



# Thornlea Secondary School

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 30	MOBYSS Mobile Health Clinic
Dec 14	MOBYSS Mobile Health Clinic
Dec 25 - Jan 5	Winter Break

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Meeting Time:** 7:00pm

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

**Meeting Dates:**

Monday Feb. 20, 2024  
Monday Apr. 15, 2024

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## THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE



Hello Thornlea Families,

I take immense joy in standing outside as often as possible to greet our students in the morning, and I have several compelling reasons for doing so. The parent and child interactions that unfold each morning are a source of pure delight for me.

The heartfelt hugs and kisses exchanged as children bid farewell warm my heart. I get to see new drivers entrusted with the family car as parents arrive in the passenger seat. I even get to see the family pets as tagging along for the morning drop off. All of these experiences serve as a poignant reminder of the profound trust our families place in us as they leave the children they love so deeply in our care.

I make it a point to extend a cheerful greeting to as many students as possible because I want to be the first adult they encounter at school, to have a warm welcoming smile to remind them that they are valued and cherished here. I must admit that I also get a kick out of seeing the sometimes sullen, sometimes sleepy teenage faces light up with a smile.

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When you see me outside in the morning please wave hello and know that we appreciate the trust you place in us by having your child at Thornlea.

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  
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Has your contact information changed?



Please email:

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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>

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On November 10th, students and staff at Thornlea participated in an Assembly to acknowledge the 96th observance of Remembrance Day.

Thank you to Ms. Kennedy, Mme Pilaram, Mme I. Bern, and Ms. N. Bern's students for their contributions and assistance this year. A huge thank you to the students of Thornlea who are part of the Cadet program who participated in the events. Thank you to our Tech Team for the support to ensure everything ran smoothly, despite the technical difficulties and challenges faced this week. We were pleased to host a speaker, Peter Olsen, from the 48th Highlanders Museum to speak about his service and the importance of Remembrance Day.

Please check Thornlea's History Department Instagram - @thornleahistory - to view the Assembly videos and highlights.

Lest we forget. N'oublions pas.

Ms. Ceausu, Dept Head of History

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**THORNLEA'S GRADE 9/10  
DRAMA PRESENTS**

*Appropriate Audience  
Behaviour*

*Written By:*  
**IAN  
MCWETHY**

*Performed by:*  
**MS. BERN'S GR 9 CLASS  
MS. KERTESZ'S GR 10 CLASS**

**SHOW DATES:  
DECEMBER 12,13,14,15  
IN ROOM 219 (DRAMA ROOM)**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
SHOW STARTS AT 6:30PM**

**\$7.00 TICKETS ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE/AT THE DOOR**

**@THORNLEADRAMA**

Introducing our First Production this semester - Grade 9 /10  
Drama Show of Appropriate Audience Behavior by Ian McWethy.

**\*Please see our cast list on School Cash Online for each night's  
showing!**

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## **Synopsis of the Play:**

Have you ever sat in an audience where you were just trying to enjoy a show? But for some odd reason, the people around you keep acting annoying and weird? Let alone, odd and frustrating to sit next to? Well don't be alarmed! We've all been there at least once before. Well this time, Carol and Ashley might be understanding our pain as they try to sit through Hamlet's performance. Don't know what proper audience etiquette looks like? Pro Tip: Basically do the OPPOSITE of what the audience is about to do. Anyways, good luck and happy watching!

***Don't forget to follow us on Instagram under @thornleadrama for fun rehearsals/ backstage process of putting our show together!***

## ACADEMY OF CREATIVITY AND MULTIMEDIA



### *WHAT IS ACAM?*

The Academy of Creativity and Multimedia is a specialized program only offered at Thornlea Secondary School. The program provides opportunities for students to develop strong skills in Visual & Performing Arts, and Technology with the purpose of discovering all that can be created when we combine them in new and exciting ways.

ACAM is designed to be flexible so students can also take French Immersion and Advanced Placement courses if they choose. Experience with Visual & Performing Arts and Technology is useful but not required. The program is designed for students who have a distinct openness and interest in being creative with the arts and technology.

**Important:** ACAM Arts courses are also offered in French (French Immersion Program).

**ACAM**

Register Now >>

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**The Academy of Creativity and Multimedia**

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## SOFTWARE STUDENTS WILL LEARN TO EXPLORE THEIR CREATIVE EXPRESSION:

**Photoshop** - Image Manipulation/ Photo Editing/ Graphic Design  
**Flash/ Animate** - 2D Animation/ Shape and Motion Tweens  
**Adobe Illustrator** - Graphic Design and Photo Enhancement  
**Google Sketch Up and Google Terrain**- Designing Animation Layouts/ 3D Model Construction  
**Adobe Premier Pro** - Visual Portfolios/ Claymation/ Movies  
**Blender** - 3-D Animation/ Model Construction and Character Rigging  
**Dreamweaver** - Professional Website Design  
**Reaper**- Digital Audio Workstation/ Sound Editing/ Multi Track Design  
**Artistically** - Students will acquire strong drawing skills in perspective drawing and figure drawing. They will have the opportunity to work with 2D and 3D designs.

Students will also use **Lightroom, After Effects, DaVinci Resolve, Audacity and Canva**

*Any career that requires strong leadership skills, collaboration, problem solving, adaptability, or new ideas relates to ACAM!*

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

To be considered for **early admission** into the program, please submit your completed application no later than **Friday, December 15th** by 4 pm to Thornlea's main office.

Students will be notified of their early acceptance in December before the Winter Holidays. All other applicants will be put on a waiting list and notified by late January if there are spaces available in the program.

We do accept applications on an ongoing basis after January but space is very limited. It is best to apply early. Once accepted into the program register to guarantee your spot!

### There is no cost to apply.

The Application form is on the Thornlea School Website under "Specialized Programs" and "ACAM". If you are a York Region Student, you can apply online or with a printed copy. All other applicants can print a copy of the application and submit to Thornlea Secondary School (main office). You can also pick up applications in our school Guidance office.

## COURSES

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF COURSES FOR STUDENTS TO CHOOSE DEPENDING ON THEIR INTERESTS AND FUTURE PLANS.

### GRADE 9 REQUIRED COURSES

Art for ACAM: AWS105 in English or AWSOF in French (French Immersion Program)  
Communication Technology: TGJ105

### GRADE 10 (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)

Visual Design, Media Arts, Photography, Technological Design, Communication Technology, Drama, Music, Hairstyling and Aesthetics

### GRADE 11 (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)

Visual Arts, Visual Design, Media Arts, Photography, Technological Design, Communication Technology, Music, Drama, Theatre Technology, Hairstyling and Aesthetics, Business Entrepreneur and Arts and Culture  
SHSM Co-op

### GRADE 12 (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)

Visual Arts, Visual Design, Media Arts, Visual Arts Advanced Placement (AP), Photography, Technological Design, Communication Technology, Music, Drama, Hairstyling and Aesthetics, Writer's Craft, SHSM Co-op

### SPECIAL PROJECT

To graduate with an ACAM Certificate, students must complete a final **Special Project** by May of their Graduating year to be showcased at the end of the year show. Some examples include: a short film, comic book, Art show, fashion design, illustrated book, and design work for a business. Students can work independently or with a peer.

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## GUIDANCE NEWS

### Full Disclosure and OUAC/OCAS

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 midterm grades from semester 1 have been processed by OUAC and OCAS and sent to the Universities and Colleges to which you have officially applied to. To date we currently have 3 students who have paid and applied to an Ontario College and 59 students have paid and applied to an Ontario University.

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: Equal Consideration Deadline for applications to Ontario Universities is January 15, 2024**

### Applying to College or University?

Applications are now open! Start your application today by clicking on the links below for next steps.

University Information Link

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/University.aspx>

College Information Link

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/College.aspx>

**Equal Consideration Deadline for applications to Ontario Colleges is February 1, 2024.**

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

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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](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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