



# Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

March 24, 2023

## IMPORTANT DATES

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
Apr 17	School Council Meeting
Apr 18	School Council Career Fair 7-9pm



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Thornlea Families;

I wanted to update you on some of our student's accomplishments over the last few weeks. In addition to basketball and volleyball, we had students also qualify for OSFAA in skiing and snowboarding this year. Kelsey qualified for the High school Girls Individual Division. OSFAA Alpine skiing had two events, slalom and giant slalom. Kelsey placed **34th** in the Slalom event in the High school Girls Individual Division and she placed **56th** in the Giant Slalom event in the High school Girls Individual Division

Our Boys Snowboarding Team qualified for OSFAA Snowboarding. Emmett, Tyler and Andrew, as a team, placed **19th** at OSFAA. In the YRAA, championships we had a number of students distinguish themselves. Kendra Perry scored the **bronze medal** in the Individual Girls Open Division in the YRAA league.

Our Girls Ski Team scored the **silver medal** in the High school Girls Team Division in the YRAA league. This includes; Kelsey, Alexis, Ella and Avery.

Our Boys Snowboard Team scored the **silver medal** in the High school Boys Team Division in the YRAA league. This includes; Emmett, Tyler and Andrew.

Congratulations also goes out to Thornlea's Communications Technologies grade 12 students John, Michael, and Kalie who finished first in the York Region Skills Challenge competition in TV & Video at Humber College. They have qualified for the provincial competition later in the school year.

Our winter sports season is now over and spring sports are now starting to practice. We will be offering Track and Field, Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, Girls Soccer and Coed Volleyball. For more information, please contact the physical education department. Next week we will be hosting our first annual Chess tournament in our library. The tournament is being run by TWIC and our student council. Good luck to all players.

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



Congratulations goes out to Thornlea's Communications Technologies grade 12 students John Michael S & Kaili M who finished 1st in the York Region Skills Challenge competition in TV & Video @ Humber College. The team worked together to produce a video promo highlighting the days events and at the same time using their skills and talents under tough time constraints. The video promo achieved near perfect marks from the judging panel and had the other competitors in awe. The team will be moving onto the provincial competition in May. Way to go and best of luck !!



## NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT

### SPRING ART SALES *Shop the One of a Kind Artwork from Thornlea Artists!*



Dear Thornlea Staff, Parents/ Guardians,  
You are invited for a sneak peek!

Our students will be selling their beautiful Jewellery sets, Landscapes, Portraits, Still-Life paintings, Venetian Masks and more.

If you are planning to buy gifts for your families and friends, please come and see our great selection of beautiful items for your enjoyment. Don't miss out on the fun!

Our Grade 11-12 students are willing to draw or paint commissioned Portraits and Still-Life (please see samplings of their artwork). Artworks will be commissioned in a variety of sizes with a choice of background, and text may be drawn in. Just bring your photographs/ reference images, and our Artists in Residence will draw or paint your picture in any medium of your choice (pencil, charcoal, acrylic, pastels).

All money raised will be used to benefit our school's Arts program and for planning Arts events and festivals. Let's raise some money for our School to make our year better! Thank you for your support!

Mme Bern's AP Arts class and Arts Equity Council





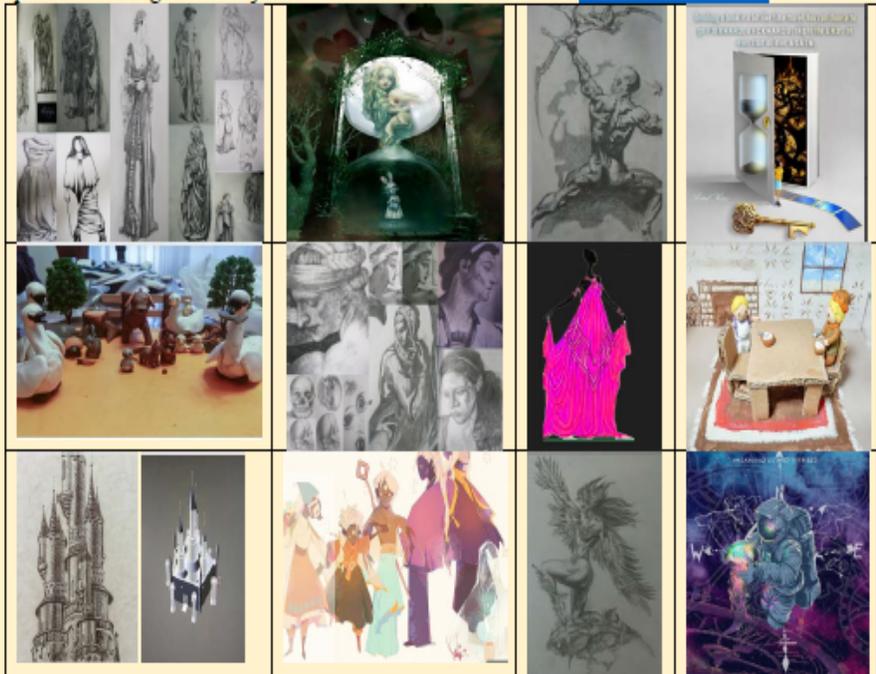
## NEWS FROM ARTS, ANIMATION AND MEDIA DESIGN DEPARTMENT



### Animation Portfolio Workshops for Grade 10-12 students

Dear Students and Parents/ Guardians,

We are inviting you to join our Animation Portfolio workshops on Tuesdays, during lunch (Room 223). We are providing high quality Animation Portfolio preparation for students wishing to attend top ranked animation schools. Students will attend the following workshops: Life Drawing for Animation, Classical 2D and 3D Animation, Graphic Design and Animated Illustrations, Casting, Modelling and Morphing in Animation and more. Our Advanced Placement Studio Animation Portfolios workshops are designed for students who are interested in the practical experience of Animation and Game Art Design. All SHSM-Arts and Culture students will get a credit in Experiential Learning/ Advanced Training in a Technique. Please join our Animation Portfolio workshops on Tuesdays, during lunch (Room 223). If your child would like to upgrade their portfolios, please encourage them to join us. Please email Mme Bern at: [ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca)





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The proposed YRDSB 2023-2024 school year calendars have been sent to the Ministry for review and approval. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>

Please note: Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval which is expected in late May 2023.

## **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.

## **Anti-Sex Trafficking - Presented by: Women's Support Network**

- Via Zoom (link to follow)
- Tuesday, March 28, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

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## GUIDANCE NEWS

We would like to share two short questionnaires with families regarding the Community Hours Policy.

Please click on the appropriate link and answer the questions. Thank you.

**The forms will close on April 6, 2023 at 4pm:**

[Community Involvement Hours Review- For Parents/Guardians](#)

## The Guidance Team

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[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

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

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