



Thornlea SS

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HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

2018



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MESSAGE FROM VICE-PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

As you read this letter, the first semester is quickly wrapping up with only a few days of classes left before the final examination period. As students and staff wrap up courses for the semester, we look back at a wonderful semester filled with a lot of highlights for students through their extra-curricular activities at school.

A reminder to parents/guardians that tonight's School Council meeting has been cancelled and postponed to tomorrow at 7:15pm in the library. If you are available, please come and attend. All are welcome.

For students applying to college, the Equal Consideration deadline is February 1st. Please see Guidance if you have any questions.

There are a few important dates and events for parents to be aware of. Thursday February 1st will be the exam review day when students will have the opportunity to view their exam and obtain their final marks for their first semester courses. With courses that didn't have an exam, students will have the time to discuss the culminating course assignments with their teachers. Students will also be receiving their semester two timetable during period one (homeroom) of the exam review day. Friday February 2nd will be a PA Day and semester two will officially begin on Monday February 5th. On February 8th, semester one report cards will be distributed to students to take home during their period one class. The picture day for semester two will take place on February 15th. Family Day will be taking place on February 19th and as a result there won't be any classes on that day. The next School Council meeting will take place on February 21st.

Looking ahead to the beginning of semester two, students will be selecting their courses for the 2018/2019 school year. It would be a great idea for students and parents to look at the online Thornlea Secondary School course calendar and to log on Career Cruising and plan for the upcoming school year. The guidance department will be having course selection assemblies during the beginning of February to assist students with this process. If you have specific questions about pathway options and about courses, students can make an appointment with their guidance counsellor.

The drama department and students will be beginning to plan and prepare for the one act festival which will be something you don't want to miss.

Sincerely
Anthony Hu

TONIGHT'S SCHOOL
COUNCIL MEETING IS
CANCELLED DUE TO
WEATHER CONDITIONS.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING IS
RESCHEDULED TO
TOMORROW NIGHT
JANUARY 23, 2018 AT
7:15PM.

Message From Our Trustee

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

Exam Schedule for January 2018

All exams are written at 10:00 am.

Thursday January 25, 2018 - PERIOD 1			
Teacher	Course Code	Rm	
Ackerman	SPH4U14QE-01*	119	
Chu	SBI3UE-01*	142	
Chuid	SBI3U1-01*	117	
Cushing	MPM1D1-03	224	
Guff	IPS3U14U1-01*	148	
Espinoza	ENG3U1-18	236	
Escobinos	FIF2DF-01*	220	
Freleigh	SNC1D3-01	123	
Hutchison	ENGLU1-02	232	
Ifeifa	BAT4M1-01*	109	
Maels	CUU3M1-01	238	
Mahalingam	MHF4U1-03*	131	
Malev	ENG2LU-01*	230	
Poydar	MDM4M1-01*	129	
Pilarain	FIF3UF-03*	146	
Wang	SNC1D3-01	139	

Friday January 26, 2018 - PERIOD 2			
Teacher	Course Code	Rm	
Burman	ENG3U1-01	237	
Cabau	CGC1D1-03	218	
Chu	SCH4U1-01*	142	
Duff	MCP3U1-01	148	
Fu	CGC1DF-01	220	
Hutchison	ENG4UE-01*	232	
Izum	CHC2D1-01	222	
Jeor	MHF4U1-02*	127	
Menivanan	SCH3UE-01*	125	
McCatchen	MCRC3UE-01*	132	
Moghalzel	SNC2D3-03	112	
Morow	FSF1D1-01	129	
Rosa	SBI4U1-01*	117	
Sequin	CGC4U1-01*	215	
Sims	BBB4M1-01*	108	
Smith	ENG4U1-02*	229	
Stanc	ADA3D4-01	219	
Wang	SCH3UF-01*	139	

Monday January 28, 2018 - PERIOD 3			
Teacher	Course Code	Rm	
Chui	SNC2D1-01	142	
Chuid	MCF3M1-01	129	
Cushing	MPM2D1-02	224	
De Luca	C-FC2DF-01	145	
Espinoza	ENG4UF-03*	237	
Frateschi	ENGL1D1-03	123	
Fu	FIF1DF-01	144	
Grant	MCV4U1-01*	126	
Mahalingam	MHF4U1-01*	131	
McCatchen	MHF4UE-01*	134	
Poydar	SCH3UE-01*	148	
Pilarain	FIF3UF-02*	117	
Rosa	SBI4U1-03*	117	
Sequin	CGC1D1-01	218	
Sims	BOH4M1-01*	108	
Smith	MCR3U1-02*	138	
Wang	SNC2D3-01	139	

Tuesday January 30, 2018 - PERIOD 4			
Teacher	Course Code	Rm	
Ackerman	SPH4U1-02*	118	
Burman	ENG3U1-05	237	
Char	AMH12O34M1-01	248	
Chuid	MPM2D3-01	129	
Cushing	MPM1D1-01	224	
Duff	PSK4U1-01*	240	
Duff	MPM2DF-01	148	
Espinoza	FIF2DF-03*	220	
Fu	FIF4DF-01*	144	
Grant	MPM1D3-01	136	
Hutchison	ENG3UE-01	232	
Izum	FC24U14HE-C1	222	
Jeor	MPM2DF-01	127	
Mahalingam	MDM4U1-02*	131	
McCatchen	MHF4UF-04*	132	
Poydar	SPH3U1-01*	134	
Sims	BAT3M1-01*	109	
Smith	MCR3U1-05*	138	
Stanc	ADA1D12D1-01	219	

Wednesday January 31, 2018	
Alternate Exam Day & Exam Conflicts	

* Courses with an asterisk have two-hour exams. All other courses have 1.12 hour exams.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

For Semester 2 – All students will receive NEW timetables in their Period 1 class on February 1st EXAM REVIEW DAY.

Please make sure to come to school on EXAM REVIEW DAY to pick up your timetable. Take a picture of your timetable so you have it on your phone for the first day of Semester 2!

Exam Review Day Schedule

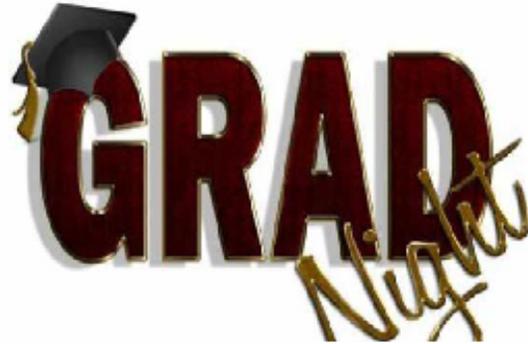
SCHEDULE FOR EXAM CONSULTATION DAY Thursday February 1st, 2018	
Period 1	8:55 – 9:30 am
Period 2	9:35 – 10:10 am
Period 3	10:15 – 10:50 am
Period 4	10:55 – 11:30 am
Teacher Meetings	All Afternoon

**Students to pick up
Sem 2
timetable in
Homeroom
Period 1 class**

**Grade 12 GRAD Information Assembly on
January 23rd at 1pm. All students planning on
attending GRADUATION must
come to this Information Session.**

**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**

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.



TSS Literacy Corner

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Hello Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to remind you about a few things that will help prepare your son/daughter for writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

Reminder #1:

- ⇒ The test will take place on April 10.
- ⇒ Students will receive more information at an assembly on April 5 during period 3.

Reminder #2: After School Literacy Program

- ⇒ We are planning to offer **two sections of the After School Literacy Program in 2nd semester.**
- ⇒ One section will take place **every Monday and Wednesday** from 3:15 to 4:45 from February 21 to April 4 (excluding days during March Break).
- ⇒ Another section will take place **every Tuesday and Thursday** from 3:15 to 4:45 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.raai@yrdsb.ca

Reminder #3: Preparing for the Test

- ⇒ The Whole School Initiative (WSI) lessons will resume second semester on February 20, 2018.

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.raai@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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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).



PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE

DEC 21, 2017

DATE

Happy New Year from the Guidance Department!

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

The Guidance Team this year consists of Ms. Lovleen Rai (ESL Counselor/Literacy Lead), Ms. Viviane Estafanos (French Immersion Counselor/AP Co-ordinator, F.I. Teacher), Ms. Julie Scott (Student Success), Ms. Kathryn Pantazopoulos (Student Success for ESL students), Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance (Counselor) and Ms. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary).

We also would like to announce the new process for making guidance appointments. **First**, please see Mrs. Burdett, our Guidance Secretary. If any student would like to make an appointment with their "area" identified counselor (French Immersion, ESL, Other), they should come to the Guidance Office before school starts (8:30 to 8:45), during their lunch (11:30 to 12:30), or after school (3:00 to 3:30) to make their appointment.

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) deadline has now passed. Currently **197** Thornlea students have applied. We wish them all the best in their exams next week and will continue to answer their questions on the University selection process. Note: Our Guidance Department will upload your grade 12 Marks in early February. No marks will be submitted to OUAC until that time.

Guidance will continue to monitor and support the College application process. We have had **26** students apply as of today. No PinCodes are distributed for College Applications; students will create their own on-line at www.ontariocolleges.ca.

The "Equal Consideration" Deadline for your College Application is February 1st, 2018 (recommend to pay on-line with a credit card)

The next OUAC University grades transmission is scheduled for February 15th, 2018.
The next OCAS College grades transmission is scheduled for February 9th, 2018.

For Scholarship information, please make an appointment to see Ms. Rai in the Guidance office.

We also have a handout in the Guidance office.

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

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

www.electronicinfo.ca/scholarships

www.scholarshipscanada.com

If students are planning on making a request for a timetable change for 2nd semester, a “request to make a change” form will be handed out by the Guidance Office starting **Feb. 5th**. Listen for your Grade level to be called down to the Guidance Office on **Feb. 5th**.

Course selections for next year 2018/19, will start on Tuesday February 6th. There will be grade assemblies during Period 2 to provide information on this process. Grade 9 (Feb 6), Grade 10(Feb. 7), Grade 11(Feb. 8), Grade 12(Feb. 9). Course selections in Career Cruising are to be completed and submitted by Friday Feb. 23rd (equal consideration deadline).

We would also like to remind our learning community that there is a new 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 approval. Your service must be for a Not-For-Profit organization/event.**

We also would like to announce a new initiative to all our grade 9 students. Grade 9 students that complete their 40 community service hours in their grade 9 year will receive a special certificate of completion.

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.

A reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours by January 31st, 2018. Before the next OUAC/OCAS transmission.

Night School Course registration starts Jan. 8th – register through Career Cruising
www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx

Night School E-Learning Course registration starts Jan. (Only if you have 3 or less courses on your Timtable)
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Night%20School%20e-Learning.aspx>

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education

Women's Fitness is a MUST for all Students!

Here is what the students had to say ...

PAF2/3/408

Why is the PAF course so valuable?



By: Ellen Chen

This course taught me to understand my body. I learned about how it worked and what strength or endurance I needed to improve. While learning about the fitness topic, I learned that it is important to do exercise and try to exercise all of the parts of my body. Doing so can reduce the risk of health problems that can occur when I am older. The healthy eating topic taught me about how important food is. It made me realize how much food affected me both positively and negatively. The body image topic has taught me how to love myself. It showed me how important it is to accept ourselves for who we are and how important self love is. What I took away from this topic was that I need to love myself more and that I should look more on the positive sides of things. All these topics are not normally taught in detail, the topics get overlooked, and skipped

because many people think they are not important. However, they are wrong as these topics are the foundation of a healthy life and they all intertwine together. Since these topics are overlooked all the time, I think that this course is a great opportunity to learn about these topics in detail. This course will also give you some tips you can use and implement into your life.

By: Aziza Agasee

This course taught me the value of working out and staying healthy. Looking forward I plan to make some changes in my daily routine. Adding a work out to my weekly schedule such as the individualized workout routine I am currently working on as part of my culminating assignment. Going for runs a couple times a week by slowly increasing my run time each week and making sure I get the right intake of each food group I need in a day to keep my body as strong as possible. Originally, I took this course for a credit and it was one of the best decisions I've made as I learned so much from this course that I will keep with me long after high school. The decisions you make with your body now impacts your life later which is why I am looking forward to these positive changes.



Fitness is the most important part of the course. During the course, you will improve your cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance, which are beneficial in living a healthy life.



Fitness

健身的作用在于增强你的心肺功能，肌肉力量还有耐力。这些在你今后的人生中非常重要。

In the PAF course, the main idea is to learn to live healthy and exercise. The biggest benefit is that you can use the school time to exercise instead of doing fitness after school. Besides, the course is relaxing and interesting. And there are 3 necessary parts of the course: fitness, health eating and body image.

选PAF课程最大的好处莫过于利用在校的时间来锻炼身体而不去浪费课余时间并且课程轻松有趣。



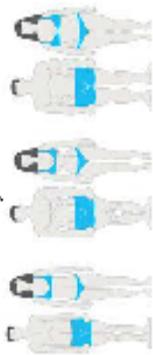
Welcome to PAF course !!! 欢迎来选PAF课!!!



Healthy Eating

健康饮食也很重要。在健身期间，选择合适食物能帮助身体更好的塑性。

Healthy eating is choosing suitable food according your eating habits and the food pyramid. Fitness and eating properly can help build a healthy body. So it's necessary to learn the nutrition from PAF course.



Body Image

It is important to be confident about your body. Although it's hard to have a change of your body because you are born with a certain morphotype, you can stay healthy by eating well and exercising. The PAF course is a good way to learn how these things work.

学会对自己身材自信很重要。即使很难改变体型但是通过健康饮食和健身可以做到，所以PAF课很重要。



For adults 21+ years of age
**CONQUERING
ANXIETY**

Wednesdays
Feb. 21 – Apr. 25, 2018
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Interested participants will be booked for a half hour pre-group interview.

**DO YOU HAVE ANXIETY?
IS YOUR ANXIETY OVERWHELMING?
DOES IT INTERFERE WITH YOUR DAILY FUNCTION?**

If so, join this 10 week supportive group to learn more about:

- *Understanding anxiety*
- *Identifying thoughts associated with it*
- *Recognizing anxiety triggers*
- *Developing new strategies of overcoming anxiety*

For more information or to register, please contact Ketrina at (905) 303-8490 Ext. 146

9401 Jane Street, Suite 106
Vaughan ON, L6A 4H7
www.vaughanhealthcarehc.com



**EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CLASSISM SUB-COMMITTEE**

Community Conversations

**Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low
income and class-based discrimination?**

We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.

Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

- January 15 Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7
- January 22 Sutton District HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0
- January 29 Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4
- February 5 Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5
- February 12 Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

[Registration online is preferred however not mandatory.](#)

**For more information, childminding, transportation or translation, please
contact:**

Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis
905-895-3126
k_carbis@hotmail.com



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANTI-BLACK RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Consultations

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

Actions Taken by YRDSB following Ministry Review to Support the Learning of Students of African Descent and their Families

Agenda

- An overview of the Ministry of Education's Review of YRDSB
- YRDSB Current Work and Response to the Ministry's Review on all levels (board, school and community engagement)
- Community Feedback Sessions in small group carousel format - *What is going well? What are you worried about? What needs to happen next?*
 - Board
 - School
 - Community Engagement
- Report Back and Next Steps

Dates, times and locations

Thursday January 18, 2018

6:00pm – 9:30pm

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

(Refreshments will be provided)

Saturday January 27, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4

(Lunch will be provided)

Registration

Please register [online](#) by Friday January 12, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Freyja Phillips freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 22	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
January 23	GR. 12 Graduation Assembly 1pm
January 25-31	EXAMS
February 1	Exam Review Day
Students to pick up Semester 2 Timetables in Hmrm	
February 2	PA Day
February 5	Semester 2 Begins
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 26-March 9	GRAD Photo's (More Info to Follow)
March 8	Interim Reports Home Semester 2
March 12-16	Spring Break
March 28	Awards Ceremony (by invitation)
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 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