



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

April 5, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

April 8	Solar Eclipse - 12:05 pm Dismissal
April 15	School Council Meeting
April 16	Semester 2, Term 2 Begins
April 29	Midterm Report Cards via student gapps account

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

Meeting Date:
Monday Apr. 15, 2024

SCHOOL email:
thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

ATTENDANCE email:
thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

CONTACT/TELEPHONE CHANGE:
thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca



THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE



Hello Thornlea Families,

On Monday, all schools in York Region will dismiss students early so they can be safely at home during the eclipse. As we check the weather report, uncertainty looms over whether the clouds will have lifted by then or if this anticipation will result in disappointment for those eagerly awaiting the eclipse with their safety glasses on.

I vividly recall the eclipse that occurred when I was in grade 4; it was a memorable day. Regardless of the weather on Monday—whether the skies are clear or cloudy—I sincerely hope that our Thornlea community remains safe and has their own unique stories to share.

Sincerely,

Paolo Burzese
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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
or
Email
thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

Has your contact information changed?



Please email:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

SOLAR ECLIPSE - Monday 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 **Monday 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.

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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

PRICE: through school cash online or @ the door purchase

\$5.00 for entry fee & free hot drink
\$10.00 for entry fee & dinner option (food and pop combo)

TLSS PRESENTS.....

CoffeeHouse Talent Show

talents, food, friends/family, good vibes!

*When: April 30th from
6:30pm-8:30pm*
Doors open at 6:00pm

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Date: April 30th 2024 from 6:30-8:30pm. Doors open at 6:00pm
Where: Thornlea Secondary School in the Gymnasium.

DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to our wonderful spectacular show of the year. This season, we invite all of you to join us to celebrate our talented students from our Arts, Music and Drama Department and our amazing Immersive Media Arts Club and Arts Council for their beautiful projections on the walls, Mr. Saleh's GrubHub Team for providing us delicious food and Ms. Bern for organizing all of the students who will be showcasing their singing/instrumental skills this year.

We will also be having a photobooth available so that students/families can enjoy taking #selfies with their loved ones.

Join us, bring your friends and families to come and support our Talent Show of the year!

This is what Thornlea is all about - bringing talents, students, families AND good energy all around!

THE COFFEE HOUSE STANDARD:

COST: \$5.00 through school cash online or at the door purchase

This price includes entry fee and a choice of hot beverage : hot chocolate, coffee or tea @ the door.

THE COFFEE HOUSE DELUXE:

Cost: \$10.00 through school cash online or at the door purchase.

This price includes entry fee, a choice of hot beverage : hot chocolate, coffee or tea AND a choice of pop/dinner from the Grub Hub.

Please bring cash if you wish to purchase desserts! Our students/teachers will be baking yummy treats (gluten free/ vegan options available too!)

* all nut free! *

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Thunder Robotics Team



Congratulations to our robotics team Thunder Robotics Team 8764 for another outstanding performance at the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) this past weekend on 29 March 2024 and 30 March 2024 at McMaster University, following their stellar performance on 9 March 2024 and 10 March 2024 at the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex in Newmarket, ON. Our robotics team finished 3rd in a field of many of the best FRC robotics teams in Ontario. As a result of their strong performance, our robotics team has qualified for the Ontario Provincial Championship at The International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd, Hall 5, Mississauga, ON L4V 1V8 Canada. This is a Qualifying Championship event for FIRST® Championship ("World's Championship") in Houston, Texas in April, featuring championship teams from around the world. After a nail-biting run for Playoffs our robotics team was picked by the 2nd best Alliance and played hard for a spot in the Finals to finish in 3rd place at this McMaster University competition event. You can watch one of our matches here on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtagHjBhxTU>



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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 and Arts /Student Equity Council



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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](#)

SUMMER SCHOOL IS NOW OPEN!!

[2024 Secondary Summer School In-Person Learning | York Region District School Board](#)

The York Region District School Board will once again be offering acceleration (in-person) and reinforcement courses during the summer. The hours for all courses are 8:45 a.m to 3:33 p.m. with two 15-minute scheduled breaks and a 40-minute lunch period. Acceleration courses start Wednesday, July 3 and end Friday, July 26. Session 1 for reinforcement courses start Wednesday, July 3 and end Monday, July 15. Session 2 for reinforcement courses start Tuesday, July 16 and end Friday, July 26.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/2024-secondary-summer-school-person>

[Secondary Summer School Online Learning \(asynchronous\) | York Region District School Board](#)

The York Region District School Board provides learners a flexible approach to earning credits in the summer through Online Learning. Online Learning courses are taught by YRDSB teachers using Ontario's Virtual Learning Environment-BrightSpace by D2L. Students are not required to log in at a specific time each day. Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with synchronous learning opportunities offered with the teacher. Access to a desktop or laptop computer with high-speed internet to do coursework is required.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/secondary-summer-school-online>

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Korean Community Engagement Night

Connect with experienced Korean educators to ensure effective support for your child's academic journey and future success.

자녀들의 성공적인 학교생활과 진로를 위해 현직에 계신 한국인 선생님들을 만나보세요

Presented jointly by NEKS, and CCSYR Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region, this event offers valuable insights into YRDSB's diverse programs. Parents and families of Korean students are invited to join us for an informative session where they can learn how to help their child be successful in Ontario's education system.

NEKS(한인 학생들을 교육하는 교육자 모임)과 York Region 학교 정착 프로그램과 공동 주최하고 갤러리아가 후원하여 한인 학생들의 학부모를 대상으로 하는 캐나다 공립학교시스템의 다양한 프로그램 안내 및 질의 응답할 수 있는 자리를 마련하였습니다.

Date: April 11, 2024

Time: 6PM - 8PM

Location: Thornhill S.S.
167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill

Registration: Enrolment limited to first 100 registrants
온라인 등록 선착순 100명
*Registrations end on April 8th (등록마감일 4월8일)

Workshop Topics:

- **Opportunities and Pathways after High School (고등학교 이후의 기회와 진로):** Learn about different pathway opportunities after high school. What career opportunities are there? How do we prepare our students for life after high school?
- **Transitioning into High School (고등학교 진학-고등학교의 다양한 프로그램 및 성공 팁):** Learn about different programs at YRDSB schools. What are some tips for being successful in high school?
- **Special Education (특수교육 및 학생지원):** Learn about special education and Individualized Education Plans. How can students who are struggling in school be supported?

For additional inquiries, please contact (문의사항) jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca



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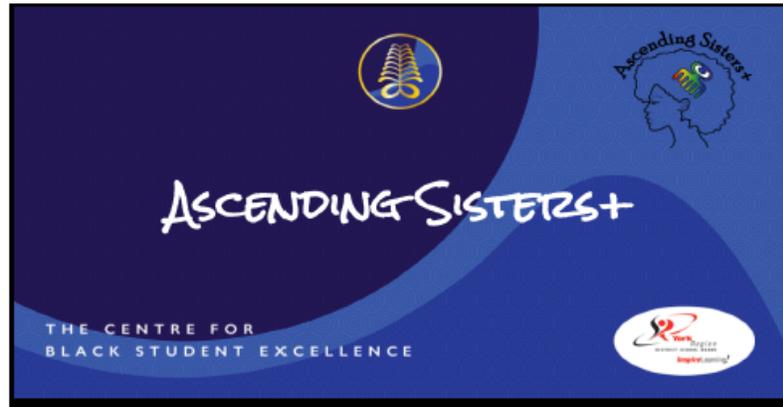


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Ascending Sisters+ serves as a mentorship program that connects Black girls and non-binary students in grades 7 to 10 with Black YRDSB staff in alignment with the [YRDSB Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#). Programming will include: leadership training, career exploration, guest speakers, connections to affirming community initiatives, connections to healing and well-being activities.

Priorities of the program :

- An affirming space where we can learn more about our shared history and identity.
- An opportunity to build a collective voice for Black girls
- Build self confidence and self-esteem for students to be their best selves and future leaders.
- Developing knowledge of post-secondary education and potential career pathways, strengthening communication and advocacy skills.
- Learning strategies that support one's mental health and provide Wellness.

First Meeting - Date April 30th, 2024 Time: from 1-2pm. Location: Virtual (Google Meet with the nickname: AscendingSisters) Registration: Will take place through a YRDSB Point of Contact Staff or Administrator who will register the student. For additional information - Contact: AscendingSisters@yrdsb.ca

Meetings will take place virtually during the school day and students will be excused from their regular classes and programming in order to participate.

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Thornlea SS STUDENT SIN CLINIC May 10, 2024

Meet with a Service Canada representative and receive your Social Insurance Number on the Spot!

Service Canada representatives will be at your school to help students and newcomers apply for their Social Insurance Numbers, learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth and learn about the new Federal Dental Program.

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location	What to Bring	Primary Document	Secondary Document	Benefits
Thornlea SS	A primary identification document and a secondary document such as a passport or provincial identification. You would need to bring your original primary document, no photocopies accepted.	Permanent Resident Card or a Confirmation of Permanent Residence or A Study Permit/Work Permit/Visitor Record issued by IRCC which indicates the permit holder "may accept employment" or "may work" in Canada	or A Certificate of Birth or Birth Certificate issued by the vital statistics agency in the province or territory of birth	Be job ready for summer employment by receiving your Social Insurance Number. Learn about the Job Bank and Canada Summer Jobs program for Youth Learn about the new Federal Dental Program

This free service is brought to our school communities through a joint project with Service Canada and York Region District School Board.

For more information, please contact YRDSB Community & Partnership Developers,

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