



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

February 16, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 20	School Council Meeting 7pm
Feb 28	Graduation Photo Retakes
March 11-15	March Break

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm
Meeting Location: Library
(across from the office)

Meeting Dates:

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

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THORNLEA CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

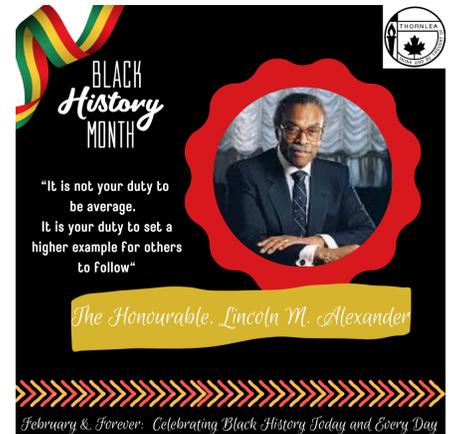


Hello Thornlea Families,

When I reminisce about the time for course selection during my high school days, I recall feeling excited about the myriad of possibilities and options available. However, I didn't always make the best choices. I remember signing up for a computer course without sufficient research, only to discover that we would be using punch cards for programming. To my dismay, I found out that there were no alternative options available. It turned out to be a tedious and painful lesson as I spent the semester punching holes in cardboard cards.

Thornlea students will soon commence selecting their courses in the upcoming weeks. This period can be both exciting and stressful for students. As you engage in discussions with your children about their future courses, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- The earlier you decide on a course, the better chance you have of securing it in your schedule. Our timetable is constructed based on the selections students make in February. Generally, students overwhelmingly receive the courses they choose when we create our initial timetable.
- If you're uncertain, consult your guidance counselor regarding the courses needed for programs you're interested in. There are many misconceptions about the required courses for certain programs. Your



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guidance counselor is your best source of information on what you need to qualify for different programs.

- Be aware that changing courses later may not always be possible. While we endeavor to accommodate changes to support student pathways, space constraints can limit our ability to make adjustments. For instance, a student enrolled in an Advanced Placement Science class may not be able to transfer to a non-AP class if there's no available space. Our guidance office will strive to facilitate changes, but it's not always feasible.
- Changes take time. Guidance counselors address course changes on a case-by-case basis, meaning that they can't attend to everyone simultaneously.

In short, the best advice is to do your research and choose carefully. However we realize sometimes education paths change and we will do our best to accommodate where possible. Happy course selections.

Sincerely,

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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?



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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

News Report

Embrace the New Year at Thornlea

By Grace, Zhou



Caption: The Chinese word "福" written by students at a party. "福" means good luck and health.

This Wednesday, February 7, 2024, Thornlea students held a party during lunch to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Everyone played games and tasted Asian specialties at the party.

Ms. Lee and the newcomers' club along with some MLL teachers prepared Asian specialties and red envelopes for the party.

The party not only had delicious food, but also had games and posters introducing the Lunar New Year. The students who came to the party participated in activities such as writing Spring Festival couplets, playing shuttlecock, and competing to pick marbles



with chopsticks. These activities allowed students to experience the New Year atmosphere in a new environment and promoted friendly exchanges between students.

Phoebe Sun, a student from Thornlea said: "This New Year party is very fun. There are many mini games to play and you can also write calligraphy. The Asian snacks are delicious, and the posters introducing the festival are also very detailed and creative. Beautiful. These all make me feel like I'm back in China. I think the most fun game is to pick marbles with chopsticks. This tests our chopstick skills and also teaches people who may not know how to use chopsticks."



Students felt that there was a festive atmosphere and this expressed the school's friendliness and welcomed them. We also hope that students from different cultures can communicate with each other and experience the cultural customs of many regions. If an important festival is coming soon in your hometown, why not discuss it with your teacher and organize a celebration of your own?





Dear Thornlea Students,
Are you thinking to join
Thornlea Vocal Ensemble "Les Voix"
to sharpen your musical and vocal skills?

We'd love you to join in!
You will have a terrific opportunity
to improve your rhythmic skills,
your vocal range, your listening skills,
your confidence, and your
all-round musicality:

Sight Reading
Ear-Training;
Healthy Vocal Techniques;
Basic Music Theory;
Vocal Exercises and more..

We will be singing songs
and musicals in different languages.

We meet on
Fridays at lunch in Rm 219 (Drama Room).
If you want to join the Vocal Workshops,
please sign up in Room 219 with Ms. N. Bern.
Can't wait to see you all there.
On se voit là-bas!





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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](#)
[SchoolCash Online](#)
[What is De-Streaming](#)
[YRDSB Guide to the School Year](#)

USEFUL LINKS:

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

GUIDANCE NEWS

Course Selection for 2024/2025

Course Selection for the 2024-2025 school year opens Thursday February 15 at 8:45 AM.

Students can select courses starting on Thursday Feb. 15th at 8:45 AM (opens) to Friday Feb. 23 at 4:00 PM (closes) through their Pathway Planner.

We ask that students take time in selecting their courses, and be sure to pick two alternates. This is not a first come, first serve process.

Applying to College or University?

University Information Link

[**New Student Hyperdoc - "I've Applied to an Ontario University - What's Next?"**](#)

[Thornlea Website University Information](#)

College Information Link

[Thornlea Website College Information](#)

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

Semester 2 Information

- **Feb. 15** is the OUAC transmission of final grades for Ontario Universities. **Students are asked to review their academic record.**
- **Feb. 16** is the OCAS transmission of final grades for Ontario Colleges. **Students are asked to review their academic record,**
- Summer school registration will open in late April, date to be announced.

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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.

SEMESTER TWO ALPHA DISTRIBUTION

N. Alkins (Head of Guidance)	A - IQ
L. Rai (SHSM Lead)	IR - PR
A. Tse (Head of ESL)	QIN - WIL
L. Ceausu (Head of History)	WONG - Z

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Night School

Night School registration for the Winter session is now open through my Pathway Planner and will close at noon on Thursday, February 1, 2024. It will re-open on Friday, February 2, 2024 and students can register in limited courses that show availability up until the second night of classes which is Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Please be advised that our traditional in class face-to-face [Night School program](#) (Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:45 pm) will continue to use a remote learning delivery model. The program will be delivered virtually in real-time (synchronous).

The first night of class is Thursday, February 15, 2024 and the program ends Thursday, June 6, 2024. In order to help expedite the registration process, we ask that Guidance Counsellors approve course selections as soon as possible. Students who register prior to Thursday February 8, 2024 will receive a Welcome email. Students with unapproved course requests will not be registered.

Kindly note course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and teacher availability. Should a course be cancelled, YRDSB students will receive an email through their gapps account while non YRDSB students will be contacted by phone. Kindly encourage students to check their gapps account or my Pathway Course Planner and visit our [course offerings](#) to see if their selected course has been cancelled.

We also ask that guidance counselors continue to monitor and keep track of those students who have signed up for a Night School course. Students are asked to update their guidance counselors if they are withdrawing from a course.

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Celebrating Black History Month / BHM365 Events 2024

* Dates and Events subject to change

Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
Student Events and Family Engagement		
February 8, 2024	A Discussion for Families of Black Children on Pathway Opportunities for Students and Families. Register Here	Dr.Bette Stephenson Cafeteria
February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci Register Here	Online Register to Receive Link
February 29, 2024 5:00pm - 6:30pm	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student & Families Light refreshments will be served. Register In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration. Register Here	Dr Bette Rm 113



Grad Photo Retake Announcement

Attention Grade 12 students!

Edge Imaging will be here to take graduation photos on both Feb 28th and 29th; by appointment ONLY.

If you haven't taken your grad photos already, this is your last chance to do so and be included on the graduation composite.

Please sign up for a grad photo on-line at:

www.bookmygrad.ca, our school code is: TLS

Congratulations class of 2024; we look forward to seeing you for your grad photos.



February 22, 2024, is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Sex trafficking is one example of Human Trafficking. Sex trafficking is one of the fastest-growing crimes worldwide. It is predatory and damaging to victims, survivors, their families and communities. Action by schools, families and community partners helps to prevent, identify and recognize sex trafficking. York Region District School Board was the first School Board in Ontario to develop an Anti-Sex Trafficking protocol, as well as resources that are available on the Board website, to help educate families on what they need to know about sex trafficking. To learn more about sex trafficking prevention and what the Board is doing to educate and raise awareness, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/antisextrafficking.



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Save the Date

Class of 2024

GRADUATION CEREMONY

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Thursday, June 27 - 7 PM

*Hazelton Manor
99 Peelar Road*

*Pay on School Cash Online
Early Bird Price (before March 1) - \$75*

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