child out of receiving the survey in the new calendar year.

As our first partners in education, we value input from families and encourage parents/guardians to complete the survey. The information provided will be confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation.

Please contact Research Services at research.services@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or visit the [Board website](#) to learn more.

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GUIDANCE NEWS

We would like to share two short questionnaires with families regarding the Community Hours Policy.

Please click on the appropriate link and answer the questions. Thank you.

The forms will close on April 6, 2023 at 4pm:

[Community Involvement Hours Review- For Parents/Guardians](#)

The Guidance Team

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[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

[Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom](#) contains all the latest news and information.

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