



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

May 5, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

May 5	PA Day
May 9	Immersion Arts Night/Coffee House 5:30-9:00pm
May 11	MADD Assembly Grade 12s
May 12	Full Disclosure
May 16	Mental Health Empowerment Presentation 7:00-9:00pm
May 22	Victoria Day
June 1	PROM - Chateau Le Parc

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THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE



Dear Thornlea Families;

This past week our cafeteria finally reopened after a lengthy shutdown. I would like to thank school council for their help in making this happen. Student report cards have now been sent to students GAPPS accounts. If you have difficulty accessing your child's report card please contact us.

There are a number of events and dates I would like to bring to your attention. On May 9th we will be holding an arts night and coffee house. Our student art will be on display and there will be performances by our band and individual students. On May 11th there is a MADD assembly for our grade 12 students. It is a mandatory assembly for all students who will be attending our Prom which takes place on June 1st this year. The full disclosure date is May 12th. That is the date when student marks are sent to OUAC for those students applying to university.

In addition to our arts program our students continue to rehearse for the school play. Our production of Anne of Green Gables will take place in theatre 219 at Thornlea. Our spring sports season is also underway with girl's rugby, soccer running in addition to Ultimate Frisbee and Track and Field.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and students that exams begin on June 20th for grade 12 students and conclude on Monday June 26th. A family trip or work commitment is not a valid reason to miss an exam.

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

COFFEEHOUSE 2023
& IMMERSIVE ART EXHIBIT

WHEN: May 9th 2023
WHERE: TLSS Gym
TIME: Doors Open at 5:30pm
Show starts at 6-8:30pm
PRICE: 7\$/ticket (includes free beverage)

MAY 9TH
@TLSSCOFFEEHOUSE

ELECTRIC GUITARISTS SOLO PERFORMANCES
DUETS
PHOTOBOTH
STRING LIGHTS
LOTS OF BALLOONS
COZY COMFY VIBES

AND..... A SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE



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Welcome everyone to our very first CoffeeHouse feat. Immersive Art Exhibit!

We are proud to announce that this year, May 9th 2023, we are hosting our amazing Immersive Art Exhibit which showcases our TLSS Media Artists and Visual Artists talents. Our students spent a tremendous amount of time working on this project, which is why it would fit right in with our CoffeeHouse Talent Show.

This showcase is an ALL grade production with over 150 people involved with so many hidden talents.

We have over 25 amazing performances - from duets, solo singing, electric guitarists, band performances and our love for music! Our MC'S have written hilarious scripts to keep all of you entertained and also... There will be a special guest appearance at the end of the show! So keep it locked and loaded, folks.

This will be our timetable for this show.

5:30-6:00 pm - Doors open

6:00-7:00 pm - "First Act" of talent performances

7:00-7:20pm - Immersive Art Exhibit (truly amazing)

7:30-8-30pm - "Second Act" of talent performances

8:30-8:40 pm - Special Guest Appearance/ Performance

8:45-9:00 pm - Concluding Words

This event is 7.25\$ through cash online. This also includes a choice of drink when you walk in (hot chocolate, coffee or tea). We accept walk-ins through the door but, please bring \$7 with you! You will have the chance to sit at a spacious table, with your loved ones - drawing on paper, snacking on delicious treats and seeing the Gym turn into a "light show". Not to mention, there will be a bake sale for those of you that would like to have some treats during the show! However, cupcakes, cookies, pizza and gluten-free options will be available for cash payments only. Invite your friends, family members and teachers to this amazing show!

We hope to see your support for this [special event on May 9th](#), 2023 in the Gymnasium.

And remember everyone, that it's always GREAT to be at Thornlea Secondary School!

Event Date: May 9th

Event Time: 6pm to 9pm

*** Doors open at 5:30pm**

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Every Student Counts Survey – Students with Period 1 Spare

The Every Student Counts Survey will be administered in Period 1 classes from Friday, April 28 – Tuesday, May 9. If your child does not have a class during Period 1, they can pick up their letter with the unique survey code at the Main Office. The survey can then be completed at home or in the Library during Period 1 throughout the administration window mentioned above.



Our robotics team finished this FIRST Robotics Competition 2023 season with many achievements and great performances to make us proud. Following our very successful FIRST Robotics Competition event at the University of Waterloo where our team was the overall winner and thus earning our first Blue Banner, our robotics team competed again at the McMaster University FIRST Robotics Competition event on March 31 - April 02 and qualified for the Provincial Championships at FirstOntario Centre (originally Copps Coliseum). Our robotics team competed at the Provincial Championships featuring 122 teams from across the province on April 6-8 where our robotics team consistently remained high in the rankings and finished as first backup team for the Playoffs and the Finals.



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Our team was talked about on many social media platforms for our high quality of play by our robotics team during the competition and for the quality of our robot. At every competition, spectators, parents and students commented on the design of our robot and the excellent performance of our students. At the World Championships in Houston Texas our team and the robot we built was talked about because our robot won a Blue Banner. Congratulations to our robotics team for a highly successful 2023 season!

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Congratulations to all applicants of the Human Right Day Poster Contest: Caily E., Charlotte C., Fatima N., Nikki Can L., Parsa H., Sacha I. and Sophia C. The competition was fierce, and many of the applicants made it to the Top 5 selection. We are proud to announce that Caily's design came in 2nd place with her moving portrait! Well done, Caily!

Graduating students Sophia C. and Parsa H. both applied to the Human Rights Graduating Student Bursary. They worked hard on their personal essays and reflected on their connection and work within Human Rights. We are pleased to announce that BOTH students were winners of the Bursary Contest and will receive \$500 from D16! Congratulations Sophia and Parsa!

Stay tuned for next year's submissions!



Report Cards

Report cards will be sent out shortly through your child's gapps account. **Please print and download for your records BEFORE the link expires.**

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

GUIDANCE NEWS

2023 Secondary Summer School - Registration opens April 11 - please see the two links below for all the details.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities>

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/secondary-summer-school/2023>

To register for a summer school course, you will need to login into your My Pathway Planner (also known as MyBlueprint).

Once you are in the Planner, you will need to:

Click on the "Continuing Education" button in the left-hand navigation menu
Click on "Explore Courses" button

Review the course options that are available. Click the "submit course" button for the course you would like to take in summer school. **The closest "in-person" location to Thornlea S.S. is: Richmond Green S.S.**

Your Guidance Counselor will review your course selection for summer school once you either drop off the signed Sign Off form at the Guidance office or an email from a parent/guardian (using the email that is on school file) that they approve your summer school course selection. Once approved, you will see the word "Approved" beside the course you selected. I hope this helps.

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Full Disclosure

Full Disclosure for Grade 11 and Grade 12 Courses For 2022/2023, the course withdrawal date (Full Disclosure) will be 5 instructional days after the mid-semester report is issued. The Full Disclosure date for Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses is **May 12, 2023**. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course prior to **May 12, 2023**, then the course will not be recorded on the Ontario Student transcript. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course after the Full Disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column, and the student's mark at the time of withdrawal will be recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript.

Also note that Continuing Education deadlines are:

Online Night School - May 8, 2023 Remote Night School - May 16, 2023

Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied to, or are planning to apply to OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) for University and OCAS (Ontario Colleges Application Services) for College.

Your mid-term grades from semester 2 have been processed by OUAC and OCAS and sent to the Universities and Colleges to which you have officially applied to.

Please log on to your online application in order to review your academic information. This verification is especially important if OUAC/OCAS does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OUAC/OCAS or Universities/Colleges because of a junk-mail setting with your inbox. **If you see an error in your OUAC and/or OCAS file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counsellor as soon as possible to have it corrected.**

Reminder to submit your volunteer hours to the Guidance Secretary.

Important Timelines for OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre):

May 29, 2023

The latest date all high school applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes an offer of admission, a refusal or a deferral, once additional information is received.

June 1, 2023

The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.).

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All other admission-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence, are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 1, 2023, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.

June 5, 2023

The date the Admission Information Service (AIS) opens. The AIS allows you to determine which Ontario universities still have spots available in first-year undergraduate programs.

Important Timelines for OCAS (Ontario Colleges Application Services):

June 2023: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges

The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline. This information will be communicated to you by the college.

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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Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessments

Friday, May 5, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Wednesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 15, 2023, Thornlea students currently enrolled in a Grade 9 math class will be taking part in the provincial Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics created by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario. This assessment is administered to all students in Grade 9 MTH1W1/3 course in Ontario's publicly funded school system.

The assessment consists of two test booklets, and students are given 60 minutes to complete each booklet. Extra time will be permitted where needed under a teacher's supervision. Both booklets are to be completed **online** in school using a YRDSB device.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, which is what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Therefore, your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Students will write the test in a designated location that has computers with their regular teachers (where possible) and can prepare as they would for any other secondary school test.

Please note that this test, or part of it, will also be graded by your child's math teacher and will count towards 5% of their class mark.

In September 2023, EQAO will send our school a report on your child's achievement on the assessment, and we will send it home at that time. Your child's results are private and will give you an indication of their achievement in relation to Ontario's high provincial standard. The standard, or Level 3, represents the range from 70% to 79%. Meeting the standard means your child has a solid grasp of the required knowledge and skills, which is a good indication that he or she will be ready for math work in Grade 10.

You can use the information that EQAO assessment results provide about your child's strengths and areas needing improvement to celebrate and monitor your child's progress. It can also help you in discussions with teachers. As a school community, we use these results, along with other information, to guide our school improvement initiatives. This benefits not only your child but all the students in our school. The results are also used by our school board and the Ministry of Education to direct attention and resources where they are needed.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample of its assessments, you are encouraged to visit www.eqao.com.

Sincerely,

Joe Foti
Principal