



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

June 28, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 2	Labour Day
Sept 3	Grade 9 Students ONLY
Sept 4	All Grades
Sept 16	Terry Fox Event
Sept 16	FIRST - School Council Meeting of the Year

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Library
(across from the office)

Meeting Date:
Monday September 16, 2024

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thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

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THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

Hello Thornlea Families,

I was struck last night by the earnestness of so many of our students prior to graduation. They were concerned about wearing their hoods and caps properly and many wanted to double-check when they were supposed to move the tassel from one side to the other. In short, our graduates wanted to make sure they got it right. It mattered to them that they ended their time at Thornlea on a high note. This demonstrates who they are as students: thoughtful, serious, and determined to get it right.

For those of you who attended, I can tell you that our students got it right. Graduation was a huge success, perfectly balancing solemnity and joy. For me, it was a fantastic way to end the year.

As we head into the summer, I wish all of our families, both returning and graduating, a great and restful break. I myself, will be going whale watching with my 'wee-un', and after recharging, I will begin planning for next year. It has been a great year, and I can't wait to see all of our wonderful Thunderful students return in September

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](#)

School Year 2024/2025

As a reminder, the first day of school:

- Grade 9 students - September 3, 2024
- All grades - September 4, 2024
- Winter Break is Monday, December 23, 2024 to Friday, January 5, 2025

Learning with and from classmates and teachers is very valuable. It is expected that all vacations be scheduled during official school breaks. Please see the full year calendar to support your planning. [2024-2025 School Year Calendar](#)

GUIDANCE NEWS

2024-2025 TIMETABLES

Guidance Counsellors have been working on timetables for next school year. Though the majority of students will receive their requested courses, there are situations where there are conflicts with a student's timetable. This could be for a variety of reasons including but not limited to one of the following reasons:

- course cancellation due to low enrollment
- the course conflicts with a compulsory course
- oversubscription of an elective course.

Guidance counsellors will work through possible solutions to complete the timetable in a timely manner.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thornlea S.S. is proud to announce for the 2024/25 school year the following Post-Secondary Institutions will be sending us a representative to speak to our grade 12's during lunch (location to be announced).

Please see schedule below:

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DATE OF PRESENTATION	University/College
Tuesday September 24, 2024	Seneca College
Wednesday September 25, 2024	Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD)
Thursday September 26, 2024	Ontario Tech University
Monday September 30, 2024	Humber College
Tuesday October 1, 2024	York University
Monday October 7, 2024	Centennial College
Tuesday October 8, 2024	George Brown College
Wednesday October 9, 2024	Ivey Business School - Western University
Thursday October 10, 2024	University of Ottawa
Thursday October 10, 2024	Wilfrid Laurier University
Tuesday October 15, 2024	University of Guelph
Friday October 18, 2024	University of Toronto - Engineering
Tuesday October 22, 2024	University of Windsor
Wednesday October 23, 2024	Carleton University
Friday October 25, 2024	University of Toronto

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Monday October 28, 2024	University of Waterloo
Tuesday October 29, 2024	Brock University
Wednesday October 30, 2024	Niagara College
Thursday October 31, 2024	Western University
Thursday October 31, 2024	Kings University College @ Western University
Monday November 4, 2024	Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson)
Tuesday November 5, 2024	McMaster University
Thursday November 7, 2024	Queen's University
Friday November 8, 2024	Sheridan College
Thursday November 14, 2024	Georgian College
Thursday November 14, 2024	Trent University
Monday November 18, 2024	Toronto Metropolitan University - Engineering
Tuesday November 19, 2024	Durham College
Thursday November 21, 2024	University of Guelph-Humber

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[Elementary Indigenous Languages and International Languages – Program Registration](#)

Elementary Classes (SK to Grade 8)

Registration opens Thursday, May 30, 2024, and will close on Monday, September 9, 2024. Classes will be held in-person at various YRDSB school locations and online. A [flyer](#) with additional information is available. If you have any questions, please email ILIL@yrdsb.ca.

[Secondary Credit Courses Indigenous Languages and International Languages – Program Registration](#)

Secondary Credit Courses (Grades 9 to 12)

Registration will open mid-July and will close the 3rd week of class. Remote learning will be in real-time using Google Classroom to deliver both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities. A [flyer](#) with additional information is available. If you have any questions, please email ILIL@yrdsb.ca.

Summer School Inquiries

Continuing Education staff can assist you with questions about your summer school course.

In-Person Summer School, Remote Credit Strengthening, Indigenous Languages and International Languages

Withdrawal: If you no longer wish to participate in this program, kindly complete the following [link](#) to withdraw prior to July 3. After that date, the student will need to speak directly with their summer school teacher. They will also need to connect with their guidance counsellor in the Fall in case the withdrawal impacts their timetable.

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Full disclosure date – Monday July 22

General Inquiries: continuing.education@yrdsb.ca

Online Learning Summer School (Asynchronous)

Withdrawal: If you no longer wish to participate in this program, kindly email online.learning@yrdsb.ca to withdraw prior to July 2. After that date, the student will need to email their summer school teacher.

Full disclosure date – Friday July 19

General Inquiries: online.learning@yrdsb.ca

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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

A Busy Year in the Thornlea Library

This academic year has been exciting and busy in the Thornlea Library Learning Commons. We did so much and provided lots of fun programming thanks to our amazing staff; Ms. Chan, our Library Technician, and our fantastic and knowledgeable Teacher-Librarians, Ms. Swailes and Mr. Capilongo.

We hosted many important and engaging events in the library such as our annual Giller Prize, Writers' Trust, Poetry Month, and Book Trailer Contests! We had the honour of hosting a History Department Holocaust Survivor Presentation, Amnesty International Write for Rights, Nowruz New Year Celebration, Reel Asian Filmmakers Workshop, The Empowering Futures Black Careers Conference, and the Thornlea Former Grads Visit. These are just a few of the wonderful events that took place on top of all the incredible daily class activities that kept our library active.

This year we expanded the use of our library to host two classes per period to do research and lessons or participate in Library Student Skills Workshops. This change has allowed more students to use the library and access our printers and laptops. We also expanded our Chromebook Tech Tubs for teachers to sign out and bring to class for research. And finally, of course, we acquired new books. We added over three hundred books this year to our engaging and diverse collection!

We look forward to a summer full of reading and to welcoming everyone back in September!



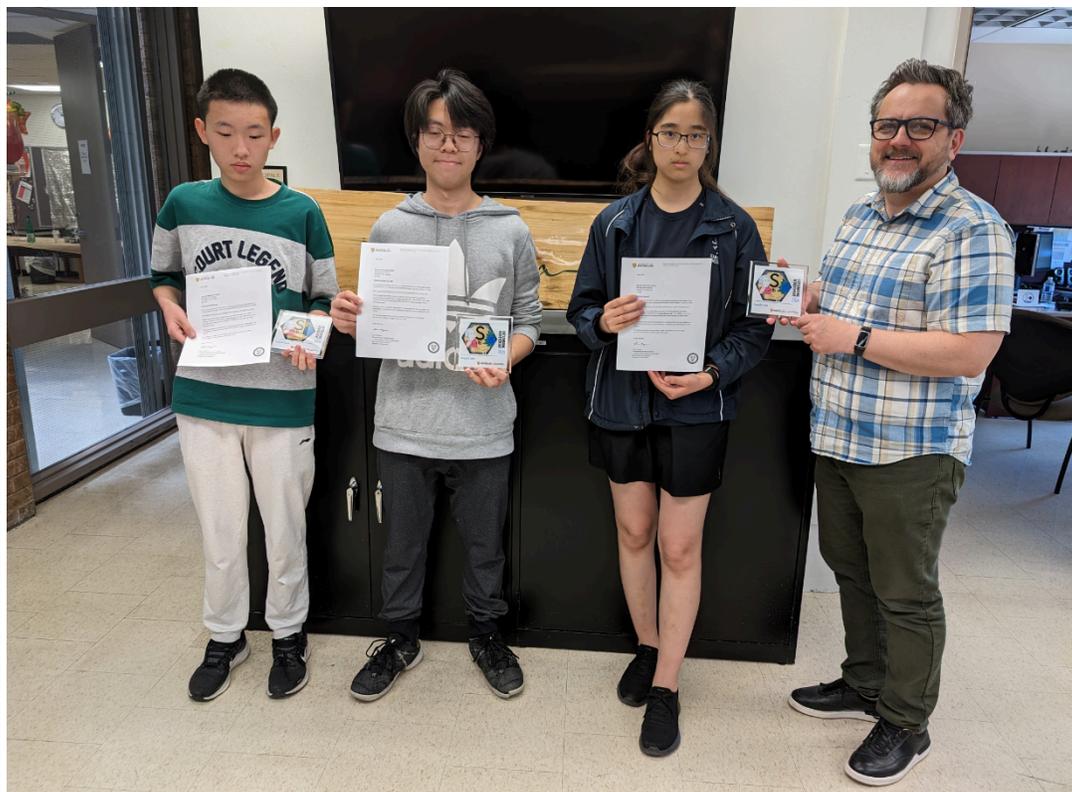


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Every year, the University of Waterloo runs chemistry contests that are designed to challenge senior students and recognize their achievement. On May 16, our grade 11 chemistry students took on the challenge of writing the annual Avogadro Exam. Congratulations to P. Chen and G. Song, who ranked 11th; J. Li, who ranked 80th; and C. Yin Chan, who ranked 108th in Canada out of over 3500 participants in this contest. In recognition of their outstanding achievement, they have been awarded an elemental tile (featuring sulfur, element 16 on the periodic table). Honourable mentions go to P. Yue, R. Rado, O. Labzhinova, S. Bogatchev, J. Xu, J. Nie Chen, L. Xie, M. Ramsey, A. Du Plooy, and C. Ngan for placing in the top 25% of students from high schools across Canada. We are proud of all our participants and encourage them to continue their studies in chemistry!

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Chef à l'école!

This past spring, the Thornlea Moderns Department welcomed Chef à l'école to help bring our culinary unit to life!

The Core French had the opportunity to participate in an immersive cooking experience which allowed students to strengthen their understanding of necessary ingredients, following step-by-step instructions in French and discovering French-Canadian staples in Francophone cuisine.

The following photos are a few of Mme. De Luca's students making a traditional dessert called "Pets de Soeurs". Not only did students create the dough and filling from scratch, but they also took turns assembling the ingredients and cleaning up! The best part of course, was tasting their delicious creations. Bon appetit!





Thornlea Presents:

Germany, Switzerland and Italy for our Spring 2025 International Trip

Message:

The benefits of education through travel? The list can be endless. We firmly believe that travel offers students experiences that further the learning that happens in the classroom. Whether it is expanding one's appreciation of different cultures, gaining independence and confidence, or being able to use all your senses when studying world history, travel establishes a connection between students and their learning that is impossible to replicate in the classroom.



Munich Residence

Travel Dates:

Students will be departing from Pearson International Airport in the evening of Friday April 25 returning Sunday May 5. Only five (5) school days will be missed.



Indulge in the beautiful scenic views of the Swiss Alps seen from Lake Zurich!

Travel Plan & Itinerary:

Our European adventure is planned for Spring 2025, and we will be visiting some iconic European sites beginning in Munich, Germany then moving to Zurich, Switzerland and travelling through Milan, Florence and ending in Rome, Italy. We will be spending time in world class attractions and touring amazing historical and geographical locations. The trip is planned by a board approved touring company, Georgia Hardy Tours.

Cost of Trip & What is Included:



Pay tribute to those whose lives were lost at Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site



Art and Culture in Florence



TOTAL COST: \$5500 (approx. – Final Cost TBD)

Price Includes:

- All taxes, tips, and airport fees
- Return airfare
- Hotel accommodations
- Breakfast and Dinners
- Transportation while on tour (coach bus, subway, etc)
- Admission to popular attractions/planned activities
- Travel Insurance (trip cancellation, overseas medical, and trip interruption)
- Memories that will last a lifetime!

Extra Costs: Spending money – travelers will be provided with breakfast and dinner throughout the trip, but will need to bring money for other expenses (snacks, souvenirs, etc)



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Expression of Interest & Payment:

A feasible schedule of payment increments will be made available to those interested in attending this once in a lifetime opportunity! If interested in participating in the trip offered by Thornlea – Germany, Switzerland, and Italy please complete the **Google Form** below.



Visit the Colosseum & Roman Forum

Expression of Interest Form:

<https://bit.ly/ThornleaEuropeTrip2025>

Proposed Daily Itinerary: <https://bit.ly/Europe2025DailyItinerary>



Visit Trevi Fountain in Rome

Information Sessions:

An information session to discuss and further understand International Field Trips and Excursions will be provided prior to the first payment (September 2024). Please ensure you fill the google form noted above to be kept abreast of information. More information is forthcoming. Stay tuned!

****This trip is still pending board approval****

For further inquires, please contact:

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Photos will be available from July 8, 2024
to August 23, 2024

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