



Thornlea SS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

As I write this Principal message we are into our third day of exams at Thornlea and the first semester is about to come to a close. It was a semester that had many highlights, back in September we welcomed a new group of enthusiastic grade nine students. In the fall our boys' and girls' rugby senior teams had a great season. For the first time in years our girls' basketball team qualified for the playoffs. Congratulations to our players and coaches. We would also like to congratulate two grade eleven students Bronx Siu and Ezra Amon for the work on Eco footprints. They put forward a proposal to EF tours and will be travelling to Ottawa to work with mentors on their proposal.

There are a couple dates that we would like parents to be aware of, this Thursday February 2nd is our exam review day when students can see their exam and the final marks for their semester one courses. February 3rd is a PD day and Monday February 6th is the start of semester two at Thornlea. Final report cards for semester one will be handed out on February 9th for students to take home. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

With the start of semester two, several of our teams will be preparing for the playoffs. Our senior girls' Volleyball team has won several tournaments and hopes to advance through the upcoming YRAA playoffs. The boys' junior and senior Basketball teams are in first place as well. Our drama department and students are starting to prepare for our student one act play festival which is a Thornlea tradition and one of my favourite events.

Finally, we would like to announce that during the 2017/2018 school year Thornlea will turn fifty years old. To celebrate our birthday, we are planning on building an outdoor classroom for our students. We hope to have a number of our classes involved in the planning and construction of the project. Please stay tuned to this space for updates.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Foti

Exam Consultation Day Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017

Schedule

Period 1: 8:55 – 9:30

Period 2: 9:35 – 10:10

Period 3: 10:15 – 10:50

Period 4: 10:55 – 11:30

Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30

Afternoon: 12:30 – 3:05

(Student Appointments)



TSS Literacy Corner

Hello Parents and Guardians,

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

LITERACY TEST DATE: MARCH 30, 2017

Information about the After School Literacy Program:

- ⇒ We are planning to offer the After School Literacy Program in 2nd semester.
- ⇒ The Program will take place **February 13 to March 22 every Monday and Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:45 (excluding March Break).**
- ⇒ The benefit for students to enroll in the Program is that:
 - each session will focus on one or two tasks from the test.
 - students will learn to apply specific strategies and tips for each type of reading and writing task.
 - they will receive guidance from the teacher through instruction and immediate feedback on the sample tasks.

***The permission form is attached. If you would like your son/daughter to take the program, please print and sign it. Have your son/daughter return the form to the main office.

Preparing for the Test:

- ⇒ Upcoming dates for the Whole School Initiatives (WSI) sessions in second semester are:
February 15 (Period 2); February 23 (Period 1); March 1 (Period 2)

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

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Education Quality and
Accountability Office





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 \$102.50 - 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 13 TO: MARCH 22 M T W TH F SA SU

EXCLUDING 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 enroll in the course listed:

 PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE PRINT NAME DATE

PRINCIPAL'S APPROVAL (original signature required please).

 _____
 PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE DATE 2017-01-26

Advanced Placement (AP) *Studio Art* at Thornlea Secondary School

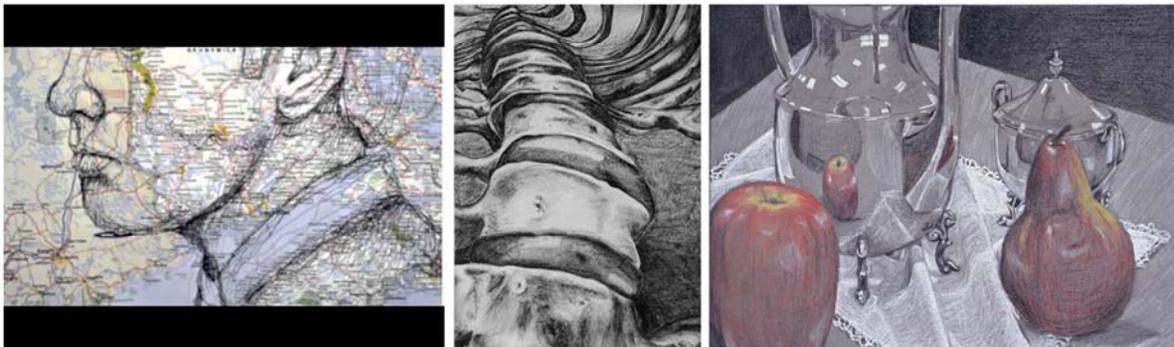
Thornlea Secondary School is currently the only school in York Region to offer AP Studio Art. Students can select the course for their grade 12 year. Once the course begins students decide whether to focus on a Painting/Drawing Portfolio or a 2D Design Portfolio. Painting/Drawing can include any paint or drawing material such as acrylic paint, watercolour, charcoal, graphite, pastel. The 2D Design portfolio can also use those materials but in addition students can incorporate mixed media work, digital work, and photography.

The first half of the course focuses on the Breadth aspect of the portfolio -students work in a wide range of styles and materials to show their breadth of skills. The second half of the course focuses on the Concentration part of the portfolio where students choose a topic and subject matter to focus on for a series of artworks, to show they can use art materials to deeply examine a topic of their choice.

Students use class time to work on their portfolios and develop their skills. They earn a mark from the Thornlea teacher but also submit their Portfolio to the AP College Board. Portfolios are due the beginning of May. Five pieces are sent to the AP College Board for evaluation. The other pieces are submitted electronically with short artist statements. Students are scored out of 6. If students earn a score of 4 or higher they may be eligible for a university credit.

AP Studio Art is an excellent opportunity for students who want to take a semester to focus on developing their artistic abilities, build a portfolio, and earn an AP credit which although rigorous is deeply rewarding.

More information can be found on the AP website: search AP COLLEGE BOARD and Visual Art or please contact the Head of Art, Zavi Lerman at zehava.lerman@yrdsb.ca.



Artworks from the AP College Board website.



Mariah Bulbulia, a grade 12 student at Thornlea Secondary School has been formally recognized by the ACT Foundation for the actions she took after witnessing an accident. Mariah was first exposed to emergency response procedures in her grade 9 Health and Physical Education class. The department believes that knowing these valuable skills will increase the chances of survival, ensure bystander safety, and create responsible members of the community.

If you would like to read the full article, use the following link: <http://actfoundation.ca/rescues/seventeen-year-old-helps-a-stranger-in-an-emergency/>. On behalf of the school community we would like to congratulate Mariah on being a good Samaritan. Well done!

Ms. Dawe

(Right click to open hyperlink)

<http://actfoundation.ca/rescues/seventeen-year-old-helps-a-stranger-in-an-emergency/>



On Saturday, December 3rd students from Thornlea Secondary School participated in the 5km Santa Shuffle fun run with the Health and Physical Education department.

The run took place at Sunnybrook Park in Toronto and helped raise money for the Salvation Army Gateway program, which provides hot meals, beds and friendship to those living in poverty.

As a school we had over 30 participants. The day was complete with complimentary treats, face painting and visits with Santa. Congratulations to all those who participated. The Health and Physical Education department looks forward to expanding the trip and have more runners next year.

Ms. Kathryn Dawe

Happy New Year from the Guidance Department!

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 in their exams and will continue to answer their questions on the University selection process.

Guidance has offered several College Application work-shops. No Pin Codes are distributed for College Applications; students will create their own with their Ontario Education Number (OEN) at www.ontariocolleges.ca. A reminder that the “equal consideration” **deadline** is **February 1st**.

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

The next OUAC University grades transmission is scheduled for February 15th, 2017. The next OCAS College grades transmission is scheduled for February 10th, 2017.

Course selections for next year will start on Wednesday February 13th. There will be grade assemblies during period 2 to provide information on this process. Grade 9(Feb 13), Grade 10(Feb. 14), Grade 11(Feb. 15), Grade 12(Feb. 16). Course selections in Career Cruising are to be completed and submitted by Friday Feb. 24th.

If students are planning on making a request for a timetable change for 2nd semester, listen to the announcements on Feb. 6th. The process will be the same as in September.

We also would like to remind students of our process for making guidance appointments. If any student would like to make an appointment with their “Alpha/Program” identified counselor, they should come to the Guidance Office before school starts (8:25 to 8:45), during their lunch (11:30 to 12:30), or after school (3:05 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. ***A reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours by Thursday, February 9th, 2017.***

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

"40" Niner Club



We would like to congratulate 7 grade nine students that have already completed their Graduation Requirement of 40 Community Service Hours. They have earned VIP status and are now a member of the "40" - Niner Club.

They have given back to various community organizations, such as Clubs at Thornlea, Camps, Community Festivals, Community Sports, Religious Centres, and other Not-For-Profit organizations.

Joshua Auw-Yang
Diana Adamo
Destiny Chan
Zack Russ
Samridhi Sakthivel
Jaime Sit
Dexter Siu
With Ms. Tavares

Congratulations! Go Thunder!

We had a great time at the Royal Ontario Museum,
visiting Dale Chihuly's Gallery.
A Must-See Exhibition if you planning a Field Trip!





Kudos to Our Student Ambassadors!

They always help promote our very special Visual Arts/ ACAM Animation here at Thornlea.

Special Thanks to my Gr. 9 (Arts FI) students:
Noura Khajehnouri
Niloofer Gheshlaghi
Lauren Mackenzie
Maryam Chaudhary
Shourob Banerjee
David Park
Anson Ho
and Alex Fazlallahi



They shared their animation projects with elementary students and told them what they have already learned.



Our new ACAM Lab is Fantastic!
Many students from German Mills Public School and other elementary schools are excited to come to our school next year.

Mme Bern

Happy New Year from Digital Media Arts Club

Please join our workshops
on Thursdays after school in Rm 223.

Parents and students are learning together and having fun!



A Big Thank You to our amazing leaders:

Jonathan Bonfada,
Charlotte Stone,
Audrey Zheng and Andrew Lai



Photoshop
Animation
Website Design

If you are interested in joining our Club,
please email Ms. Bern at: ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca



Looking forward to seeing you next year!

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Maple High School

Presents

Maple's Closet - The Diva and GQ Balls

Maple High School is proud to present the 11th annual Maple's Closet Diva and GQ Balls. Maple's Closet has helped provide graduation attire to over 500 grade 8 and 12 students. Our objective is to provide a graduation dress, suit and accessories to every female or male York Region student in need.

If you would like to make a referral of a York Region student to Maple's Closet, please complete each section of the referral form found at <https://goo.gl/forms/xhoW0hxCNe6zeNEk1> by March 10, 2017. If you would like further information, contact Maria Luongo-Cassar at Maple High School (905-417-9444) or at maria.luongo-cassar@yrdsb.ca.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Maple High School. Donations (dresses, suits, and accessories) would be appreciated by Friday, March 31st, 2017.

Maple's Closet – Diva and GQ Balls

Female students referred to Maple's Closet are invited to attend the Diva Ball event, which will be held on Monday, April 10th, 2017, from 9:00 am – 11:30 am at Maple High School. Males referred will be invited to the GQ Ball on Wednesday, April 12th, 2017, from 9:00 am – 11:30 am.

The students will enjoy a variety of activities and refreshments as they choose formal attire and accessories for graduation/prom night. Students will be able to participate in activities such as etiquette, make-up application, jewelry making, hairstyling, tying a tie, etc., provided by the Maple High School community.





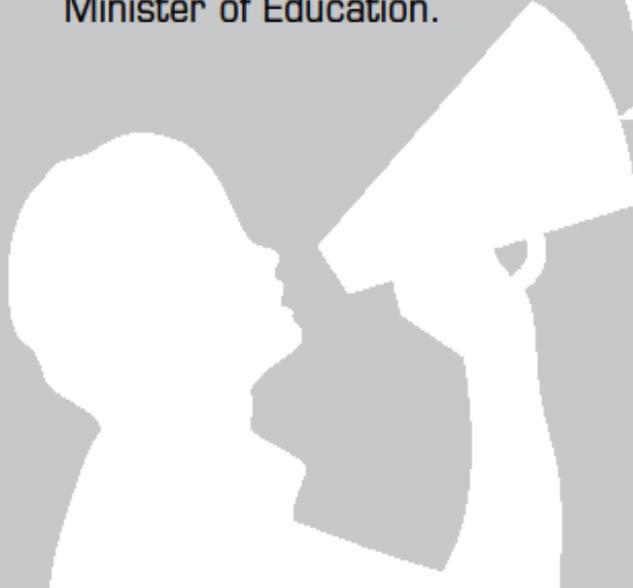
Students in grades 7–12!

2017–18 Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC)

Apply now!

MSAC is a group of 60 students from publicly funded schools all across Ontario who share their ideas and advice with the Minister of Education.

PLEASE APPLY!
 The council celebrates student diversity and seeks all perspectives and experiences.



Find out more at ontario.ca/speakup

Deadline is **February 9, 2017**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2	EXAM Review Day (Schedule Pg. 4)
February 3	PA DAY—No School Today
February 6	First Day Semester 2
February 9	Semester 1 Final Reports Home
Feb 13-Mar 22	After School Literacy Program
February 13	Course Selection Assembly for 2017-2018 school year Gr 9 P2
February 14	Course Selection Assembly for 2017-2018 school year Gr 10 P2
February 15	Course Selection Assembly for 2017-2018 school year Gr 11 P2
February 15	Co-op Info Session Per 1
February 15	WSI Period 2
February 16	Course Selection Assembly for 2017-2018 school year Gr 12 P2
February 16	Photo Day Semester 2
February 20	Family Day (No School)
February 21	School Council Mtg. 7:15pm FAMILY DAY—No school Today
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