



# Thornlea Secondary School

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## IMPORTANT DATES

June 29	Last Day of School
June 30	PA Day

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## THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

Dear Thornlea Families,

The school year will come to a close on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank the students, parents /guardians and staff for an exciting and rewarding school year. On Tuesday we celebrated the class of 2023 with our 55<sup>th</sup> annual commencement at Parkview Manor. Thank you to the graduates, parents/guardians, honored guests and our staff for a wonderful evening. On behalf of the entire staff of Thornlea we would like to offer our congratulations to the class of 2023.

The school year concluded with Thornlea students competing in the Vaughan film festival. Congratulations to Keeran L., Kristen N. and Thornlea's Multimedia Club for winning the Vaughan Student Film festival for their film "Who's Our Culprit". Ms.G, Mr. B and the entire Thornlea staff are very proud of your accomplishments. This is the second consecutive year that a film from Thornlea students placed first at the festival.

Finally, I would like to say goodbye to Thornlea for the last time. I have had the pleasure of working at Thornlea since September of 2011 and have been the principal for the past nine years. It has been a pleasure working with the staff and students. I leave the school with wonderful memories and a whole lot of purple clothing. I will be at school for the first week of July if you have any questions or concerns about the 2022/2023 school year. If you have questions about school in September please reach out to the new principal. For the 2023/2024 school year the principal will be Paolo Burzese.

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

### Graduation Photos

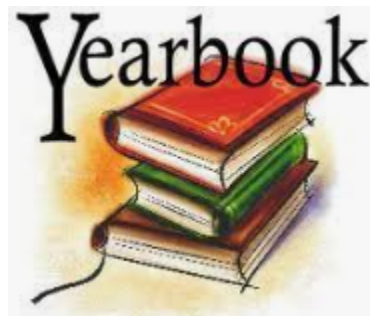
Edge Imaging, a professional photograph was at the graduation ceremony on Tuesday June 27th. These complimentary photos will be available to download 1 week after the grad ceremony from the Edge Imaging website below.

[www.edgephotos.ca](http://www.edgephotos.ca)

Thornlea SS Password: TLSP23123EC

**Yearbooks will be ready for pick up in late September.**

**Date to be announced.**



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## The Secondary School Year Calendar 2023-2024

The Secondary School Year Calendar has been approved for the 2023-2024 school year. The calendar is shared early to help you plan your family holidays and appointments around your child's learning. Students are expected to attend school on all instructional and exam days.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>

### YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

#### ALL REGULAR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

[Except Bill Crothers SS, Keswick HS, Maple HS, Markville SS and Sutton District HS]

Legend	
<b>B</b>	Board Holiday
<b>S</b>	Secondary Professional Activity Day
<b>E/S</b>	Elementary/Secondary Professional Activity Day
<b>EX</b>	Exam Days
<b>M</b>	Mandatory Holidays (Labour Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Family Day, March Break, Easter, Victoria Day)

Holidays		
Labour Day	September	4
Thanksgiving	October	9
Winter Break	Dec 25/23-Jan 5/24	
Family Day	February	19
March Break	March 11 - 15	
Good Friday	March	29
Easter Monday	April	1
Victoria Day	May	20

<b>Semester 1:</b>
Term 1 -
Sept 5-Nov 8/23
Term 2 -
Nov 9/23-Feb 2/24
<b>Semester 2:</b>
Term 1 -
Feb 5-Apr 15/24
Term 2 -
Apr 16-Jun 28/24

Month	No. of Instruct. Days	No. of PA Days	1ST WEEK					2ND WEEK					3RD WEEK					4TH WEEK					5TH WEEK				
			M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
September	18	1						4 M	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22 E/S	25	26	27	28	29
October	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	9 M	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20 E/S	23	24	25	26	27	30	31			
November	21	1			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17 E/S	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	
December	16	0					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25 M	26 M	27 B	28 B	29 B
January	18	0	1 M	2 B	3 B	4 B	5 B	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25 EX	26 EX	29 EX	30 EX	31 EX		
February	19	1				1	2 E/S	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19 M	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	
March	15	0					1	4	5	6	7	8	11 B	12 B	13 B	14 B	15 B	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29 M
April	21	0	1 M	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30			
May	21	1			1	2	3	6 S	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20 M	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
June	18	2	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19 EX	20 EX	21 EX	24 EX	25 EX	26	27 S	28 E/S					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>7</b>																									

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## Vaughan Film Festival

Thornlea is very proud to announce and congratulate Keeran L., Kristen N. and Thornlea's Multimedia Club for winning 1st place at the Vaughan Film Festival Gala. So proud of your accomplishments and achievements this year!

## End of Year Message for all Students

If you still have Thornlea textbooks, school library books, materials, etc. that you haven't already returned to your teacher, **please drop off, in the main office.**

If you received a loaner Chromebook/internet hotspot, please return this equipment to the school, including all power adaptors. The equipment should be placed in a plastic bag with your name on it. Students are expected to return all school items including textbooks, school library books, musical instruments and anything else that is property of the YRDSB in accordance to Board Policy #441.0 Loan of Board-Owned Equipment (Students) and Board Policy #194.0 Appropriate Use of Technology.

Also, lockers have been emptied for summer clean-up. All locker belongings are in the main office for pick up.

**Summer Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8am to 2pm.**

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## University of Waterloo Chemistry Contest

Each year, the University of Waterloo runs chemistry contests that are designed to challenge senior students and recognize their achievement. On May 19th, our grade 11 chemistry students took on the challenge of writing the annual Avogadro Exam. Congratulations to Hanson Wong, who ranked 48th in Canada out of close to 3000 participants in this contest. In recognition of his outstanding achievement, he has been awarded an elemental tile (featuring zirconium, element 40 on the periodic table). Honourable mentions go to Shujin Wang, Joshua Mendel, Sera Choi, and Shirley Basovich for placing within the top 25% of students from high schools across Canada. We are proud of all our participants and encourage them to continue their studies in chemistry!



## School Photos



The end of the year is almost here! Congratulations to you. Summer is just around the corner and we know you can't wait.

*This is a reminder to all parents and students: don't forget to purchase your 2022-2023 school photos from Edge. School photos are the perfect way to start celebrating summer and all of the achievements you have accomplished!*

Be sure to follow these simple steps and order your photos now!

1. Find your portrait code and passcode on your photo proof sheet (don't have it? Call or LiveChat Edge's customer care team directly and be prepared with your child's student number @ 1-888-416-334 or [edgeimaging.ca](https://edgeimaging.ca)).
2. Go to [edgeimaging.ca/order](https://edgeimaging.ca/order) and enter your codes.
3. Easily purchase your photos and remember this school year and everything you've accomplished!

Thank you so much and have a wonderful summer!





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## GUIDANCE NEWS

### 2023 Secondary Summer School - Registration still open

<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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A. Tse <a href="mailto:andrea.tse@yrdsb.ca">andrea.tse@yrdsb.ca</a>	SUS - Z

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

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

### 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](mailto:thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca)

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# Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program

The York Region District School Board offers language learning to elementary students in grade SK to grade 8 and language credit courses to secondary students in grades 9 to 12.

## Elementary Language Program

The elementary courses are extra-curricular language learning opportunities available in-person or remotely. Classes are 2.5 hours and take place once per week between Tuesday to Friday evenings (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) or Saturday mornings (9:30 AM to 12:00 PM).

Register by **Monday, September 11, 2023** to attend the full language program in its entirety.

For more information about the elementary program, visit the ILIL [Elementary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



## Secondary Credit Program

Credit courses for secondary students take place once per week for 3.7 hours.

Courses begin in September, and take place Wednesday evening (5:45 to 9:25 PM) or Saturday mornings (8:45 AM to 12:25 PM).

For more updates and information about the secondary credit program, visit the ILIL [Secondary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



### Please Note:

- Courses offered are subject to enrolment and teacher availability.
- Stacked classes may be created based on registration numbers.
- Not all languages are offered at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Additional fees are required for international fee-paying visa students.

## Languages Offered:

Arabic

Cantonese

Dari

Farsi

Filipino

German

Greek

Gujarati

Hebrew

Hindi

Italian

Japanese

Korean

Macedonian

Mandarin (Simplified)

Mandarin (Traditional)

Punjabi

Ojibwe

Russian

Sinhala

Spanish

Tamil

Turkish

Ukrainian

Urdu

Vietnamese

Yoruba