



Thornlea SS

Principal: Joe Foti

May 10, 2019

Vice-Principal: Anthony Hu

Vice-Principal: Sofia Papadatos

Congratulations!



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Message from the Principal

Dear Families and Community Members,

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching at Thornlea. We have already held our Prom and it was a big success. The Mid-Term report cards have been issued and most importantly for our grade twelve students the marks have been sent to OUAC. A number of our students have received acceptances from University and College over the last week. We would like to congratulate all of them. However, we need to remind them that if they read their acceptance letter closely these are conditional acceptances and Universities and Colleges will be sent final marks at the end of June. We encourage our students to keep working and maintain the marks they need for their individual programs. We would like to congratulate Cashius McNeilly a member of our basketball team on accepting a full athletic scholarship to attend Texas A&M in the fall. A number of our students have also won academic scholarships to University of Toronto, Guelph and McMaster to name just a few. We will be sharing their names and accomplishments in our next E bulletin.

We would like to congratulate the members of our Jr. Badminton team for their YRAA championship. This is the fifth championship that our student athletes have won this year. In our fifty-year history this ranks as one of our best years. This year we have won championships in Girls and Boys Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Curling and now Badminton. Our spring sports are currently underway and Thornlea athletes are performing well in rugby, soccer, track and field, ultimate Frisbee and coed volleyball. We wish our student athletes all the best in their competitions.

The school is currently creating our timetable for the 2019/2020 school year. We hope to have it completed within two weeks. After this happens individual timetables will be shared with our returning students. As a result of government cutbacks some courses will not be running this school year. Students will be called down to the guidance office once the timetable is completed and seen individually by a Guidance Counselor or by the Principal or Vice-Principal. We hope to resolve all conflicts and problems before our students leave for summer holidays. During our last Parent Council meeting in June I will address these issues at the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time. Finally, I would like to remind our entire school community about our big fundraising effort The Relay for Life. All money raised is donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. Details about the event are contained in the Newsletter.

Warmest regards,

Joe Foti

Attention:
All Graduates
attending the
Graduation
Ceremony

June 27th, 2019
Ceremony 7:00 p.m.

GRAD
Night

Thornlea's 51st Graduation Ceremony
Hazelton Manor
99 Peelar Road
Concord, ON L4K 1A3

Graduates to arrive at 6:00 pm
In FULL GOWN and CAP

Light Refreshments to follow
after the ceremony

Information ASSEMBLY for all
GRADUATES ATTENDING
Is on JUNE 12 @10:45 a.m.
IN THE CAF

MANDATORY

Locker Cleanout June 13 Beginning of Period 4



LOCKS MUST BE LOCKED AND
REMAIN ON LOCKERS
STUDENTS WILL USE THE SAME
LOCK & LOCKER NEXT YEAR

We will have garbage cans around the school
for any waste.

ALL TEXTBOOKS and personal belongings are to be
removed from lockers and students must
RETURN TEXTBOOKS to subject teachers.

Anything left in lockers will be donated.

Dear Thornlea Students and Staff,
It's not too late to buy a Yearbook.

The yearbooks will be coming soon.
You will be able to pay online for the yearbook
until May 30th.

Don't Let Your Memories Fade!

From Thornlea with Love



PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN DESIGNATED FIRE ROUTES

Any designated Fire Route needs to be clear of vehicles and ready for use by emergency vehicles.

In an emergency (fire, medical, lock down etc.) time is of the essence and emergency vehicles need access.

Fire Routes are signed "No Parking." What does that mean?

Park or any derivative thereof shall mean when prohibited, the standing or stopping of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in, the loading or unloading goods, wares, merchandise or passengers.

The City of Markham has adopted a zero-tolerance approach to vehicles parked in designated Fire Routes. By-law Officers, Parking Officers and Fire Prevention Officers will be issuing tickets when infractions are witnessed, to ensure the safety of all those using our schools and other buildings within the Municipality

For more information, please visit:

www.markham.ca

Hello from the Guidance Department!

The Guidance Team this year consists of:

Mrs. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary) Ext. 207

Ms. Lovleen Rai (French Immersion Counselor/Scholarship, SHSM, Dual-Credit Lead/Literacy Lead) Ext 254

Ms. Viviane Estafanos (Student Success/Credit Recovery/AP Exam Lead/F.I. Teacher) Ext 251

Ms. Andrea Tse (ESL Counselor/Head of ESL Teacher) Ext 178

Ms. Maria Merecoulias (English Language Learner Support Teacher) Voicemail 689

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance (Counselor) Ext 330

We also would like to announce the 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.

Our team has been busy with providing our students with information about the University and the College Application process, scholarship and community involvement hours and SHSM requirements outstanding for our grade 12's.

A reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours ASAP.

There are still approximately 39 of you that must submit their hours before June 3rd. This is the deadline to accept your University Offer.

Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied through OUAC for university!

Your mid-term grades from semester two have been processed by OUAC and sent to the Universities 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 you inbox. If you see an error in your OUAC file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counselor as soon as possible to have it corrected.

Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied through OCAS for college! Your mid-term grades from semester two have been processed by OCAS and sent to the 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 OCAS does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OCAS/your Colleges because of a junk-mail setting with your inbox. If you see an error in your OCAS file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counselor as soon as possible to have it corrected.

University Applicants - We highly recommend you accept your offer **before** the deadline of **June 3rd**. You should be contacted by **May 29th** if you have been accepted into your program.

The next OUAC University transmission will be on **July 4th**.
The next OCAS College transmission will be on **July 5th**.

College Applicants – May 1st is the most common deadline for confirming offers of admission – but not the only one. Applicants should check their offers of admission, daily, for **exact** deadline dates. If you have any questions, please see a guidance counselor immediately.

Graduating students who plan to attend college or university in September 2019 should **continue to check their OCAS and OUAC accounts and their email** on a regular basis. College bound students should have received a response from the colleges that they applied to and can expect to receive communication about payment of fees, with **mid-June** being the earliest that colleges can require payment of tuition fees. University bound students should expect a response from the universities that they have applied to **by May 29th**.

University bound students should verify the deadline for **payment to secure a space in residence (usually June 3rd)**.

A reminder that **all offers are CONDITIONAL upon the receipt of final grades** on July 4th – students should continue to work hard to ensure the required final average.

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

College and University Spring Open Houses are a popular way for prospective students to visit various Post-Secondary Institutions and evaluate them prior to applying and/or choosing. It is never too early to begin the search. The Guidance Department encourages all students, especially in grades 11 and 12 to attend the open house program of any potential future University/College. Please visit the University/College website to confirm Open House schedules during March Break. Spaces can be limited.

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.

We also would like to announce the approved 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. This is for grade 9's only. The 40 hours must be submitted into our Guidance Office by **Friday June 21st to Qualify**.

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 opportunities to fulfill this Ministry of Education graduation requirement.

Summer School Registration Information

Registration opened on **Monday April 1st** – register on-line in your myPathway Planner (myBlueprint) account, get your sheet signed by a parent/guardian and hand it in to your guidance counselor asap.

For summer school details:

Copy and paste this link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Secondary-School-Summer.aspx>

Summer School E-Learning Information

Registration opened on **Friday April 5th** – register on-line

For details copy and paste this link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Summer%20School%20e-Learning.aspx>

International and Indigenous Languages Credit Programs 2019/2020 Registration Process:

Registration is now open. Go to your myPathway Planner account and register through the Continuing Education link. If you need support, please see your Guidance Counselor.

Remember if you have any questions/concerns do not hesitate, just ask a member of our team.

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education



York Region Science and Technology Award Winners

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, 190 students from 46 schools from around York Region participated in the York Region Science and Technology Fair at York University. The event was an amazing display of creativity, critical thinking and collaboration. There were 100 students representing 29 YRDSB elementary and secondary schools.

A huge congratulations to these students and a thank-you to **Tharsini Manivannan** for all their support and encouragement!!

Bronze Medal	Wang, Stephen (Xiren)	Bio-considerate Prosthetic Conductors	12	Thornlea SS
Bronze Medal	Wu, Mark (Chun Qi)	Bio-considerate Prosthetic Conductors	12	Thornlea SS

Visual Arts Department

My grade 9 French Immersion art students have worked very hard this year. They did an amazing job in their Portrait and Painting units. I am very proud of them and their final products...Bravo tout le monde! -Mme. De Luca





Greece-Italy trip!

On Friday April 5th, we headed to Toronto Pearson Airport to begin our trip to Greece and Italy! We started off in Athens and after a good night's sleep; we were ready to explore the wonders of Athens. On this sunny day we visited the Acropolis and the modern Acropolis museum. With the Acropolis being one of the tallest mountains in Athens, we got a beautiful panoramic view of the entire city. While learning its history, we got a chance to explore the area and take lots of pictures. After this, we got plenty of free time to roam the Plaka, a vibrant neighborhood filled with souvenir shops and cafes.



Our last stop in Greece was Delphi, where we visited the ancient sanctuary of Apollo. We drove up a mountain through low clouds, which was so picturesque it felt surreal. We learned more about the ancient Greek myths and stories that come with the sanctuary while climbing up the steps of the ancient mountain. Later, we got free time to visit the charming, quaint ski village in Delphi, which was lined with cute cafes and red-roofed houses. All of Delphi felt like a fairytale come to life.

Next, we were off to see Rome and Florence. We started our time in Rome with a walking tour of the city, where we got to see remarkable landmarks such as the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, and Piazza Navona. After dinner, we visited the lit up Trevi fountain where we made a wish and ate some gelato :) The next day we left early to visit the Colosseum and the Roman Forums. Seeing them in person was unbelievable. We toured both, and then headed off to the Vatican. There we visited the museums and the Sistine Chapel, and still had time to explore the St. Peter's Basilica.



It was sad knowing that we were at the last destination of our trip. We got a short walking tour of the area, and then were given time to explore it on our own. We visited the Ponte Vecchio bridge, saw the Duomo, and got to know the city a little better. We went on a tour of the Uffizi gallery, where we saw famous paintings such as the Birth of Venus, and Primavera by Botticelli. Our group also got the chance to see the original David by Michelangelo at the Accademia. We visited the leather and the food market, and the beautiful Medici gardens, with views overlooking the Tuscan countryside. After our last dinner, we took an evening stroll across the Ponte Vecchio where we enjoyed the best gelato; it was the perfect ending!

We wanted to give a big thanks to Ms. Papadatos, Ms. Pilaram, Mr. Belchevski, Ms. Hallis, and all the amazing tour guides for making this trip so memorable! Check out @thornleatravels to see more photos of our trip! <https://www.instagram.com/thornleatravels/?hl=en>

- Michelle Bershadsky & Marina Krupnik



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

Office of the Registrar
100 St. George St
Toronto, ON M5S 3G5
Canada

Dear Student,

Greetings from the Faculty of Arts & Science at the University of Toronto! We are delighted to invite you and your family to join us at the U of T St. George campus for our Navigating your Future event.

It's never too early to start thinking about your next steps. With so many options available to you, starting to plan your future can be difficult. Let us help you get started!

With sessions like "The Art of Double Majoring" or "Commuting vs. Living in Residence," this event is designed specifically for students like you, in Gr.9-11, to help you form a better picture of what the university has to offer even before you start applying.

Program at a Glance

Sessions

- The Art of Double Majoring
- The Colleges at U of T
- Why Research Makes all the Difference
- Connect to Success: Rotman Commerce
- Commuting vs. Living in Residence
- Getting ready to apply!

Campus Tours will be running concurrently with sessions throughout the day

Drop-in advising will be available for students from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Event Details

Date: Saturday, May 25th

Time: 10:00 A.M – 2:45 P.M

Location: Convocation Hall, 31 King's College Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 1A1

You and your family are invited to register for the event at uoft.me/navigating-your-future no later than May 20th, 2019.

Due to limited space, we encourage you to register at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to contact us at recruit.artsci@utoronto.ca.

We hope you will join us at this exciting event.

Your Arts & Science Recruitment Team
Faculty of Arts & Science | University of Toronto



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

NAVIGATING YOUR FUTURE

From academics and research opportunities, to college and campus life – it's never too early to discover your path to U of T.

Saturday, May 25, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Convocation Hall, University of Toronto
31 King's College Circle, Toronto, ON

Register Here:
uoft.me/navigating-your-future



Visiting Ryerson University

On Tuesday April 30th, the ELLs in ESL D and E classes, along with parents /guardians, and two school settlement workers, embarked on a journey to the Ryerson University Student Center and ESL hub. Our experiential learning began with lounging in bean bag chairs, and was punctuated by free pizza, while listening to current students tell us about their program and what life is like for international students in higher education. As well as, sharing strategies to foster mental health.

Ryerson's Business, Design and Science programs were the most popular choices for Thornlea students, who attended sessions in these domains. Each program offers co-op, international exchange opportunities and hands-on experiences, in and out of the lecture hall.

Some students explored the world of VR, while others chose to learn about 3D printing; the space was very dynamic. Even Ms. Tse and Ms. Merecoulias wished to turn back time, and be undergraduates once again.



While some students may or may not ultimately choose Ryerson, learning about the programs they offer, the ESL assistance available, and various student supports (like emergency bursaries for international students) reminded us that the world is our oyster, and Ryerson is one of many options for future consideration. Oh, and the student learning center building has so many windows!





Tamil Students' achievements at
Uukkamathu Kaividale

Tamil Award ceremony April 30, 2019

Our students *Santhosh Bhuvanaratnam* and
Abishek Bhuvanaratnam were recognized.

With Rashmi Swarup, Former Superintendent of Education,

Tharsini Manivannan, Teacher

and Joe Foti, Principal

YRAA**Junior Team****BADMINTON Champions**

Congratulations to our Junior Badminton Team for winning the YRAA Finals at the Pan Am Centre. Carolyn Lee, Tim Jaw and Jane Zhou had an amazing finish winning first place.

Thank you to our Coaches Ms. Esposito, Mrs. Daneshmand and Ms. Kim for a fantastic season.



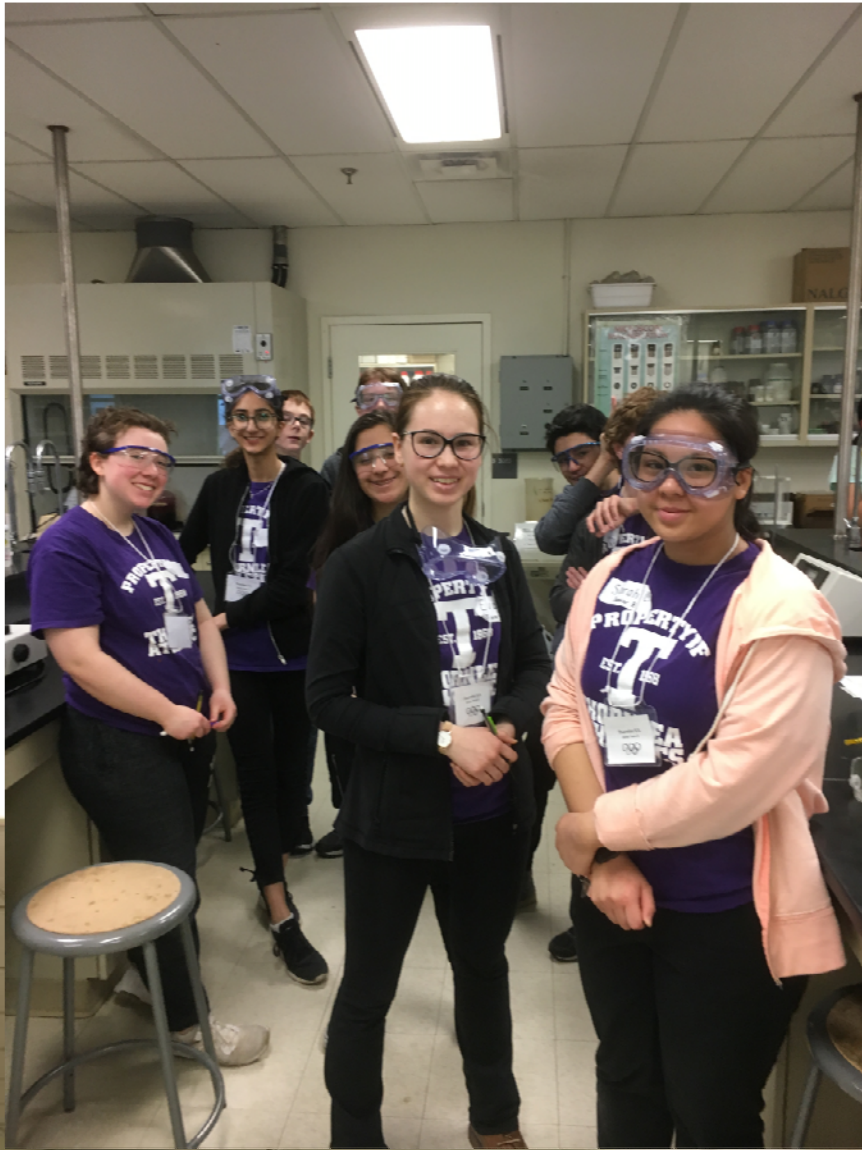




Annual YRDSB Science Olympics

Held at Seneca @ York on May 1st. Our Junior and Senior teams worked hard and had a lot of fun at each event. Thornlea won the Spirit trophy which was awarded based on a STEM video created by Thornlea students about black holes.





The girls rugby season is off to a great start. On May 8, they won their first game 22-0 and played exceptionally well. The team has two away games next week, and then you can catch some more rugby action on May 27 - home game at 330. GO THUNDER!





Annual YRDSB Information Session and Career Fair

JOIN US on Saturday, May 25, 2019

Drop-in: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Richmond Green S.S.

Come and meet with us to learn more about our current job opportunities. The York Region District School Board is currently seeking...

Educational Assistants (including various classifications, CYCW, DSW, etc.)	French Teachers (Elementary and Secondary)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We require staff with a desire to provide quality service and programs to support our exceptional students and their ever-changing personal and educational needs. We require employees who are willing to take on a multitude of challenges and who are prepared to attend to the physical needs of our students which include toileting, lifting, feeding and physical intervention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French as a Second Language continues to be a high area of growth and we are constantly seeking passionate French teachers to work at our Board in both our elementary and secondary schools. We inspire learning and create safe, healthy, inclusive and engaging learning and working environments to support student achievement and well-being.

At the York Region District School Board, we can offer you a challenging and rewarding career in public education. We support our passionate employees in their commitment to ensuring student success.

Take the first step towards a fulfilling career with the York Region District School Board!

TO REGISTER, complete this form: [Information Session & Career Fair](#)

(Space is limited, please register as soon as possible).

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: International and Indigenous Languages (IIL) Program- Credit Courses

Students can earn credits while learning a language. International and Indigenous Languages offers over 15 languages for students in Grades 9 to 12. Level 3 language credit courses can even be counted towards college and university acceptance.

For the upcoming 2019/2020 school year, we are excited to announce that the Indigenous languages, Ojibwe and Cree, will be offered.

Please see our credit course offerings on our website: [IIL Credit Program](#)

Interested in getting volunteer hours? Students can earn up to 40 hours of community service in our program towards graduation requirements. Please send us an e-mail to request information about student volunteer opportunities: international.languages@yrdsb.ca

Registration for YRDSB Students

The course offerings and sites are available on [My Pathway Planner](#) login page. Students can register through My Pathway Planner from May 1st until September 11th. For assistance, view the [My Pathway Planner Tip Sheet](#). Print a copy of the sign-off sheet and obtain parent/guardian signature before submitting the registration form on the first day of classes at the selected language site.

If you do not have the opportunity to register through 'My Pathway Planner' before September 11th, 2019, please download a registration form from this website: (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Documents/FOR-nonYRRegistration.pdf>). Please complete the registration form and submit it to the selected language site on the day of registration. Dates are available in the Credit Program Flyer: [IIL Credit Program](#)

Thank you again for your interest in our programs. Please do not hesitate to e-mail us if you have any questions: international.languages@yrdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

The International and Indigenous Languages Team

Seneca

Girls Exploring Sci-Tech

Do you ever wonder
how you can make a
difference in the world?
Don't miss this Girls in
Sci-Tech event.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

Registration fee: \$5 per student
Seneca@York Campus
70 The Pond Road
Toronto, Ontario

To register and for more information:
girls-sci-tech.eventbrite.ca

All proceeds from the event will go to support
Seneca's Campaign for Students.



Seneca's Schools of Biological Sciences & Applied Chemistry and Information & Communications Technology invite female high school students to attend a day dedicated to showcasing how women in our science and technology community are making a difference in their careers.

Participate in hands-on workshops:

- Software Development
— The Art of Programming
- Computer Hardware
— Component Connection
- Biotechnology Workshop
— DNA Extraction
- Analytical Chemistry
— Vitamin C Tablet Analysis

Parents and guardians are welcome
and encouraged to attend.

Lunch will be provided.

TRENT/FLEMING SCHOOL OF
NURSING



FEEL the PULSE of NURSING!

SIGN UP NOW FOR CAMP S.T.A.T.

**JULY 14-19
2019**

Day/Overnight*

STUDENTS TRAINING AT TRENT

Learn from students and experienced nurses
what it's like to:

- Work with patients in a hospital
- Be a street nurse
- Save a life using CPR
- Practice nursing safely using simulated hospital rooms
in our state-of-the-art learning hub

Questions? Contact Cindy Clarke at 705-748-1011 x7066

* Overnight campers will enjoy evening campfires & tree-top trekking

IDEAL
FOR AGES
15-18

REGISTER TODAY: <https://www.regonline.ca/campstat>

GlobalEng Conference

May 25th - May 26th

Social Change and Youth Leadership Conference (SCYLC) 2019:
Opportunity for all high school students in the GTA

Featuring:

- 4 workshops regarding **UN sustainable development goals (SDGs)** and **engineering design**
 1. Engineering Design Workshop
 2. SDG 1: No Poverty
 3. SDG 2: Zero Hunger
 4. SDG 13: Climate Change
- Several **case competitions** for a chance to win a letter of recommendation
- Keynote speeches from **experts** in global development and engineering
- An overnight stay at **New College**: a residence at University of Toronto's Downtown Campus



Ticket Prices:

- **Overnight: \$94.99 (Including Eventbrite Fee and Taxes)**
- Included with a 1 NIGHT stay: 1x Breakfast, 2x Lunch, 1x Dinner, and SNACKS!! And a Swag Bag
- **Non-overnight: \$44.99 (including Eventbrite Fee and Taxes)**
- Included: 2x Lunch, 1x Dinner and SNACKS!! And a Swag Bag

Engineers Without Borders is a non-profit charity run by University students: all revenue will go towards renting New College Rooms, providing meals and swag bags

What Will You Gain?

- Learn what studying engineering design is like, and how **proposal writing** works
- A solid understanding of the complexities of **sustainable development issues**
- Case competition participation is highly valuable in finding **jobs** and **university applications**
- The chance to meet **industry professionals** who will judge case competitions and provide keynote speeches
- The opportunity to connect with University of Toronto engineering students, explore the St. George campus and **experience residence life**

Register Today: <https://scylc2019.weebly.com/register-now.html>

Contact Us:

Email: scylc2019@gmail.com **Facebook:** /scylc **Instagram:** scylcuoft

Registration Deadline: 11:59 PM, April 28

Engineers Without Borders:
SCYLC

Calendar of Events

May 7-17	AP Exams
May 13-17	Outdoor Ed Trip
May 15	Music Concert
May 20	Victoria Day
May 21	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
May 24	RELAY for Life
June 4	Last day for field trips
June 4	Luminary Awards 6pm Gym
June 4-7	Senior Drama Show
June 5-7	EQAO Math
June 6	Peer Buddies PROM
June 6-7	Gr. 9 Math EQAO
June 11	Last day of assessments
June 12	Athletic Banquet
June 12	Graduation Information Meeting 10:45am CAF
June 13	Locker Cleanout Day Beginning of Period 4
June 19-25	EXAMS
June 26	EXAM Review Day
June 27	Graduation Ceremony
June 27-28	PA Day