



Thornlea Secondary School

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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 1	Take our Kids to Work/High School
Nov 2 Nov 16	MOBYSS Mobile Health Clinic
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 16	Semi-Formal
Nov 17	PA Day



THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE



Hello Thornlea Families,

Awards Ceremony

It has been another wonderful couple of weeks at Thornlea Secondary School. This week, we had the privilege of hosting our annual awards ceremony, where we celebrated the achievements of our hardworking students. I cannot reiterate it enough, the students at Thornlea are truly wonderful.

Assessment and Evaluation

Reflecting on the past, I can vividly recall my high school days, where students would often have marks deducted for less-than-excellent penmanship (I certainly lost many marks that way). However, we've come a long way in our understanding of what truly matters in assessment and the diverse ways in which students can showcase their learning. As such, assessment and evaluation will be a significant focus of our professional development and work as a school this year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Library
(across from the office)

Meeting Dates:
Monday Nov. 20, 2023
Monday Feb. 20, 2024
Monday Apr. 15, 2024

SCHOOL email:

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We understand that while tests have their place, they are just one of the many methods students can use to demonstrate their knowledge. What's even more crucial is providing students with regular feedback to help them identify areas for improvement. In the coming months, you can expect our staff to introduce more alternative assessment methods, giving our students the opportunity to showcase their excellence in more ways than just traditional tests.

Just a reminder that the best way to keep up with everything that is going on at Thornlea is through Instagram [@thornleaYRDSB](https://www.instagram.com/thornleaYRDSB).

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

If your child is going to be absent, please inform us.



Call: 905 889-9696
Press 1 for Attendance
or
Email
thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

Has your contact information changed?



Please email:

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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Robotics Club

For this upcoming FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) 2024 season, our Robotics Team was given the events at New Market Complex (nearby here) on March 8 - 10, 2024 and at McMaster University on March 28 - 30, 2024. Our students in the Robotics Club and Robotics Team are working hard at fundraising the registration fees for this season FIRST Robotics Competition. Please support your child as they work hard at fundraising the registration fees for these events.

Girls Rugby Team



Another successful Girls Rugby 7's season has wrapped up. Our junior team, consisting of many players brand new to the sport, demonstrated a huge amount of progress this season, learning how to play and having a blast doing it. Our slightly more seasoned senior team finished the season with several wins, and a final game against Trudeau S.S. that showcased how many talented athletes we have, winning 35 - 5. Coaches couldn't be more proud of the heart and grit shown by so many of our players throughout the season - way to go Thornlea Thunder!



GUIDANCE NEWS

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)



Our Head of Guidance and Career Education, recently got the opportunity to see and feel what it is like to be in the Firefighter Program at Centennial College. Mr. Alkins would like to encourage all students “No matter what your passion – there is a program and a pathway for you. So, follow your dreams and turn them into action!”

Coming Soon!

Preparing for Your Future - An evening to explore Pathways

Monday November 20th at the School Council Meeting

More details to follow.



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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

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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NYCS Newcomer Youth Connections for Success

**New to Canada? In high school?
Thinking about your future?
NYCS is the program for you!**



Newcomer Youth: Connections for Success (NYCS) helps newcomer teens, ages 14-18, build community connections, find peer support and enhance leadership & employment skills.

Join NYCS & Get:

- Career exploration workshops
- Group mentoring with university students and young professionals
- Certification Training in CPR, Babysitting and Customer Service
- Info about Canadian colleges & universities
- Valuable workplace skills for your resume
- Volunteer opportunities related to potential careers
- The chance to meet new friends and grow your social circle *...and more!*

NYCS empowers youth to embark on post-secondary education and make informed decisions about future career paths. The program also equips parents, mentors and employers in North York and Southern York Region to better support youth in settlement, decision-making and community integration.

Get Connected



To register, send an email to : aneta.iliyaev@jvstoronto.org

Open to newcomer youth 14-18 who have a PR Card, Convention Refugee Status, and CUAET. A computer and internet access are required. Links and instructions provided upon registration.



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HAVE YOUR CHILD'S EYES CHECKED

Detect and correct problems early and prevent issues which can result in permanent vision loss.

Eye exams are free with an OHIP card for children 19 years of age and under.



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Book an eye exam today with a local optometrist (eye doctor).

For more information please visit york.ca/HealthyEyes or findaneyedoctor.ca #HealthyEyes



HEY PARENTS!

KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY AND IN SCHOOL

Are your child's immunizations up to date?

It's your responsibility to tell York Region Public Health, not your doctor's.



Update online now!
york.ca/GetImmunized



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