



# Thornlea SS

Principal: Joe Foti

Vice-Principal: Anthony Hu

Vice-Principal: Sofia Papadatos

February 8, 2018



## Important Dates to Note

February 8 - Final Sem 1 Report Cards Home

February 15—Semester 2 Photo Day

February 19 - Family Day

February 26-March 9 GRAD Photos

March 12-16 Spring Break

March 19-22 GRAD Photos

April 12—Parents' Night

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# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

Welcome to Semester Two! We look forward to supporting our students towards new learning opportunities.

Students will receive semester one final report cards on Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please review the results with your child to ensure appropriate course selections. The Guidance Department will hold grade specific assemblies this week to explain career cruising for course selection and pathways planning.

## *Message from our new Vice-Principal*

I am thrilled to serve as your new Vice-Principal and look forward to working with students, staff and the parent community. The school's dedicated staff make every effort to promote high learning expectations within a safe, caring and inclusive environment; this has been evident to me from the onset.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

## *Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Update (OSSLT)*

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will take place on Tuesday April 10, 2018. All Grade 10 students (unless exempted or deferred) will write this test. Any Grade 11 and/or Grade 12 students who did not previously write or were unsuccessful will also write the test on this date. Successful completion of the OSSLT is a graduation requirement. To support Thornlea students preparing to write the test, whole school initiatives have been planned. We are also offering an After School Literacy Course for extra practice and preparation. This course, which is taught by Thornlea teachers, is available to all interested students. More information about the After School Course is listed in the Literacy Section of the newsletter.

## *School Council*

A friendly reminder that our next School Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15p.m., in the school library. We look forward to sharing exciting learning opportunities taking place in our building.

The administration and staff at Thornlea look forward to working closely with you and your family towards a productive and rewarding semester.

Sofia Papadatos  
Vice-Principal

**Thornlea Secondary School**

February 8, 2018

Parents' Night is on **April 12, 2018**

Thornlea is happy to announce that we will be using an online process to manage our Parents' Night scheduling.

Edsby is a cloud-based platform that will allow families to easily reserve times to meet with your child(en)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families will need to create an Edsby account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit <http://bit.ly/edsbyparents>.

You will be receiving an email in early March from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office. Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact their child's teacher.

#### **Important Timelines**

MARCH 12	Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts (or when YRDSB email is received)
MARCH 19	Parents' Night schedule opens at 10:00 am for booking. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby inbox with a notification to your email.
MARCH 8	Interim Report Cards sent home
APRIL 11	Interview Scheduler closes at 11:00 pm
APRIL 12	Parents' Night 6:30-8:30 pm



# Welcome to Edsby



York Region District School Board has partnered with Edsby to provide a secure platform for families to connect with what's happening at school and with your child's education.

Edsby offers many different features that YRDSB will be rolling out over the next several years. Some of these features include:

- Absence reporting
- A news river with school events and information
- Appointment bookings for Parent-Teacher Interviews/Student-Led Conferences
- Program registration
- Extra-curricular Groups and Activities
- Access to your child's schedule and upcoming events.

Our school will communicate more information as features become available.

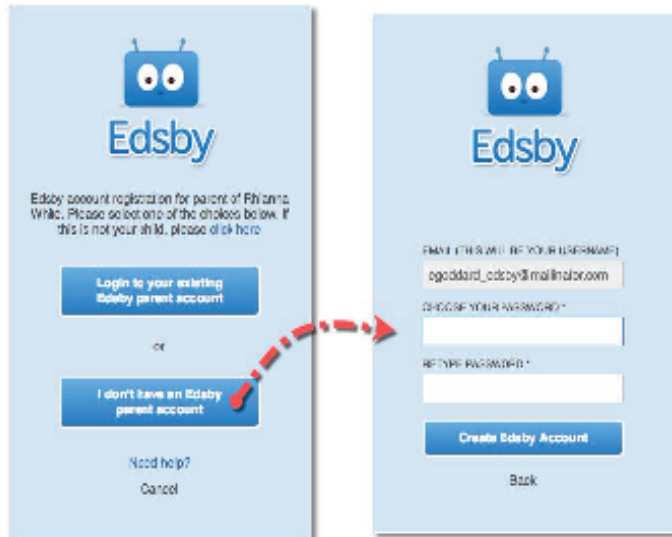
For Edsby to be effective, it contains personal information about you and your family that is collected by the Board at registration. This information is used to provide services and support to you and your family. Edsby has been designed as a secure system that protects the privacy of this information for our families.

## Setting up your Edsby Account for the first time

You will receive an email from York Region District School Board early March with instructions on how to create an Edsby account. Make sure the school office has your current email address on file.

If you do not see the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

1. Click the link in the email. The browser will send you to a screen like the one on the right.
2. Click the "I don't have an Edsby parent account" button. Your username will be your email address. You will choose your password. Similar to a banking password, it is important to choose a strong password. Please do not share your password.
3. Click "Create Edsby Account." A "Welcome to Edsby" message will be sent to your email address.



**For questions about your Edsby account, please contact your child's school.**

**More Mobile?  
Download the Edsby App**



## Frequently Asked Questions

**What can I do if I do not see the invitation in my email inbox?**

Check your junk mail and/or mail settings for an email issued from YRDSB. Your email address on file at your child's school must match the email address for Edsby. If they do not match, contact your child's school to update your email address and reissue an invitation. Updates to email addresses for using Edsby take 24 hours.

**What if I accidentally decline the invitation from my child's school?**

You will need to contact your child's school so they may issue a new invitation to your email address.

**What do I do if I forgot my password?**

Go to the Edsby login page (<http://yrdsb.edsby.com>), then click "Can't log in" at the bottom of the page. You will be prompted to enter your username (full email address on file). A temporary password will be sent to your email address and you will be asked to create a new password.

**What do I do if I forget my login information?**

Your Edsby username is your full email address that you provided to your child's school. If you forgot your username or changed your username, you will need to contact your child's school to verify the email address on file. Updates to email addresses for Edsby logins will take at least 24 hours.

**Why does my Edsby account not show correctly on my screen?**

Make sure to enable cookies and JavaScript on your browser (consult the help section of your browser). Edsby supports Google Chrome, Apple Safari, Mozilla Firefox, and Internet Explorer (IE 10 or higher).

**How do I sign in using the Edsby App?**

Download the Edsby app for your mobile device. Open the app. Enter "yrdsb" for your server address when asked. Then enter your Edsby username (full email address) and password.

**Why can I not see my other child(ren) or messages from their school(s)?**

If you have children at other schools, you will receive a separate invitation for those students. When you select the link in the email, you will select "I have an Edsby account" and enter your login and password. Your children will be added to your account. As long as you are using the same email address, your children should all appear. If you do not see a child in your Edsby account, please contact the school of that child.





### TSS Literacy Corner

Education Quality and  
Accountability Office



Hello Parents and Guardians,

The following will help prepare your son/daughter for writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

#### After School Literacy Program

⇒ The school is offering two sections of the After School Literacy Program in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Each session will run from 3:15 to 4:45pm.

**Section 1 = every Monday and Wednesday** from February 21 to April 4

**Section 2 = every Tuesday and Thursday** from February 27 to April 5

\*\*\*excluding days during March Break\*\*\*

⇒ The registration form (for each option) is available in the Main Office and a copy is attached to the E-bulletin. If you would like your son/daughter to participate in the Program, please choose the section (days) you prefer and either:

1. print it out and return the completed form to the Main Office

OR

2. email the completed form to me at [lovleen.rai@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lovleen.rai@yrdsb.ca)

**\*\*\*Once the form is submitted, your son/daughter is automatically registered for the Program.**

#### Whole School Initiative (WSIs)

⇒ There will be 4 WSIs in second semester. The WSIs will take place on the following days:

February 22

March 01

March 20

March 26

#### Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Assembly

⇒ There will be an information session on April 5 during period 3.

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

*Lovleen Rai*

905-889-9696 Ext/254

[Lovleen.rai@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Lovleen.rai@yrdsb.ca)



### AFTER SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM LITERACY/NUMERACY STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

STUDENT ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname

First Name

GENDER: M  F

DATE OF BIRTH:

YEAR

MONTH

DAY

ADDRESS:

Number

Street Name

Town/City

POSTAL CODE

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCY STATUS: CANADIAN CITIZEN  PERMANENT RESIDENT

VISA STUDENT  - Elementary Visa Students pay \$68.55 - cheque attached

- Secondary Visa Students pay \$102.80 - cheque attached

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE: FIRST NATION  INUIT  METIS

Please use one set of Registration forms per Class. Please enter the dates "To" and "From" (between October 1 and May 31 in the current school year), during which the course will be held. Please check off the days on which the course will be held.

FROM: FEBRUARY 21 TO: APRIL 4 M  T  W  Th  F

**\*EXCLUDING DAYS DURING MARCH BREAK\***

NOTE TO STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN: Punctuality and regular attendance are vital to the process of learning and the completion of this Program.

STUDENT AGREEMENT—My signature indicates my commitment to the Program.


\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT SIGNATURE                      TEACHER'S SIGNATURE                      DATE

**PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL**

This student has my approval to enrol in the course listed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE                      PRINT NAME                      DATE

**PRINCIPAL'S APPROVAL** (original signature required please).

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE                      DEC 21, 2017  
DATE





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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

STUDENT ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname First Name

GENDER: M  F  DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
YEAR MONTH DAY

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Name Town/City POSTAL CODE

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCY STATUS: CANADIAN CITIZEN  PERMANENT RESIDENT   
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FROM: FEBRUARY 27 TO: APRIL 5 M  T  W  Th  F

*\*EXCLUDING DAYS DURING MARCH BREAK\**

NOTE TO STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN: Punctuality and regular attendance are vital to the process of learning and the completion of this Program.

STUDENT AGREEMENT—My signature indicates my commitment to the Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT SIGNATURE TEACHER'S SIGNATURE DATE

**PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL**

This student has my approval to enrol in the course listed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE PRINT NAME DATE

**PRINCIPAL'S APPROVAL** (original signature required please).

[Signature] DEC 21, 2017  
PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE DATE

**DEAR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS AND STAFF MEMBERS,**  
**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR**  
**DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS CLUB.**  
**YOU ARE ALL INVITED!!!**



Our **Digital Arts Club Hands-On Workshops** will take place  
**ON THURSDAYS**

**AFTER SCHOOL (3:30 – 4:30 PM) IN ROOM 223.**

Please choose the session/ sessions that you would like to attend and send an email to: [ilana.bern@vrdsb.ca](mailto:ilana.bern@vrdsb.ca). We will contact you in the next few days to confirm Workshops dates and your attendance.

Looking forward to seeing you very soon!

**Digital Arts Club Hands-On Workshops:**

- Surreal Collages in Photoshop
- Learning Illustration in Illustrator
- Animated E-Cards using Flash MX
  - Simple Movie in Flash MX
  - 3-D Animation in Blender 2.68
- Website Design in Dreamweaver (using Flash MX /Photoshop)

Best Regards,

Mme Bern and Digital Media Arts Team

## AP @ Thornlea

Dear Parents,

This is a message from your AP coordinator Ms. Estafanos. AP exams are taking place in May 2018.

The schedule is outlined below:

### 2018 AP Exam Schedule

SUBJECT	DATE AND TIME
<i>Chemistry</i>	Mon. May 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM
<i>Physics 1</i>	Tues. May 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM
<i>Physics 2</i>	Wed. May 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM
<i>English Literature &amp; Composi-</i>	Wed. May 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM
<i>Studio Art: Portfolio/ Drawing</i>	Fri. May 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 PM
<i>Biology</i>	Mon. May 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM
<i>Calculus AB</i>	Tues. May 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM
<i>Calculus BC – Late testing date</i>	Friday May 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM
<i>French Language and Culture</i>	Tues. May 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM
<i>World History</i>	Thurs. May 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM

Students can start completing the AP order form (included below) and must submit their forms by March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

If the student has an IEP (An Individual Education Plan), they must check off that option on the form and let myself know before February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Ms. Viviane Estafanos

[Viviane.estafanos@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Viviane.estafanos@yrdsb.ca) or 905-889-9696 extension 251



## Thornlea Secondary School Advanced Placement Program

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM ORDER FORM

The fees for Advanced Placement Exams for 2018 are \$155 for the first exam taken and \$145 for all subsequent exams.

Please complete and return the form below to Ms. Estafanos in the Guidance Office along with a cheque made out to Thornlea Secondary School with the amount corresponding to the number of exams you would like to write. Please print your name on the memo line of your cheque.

Forms and cheques must be received by Ms. Estafanos no later than **Friday March 9th, 2018** in order to ensure your exams are ordered.

Thank you,  
Ms. Estafanos

\_\_\_\_\_ will be writing the following Advanced Placement Exams:  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### **2018 AP Exam Schedule\*** (please choose your exams from the table below)

SUBJECT	DATE AND TIME	WILL YOU BE WRITING THIS EXAM?	
Chemistry	Mon. May 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Physics 1	Tues. May 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Physics 2	Wed. May 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
English Literature & Composition	Wed. May 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Studio Art: Portfolio Submission	Fri. May 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Biology	Mon. May 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Calculus AB	Tues. May 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Calculus BC- Late testing date	Friday May 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
French Language and Culture	Tues. May 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
World History	Thurs. May 17 @ 8:00 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

\*if you don't see your exam listed above, please come see Ms. Estafanos in guidance.

#### Student Services (Please check one (1) of the following two options)

I have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) and will need accommodations. (Before Accommodations: (please list) \_\_\_\_\_)

I do not have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) and will not need any accommodations.

#### Payment

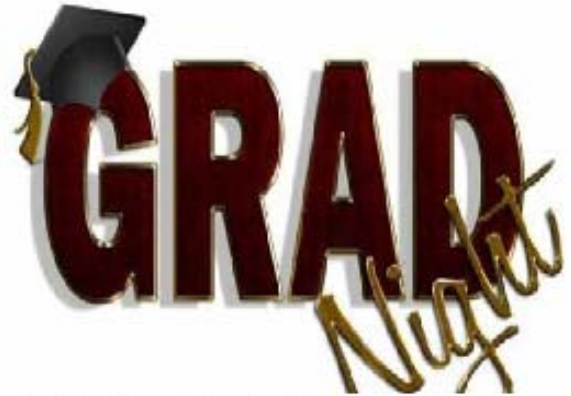
Cheque for the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached. (Payable to: THORNLEA SECONDARY SCHOOL)

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION 2018  
GRADUATES!**

**June 28, 2018  
Is GRAD  
NIGHT!**



**Graduation Fee Includes:**  
 Cap & Gown  
 Venue & Refreshments  
 Printing Costs  
 Decorations

**Graduation Fee is \$75.00. Graduation ceremonies on June 28, 2018 will be at Paradise Banquet Centre in Vaughan  
[www.paradisebanquethalls.com](http://www.paradisebanquethalls.com)**

**If you have NOT YET PAID the fee and will attend Graduation on June 28, 2018, please make sure to **PAY ONLINE AND INCLUDE THE SIZE OF GOWN YOU REQUIRE.** All of this can be done online.**

**School Cash On Line Instructions attached.**

**If you need to pay by CASH, or CHEQUE, please see Ms. Maiorano in the office to pay and to complete the Gown Size Order Form.**

**PAYMENT FOR GRADUATION MUST BE COMPLETED  
 BY February 23, 2018**

**If your payment is not received by this date, a gown and cap will not be ordered for you.**



The York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities presents...

# Celebrating the Success of our Black Families in York Region



**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**Thornlea Secondary School  
8075 Bayview Ave. Thornhill, ON  
L3T 4N4**

**Time: 11:00am - 2:30pm**

**11:00-11:30am  
Registration**

**11:00-11:30am; 1:30-2:30pm  
Networking**

**Free Admission**

**Uplifting our Black Families**

**Bridging the Past with the Present**

**Navigating the Present into the Future**

**Celebrating our "Firsts":**

**Members of our Black community in York Region who have broken glass ceilings.**

**Bring the entire family!**

**Activities include:**

- **Community Speakers**
- **Black Marketplace**

**Entertainment:**

- **Drumming**
- **Youth Entertainment**

**Refreshments provided**



Contact: Ann Marie (647)-280-9879 | [info@yorkregionaacc.ca](mailto:info@yorkregionaacc.ca)

Register at: <http://bit.ly/YRAACCEvent>

**Join Kate to learn how we can work together to help kids thrive both at home and at school. In this interactive session, you will explore the following:**

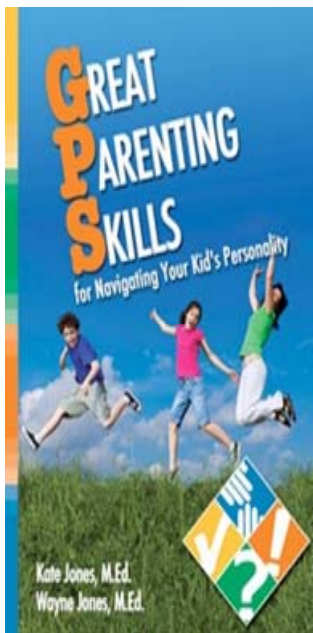
**Your Kid's Resilience versus Achievement**

**Why Resilience is so Important**

**Recognizing Resilience**

**Ways to Increase Kids' Resilience**

**By applying these practical strategies you will be able to help your offspring cope with life's challenges in a more positive way.**



**Book available at  
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**International Speaker**

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**Motivational speaker for over 15 years**

**Founder of the "Awesome Parenting Series®"**

**Master Trainer for Personality Dimensions®**

**Master of Education Degree in Teaching and Learning**

## School Cash Online

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students.

Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque.

You can [register for School Cash Online](#) at any time. There is also a button on our school website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.



## Important Information for Students Turning 18

Under the Education Act, parents/guardians have a right to access their child's Ontario Student Record if the child is under 18.

If the student is 18 or over, the Board/school must follow the privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regarding the disclosure of personal information about the student to their parents/guardians.

Students 18 or over must provide written permission by signing the [Consent for Information Sharing](#) form to allow parents/guardians to continue to access school-related information about the student. This includes academic progress, attendance and behaviour.

Students can also obtain the form from the school office.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 8	Sem 1 Final Report Cards Home
February 15	Semester 2 Photo Day
February 19	Family Day (No School Today)
February 20	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
February 28	Black History Assembly
February 26-March 9	GRAD Photo's
March 19-22	GRAD Photo's
March 8	Interim Reports Home Semester 2
March 12-16	Spring Break
March 30	Good Friday
April 2	Easter Monday
April 10	OSSLT
April 12	Parents' Night
April 17	Term 1 Ends
April 18	Term 2 Begins
April 19	Health & Wellness Thunder Thursday
April 23	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
April 26	Mid-Term Reports Home
May 2	Health & Wellness Day
May 3	PROM
May 4	PA Day
May 21	Victoria Day (No School Today)
May 22	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
June 2	Thornlea SS 50th Anniversary
June 11-13	Gr. 9 Math EQAO
June 20-26	EXAMS
June 27	Exam Review Day
June 28	Graduation
June 28-29	PA Day

**FINAL REPORT CARDS MAILED HOME MID-JULY**