

Thornlea SS

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February 17, 2017

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

Welcome to semester two! Seems like it was just yesterday when the new school year started. Exciting things are still taking place at Thornlea as we say goodbye to winter and look forward to spring and milder temperatures. Earlier this month, your child received his/her report card and we hope that you had an opportunity to look it over and review any next steps. This week, students in each grade attended course selection assemblies to learn about what considerations and decisions need to be made when selecting their courses for next year. Be sure to speak with your child about his/her options, interests and pathways so that they will be confident about the courses they wish to study next year.

I would also like to acknowledge the great success many of our students experienced this past semester. Close to 500 students made it to Honour Roll with an average of over 80%. In addition, over 150 students made it to the Principals' List with an average of over 90%. Well done and congratulations to all of the recipients. We are looking forward to another successful semester.

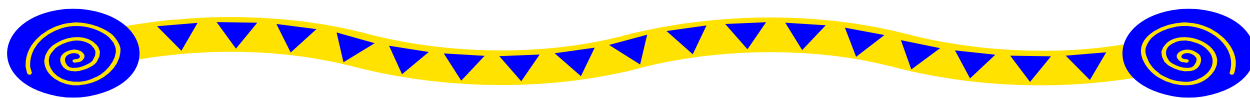
In Thornlea Sports News - The Junior Girls Volleyball season has just kicked off. The girls have been working hard in the pre-season with 2 tournaments under their belts and have already posted 1 win this week. The YRAA finals will be on March 9th and the team is expected to show well. The 15's Rugby season is almost upon us. The Fall Rugby 7's season ended well with all of Thornlea's 3 teams (Junior Boys, Senior Boys and Varsity Girls) showing very well in their final tournament. After March break the teams will begin practicing in anticipation of their spring season which begins in late April. Ms. Bendavid is looking for community help in coaching the 3 teams as interest is growing in this exciting sport. Also this week, the ski team finished their final alpine races. We are very proud of the progress of all our racers and we look forward to another excellent season next year. The Ultimate season is quickly approaching. We will start our indoor training the week of March 1st. All are welcome to come and learn about the sport. Our official season will start in April. Go Thunder!!

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is taking place on Thursday, March 30 for all grade 10 students. The successful completion of this test is a graduation requirement for all students. To support students to be successful at writing this test, whole school initiatives have been planned and the After School Literacy Preparation Course started this week. The day will be on a modified schedule to accommodate all those writing the test so please stay tuned to the next bulletin with more information about what they day will look like for all students.

Finally, our next School Council meeting is taking place on February 21 at 7:15 p.m. in the school library. We hope that you will be able to attend to learn about more exciting things happening at Thornlea. Looking ahead, graduation pictures will begin at the end of February and Interim report cards will be issued in early March.

I would like to wish all of our students and their families a happy Family Day long weekend.

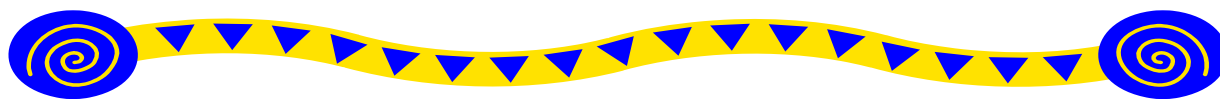
With warmest regards,
Barb Caravella



THORNLEA'S ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

On Wednesday, March 22, 2017
we will be recognizing students who achieved
academic excellence during
Semester 1 for the 16-17 school year.
Students invited will be notified
by March 10th.

Parents are invited to attend our ceremony
and witness the presentation of certificates
in the CAFETERIA from 9:00am - 10am





TSS Literacy Corner

**Education Quality and
Accountability Office**



Hello Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to update you on our school's progress in preparing for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

LITERACY TEST DATE: MARCH 30, 2017

Information about the After School Literacy Program:

- ⇒ We are currently offering 4 After School Literacy Preparation sessions.
 - ⇒ Two classes will take place February 13 to March 27 every Monday and Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:45 (excluding Family Day & March Break).
 - ⇒ Two classes will take place February 14 to March 23 every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 to 4:45 (excluding March Break).
- *** Please contact me directly if you would like your son/daughter to join.**

Preparing for the Test:

- ⇒ Upcoming dates for the Whole School Initiatives (WSI) sessions in second semester are:
February 23 (Period 1); March 1 (Period 2)
- ⇒ **On March 28 (Period 1) students will be part of an "Information Session"** about the Literacy Test. They will learn specific details that will help them prepare for the day of the test.

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me either by phone or email.

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GUIDANCE NEWS

Welcome to the start of a new semester from the Guidance Department! Our team has been busy with providing our students with timetable request changes for 2nd semester. We saw over 300 students requesting changes, and we tried our best to support each student's request.

The Course Selection process for next year has begun! We had our grade assemblies to provide information on this process. The On-line course selection process deadline is Friday February 24th. After students have selected their courses, they must click SUBMIT, and then PRINT, then get it SIGNED by a parent/guardian. Then they need to hand it in to their HOMEROOM teacher before March 1st; or if they have a spare period 1, to the Guidance Department. Thank you.

Our team has been busy with providing our students with their course request for next year. Please make sure your child has submitted a signed course selection form to their Homeroom Teacher or the Guidance Department. A Course Selection Verification Sheet will be distributed after the March Break, at that time students can request a change on this sheet.

A reminder that the Guidance Team, starting Feb. 6th, the department consists of: Mr. Paul Stephenson (Counselor/Student Success), Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance (Counselor) and Ms. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary).

Our team has been busy providing our students with information about the University and College Application process, scholarship opportunities, community involvement hours and timetable requests for 2nd semester.

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) deadline has now passed. Currently 165 Thornlea students have applied. We wish them all the best and will continue to answer their questions on the University selection process. The next marks transmission for OUAC will be on April 27th.

Guidance will continue to monitor and support the College application process. Currently, 30 Thornlea students have applied. No PinCodes are distributed for College Applications; students will create their own on-line at www.ontariocolleges.ca.

Please note that the "equal consideration" deadline has passed (Feb. 1st), but students can still apply. The next marks transmission for OCAS will be on April 24th.

Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied to OUAC for university!

Your grades from semester one have been processed by OUAC and sent to the Universities to which you have applied. Please log on to your online application in order to review your academic information. This verification is especially important if OUAC does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OUAC/your Universities because of a junk-mail setting with you inbox. If you see an error in your OUAC file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counsellor as soon as possible to have it corrected.

College and University Spring Open Houses are a popular way for prospective students to visit various Post-Secondary Institutions and evaluate them prior to applying and/or choosing. It is never too early to begin the search. The Guidance Department encourages all students, especially in grades 11 and 12 to attend the open house program of any potential future University/College. Please visit the University/College website to confirm Open House schedules during March Break. Spaces can be limited.

We also would like to remind students of the process for making guidance appointments. If any student would like to make an appointment with their “Alpha” identified counselor, they should come to the Guidance Office before school starts (8:30 to 8:55), during their lunch, or after school (3:00 to 3:30).

We would also like to remind students that there is a new process in place for Community Service Hours (CSH). All students must complete 40 community hours to obtain their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The Guidance department must approve your community service opportunity before you start your hours. Please see your counselor for a CSH sheet and pre-approval. **Finally, a reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours as soon as possible before the next OUAC transmission.** For more information on volunteer opportunities, please come down to the Guidance Office and pick up a Community Service Hours form and please take a look at our “**Volunteer Bulletin Board**” for current opportunities to fulfill this Ministry of Education requirement.

For Scholarship information, please make an appointment to see Mr. Stephenson in the Guidance office.

Some great websites to find out more information on scholarships are:

<http://www.studentawards.com/>

www.electronicinfo.ca/scholarships

www.yconic.com

www.scholarshipscanada.com

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please come down to the Guidance Office and pick up a Community Service Hours form and please take a look at our “**Volunteer Bulletin Board**” for current opportunities to fulfill this Ministry of Education requirement.

Night School Course registration starts Jan. 10th – register through Career Cruising
www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx

Night School E-Learning Course registration starts Jan. 10 - (Only if you have 3 or less courses on your Timetable)
www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Winter-Catalog.aspx

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education

Graduating students must book their appointment to have their GRAD photo taken. Personalized appointment cards are in the main office. Appointments cannot be booked without this card.

Graduation



Portrait appointment information

PEGASUS School Images offers you a variety of poses, props and backgrounds to choose from making your portrait session unique and professional.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will I receive my proofs?

Shortly after your Portrait Session you will receive an e-mail with your secure login information and link to the Pegasus proofing website. Once online, you can view all your poses, order photo packages and create custom portrait products using your own poses. You can select which poses you want to order from. All Portrait prints that are ordered will undergo Professional Retouching and will be balanced for perfect colour! You will be asked for an e-mail address at your portrait session.

What will Retouching do?

Pegasus School Images is proud to offer you the very best in professional portrait digital retouching. All portraits are professionally retouched and colour balanced resulting in the best quality portraits possible.

How do I place my order?

You can order securely online at www.pegasus-si.com. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Cheque, and Money Orders.

How should I prepare for my portrait sitting?

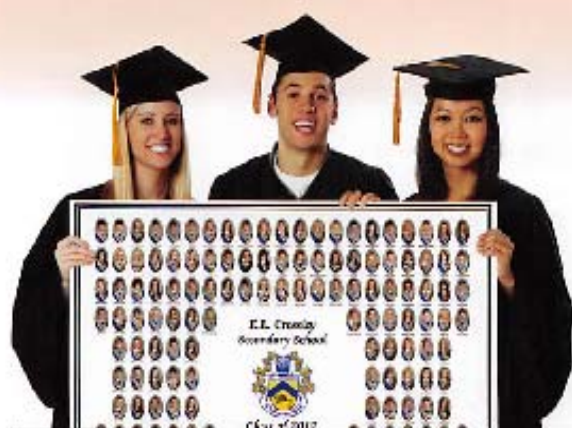
Ladies: We suggest that you wear a white blouse with a crisp collar. Makeup and hair should be kept natural. Arriving early for your appointment will give you time to do any necessary touch ups. Your hands will show in some of the poses so remember that well manicured nails and your favourite ring will enhance your portraits.

Gentlemen: We suggest a dress shirt with a crisp collar and a tie of your choice. A white shirt and dark tie are a nice contrast to consider. Hair should be neat and time your haircut about a week before your appointment. Keep in mind that your hands will show in some of the poses and you may wish to wear your favourite ring. A close shave the day of your sitting is also recommended.

Other questions? We invite you to call our Customer Service at 1-800-461-6575 with any other questions or if you need assistance with placing your order.



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Your Graduation Portrait Appointment confirmed for:

Name: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

**Please ensure to bring your Portrait Session fee of \$35.00
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portrait session.

4. Proofs and order information will be available shortly after
your portrait session.

5. Review your proofs and place your order.



1-800-461-6575



Attention Students Graduating this year:

Please make sure to complete the Graduation Gown/
Ceremony form and make sure to pay the \$40.00 fee.
You may pay online via Cash On Line or Cash or Cheque
(Payable to: Thornlea Secondary School).

Check with Ms. Burdett in the Guidance Office if you
aren't sure if you have already paid or completed the
gown order form.



Thornlea Library T-Shirt Design Contest Winners!



The **Thornlea Library** is excited to announce that we have a winner of our T-Shirt Design contest and the new t-shirts are available to win or purchase.

We were looking for a bold and exciting design that would get people interested in reading. There were so many amazing entries and the judging was so difficult but we chose our top three winners.

Please watch an interview with the winner on our library Youtube Channel and come by the library to get a shirt.

YouTube interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rF5SlyCQ3A>



3rd Place - Allison Duan

2nd Place - Rachel Yoonji Lee

1st Place - Grace Wang

Noah, a student from Grade 12 Nutrition and Health (HFA4U/C) reflects on the Culminating Unit of the course:

Master Chef

The Masterchef competition was a lot of fun to take part in. There were many aspects where we had to work in a group and many others where we worked alone. One of my favourite parts was picking out the recipes that we would later create. We had all the selection in the world to choose from but we had to narrow it down to three, an appetizer, a main course and a desert. Aswell, once we had all the ingredients we had 1 hour to make the meals. The actual preparation and cooking of the food was quite stressful since we were on such a time crunch but it was exhilarating taking part in an activity you only get to see on T.V. This project was extremely fun to take part in since it was not a regular school project, it was very hands on and now I have made these three recipes quite a bit for my family!



Parent Engagement & Network (P.E.N.) Workshop Series (Mandarin & Cantonese)

Workshop 5

Understanding the assessment, evaluation, and reporting process in order to support your child's education

通过了解安省教育系统的评估、鉴定和报告方式来支持您孩子的学习

Understanding Ontario Report Cards 了解安省的学校成绩单

Student Led Conferences 学生主导的家长会

Tips for Meeting with the Teacher 约见老师的建议

Date 日期: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 2月28日 (星期二)

Time 時間: 6:00—8:00pm 下午6時至8時

Language 語言: Mandarin and Cantonese 普通话及廣東話

Location 地點: Markham South Welcome Centre 南萬錦迎新中心

7220 Kennedy Road, Unit 8, Markham, L3R 7P2

Registration 網上報名: <https://goo.gl/OEKX63>

Inquires 查詢: Jean Wang (School Settlement Worker 王姑娘) 416-662-5416

Cathy Ng (吳老師) cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 20	Family Day (No School)
February 21	School Council Mtg. 7:15pm
February 23	WSI Period 1
Feb 27-Mar 3	GRAD Photo's (Book online)
February 27	Yearbook/Team/Club Photo Day
March 1	WSI Period 2
March 8	Immunization Clinic at Thornlea (More info to be sent home)
March 9	Interim Reports Go Home
March 13-17	MARCH BREAK
March 22	Awards Ceremony (By Invite)
March 30	OSSLT (More info to be sent home)
April 6	Parents' Night 6:30-8:30 (More info to be sent home)
April 14	Good Friday (No School)
April 17	Easter Monday (No School)
April 18-21	Student ONE ACT Play Festival
April 24	School Council Mtg 7:15pm Library
April 26	Mid-term reports Home
April 27	Wellness Day for Health
May 5	PA Day (No school for students)



Enjoy the Weekend!