



# Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

February 10, 2023

## IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 13-15	Report cards
Feb 14	Course Selection Assembly Gr 9 & 10
Feb 15	Course Selection Assembly Gr 11 & 12
Feb 20	Family Day
Feb 28	Black History Month Assembly
Mar 13-17	March Break

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

**Meeting Dates:**  
Tuesday Feb 21, 2023  
Monday April 17, 2023

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Thornlea Families;

Semester two is off to a great start! We hope all students are enjoying their new courses. Our Guidance Team is working through the many course change requests that were received, and will do their best to honour requests where possible. Our enrollment has increased from semester one, leaving us with less flexibility to make changes.

The course selection process for 2023/2024 will begin next week with students attending grade-specific course selections assemblies. myPathwayPlanner will open on February 16, 2023 for students to select courses for the next school year. Course selections are due no later than February 24th at 4:00 pm. We encourage students to connect with semester one and/or semester two teachers should they need information about specific courses. Students can also make an appointment with their guidance counsellor.

We need your support to remind students that good relations with our community members are extremely important. We expect students to be positive representatives of Thornlea in their words and actions.

Thornlea is proud to celebrate Black History Month. We have some great events planned during the month.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting your students and the school community.

Warmest Regards,  
Joe Foti

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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

### NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT



**February 2023: Black History Month:**  
<https://www.coc.ca>ShowcaseSeries>

Taking place in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheater at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, the Showcase Series features artists and creatives from the Asian, African and Caribbean, and Latin American diasporas, to celebrate and honour these many cultures and histories through creative expression, storytelling, and cultural participation.

The Showcase Series will present four events that feature a variety of cultural identities of artists and creatives from the African and Caribbean community in Toronto—to tell stories through their art forms as a living, relevant form of cultural expression. Participants will have the opportunity to experience musical performances that feature Afrocentric choral music, chamber works from living black composers, Pan-African dance, and so much more.

## Take Advantage of These Creative Opportunities:

	<p><b>17th Annual Step Out Dance Competition!!!</b></p> <p>Friday, May 26, 2023 at Richmond Green SS The show begins at 10 am and ends at 2 pm</p> <p>Register your team online: <a href="https://forms.gle/4DmPtBxpmUz7vvs8">https://forms.gle/4DmPtBxpmUz7vvs8</a></p>	<p><b>ArtsCamp 2023</b></p> <p>When is it? Sat. May 27th to Sat. June 3rd, 2023</p> <p>Where is it held? Camp White Pine in Haliburton.</p> <p>Who can apply as a Camper? Grades 7-12 registered at YRDSB schools. Gr. 10-12 - Counsellor-In-Training (preference for Gr. 10 &amp; 11)</p> <p><b>Camper applications</b> available Jan. 19th-Feb. 17th, 2023.</p>	
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Use this link to apply for the YRDSB Arts Camp 2023: [Link To Apply](#)

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Thornlea Secondary School presents

# DRAMA CLUB

THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION:

## ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

DRAMA CLUB WILL BE RUNNING EVERY TUES/THURS  
FROM 3-5 PM

SHOWTIME DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER IN MAY  
COMING : JUNE 2023

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## 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).



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## GUIDANCE NEWS

### The Guidance Team

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The Guidance appointment form is currently closed and will re-open on **Tuesday February 21st at 8:45 am.**

**Please access information through our Thornlea Guidance Webpage:**

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>

Our Ontario University Slide deck presentation is also ready to view along with our Ontario College Slide deck. Please see links below:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/University.aspx>

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/College.aspx>

For Scholarship information for grade 12 graduating students, please check the Scholarship section for updates on the grade 12 Guidance GoogleClassroom. Grade 12 Invitation Link:

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzQ1MzAxNDUxMDUw?cjc=wrhpcgg>

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**Grade 12 Code; wrhpcgg**

The next OUAC University grades transmission is scheduled for **February 16, 2023.**

**OUAC IMPORTANT DATES**

## **Grad Photo Retake**

Attention Grade 12 students!

Edge Imaging will be here to take graduation photos for only one more day on **Monday March 6.**

If you haven't taken your grad photos already, this is your last chance to do so and be included on the graduation composite.

**Please sign up for a grad photo on-line at:**

**[www.bookmygrad.ca](http://www.bookmygrad.ca), our school code is: TLS**

Congratulations class of 2023; we look forward to seeing you for your grad photos.

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*June 27, 2023  
Mark your  
calendars!*



**Graduation Fee Includes:**

Cap & Gown  
Venue with light refreshments  
Decorations

**Graduation Fee is \$75.00 per GRAD**

**Deadline to pay is February 28th**

If you have NOT YET PAID the fee and will be attending graduation please pay now.

**Pay GRADUATION FEES Now**  
**via SchoolCash Online**

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

# Celebrating Black History Month Events

\* Dates and Events subject to change



## Student Events and Family Engagement (please share with your school community)

Date and Time	Event Information
February 24, 2023	<p>Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - <b>Open to All: Student &amp; Families</b></p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a> Virtual or In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration</p>
February 2, 2023	<p>Virtual Storytime For the Family By Sandra Whiting- <b>Open to All Students and Families in K-6</b></p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a> Virtual or In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration</p>
February 17, 2023	<p><a href="#">Black Excellence Program Master Class 2</a>  <b>Secondary Self-Identifying Black Students in YRDSB Schools</b></p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>
February 23, 2023 9:00-2:00p.m.	<p>In Conversation with MARKTD, Dion Walcott and Dr.D'Wayne Edwards at York University for <b>Self-Identifying Black Students Gr. 7 -12 York University Trip- Specific Schools</b></p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>
February 28, 2023	<p>Black Excellence Program, Elementary- <b>Specific Schools</b></p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>

## Staff Workshops

February 7, 2023 4:30 - 6:30 pm	<p>AEBS Workshop for <b>All Staff</b> featuring “Black Sun Comics”</p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>
February 7, 2023 6:00 pm	<p><b>The OSSTF D16 T/OT Black Caucus will be hosting an Evening with Dr. A. Campbell (Dr. ABC); “A little more oil in my lamp”: #SELFCARE and Anti-Black Racism Work</b> - The workshop session will be open to <b>Black identifying employees</b> of the board—secondary and elementary panels</p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>
February 8, 2023 4:30-6:00pm	<p><b>Building an Understanding of Anti-Black Islamophobia - All Staff</b>            A virtual workshop presented by the National Council of Canadian Muslims which will explore the interlocking impact of Anti-Blackness and Islamophobia on Black Muslim communities and Black Muslim students.</p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>

February 13, 2023 4:00pm -5:00pm	BSA Black Student Associations Drop-In Chats with CBSE Team- <b>All Staff</b> <a href="#">Register Here</a>
February 27, 2023 4:30pm - 6:00pm	In Collaboration with CurriculumWorkshop using the <a href="#">Sankofa Series Resources</a> at my School- <b>All Staff</b> <a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Podcasts</b>	
February 1, 2023	Black History Month Kick Off <b>SHINE Podcast</b> with Cecil Roach, Darcie Sutherland  <b>SHINE</b> is a YRDSB podcast that features voices from the Black community. It introduces conversations that inspire and challenge.
<b>Drop In Chats with DABRS Team, Administrators &amp; Superintendents</b>	
February 13, 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm	BSA Black Student Associations Drop In Chats with CBSE Team <a href="#">Register Here</a>
March 2, 2023 12:00pm-1:00pm	Drop In Chats with DABRS Team & Administrators <a href="#">Register Here</a>
<b>Upcoming</b>	
TBD	A Discussion with Children's Aid Society and Black Children in Care- <b>All Staff</b>



**ASSOCIATION OF SRILANKAN GRADUATES OF CANADA**  
In Partnership with York Region District School Board

**Date:** Saturday February 11 2023

**Time:** 9:30 am -1:30 pm

**Venue:** Milliken Mills HS, Markham, 7522 Kennedy Road

**Admission:** Free

Looking for information on...

- Career Choices
- University/College Selections
- Scholarship & Grant Applications
- Secondary School Course Selections



To register please use the QR code or [register here](#)

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**Sri Lankan Accountants Association of Canada (SAAC)**  
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