



# Thornlea Secondary School

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 9	Thanksgiving
Oct 17	School Council - Virtual
Oct 18	Photo Retake Day
Oct 20	PA Day
Oct 31	Halloween



## THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Meeting Time:** 7:00pm

**Meeting Location:** Library  
(across from the office)

**Meeting Dates:**

Monday, Sept. 18, 2023  
Monday Nov. 20, 2023  
Tuesday Feb 20, 2023  
Monday April 15, 2023

**SCHOOL email:**

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

**ATTENDANCE email:**

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**CONTACT/TELEPHONE CHANGE:**

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Dear Thornlea Families,

I want to take a moment to discuss an important and significant day that our school community will be recognizing this year: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day, observed on September 30th, holds great importance in our nation's history as it is a time to reflect upon and commemorate the legacy of residential schools in Canada. It serves as an opportunity for all of us to deepen our understanding of First Nation, Metis and Inuit People's history, culture, and the ongoing journey towards reconciliation.

In our school, we are committed to fostering an environment of respect, empathy, and inclusivity. On National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we will engage our students in discussions and activities that promote awareness and understanding of the historical and contemporary experiences of Indigenous peoples. We believe that education is a powerful tool for change, and through learning about the truths of our shared history, we hope to contribute to the healing and reconciliation process. Together as a school community we can play a meaningful role in building a more inclusive and equitable future for us all.

Sincerely,

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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](#)

## YRDSB LINKS:

[18+ Consent Form](#)  
[What is De-Streaming](#)  
[YRDSB Guide to the School Year](#)

## USEFUL LINKS:

[Thornlea Calendar](#)  
[Thornlea Instagram](#)  
[Thornlea Website](#)  
[York Region Public Health](#)

## CLASSROOM CONNECTION

# School Start-Up Forms

We ask families to ensure the school office has the most up-to-date contact information. This is important in case of emergency situations. If your contact information has changed, please notify the school office.

Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with important school start-up forms to complete. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain important information and permissions. The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. [Tips are available](#) if you need additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPS account to complete the forms.

Secondary school students can complete the secondary school student form at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>. They will also receive the link in their student GAPPS account. Elementary school students do not need to complete these student forms.

### Please note:

- You must be signed in to your child's student GAPPS account to complete the form. Please remember to sign out of one account before signing into another. Additional information is available on the Board website on [how to login to the student account to complete the forms](#).
- If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school office.
- Parents/guardians must complete a separate form for each child attending school. Please ensure you log out of one student account before logging into another. You will not be able to submit the form twice logged into the same student account.



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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)

## 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>

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Call: 905 889-9696  
Press 1 for Attendance  
or  
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Has your contact information changed?



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## GUIDANCE NEWS

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

**THORNLEA GUIDANCE**

Book an Appointment

Welcome to Thornlea Guidance Services!

Students are assigned a counsellor according to their surname.

To connect with your Guidance Counsellor, please scan the QR CODE or use the bit.ly below.

[bit.ly/ThornleaGuidance](https://bit.ly/ThornleaGuidance)

**SCAN ME**

Once you have submitted the form, your Guidance Counsellor will connect with you via your GAPPS email to set up an appointment.

N. Alkins (Head of Guidance)	A - KAL
L. Rai (SHSM Lead)	KAM - SHEN
A. Tse (Head of ESL)	SHER - WANG
L. Ceausu (Head of History)	WAT - Z

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Thornlea Secondary School  
Time: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Dates: Oct. 5, 19  
Nov. 2, 16, 30  
Dec. 14

Or just walk-in!

Canadian Mental Health Association  
York and South Simcoe

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