



# Thornlea Secondary School

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 13-17	March Break
Mar 22	Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews
Mar 24-27	Interim Reports
Apr 4	safeTALK Course for Families / Community 5:30-9:00 pm In the Library
Apr 7	Good Friday
Apr 10	Easter Monday



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Thornlea Families;

There is a lot of information to share with our Thornlea community. We would like to congratulate our Sr. Boys Basketball that defeated Westmount Collegiate in the Semi-Finals of the YRAA playoffs and have qualified for the YRAA finals that take place at Stephen Lewis on Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. We hope to have a big crowd from Thornlea to support our team. Today at 4:00 p.m. our Sr. Girls Volleyball team plays against Trudeau in the YRAA Semi-Finals with the winner advancing to the finals. Good luck to both our teams.

On Tuesday we had our superintendent and trustee at our school council meeting. They answered questions about Pre AP, our proposed Green Room for ACAM and the progress on opening our cafeteria. Thank you to the organizers and everyone that participated in the discussion.

For the past three weeks our guidance department has been busy making changes to student timetables. These requests were made more difficult by the increase in our enrollment in semester two. As of today we have 1085 students registered at Thornlea. Students have also been making selections in My Blueprint for their course selections for the 2023/2024 school year. If students are still having difficulty please have them reach out to the guidance department for support.

Finally, I would like to let our Thornlea community know that on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. we will be hosting our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion for all students and alumni. More information will be placed on our website, Instagram and our YouTube channel shortly.

Warmest Regards,  
Joe Foti

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

**Meeting Dates:**  
Monday April 17, 2023

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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](#)
- [Staff Administration Of Medication](#)

## YRDSB LINKS:

- [What is De-Streaming](#)
- [York Region Public Health](#)
- [COVID-19 Mental Health](#)
- [Resources for Students and Families](#)

## USEFUL LINKS:

- [YRDSB Website](#)
- [Thornlea Website](#)
- [Thornlea Calendar](#)
- [Thornlea Instagram](#)
- [18+ Consent Form](#)
- [York Region Public Health](#)

## CLASSROOM CONNECTION

### NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT



**February 2023: Black History Month:**  
<https://www.coc.ca/ShowcaseSeries>

Taking place in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheater at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, the Showcase Series features artists and creatives from the Asian, African and Caribbean, and Latin American diasporas, to celebrate and honour these many cultures and histories through creative expression, storytelling, and cultural participation.

The Showcase Series will present four events that feature a variety of cultural identities of artists and creatives from the African and Caribbean community in Toronto—to tell stories through their art forms as a living, relevant form of cultural expression. Participants will have the opportunity to experience musical performances that feature Afrocentric choral music, chamber works from living black composers, Pan-African dance, and so much more.

## Take Advantage of These Creative Opportunities:

	<p><b>17th Annual Step Out Dance Competition!!!</b></p> <p>Friday, May 26, 2023 at Richmond Green SS The show begins at 10 am and ends at 2 pm Register your team online: <a href="https://forms.gle/4DimPtBzpdnU7jvs8">https://forms.gle/4DimPtBzpdnU7jvs8</a></p>	<p><b>ArtsCamp 2023</b> When is it? Sat. May 27th to Sat. June 3rd, 2023. Where is it held? Camp White Pine in Haliburton. Who can apply as a Camper? Grades 7-12 registered at YRDSB schools. Gr. 10-12 - Counsellor-In-Training (preference for Gr. 10 &amp; 11) <b>Camper applications</b> available Jan. 19th-Feb. 17th, 2023.</p>	
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Use this link to apply for the YRDSB Arts Camp 2023: [Link To Apply](#)

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Thornlea Secondary School presents

# DRAMA CLUB

THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION:

## ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

DRAMA CLUB WILL BE RUNNING EVERY TUES/THURS  
FROM 3-5 PM

SHOWTIME DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER IN MAY  
COMING : JUNE 2023

### Waterloo Canadian Computing Competition

"Many of our Students from our Computer Science classes took up the challenge and participated in the University of Waterloo Canadian Computing Competition on February 15. Our students focused and concentrated very hard as they worked to solve difficult programming problems in this programming contest."

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## **safeTALK Suicide Prevention Course**

Tuesday, April 4 – 5:30-9:00 pm – Thornlea SS Library

We are proud to offer this important safeTALK Suicide Prevention training free of charge to our parent/guardian community. safeTALK provides in-depth skills to recognize signs of suicide, engage someone, and ensure a connection to safety. This course is in-person for a 3-3.5 hour time period (including a break) and includes powerful audiovisuals and live practice. Refreshments will be provided. Please see this [safeTALK Info Sheet](#) for more information.

If you are interested in attending this training, please fill in this [Registration Form](#). Please register by **Friday, March 24**. We will follow up to confirm registration after that date.

If you have any questions, please contact [Victoria.Johnson-Lee@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Victoria.Johnson-Lee@yrdsb.ca).

## **Homestay**

Host families are needed to offer homestay accommodation to international visa students. The experience of hosting can be a once in a lifetime experience for your family. Are you able to offer a caring home environment to a YRDSB international student? Remuneration (monthly stipend) is available to families to cover the cost of hosting. Hosting opportunities are available from two well-known organizations, approved by YRDSB. These organizations can support you every step of the way. Both [Canada Homestay Network](#) and MLI [Homestay](#) offer additional information online. These opportunities are available broadly to YRDSB staff, and members of school communities. information online. These opportunities are available broadly to YRDSB staff, and members of school communities.



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### The Guidance Team

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### Course Selection for the 2023-2024 School Year

Review and submit through My Pathway Planner before Friday Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

[Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom](#) contains all the latest news and information.

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## Grad Photo Retake

Attention Grade 12 students!

Edge Imaging will be here to take graduation photos for only one more day on **Monday March 6**.

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 2023; we look forward to seeing you for your grad photos.

*June 27, 2023  
Mark your  
calendars!*

**GRAD**  
*Night*

**Graduation Fee Includes:**

- Cap & Gown
- Venue with light refreshments
- Decorations

Graduation Fee is \$75.00 per GRAD  
**Deadline to pay is February 28th**

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>