



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

March 1, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

March 11-15	March Break
March 29	Good Friday (School is closed)
April 1	Easter Monday (School is closed)

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

Meeting Date:
Monday Apr. 15, 2024

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THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE



Hello Thornlea Families,

This week the school was treated to a fantastic Black History Month assembly. The event was organized by our Caribbean African Student Alliance (CASA) and showcased the many of our wonderful students. It featured student poetry readings, singing and speeches as well as a guest speaker. The event was truly inspiring and uplifting for the entire school.



Black History Month for me serves as a reminder that the work of equity and specifically that of celebrating Black Excellence is more than the month of February. It is an ongoing process that as a school and a society we need to continue to embrace, promote and at times challenge our preconceived notions. As I walk down the halls of Thornlea I see so many students that embody the spirit of Black Excellence and I am proud to work with so many great future leaders. Congratulations to CASA and the great leadership they bring to 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+ Student 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](#)

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



Call: 905 889-9696
Press 1 for Attendance
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Email
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Has your contact information changed?



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CLASSROOM CONNECTION



A number of students from our Computer Science classes took up the challenge to write the University of Waterloo Canadian Computing Competition on February 21, 2024.



The Canadian Computing Competition (CCC) is a fun challenge for participants with an interest in programming and designed to be both accessible to participants with some programming experience and to challenge the keenest programmers at the secondary school level. Top senior contestants from the CCC are invited to attend the Canadian Computing Olympiad (CCO).



Les personnages remarquables— Les Canadiens noirs

The month of February is dedicated to honour the legacy of our the Black people and communities as we celebrate and commemorate their contributions and accomplishments in Canada and around the world.



My grade 10 history class was tasked to research the struggles and triumphs of numerous Black Canadians who helped shape our Canadian identity. I was impressed to see how motivated students were to learn about these figures, many of whom they had never heard about.

Following their research, many students noted how many of these influential figures were underrepresented and appreciated, despite their enormous contributions to society and more specifically, to the Black community in Canada.

The French Immersion students worked very hard in creating bilingual posters to help represent these prominent figures and help spread awareness in hopes that they will finally receive the recognition they deserve.

"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us."

- Wilma Rudolph

Mme. De Luca
French Immersion Teacher,
History Department



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Abraham Beverley Walker
1851 - 1909



Premier avocat noir né au Canada
First black lawyer born in Canada

Viola Desmond

1914 - 1965



**Activiste canadienne des droits civils et
des droits de la femme**

Canadian civil and women's rights activist

Chloé Cooley

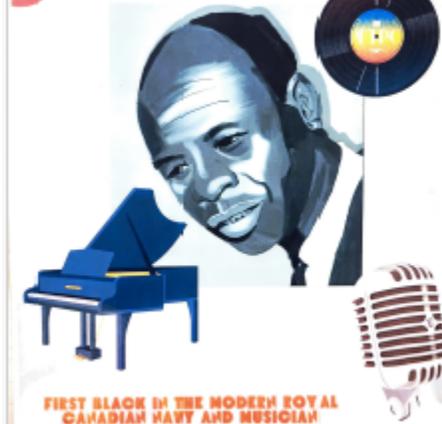


1759 - 1831

*Aider à abolir l'importation d'esclaves et
l'esclavage dans le Haut Canada*
*Helped to ban importation of slaves and
slavery in Upper Canada.*

**PERCY AUGUSTUS
"PERCY" HAYNES**

1911-1992



**FIRST BLACK IN THE MODERN ROYAL
CANADIAN NAVY AND MUSICIAN**

**PREMIER NOIR DE LA MARINE ROYALE
CANADIENNE MODERNE ET MUSICIEN**

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GUIDANCE NEWS

University Information Link

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

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

Semester 2 Information

- Summer school registration will open in late April, date to be announced.

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SOLAR ECLIPSE - April 8, 2024

Dear families,

During the week of February 12, York Region District School Board announced that to ensure student safety due to the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, all schools will be dismissing students early.

As such on **April 8, 2024, Thornlea Secondary School will dismiss students at 12:05 pm.** The morning bell, drop off and transportation will remain unchanged. For those eligible for school transportation, such as busing and taxis, service will be adjusted for the early afternoon departure.

The safe arrival program will remain in place, if your child is not attending school on April 8, please record their absence. Student after school activities, including extra-curricular activities will be cancelled on April 8.

18+ - STUDENTS 18 YEAR OLD AND OVER

Any student who will reach 18 years of age while participating in the program, must sign the form below to enable YRDSB staff to share personal information with their parents.

Any student having reached the age of majority (18) understands that they retain responsibility for their school records.

This applies to the Ontario Student Record (OSR) as well as any other information about the student retained outside of the OSR.

By signing this form, the student consents to ongoing parent/custodian access to their school records, and they would hereby consent to YRDSB staff to share personal information with their parent/custodian. Once this form is signed, please hand it into the office.

[18+ Student Consent Form](#)

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FEATURED CATEGORIES



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HOODIES & SWEATSHIRTS



JACKETS

TO SHOP: See link below

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