

Thornlea SS

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September 18, 2020

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Message from the Principal

Dear Thornlea Families,

I would like to welcome you back to a very different school year. We have now completed one full week of classes with all students in attendance. If you are wondering we have a little less than 400 students attending each day. Our guidance department has been making course changes for students the past two weeks. They hope to be done today and or Monday of next week at the latest. To make you understand the problem we have faced over 270 students have transferred to the Virtual High School and many International Students have not returned to school at all this year. This has had a major impact on our timetable. We were forced to cut thirty three classes and we now have eleven fewer teachers this year compared to last. For the most part we have been able to provide students with their required classes but many elective courses were cut from our timetable. Many families are requesting a transfer into Virtual School. The school has passed on these requests to the School Board and we hope to have a response to these requests next week.

I am pleased to report that students are adapting to all the rule changes here at school. The school has hand sanitizer at each entrance and medical masks for any student that forgets their mask at home or leaves it in their ride. The school board has added extra caretaking staff to our school. To keep your children safe we are cleaning all touch points in the school multiple times a day. All door handles, desks and tables are cleaned and sanitized. Students are being dismissed at different times to reduce crowding in the halls. If you any questions or concerns in this area please feel free to contact me at any time.

On Monday September 28th students will begin their second rotation. They will see their period two teacher in person and will be doing periods 1, 3 and 4 online in the afternoon. The students are once again divided into cohort A and B. Some student's cohorts will move from what they had in the first rotation. We have kept siblings together and have honoured individual requests in this area. Next week, we have a School Council meeting on Monday at 7:00 p.m. and Grade 10 to 12 information meeting on Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will take place on Go to Meeting.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Foti

During this week guidance has processed numerous timetable changes and got back to students via email or phone call.

At this point, we have closed our bit.ly link to timetable changes for semester 1 and we have modified our form bit.ly/Thornlea

The new revised guidance appointment form will allow students to connect with guidance counsellors for pathway conversations, post-secondary preparations and counselling.

For any outstanding timetable concerns do not hesitate to connect with one of our vice-principals, Lana Fisher ana.fisher@yrdsb.ca



On **Monday, Sept. 28** our students will begin their rotation two, where they will be seeing their period 2 teachers in-person and doing period 1, 3, 4 classes on line in the afternoon. In preparation for this endeavor, we have divided all our period 2 classes into cohorts A and B. Please encourage your child to check their cohort for period 2 class in teach assist, as their cohort may have changed.

The YRDSB is providing some alternative options for Grade 11 and Grade 12 students to obtain their credits.

Please carefully read and review each option:

Night School e-learning – registration fee of \$20 per course.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Night%20School%20e-Learning.aspx>

Night School – synchronous learning taught remotely on-line

-offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 9:45 pm

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx>

Day School e-learning for 2nd semester courses only:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Day-School-e-Learning.aspx>

If you are interested and once you have selected your option(s) – please contact nizam.alkins@yrdsb.ca

Please note, a guidance approval is needed for each registration

If you have a child in a Gr. 12 class, please encourage them to join our **Gr. 12 2021 Graduation Google Classroom**

The code to join: **qq5j7rk**

Lana Fisher
Vice-Principal

Parents' Corner:

Parents' School Council 2020-2021, 7:15PM

Our meetings will be virtual meetings until further notice. A link will be sent the week before the meeting.

Please mark your calendar.

- **September 21st, 2020**
 - Principal's update
 - Parents' Council Election
- **October 19th, 2020**
 - "Universities and Colleges" All you need to know.
- **November 16th, 2020**
 - "Ways to Pay". All you need to know about scholarships and bursaries.
- **January 18th, 2021**
 - TBD
- **February 16th 2021**
 - TBD
- **April 19th, 2021**
 - TBD
- **May 17th, 2021**
 - TBD



We'll provide next year's topics as soon as they are available.

*From: Geneviève Seabrook
Chair of Parents' Council*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

If your contact information has changed,
please don't forget to let us know



Email any changes to:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

Thank you!

Dear Thornlea Community,

In keeping with our annual tradition, and in accordance with public health requirements, Thornlea is fundraising for cancer research by participating in the 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope on Sept. 30th.

Please consider showing your support by donating to our school's online fundraising page.

<http://www.terryfox.ca/ThornleaSSThornhill>

Our aim is to double last year's donation. We are asking each student to contribute \$4 to achieve our fundraising goal of \$2000. It's SO easy to do! Please take 2 minutes to log on to our school's fundraising page and donate. Next, to honour the tradition, you will participate in a 5k walk or run on Sept. 30th in your own neighbourhood (a great family activity!).

<http://www.terryfox.ca/ThornleaSSThornhill>

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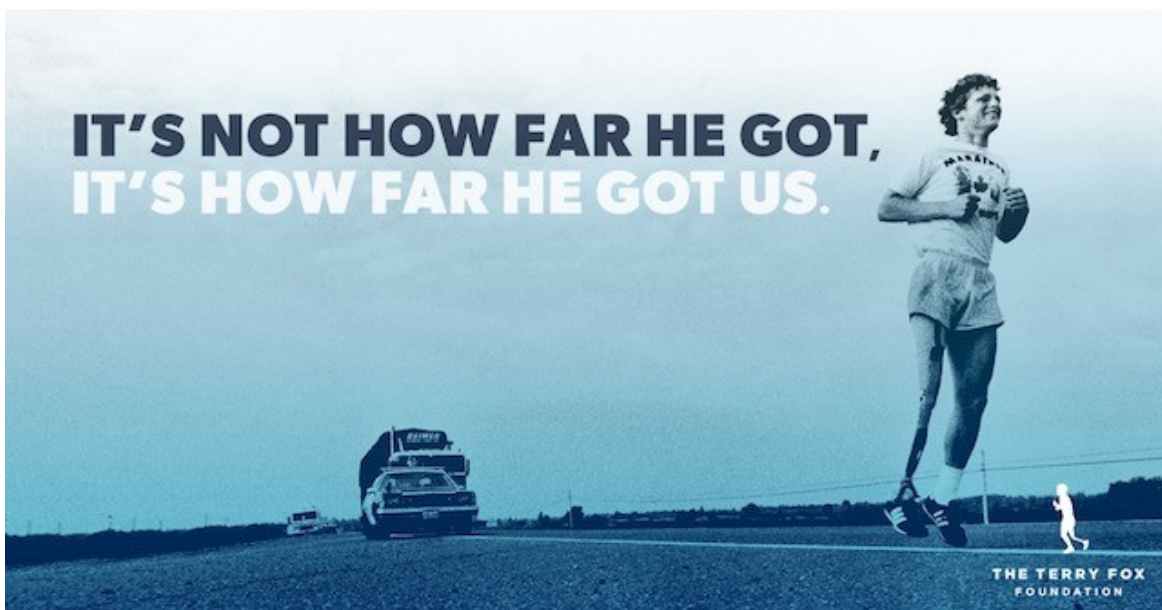
Thank-you for supporting our school in the fight against cancer and keeping Terry's dream alive!

Ms. N. Bendavid

Interim Head of Physical Education and Health

Thornlea S. S.

September 30th



Fall 2020 City of Markham Aaniin Community Hub Workshops

Workshop Title	Date	Time	Barcode	Community Partner Presenting	Website
Tenant & Landlord	September 11, 2020	10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	378188	The Housing Help Center	http://www.shhc.ca/
Eggplants and Peaches	September 14, 2020	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	375685	CAYR Community Connections	https://cayrcc.org/about/about-us/
Taxation for Newcomers Workshop	September 17, 2020	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	375340	Community Family Services of Ontario	https://cfso.care/
Protect Your Rights!	September 17, 2020	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	378946	Markham African-Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA)	https://macca1987.com/
Common Conditions of Shoulder Pains Workshop	September 21, 2020	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	375669	Carefirst Seniors & Community Services Association	http://carefirstontario.ca/
Human Trafficking is Here in Our Community: What Parents Need to Know	September 23, 2020	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	378862	Women's Support Network (WSN)	https://womensupportnetwork.ca/
Stress Management Workshop	September 24, 2020	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	375674	Canadian Mental Health Association	https://cmha.ca/
Family Law	September 24, 2020	10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	378088	The Housing Help Centre	http://www.shhc.ca/
Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)	September 28, 2020	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	375717	Community Living of York South	https://www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca/
Immigration - The Basics	October 1, 2020	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	375738	Community Legal Clinic of York Region	https://clcvr.on.ca/
Closests are for Clothes	October 7, 2020	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	378816	CAYR Community Connections	https://cayrcc.org/about/about-us/
Safe Zone	October 8, 2020	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	375686	CAYR Community Connections	https://cayrcc.org/about/about-us/
How is texting killing YOUR Health?	October 13, 2020	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	378932	Dr. Mathieu Turgeon - Pediatric & Family Chiropractor	https://allhealthykids.org/
Elder Abuse with York Region Police	October 14, 2020	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	378207	Social Services Network	https://ssnon.com/
Knee Pains and Fundamentals Workshop	October 19, 2020	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	375673	Carefirst Seniors & Community Services Association	http://carefirstontario.ca/
Job Search for People with Disabilities	October 20, 2020	3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	378879	YMCA GTA Employment Services	https://ymcagta.org/employment-and-immigrant-services/employment-services
Virtual Moving Past a Criminal Record	October 22, 2020	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	375681	John Howard Society	https://johnhoward.on.ca/wor/region/
Rolling Up The Facts on Safer Partyng: Halloween	October 29, 2020	4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	378201	CAYR Community Connections	https://cayrcc.org/about/about-us/
Healthy Eating For A Happy Heart	October 29, 2020	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	375688	Markham Stouffville Hospital Complex Diabetes Care	https://www.msh.on.ca/clinics-departments/medicine-

					program/medical-outpatient-clinics-markham-stouffville-hospital/adult-diabetes-education-centre-markham-stouffville-hospital
Accessible Art Show	November 2, 2020	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM	375788	Hand Over Hand	https://handoverhand.ca/
Helpful Relationships	November 5, 2020	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	375650	Women's Support Network (WSN)	https://womenssupportnetwork.ca/
Mindfulness for ALL	November 9, 2020	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	375645	Seniors Support Network	https://ssnon.com/
Best Neck and Low Back Exercises to Reduce Tension	November 10, 2020	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	378946	Dr. Mathieu Turgeon - Pediatric & Family Chiropractor	https://allhealthkids.org/
Fostering Children's Socio-Emotional Development	November 12, 2020	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	375341	Community Family Services of Ontario	https://cfso.care/
Renaissance Me	November 16, 2020	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	376354	Markham African-Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA)	https://macca1987.com/
Meditation Workshop	November 17, 2020	8:00 PM to 9:30 PM	375689	Heartful Meditations	https://www.srcm.org/
Elder Abuse Awareness	November 19, 2020	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	375757	Settlement Assistance & Family Support Services	https://safss.org/
Understanding your Teenager 101	November 25, 2020	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	378866	WSN (Women's Support Network)	https://womenssupportnetwork.ca/
Assertiveness	November 26, 2020	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	376352	Women's Support Network (WSN)	https://womenssupportnetwork.ca/
Acing Your Interview - Recruiter Interview Secrets!	December 7, 2020	4:30 PM to 6:30 PM	375700	JVS Toronto Markham Employment Source	https://www.ivstoronto.org/markham/
Hyper Tension & Diabetes	December 16, 2020	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	376353	Support Enhance Access Service Centre (S.E.A.S)	https://seascentre.org/01/

In order to complete your registration visit www.markham.ca OR contact Carolynn Thompson cathompson@markham.ca for further information.

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Sem 1: September 11, 2019-January 22, 2021

Sem 2: January 27, 2021-June 12, 2021

MARKHAM & UNIONVILLE	DAY	TIME
Milliken Gospel Church 8 Elson Street (East of McCowan, North of Steeles) L3S 2C4	Monday to Friday	9:00-12:00 pm
Unionville Alliance Church 4898 16th Avenue (North Side, Between Kennedy Road & McCowan) L3R 0K6	Monday to Friday	8:30-11:45 pm 12:45-4:00 pm
NEWMARKET & AURORA	DAY	TIME
Bethel Church 333 Davis Drive, (East of Yonge) L3Y 2N6	Monday to Friday	9:00-12:00 pm
RICHMOND HILL	DAY	TIME
Community Education Center Central 317 Centre St, Richmond Hill (West of Bayview, North of Major Mackenzie Dr) L4C1B3	Monday to Friday	9:00-12:00 pm
Richmond Hill United Church 10201 Yonge St (North of Major Mackenzie Drive) L4C 3B2	Monday to Friday	9:00-12:00 pm
STOUFFVILLE & GEORGINA	DAY	TIME
EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church 12485 Tenth Line (North of Main Street) L4A 7X3	Monday to Friday	9:00-12:00 pm
THORNHILL	DAY	TIME
Uplands Community Learning Centre 8210 Yonge Street (South of Hwy #7, west side of Yonge Street) L4J 1W6	Monday to Friday	9:00-12:00 pm 12:30-3:30 pm
	Monday to Thursday	7:00-9:00 pm
DISTANCE LEARNING CLASSES /ON LINE CLASSES		
ALL CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARK LEVELS	Monday to Friday	9-12:00 pm
		12:30-3:30 pm
		9-2:30 pm
		4-7:00 pm
		6-9:00 pm
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	12:30-3:30 pm	
Monday to Thursday	6:30-9:00 pm	
Saturday	9-12 pm	

For more information

Call 905-731-9557 or 905-305-4122 or email Uplands@yrdsb.ca



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Credit International and Indigenous Languages (IIL) Classes Registration Open until September 26

Dear Families,

The International and Indigenous Languages (IIL) program provides elementary and secondary students with the opportunity to speak, read and write a new language or maintain heritage language and culture. Due to the pandemic, International and Indigenous Language classes for grades 9 to 12 students will take place **online**, not in the school buildings. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language class.

Lots of information is also available on our [International and Indigenous webpages](#). To learn more about secondary credit programs, click on [credit programs](#). Below you will find information on how to register for secondary credit (grades 9 to 12) language classes.

Secondary Program Registration:

Credit classes begin September 26, 2020. Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) IIL registration will not be accepted after the third class. Refer to our revised [brochure](#) for the most up-to-date information about class start dates and times.

YRDSB Students

Please register on [myPathway Planner](#) before September 26.

For assistance, view the myPathway Planner [tip sheet](#).

After September 26, please download the [Registration Form](#) and send it by email to international.languages@yrdsb.ca.

NON-YRDSB Students

Please download the [Registration Form](#). Email the completed registration form to international.languages@yrdsb.ca.

We will contact you for additional documentation if required.

No consumable fees will be collected at this time.

More information on the [elementary](#) program and [secondary credit](#) program is available on our webpages. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (905) 884-2046 ext. 242 or email us at international.languages@yrdsb.ca. Thank you for your interest in our programs.



Opportunities to earn secondary language credits towards graduation.

IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING PROGRAM DELIVERY – SEPTEMBER 2020

Due to the pandemic, International and Indigenous Language classes for grades 9 to Grade 12 students will take place online, not in the school buildings. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language class.

What does this mean? Your child will use Google classroom to see the teacher teach the live lesson during the regularly scheduled language class.

If a student is not able to participate in a live lesson during the regular scheduled class, alternative asynchronous support is provided to ensure the student has access to the online learning (e.g., posting of pre-recorded material or tasks for reference at a later time).

We look forward to providing engaging, online language learning through our Google Classrooms until normal in class language instruction resumes.

FEES

A \$20 consumable fee will be collected when schools re-open for International and Indigenous Language classes and normal in class language instruction resumes.

International fee-paying visa students are required to pay an additional \$500 for registration, plus consumable fees.

ALTERNATIVE REGISTRATION METHOD

YRDSB Students

There will be no in-person registration in the fall 2020.

For credit registration, please use [myPathway Planner](#) (Grades 9 to 12 students) to register.

For elementary registration, please use [Edsby](#) (SK to grade 8 students). If you are having trouble with EDSBY, please complete the fillable [Elementary Paper Registration Form](#) and email it to our office at international.languages@yrdsb.ca.

Non-YRDSB Students

There will be no in-person registration in the fall 2020. Apply for language programs using the [Credit Paper Registration](#) and email it to our office at international.languages@yrdsb.ca.

For elementary registration, please complete the fillable [Elementary Paper Registration Form](#) and email it to our office at international.languages@yrdsb.ca or register online by using [Edsby](#) (SK to Grade 8 students). Our office will contact you for additional documentation if required.

More information is available on our webpages: [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) programs. If you require assistance, please contact our office at international.languages@yrdsb.ca.

Did you know there are many benefits to taking credit language courses?

- Students can take one International Languages Course as a Group 1- Compulsory or as an Elective Credit towards their Ontario Secondary Diploma.
- Students in the Secondary International Languages program can earn up to three credits towards graduation.
- If students successfully complete the Level D - University course, it can be used as one of their top six marks for post-secondary entry. For example, if a student takes Spanish Level B, C and D, the student can submit their Level D mark as one of the top six marks for post-secondary applications.

Registration Locations

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	CLASS START DATE
HURON HEIGHTS SS	40 Huron Heights Dr. (W of Leslie St., N of Davis Dr.)	Wednesday September 30, 2020 5:45 PM to 9:25 PM
MIDDLEFIELD CI	525 Highglen Ave. (S of 14th Ave., E of McCowan Rd.)	Saturday, September 26, 2020 8:45 AM to 12:25 PM
RICHMOND HILL HS	201 Yorkland St. (E of Yonge St., N of Elgin Mills Rd.)	Saturday, September 26, 2020 8:45 AM to 12:25 PM
THORNLEA SS	8075 Bayview Ave. (S of Highway #7)	Saturday September 26, 2020 8:45 AM to 12:25 PM

Due to COVID19, there will be no in-person registration.

Refer to the alternate registration methods on page 1.

Available Credit Courses

COURSE	Level B	Level C Prerequisite: Level B	Level D Prerequisite: Level C	SCHOOL LOCATION	DAY COURSE OFFERED
ARABIC	LYABD	LYACU	LYADU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
CANTONESE	LKCBD	LKCCU	LKCDU	Middlefield CI	Saturday
FARSI	LYFBD	LYFCU	LYFDU	Thornlea SS	Saturday
GERMAN	LWGBD	LWGCU	LWGDU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
GREEK	LBGBD	LBGCU	LBGDU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
GUJARATI	LIGBD	LIGCU	LIGDU	Middlefield CI	Saturday
JAPANESE	LKJBD	LKJCU	LKJDU	Huron Heights SS	Wednesday
JAPANESE	LKJBD	LKJCU	LKJDU	Thornlea SS	Saturday
KOREAN	LKKBD	LKKCU	LKKDU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKBBB	LKBCU	LKBDU	Huron Heights SS	Wednesday
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKBBB	LKBCU	LKBDU	Middlefield CI	Saturday
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKBBB	LKBCU	LKBDU	Thornlea SS	Saturday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKMBD	LKMCU	LKMDU	Middlefield CI	Saturday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKMBD	LKMCU	LKMDU	Thornlea SS	Saturday
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED Advanced Placement	n/a	n/a	LKBDUE	Middlefield CI	Saturday
RUSSIAN	LRRBD	LRRCU	LRRDU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
SPANISH	LWSBD	LWSCU	LWSDU	Huron Heights SS	Wednesday
SPANISH	LWSBD	LWSCU	LWSDU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
TAMIL	LITBD	LITCU	LITDU	Middlefield CI	Saturday
URDU	LIUBD	LIUCU	LIUDU	Middlefield CI	Saturday

Please Note: Courses offered are subject to enrolment and teacher availability. Stacked classes may be created based on registration numbers. Additional fees are required for international fee-paying visa students. Non-YRDSB students will be enrolled only after all YRDSB students are placed.



International & Indigenous Languages
Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Ave., Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4R1
(905) 884-2046 ext. 242 | international.languages@yrdsb.ca



Thornlea Secondary School COHORT CALENDAR 2020

September						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10A	11B	12
13	14A	15B	16A	17B	18A	19
20	21B	22A	23B	24A	25B	26
27	28A	29B	30A			

December						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
		1A	2B	3A	4B	5
6	7A	8B	9A	10B	11A	12
13	14B	15A	16B	17A	18B	H
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October						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
				1B	2A	3
4	5B	6A	7B	8A	9B	10
11	H	13A	14B	15A	16B	17
18	19A	20B	21A	22B	23A	24
25	26B	27A	28B	29A	30B	31

January						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
					H	H
H	4A	5B	6A	7B	8A	9
10	11B	12A	13B	14A	15B	16
17	18A	19B	20A	21B	22A	23
24	25B	26A	27B	28A	29B	30
31						

November						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1	2A	3B	4A	5B	6A	7
8	9B	10A	11B	12A	PA	14
15	16B	17A	18B	19A	20B	21
22	23A	24B	25A	26B	27A	28
29	30B					

A=Cohort A	H=Holiday (no school)
B=Cohort B	PA=PA Day (no school)

Upcoming Events



September 21	School Council Meeting
September 30	Terry Fox Virtual Run
October 12	Thanksgiving Monday
November 13	PA Day
November 16	School Council Meeting
December 21-January 1	Christmas Break
January 18	School Council Meeting
February 1	PA Day