

Thornlea SS



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Message from the Administration

Dear Families and Community Members,

Semester 2 is in full swing. Thursday Feb 25th is the last day of our first rotation. New this semester, students will participate in “Feedback Days” at the end of each rotation. Our first feedback day is scheduled for Friday Feb 26th. During this time, students will attend all classes online during the morning block; 35 min classes, both cohorts. The afternoon portion will be asynchronous and will allow teachers the opportunity to connect individually with students and families for targeted student needs, supports and/or feedback.

The office administration will email families updated cohort information one week prior to the start of each new rotation. Students are reminded that cohort groupings may change from one rotation to the next and are asked to check Teach Assist for the most up to date information.

As part of Thornlea Wellness Initiative Council’s continued efforts to promote positive mental health and well-being in the school, we continue to have Wellness Wednesdays where teachers devote a few minutes in a period during the day to complete an activity with students that helps foster mental health and well-being.

On Tuesday February 23rd, our Grade 9 students participated in our first ever virtual Fit Day. Students and staff engaged in fun, interactive, online activities. It was a chance to meet other Grade 9 students. We thank the TWIC and TSAC Committees, Ms. Ackerman and Ms. Bendavid for overseeing this important event.

Some important dates looking ahead:

April 8-Semester 2, Term 2 begins (changeover Career/Civics)

April 2-Good Friday

April 12-16-April Break

April 22-The OCAS and OUAC uploads occur.

Please follow our school’s IG account @thornleayrdsb for weekly updates and information.

Thank-you,

Joe Foti and Sofia Papadatos

Message from your Guidance Team

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Wednesday Feb.24th, 2021

Greetings from the Guidance Department! The team has been working hard to provide students with support for **course selection for next year**. We reviewed hundreds of student request changes and tried our best to support individual student questions.

Guidance Team for Semester 2

For semester 2, the Guidance Team consists of the following members:

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Ms. Lovleen Rai (Counselor KEL to TAY) Ext 258

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Ms. Viviane Estafanos (Counselor TEL to Z) Ext 251

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Ms. Andrea Tse (ELL student success support) Ext 259

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Guidance Appointments

If students need to make a guidance appointment, please ask them to complete this [link](#). They can request an appointment with their alpha counsellor.

Course Selection Process 2021-2022

The Course Selection process for next year started on Monday February 16th at 9:00 AM and closed on Wednesday Feb. 24th at 4:00 PM.

To assist students with the course selection process, we are offered **10 virtual presentations!**

Next steps: A course verification will be sent to students in March.

Guidance Google Classroom

If your child has not joined our Grade-specific Guidance Google Classrooms, please ensure they join via:

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Grade	Google Classroom Join Code
9	6g26xk4
10	bjvseyj
11	miroalj
12	aonjtop

Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) & College Application Process

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) deadline has now passed. Currently, 201 Thornlea students have applied. We wish them all the best and we will continue to answer their questions on the University selection process.

Guidance will continue to monitor and support the College application process. Currently, 30 Thornlea students have applied. No PinCodes are distributed for College Applications, as 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 Guidance Team has already conducted two virtual seminars to review college application details. If you need further assistance, please email your counselor.

Final marks were automatically sent to Ontario Universities and Colleges from the School.

*****NEW*****

Important Notice: For all grade 12's that have applied to OUAC for university and OCAS for College.

CHECK YOUR ACCOUNT TODAY for ACCURACY! If you think there is something wrong – email Mr. Alkins immediately.

Your grades from semester one have been processed on Feb. 17th by OUAC and OCAS and sent to the Universities and Colleges 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 your 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 VIRTUAL Spring Open Houses are a popular way for prospective students to visit various Post-Secondary Institutions and evaluate them prior to accepting an offer. It is never too early or late to begin the search. The Guidance Department encourages all students, especially in grades 11 and 12 to attend the VIRTUAL open house program of any potential future University/College. Please visit the University/College website to confirm VIRTUAL Open House schedules.

Community Service Hours

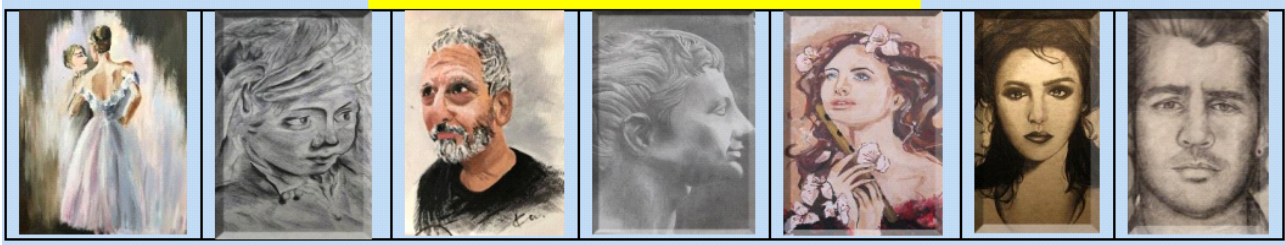
We would also like to remind our learning community that there is a process in place for Community Service Hours. All students must complete 40 community hours to obtain their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The Guidance department must approve your community service opportunity before you start your hours. Please see your counselor for pre-approval. It should be at a Not-For-Profit organization.

A reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours ASAP. Due to the pandemic – graduating students only require 20 hours this school year.

On behalf our Guidance Team, please reach out to your counselor for support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education



Pre-AP and AP Art Portfolio Workshops for Grade 11-12 students

Dear Students and Parents/ Guardians,

The Advanced Placement Studio Art Portfolios workshops on Drawing and Painting, 2-D Design and 3-D Design are designed for students who are interested in the practical experience of art. We offer Advanced Placement Art Portfolio Workshops to help our Grade 12 students have their AP Art portfolios ready by May 20th. Our Grade 11 students will also benefit from this learning opportunity and can start working on their Art portfolios this year. Please join our virtual Portfolio classes on **Thursdays after school (3:30-5:00 pm)** to work on a variety of projects for Arts portfolios (Portraiture, Anatomy/ Figure Drawing, Architecture, Sculpture, Printmaking, Graphic Design, Animation and more). If your child would like to upgrade his/ her portfolios, please encourage them to join us.

If you are interested in attending the virtual meetings or have any questions, please email Mme Bern at: ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca



Upcoming Events



April 2	Good Friday (no school)
April 5	Easter Monday (no school)
April 12-16	Spring Break
April 19	School Council Meeting
May 17	School Council Meeting
May 24	Victoria Day (no school)
June 29-30	PA Day

Parents' Corner:

Parents' School Council 2020-2021, 7:00PM

Our meetings will be virtual meetings until further notice. A link will be sent the week before the meeting.



Please mark your calendar.

➤ **April 19th, 2021**

- Dr. Bernardini: Teen stress and anxiety presentation.

➤ **May 17th, 2021 TBD**

TBD: We'll provide the topics as soon as they are available.

*From: Geneviève Seabrook
Chair of Parents' Council*

Report It

Our schools should be safe, welcoming and inclusive places for everyone. It is important that students know what to do if they witness or experience inappropriate behaviour or incidents of hate or discrimination.

- There may be situations when you can safely step in and intervene and help.
- Talk to an adult at school, family member or other trusted adult.

Report the event without the person involved knowing using our online reporting tool, Report It.

Report It lets you share information about inappropriate student behaviour or incidents of hate or discrimination. You can use the online form to report:

- bullying, drugs, cheating, vandalism, harassment, violence or any other inappropriate behaviour


incidents of discrimination or hate, including anti-Indigenous racism, ableism, anti-Asian racism, anti-Black racism, antisemitism, classism, homophobia, Islamophobia, sexism, transphobia or other forms of hate

You can report events that happen at school, at school-related events, online or off school property if it negatively affects a student or the school climate. You can also choose to make a report anonymously.

Complete reports are shared with the school to investigate and respond.

Acts of discrimination, hate and bullying are never acceptable. Using the Report It tool is a way of standing up for each other and for ourselves.

You can find Report It on the homepage of the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca and on the homepage of every school website, or watch this [short video](#) to learn more.

THORNLEA SECONDARY – SEM 2 – Rotation 2 MONDAY MARCH 1 – WEDNESDAY MARCH 10		
8:50 – 11:20	PERIOD 2 FACE TO FACE	FACE TO FACE SCHEDULE
11:20 – 12:50	Travel Home/Lunch/ Study Hall	Mar 1 – Cohort A
12:50 – 1:40	PERIOD 1 ONLINE	Mar 2 – Cohort B
1:40 – 2:30	PERIOD 3 ONLINE	Mar 3 – Cohort A
2:30 – 3:20	PERIOD 4 ONLINE	Mar 4 – Cohort B
<p>*Remember to ensure you book a spot for Study Hall if required*</p> <p>**Feedback days have now been included in the calendar. The afternoon feedback sessions are intended to complement effective routine teacher practices and may include focused individual or small group descriptive feedback sessions that are timely, related to specific criteria and targeted to student needs. **</p> 		Mar 5 – Cohort A
		Mar 8 – Cohort B
		Mar 9 – Cohort A
		Mar 10 – Cohort B
		<p>**Thursday March 11 FEEDBACK DAY</p> <p>AM: 35 min period rotation (both cohorts online)</p> <p>PM: Feedback/Support No classes.</p>