



Thornlea SS

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Message from the Vice-Principal

Dear Families and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that the end of June is upon us. Thank-you for another wonderful and productive academic year and for your help in supporting our students. Special thanks to our volunteers and our Parent Council for their hard work and contributions. We would also like to thank the staff at Thornlea whose experience, skills and passion enriched the school experience and supported student learning. Our students have excelled in so many fields (academic studies, sport, music and the arts, just to name a few); we have much to celebrate and we are justly proud.

Congratulations to the class of 2019! Graduation ceremonies will be held on June 27th, at 7pm, at Hazelton Manor. We wish you continued success as you move on to post-secondary education and employment. We will miss you!

Our office staff will mail report cards during the week of July 22nd. Please contact the main office if you do not receive your child's report card. Summer hours for our school's office are Monday to Thursday, from 8am-3pm. Over the summer months, our premises will be under some construction and certain areas will be closed. Please contact the main office prior to coming in for any questions or information. The administration will be back in the building on August 22nd. Our first day of school is on September 3rd, for Grade 9 students only. The entire school starts classes on Wednesday September 4th.

On behalf of the administration, we hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing summer. To our returning families, we look forward to welcoming you back in the fall for another exciting academic year.

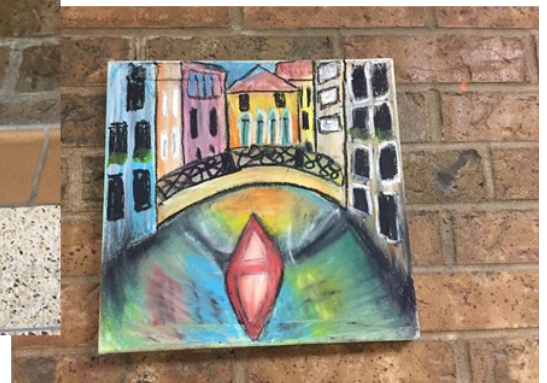
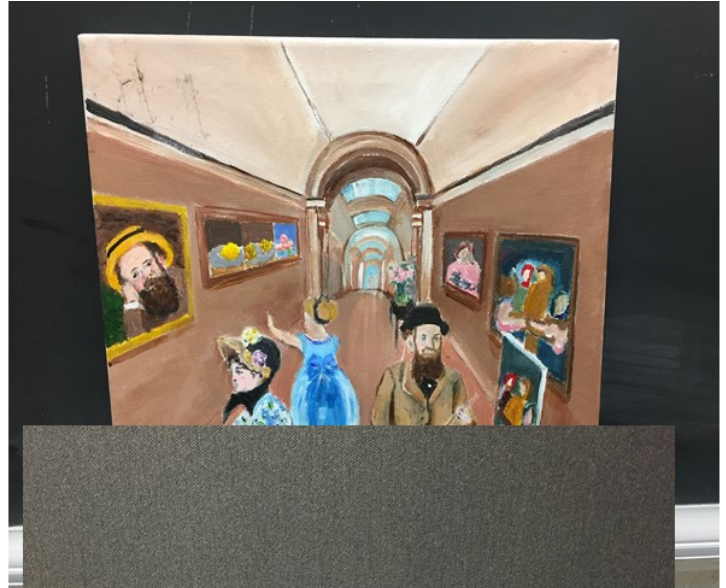
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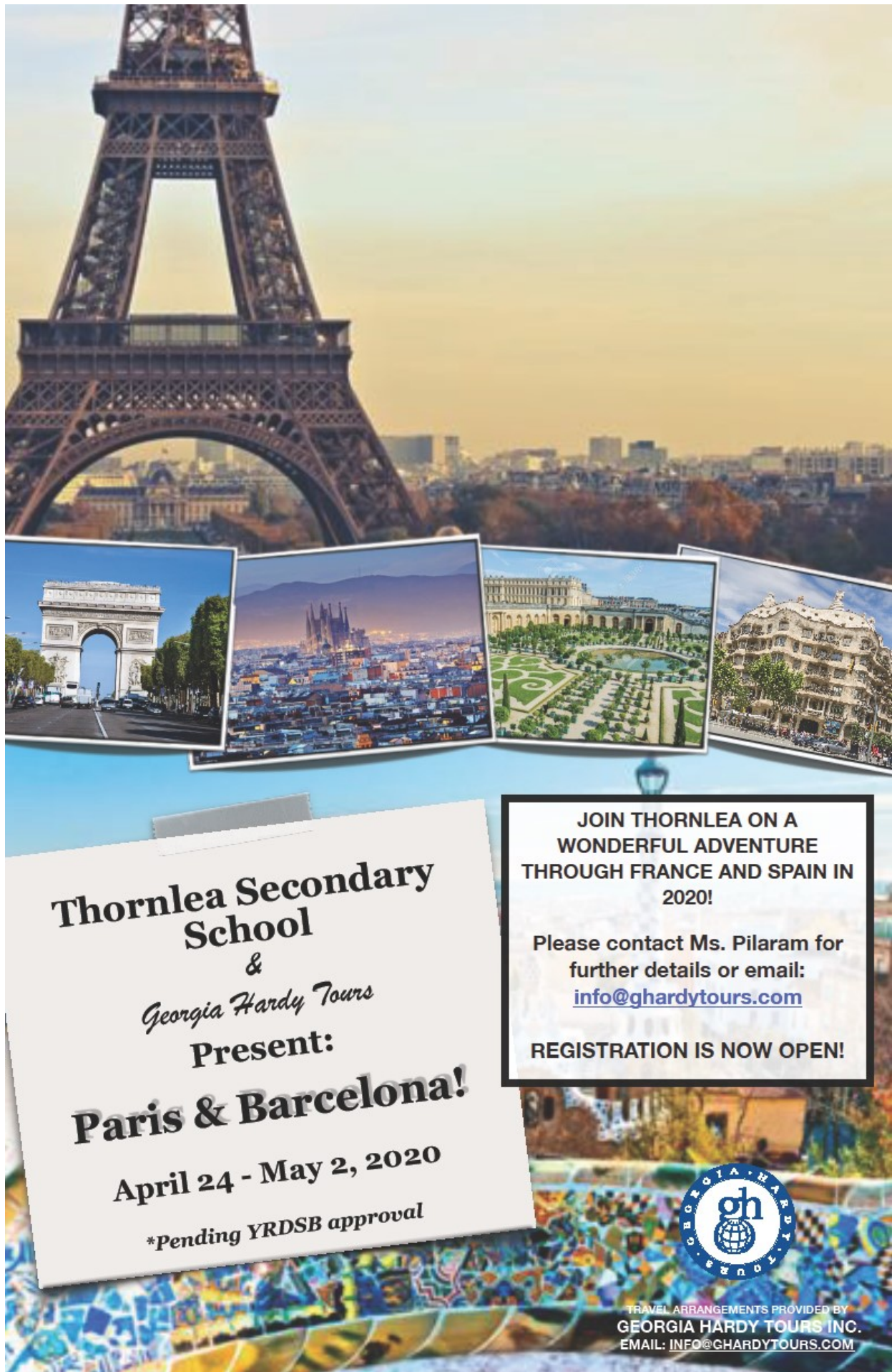
Sofia Papadatos

Vice-Principal

Visual arts department

Mme. De Luca's French Immersion students produced creative paintings for their Culminating Assignments. These paintings were inspired by various artists they researched and reflected the lives, emotions and techniques of their chosen artists. Here is a sample of their work:






Thornlea Secondary School
 &
Georgia Hardy Tours
 Present:
Paris & Barcelona!
 April 24 - May 2, 2020
 *Pending YRDSB approval

JOIN THORNLEA ON A
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 2020!

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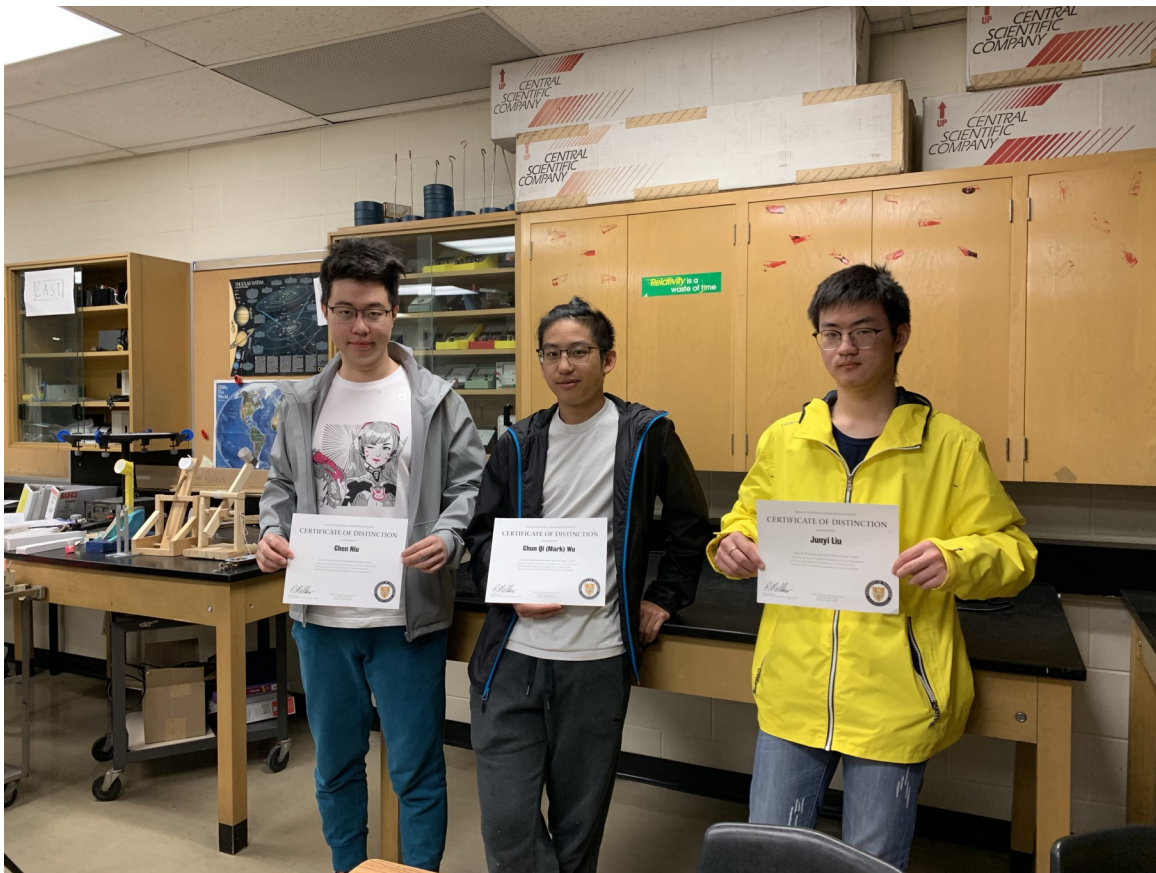
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BASEBALL SEASON IS OVER

We congratulate the Varsity Baseball Team on their dramatic come-from-behind victory over Bayview Secondary in their final game of the 2019 regular season. Down 4 to 1, Thornlea rallied to a 5-4 victory in an exciting game that saw Sajjan Rhandwaha hit 3 for 3 including two doubles and a triple, and a heroic double deep to left field by Jamie Burrell. Excellent pitching from Amrik Rhandwaha kept us in the game and David Lubelski clinched it for us in relief. The intelligent and consistent play of Junhee Lee inspired the team throughout the season, and we had a host of good sports on this team including the practice roster that made this an enjoyable coaching experience for Mr. Chan, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Orfanakos. We can't wait for next year!



Thornlea students who got in 90th and 93rd percentile in the prestigious Sir Isaac Newton Physics Contest by University of Waterloo among over 2000 students worldwide.

From left: Charles Chen Niu, Mark Chun Qi Wu and Sheldon Junyi Liu

Judo Champion to Compete at Pan-American Games and World Championships

Asia Douglas, Grade Nine Thornlea Student, is a Judo superstar. She has been practicing the martial art and Olympic sport since she was 7 years old. At the age of 14 she is sweeping the Under 18 and Senior divisions in Ontario and at the Canadian Nationals.

For the second time she was Ontario Under 18 Champion and the Canadian National Champion. As well, she competed in the national Senior Female Division and won an impressive Silver medal. Her phenomenal performance garnered her the Canadian Judo Nationals Most Outstanding Athlete Award.

Asia will be representing Canada in July at the Pan-American Games and at the World Judo Championships in Kazakhstan in September.

Good luck Asia!



PEN PALS: Thornlea Secondary School x Glynnwood Retirement Residence

We laughed, we listened, we learned. Often, some of the familial wisdom that is passed



down from one generation to the next can be lost when a person moves to a new country. Fortunately, having older and wiser pen pals can help mitigate this disconnect between generations, and is a good way to practice English. On Monday June 17th, Ms. Merecoulias'

class took a stroll down Bayview to meet our pen pals, in real life. We met a couple who recently celebrated their 73rd wedding



anniversary, two residents whose grandchildren had attended Thornlea over 20 years ago, and we swapped stories with our new pals. We intend to continue writing to our pen pals over the summer months, perhaps even volunteer at Glynnwood in the future. It's important to remember that intergenerational connections have great value for everyone, especially when moving to a new place;

there are ways to make meaningful connections with people in our communities that help provide us with a sense of belonging. We ❤️ our Glynnwood pen pals!

Experiential Learning - Community-Based Art Projects

Mural Painting as Inclusive Art Learning Experience

Our Co-Op Art students, Alice Jiayue Cai and Tracy Xunzi Wu, are actively involved in a Community-Service Learning and Painting project. Mural art is a favorite project that we offer to elementary students. 20 students from Willowbrook PS came to Thornlea to work on this beautiful mosaic mural to be taken back to beautify their school. These collaborative murals are a great way for kids to learn about scale and colours, as well as working together—all while using a few different methods of painting. These projects also help our Thornlea students use their art skills and present them to our community partners. We believe in the contribution artists make to the world. This is a great way for our students to share their art legacy with the community.

Stay tuned for more collaboratives with our elementary feeder schools.

Join Our Team and Become Part of Our Community Mural Project!



Learning about Asian Heritage – Let's make these beautiful and delicious 3-D Jello Cakes together!



Please meet this incredible lady - Ms. Tracy Hoang is Anna Le Hoang's mother. She has kindly agreed to come to Thornlea and share her talents with our Art Council team. Ms. Hoang taught our students and teachers how to make these beautiful edible floral designs. Our Thornlea artists made these flowers bloom in a pan of clear jelly by using needles and special nozzles attached to syringes.

A Bit of History: The 3-D Jello cakes were likely originated in Japan, where they are still a popular party food. The floral cakes desserts are also popular in Vietnam, Singapore, and Malaysia, known as thạch rau câu 3D. Thank you, Ms. Hoang!

We are inviting you to join us for Floral Cake Design workshops in September!

If you'd like to sign up for a workshop, please contact Mme Bern at:
ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca.

Art Council students and Ms. Sharraf, Ms. Ise, Ms. Tran and Mme Bern







The 2019 Thornlea Girls Rugby 15's Team - YRAA Tier 2
SILVER MEDALISTS!

What a fantastic season. Coaches Ms. Bendavid, Mrs. Ackerman,
Sydney and Heather couldn't be more proud!

This year's team, 33 players strong, will be sad to lose some excellent
grads this year; goodbye and good luck goes out to Alysa Haji, Elena
Gamm, Farica Truong, Azeen Mohammadi, Maddie Choi and
Jasmin Ezaddoustdar. Way to go THUNDER!

The **Thornlea Athletic Banquet** was a great success this year! Many thanks go out to the Thornlea Athletic Council who worked very hard to put on a great event, and a big congratulations to all of the talented athletes that won awards this year.









Street Proofing our Youth Workshop

What parents need to know about teaching their children personal safety. We invite all parents/caregivers of elementary and secondary school students to attend this **free event**.

**Vellore Village
Community Centre**

**June 22, 2019
1:00-3:00 pm**

Presentations from community partners including:

- York Regional Police
- 360 Kids
- Aura Freedom
- Community Partner Alliance to Stop Trafficking (CPAST),
- York Region District School Board Women's Support Network
- Public Health
- U-R Home Awareness & Support Services



Community partners





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July 2, 2019 to July 25, 2019
Monday to Thursday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

*At some locations classes end at 2:30 PM

Calendar of Events

June 19-25	EXAMS
June 26	EXAM Review Day
June 27	Graduation Ceremony
June 27-28	PA Day

School Year 19-20

September 3	Gr 9's only First Day of School
September 4	All Grades
September 10	Club Fair @ Lunch
September 12	Gr. 9 Fit Day—Green Acres Camp
September 13	Safety Assemblies
September 16	School Council Meeting 7:15pm Library
September 19	Terry Fox run
September 23	PA Day
October 17	Awards Ceremony
October 21	PA Day
October 22	School Council Meeting 7:15pm Library
October 24	Parents' Night
November 6	Take Your Kids to Work Day
November 6	Take Your Kids to High school Day
November 11	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 12	Grade 8 Night
November 15	PA Day
November 18	School Council Meeting 7:15pm Library
December 21-January 5	Christmas Vacation
January 13-15	EQAO Math
January 20	School Council Meeting 7:15pm Library
January 22-29	EXAMS
January 30	EXAM Review Day
January 31	PA Day