



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

September 15, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 19	Photo Day
Sept 26	Terry Fox Run
Sept 20	Grade 9 Fit Day
Sept 22	PA Day
Sept 27	Club Fair



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Library
(across from the office)

Meeting Dates:

Monday, Sept. 18, 2023
Monday Nov. 20, 2023
Tuesday Feb 20, 2023
Monday April 15, 2023

SCHOOL email:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

ATTENDANCE email:

thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca

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THORNLEA ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE



Dear Thornlea Families,

The start of the school year is always a time of optimism and excitement. For the students it is a chance to make new friends, connect with teachers and to start fresh. For me it is a chance to reflect and improve. This is my 32nd year in education and my passion for public education has only grown stronger with each passing year.

As I begin my first year as Principal at Thornlea Secondary School it is a chance for me to learn the traditions and history of the school as well as continue the excellent work that Principal Foti has led over the last decade.

I look forward to meeting those of you who can attend our school council meeting on Monday at 7:00 PM. If you are on social media please follow us on Instagram it will give you an insight into all the great things happening at Thornlea Secondary School @ThornleaYRDSB.

Cheers,

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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+ Consent Form](#)
[What is De-Streaming](#)
[YRDSB Guide to the School Year](#)

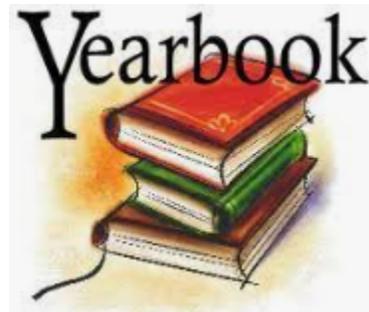
USEFUL LINKS:

[Thornlea Calendar](#)
[Thornlea Instagram](#)
[Thornlea Website](#)
[York Region Public Health](#)

CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Yearbooks will be ready for pick up in late September.

Date to be announced.



Terry Fox Walk/Run

Thornlea Secondary School is participating in the Terry Fox School Run! We are so proud to be a part of this Canadian tradition in the fight against cancer. Please support our student's fundraising efforts and donate today at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/ThornleaSSThornhill>

#terryfoxschoolrun @theterryfoxfoundation

Club Day

Club Day will take place during lunch on Wednesday September 27th. We encourage any student looking to get involved in extracurricular activities to visit the many booths that will be on display.

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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?



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YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Tuesday September 19, 2023



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- You must be photographed to receive your student ID.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



DON'T FORGET

To help make your photo day seamless, check out our photo day tips at edgeimaging.ca/photo-day-tips



GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.



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The Secondary School Year Calendar 2023-2024

The Secondary School Year Calendar has been approved for the 2023-2024 school year. The calendar is shared early to help you plan your family holidays and appointments around your child's learning. Students are expected to attend school on all instructional and exam days.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>

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Upcoming PA Day

On Friday, September 22, 2023, there will be a PA Day for staff.

Students will not attend school on this day. The plan for the day is below.

Length: Half Day - AM

Topic 1: Student Well-being, School Safety, and Violence Prevention

Entity Hosting: All Secondary and Early Start Secondary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Guest Speaker. Online modules developed by Board-based personnel. Facilitated by School Administration.

Description: School teams will engage in compliance training including:

- occupational health & safety;
- student safety and violent incident prevention;
- training on supporting student mental health and well-being; and
- understanding cybersecurity and online privacy.

Length: Half Day - PM

Topic 2: Literacy/Mathematics Instructional Strategies

Entity Hosting: All Secondary and Early Start Secondary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administration

Description: School teams will engage School Improvement planning led by school administrators focusing on

- high-impact instructional practices to support student improvement in alignment with the curriculum,
- developing resources and learning plans to consolidate foundational knowledge and skills in de-streamed grade 9 courses including English, Mathematics and Science and across the curriculum
- supporting Multi Language Learners (MLL) in our classrooms

Additional professional learning activities for educational assistants, office support staff, and library technicians will be available.

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Message from Our Trustee

September 2023

Dear families,

It is my pleasure to welcome all new and returning families to school for the 2023-2024 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and wish you a positive start to the new school year. I know it can be a time of transition for many, and am grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our school staff for all that they do to support students as they start the new school year, and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment in our schools.

The education of your children is a partnership, and we recognize that you are our most important partner when it comes to your child's education. As a family member, there are many ways you can engage in your child's learning, from speaking with your child about school and connecting with school staff to volunteering or becoming involved with the school council. You know your child best and we place great value on the relationship we have with families. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

As your school trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees has many [responsibilities](#), including making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicating with the public. Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns, and I will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening in the board. You can also visit our [newsroom](#), listen to our [podcast](#) and connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the board.

This year, we are pleased to welcome our [new Director of Education Bill Cober](#), who took on the role on August 1 this year. He brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, a commitment to student achievement and well-being, and a strategic and collaborative approach.



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Later in the year, we will be undertaking a comprehensive strategic plan review. One of our roles as a board is to set the [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) that establishes our priorities and guides our direction as a school board. We will be reviewing that plan this year, and engaging with communities is a priority for us. Your input will be important and I look forward to sharing more information with you on this in the future.

I wish you all a great start to the school year and a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Jenny Chen

Trustee, Markham Wards 1 and 8

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GUIDANCE NEWS

The Guidance Team

Mr. Alkins	A – KAL
Ms. Rai	KAM – SHEN
Ms. Tse	SHER – WANG
Ms. Ceausu	WAT - Z

[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

Communication between School and Home

Parents/guardians are our most important partners in educating children.

We communicate with you in a variety of ways throughout the year. It is important that the school has your correct contact information.

Please contact the school if your contact information has changed/changes throughout the school year via emailing: thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca



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Fun Fair and Meet & Greet Celebrating Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot



Please join us to foster cultural understanding to celebrate the Jewish holidays in September. Come meet fellow families and community members and help to create an identity affirming environment for Jewish learners.

This celebration is for YRDSB students, parents/caregivers and community members to learn about Jewish traditions, customs and practices.

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Location: Westmount Collegiate Institute

Fun Activities

Acknowledgment of holiday traditions and games

Holiday related art activity

Jewish community questionnaire/survey

Kosher food will be available for purchase sold by Kosher Pickle food truck

Jewish resources

Jewish holiday dance performed by Bounce Entertainment

You will also have an opportunity to meet the YRDSB Jewish Community and Partnership Developer from Inclusive School and Community Services, Diana Talis

To Register

Scan the QR code or fill out the [Registration Form](#)

If you have any further questions regarding this community event, please reach out to diana.talis@yrdsb.ca or iscs@yrdsb.ca.



Click here to Register: [Registration Form](#)

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