

# THORNLEA SS

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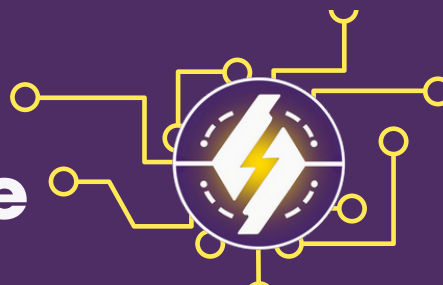
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### IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
June 9	Drama Production
June 10-11	Grade 9 Math EQAO
June 12	Last day for Cafeteria services

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## STEM Certificate



**STEM Certificate now being offered as of the 2025-2026\* year!**

(\*Students must be entering grade 9 or grade 10. Eligibility requirements apply.)

Click [here](#) to view the requirements for this four-year certification.

Have questions? Please contact us at [thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca).

Admission to this STEM certification is currently open. Families will receive confirmation of registration as of September 2025.



# SCHOOL NEWS

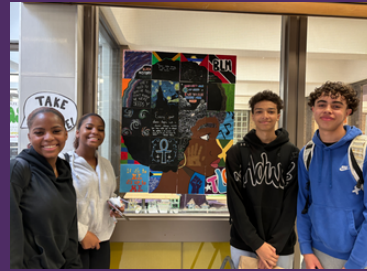
**\*\*Please note that the cafeteria's last day of service will be June 12. \*\***

## Thornlea's Second Annual Culture Day

On May 21st, Thornlea proudly hosted its second annual Culture Day — a meaningful and successful event that celebrates the rich diversity of our school community. Culture Day is an opportunity for students to come together to share and learn about the many cultural backgrounds that make up our school.

Throughout the day, students hosted interactive booths representing a wide range of cultures. These booths featured traditional clothing, artifacts, music, and food, allowing participants to engage in hands-on learning and meaningful conversations. The event also had an assembly where students showcased their creativity and pride through music, dance, spoken word performances and a fashion show!

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, respect, and school spirit demonstrated by all who took part. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day such a success — we look forward to **continuing this tradition in the years to come.**



## Thornlea Thunder Sports News - OFSAA

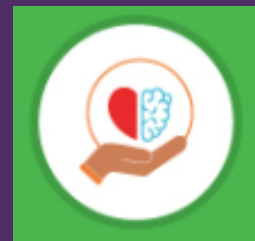
Thornlea's Ultimate Frisbee team placed 15<sup>th</sup> at OFSAA. This amazing team also won 5<sup>th</sup> for Most Spirited Team! Congratulations to the team and coaches Mr. Huang and Ms. Manners for a great season!

Two of Thornlea's Track and Field Athletes qualified for OFSAA last week and finished first in novice boys and novice girls triple jump respectively. We wish them luck today, June 6, at OFSAA!



## Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

Check out mental health and addictions resources with a focus on summer break. Resources for families and students are available here: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/node/4662>.



## Graduation Ceremony Tickets

In the grad package, each student will receive TWO graduation guest tickets. The graduate does not require a ticket for themselves. If additional tickets are required, they are available through SCO for a fee - [LINK HERE](#).

## The Centre for Black Student Excellence News

Check out the upcoming information session for families of YRDSB Black Students on June 16, 2025 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm online. See the flyer to the right for more information.

Also, newest edition of the [Black Excellence Newsletter](#) is live.

## Access Report Cards in the Family Dashboard When Available

As we reach the end of the school year, schools will be sharing student report cards by June 30 for elementary schools and July 10 for secondary schools. Report cards will be available in the Family Dashboard until July 30. You will receive an email when your child's report card is available.

For families who do not yet have a Family Dashboard account, you can sign up for an account at any time at [family.yrdsb.ca](https://family.yrdsb.ca). You can find information on how to create an account [on the Board website](#) or in this [instructional video](#).

The Family Dashboard gives parents/guardians secure one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education.

Please note, you can still request a printed copy of your child's report card if you prefer by contacting your child's school.

As we wrap up the school year, we also want to remind families that it's important that the school has updated contact information for students and parents/guardians, including home address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contacts. This will ensure that the school can contact families in case of emergency, and also that you continue to receive important communications and updates from the school. Please contact the school directly with any changes.

**Understanding and Navigating the Education System**

presented by  
**THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

**Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session**  
**Monday, June 16, 2025**  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

**Agenda:**

- Welcome and Engagement Exercise
- Presentation - Summer Strong: Helping Kids Thrive While School's Out
- Upcoming Programs and Events
- Question and Answer Session

**Please register ASAP.**  
**A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.**

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.  
We look forward to seeing you there.

**Register now**

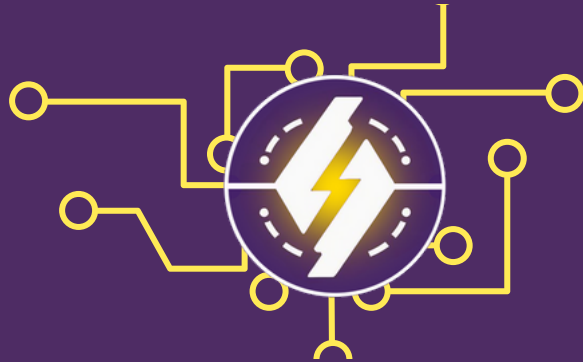
If you require further information, please contact [BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca](mailto:BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca)

**Family Resources**

<p><b>Family Dashboard</b> Secure one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. <a href="#">Need help?</a></p>	<p><b>Family Start-Up Forms</b> Important forms families are required to complete at the start of each school year. <a href="#">Need help?</a></p>	<p><b>Translation Tools</b> Learn more about translation tools available. <a href="#">Need help?</a></p>
<p><b>Understanding Cybersecurity: A Guide</b> Access steps and tips that can help protect your family's personal information and online activities. <a href="#">Need help?</a></p>	<p><b>IT Support for Families</b> Looking for help with Board technology or learning platforms? We can help. <a href="#">Need help?</a></p>	<p><b>Privacy Considerations</b> Learn how to protect your child's privacy online. <a href="#">Need help?</a></p>
<p><b>Attendance</b> Report your child's attendance online. Learn how. <a href="#">Need help?</a></p>	<p><b>Family-Teacher Interviews</b> Learn more about what to expect and how to make an appointment. <a href="#">Need help?</a></p>	<p><b>Guide to the School Year</b> This guide includes important information about YRDSB and our schools. <a href="#">Need help?</a></p>

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# STEM Certificate



## Program Information



This opportunity will be open to students entering grade 9 and grade 10 in the 2025 – 2026 school year.

Students entering grade 10 will need to have met the eligibility criteria for their grade 9 year.

Interested parents need to complete the [STEM Certificate Expression of Interest Google Form](#).

Families will be notified as of September 2025 that their STEM Certificate registration has been confirmed.



## Learn More

To earn this certification, students will complete a combination of academic coursework and participate in a variety of STEM clubs, contests, and community work.

For the complete list of Thornlea STEM Certificate criteria, please click [here](#).

If you have questions, please contact us at [thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca).

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### Message from Our Trustee

June 2025

As we approach the end of the 2024-2025 school year, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments, hard work and commitment of students, staff and families. As I have visited schools, attended events and heard from families, I continue to be proud of the dedication to public education and student achievement and well-being I see.

I want to wish my sincere congratulations to all of the graduates and proud families. This is an exciting time and I hope you enjoy this celebration of all of your hard work, perseverance and accomplishments. Whether you are moving on to secondary school, the workplace or post-secondary pathways, we wish you all the very best in this next exciting chapter of your journey.

We had an opportunity in April to celebrate the achievements of 20 students at our annual [Celebrating Student Success/Human Rights Ambassadors Awards event](#). It was a wonderful reminder of how much our students are capable of. While success and achievement looked different for each student, we saw a common theme of determination and care. Students demonstrated a real commitment to lifting up those around them. I see that everywhere in our system as I visit schools. It makes me so proud to see the ways our students are already shaping the future for the better.

Each month in the Boardroom, we also had the opportunity to recognize the achievements of staff and students through the [Applause awards](#). Congratulations to all of the award recipients. These awards capture a sampling of the incredible work happening around York Region District School Board and the successes we see students achieving.

These successes we have seen this school year would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of staff across the system, and I want to thank you for all that you do each and every day. I also want to recognize the contributions that have been made by school councils, volunteers and families. Your work to enhance family engagement and strengthen public education has a noticeable difference in our schools and in the achievement and well-being of students.

This is a very busy time of year and I wish all of the students the best as you work on projects and prepare for upcoming exams. I hope you also enjoy the celebrations that occur at this time of year, and as we celebrate another successful school year.

Jenny Chen

Trustee, Markham Wards 1 and 8

# THORNLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL



## Parent Council Email List for 2025-26 School Year



Be the first to receive updates on events, parent socials, and support available from the Council.

Fill out this short [Google form](#) to join our email list!