



Thornlea SS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy time at Thornlea with many activities about to take place or in their final planning stages. Our annual carnival, Thornstock takes place on May 25th and there will be a Canada 150 theme to the celebration this year. Our students are also trying to raise money for our outdoor classroom which is still in the planning stage. Our mid-term report card went home about two weeks ago and we have sent off marks to universities and colleges. Many of our students have been receiving offers from universities and colleges the past two weeks. We wish them the best of luck at this stressful time in their lives. This Thursday our students will be attending the annual Prom at Le Jardin a highlight of the school year for our graduating students. A huge thank you to our Prom Committee for the countless hours they have put into the planning of the event. The students were led by Ms. Elliott and Ms. Smedzik. A number of our students have planned to participate in a number of after prom events that take place off site. While we hope our students have a great time at these after prom events, we would like to remind parents and guardians that there is no school supervision at any of these events. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

In other news, the music department staged its annual spring concert last week. Thank you to Mr. Chan and the band and the large number of friends and family who showed up for the show. Our spring sports season is well underway with rugby, Frisbee, track and field, boy's baseball and girls' soccer all experiencing success. This week our outdoor education class is canoeing and portaging their way through Algonquin Park with Mr. Hutchison and Ms. Dawe. Here is hoping that the trip is dry and they get out of the park before the black flies know that they are there.

Finally, the end of the school year is in sight. Our exams start on June 20th. The students have six weeks to prepare for and study for their final exams. The last day for tests, or assignments that are part of the seventy percent course work mark is June 7th. After that date there can be no tests or assignments given. Student final projects and ISU's are due any time after June 7th. We encourage students and their parents/guardians to check with teachers for missing assignments and due dates for upcoming ISU's and final projects. It is the expectation of the school that all students write their final exams during exam week. Vacations or jobs are not a valid reason to miss the final evaluation. If you have any questions about our end of year procedures, feel free to contact us.

Warmest regards,

Joe Foti

Principal

Hello all from the Guidance Department!

Our team has been busy with providing our students with their course request for next year. Please make sure your child has submitted a signed course selection form to the Guidance Department. A Course Selection Verification Sheet was distributed, students had their opportunity to request a change on this sheet or keep it for their personal records. The deadline has now passed.

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) deadline has now passed. Currently over 162 Thornlea students have applied. We wish them all the best and will continue to answer their questions on the University selection process. The marks transmission for OUAC was sent on April 27th. Guidance will continue to monitor and support the College application process. Currently, over 40 Thornlea students have applied. No PinCodes are distributed for College Applications; students will create their own on-line at www.ontariocolleges.ca.

Please note that the “equal consideration” deadline has passed (Feb. 1st), but students can still apply. The marks transmission for OCAS was sent on April 24th.

University Applicants - We highly recommend you accept your offer **before** the deadline of **June 1st**. You should be contacted by **May 26th** if you have been accepted into your program. The next OUAC transmission will be on **July 5th**. The next OCAS transmission will be on **July 7th**.

Graduating students who plan to attend college or university in September 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 June 15th being the earliest that Ontario Colleges can require payment of tuition fees. University bound students should expect a response from the universities that they have applied to by May 26th. University bound students should verify the deadline for **payment** to secure a space in residence (usually June 1st).

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

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

Your mid-term grades from semester 2 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 Counsellor as soon as possible to have it corrected.

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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. Spaces can be limited.

We also would like to remind students of the process for making guidance appointments. If any student would like to make an appointment with their Alpha identified counselor (Mr. Paul Stephenson A to M, Mr. Nizam Alkins N to Z, they should come to the Guidance Office before school starts (8:30 to 8:55), during their lunch, or after school (3:00 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. **Finally, a reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours as soon as possible. It is highly recommended that this be completed before the April 27/24 OUAC/OCAS transmission.**

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.

Special Announcement: see below

Attention Grade 12 students, you may request Part-Time Status started on Monday April 10th. Please come to the guidance office to pick up a drop request form. This form must be completed and handed in by Friday April 27th 3:00 PM. The Full Disclosure date is Thursday May 4th, after that date, the mark will be recorded on their official transcript.

Summer School Registration Information

Registration is open on Monday April 3rd – register on-line in your career cruising account, get your sheet signed by a parent/guardian and hand it in to your guidance counselor.

For summer school details:

Copy and paste this link:

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

Also, if you are a grade 11 or 12 student and would like to apply for the 2-credit summer school Co-op session, please come to the Guidance Office for an application. Deadline is Monday April 24th.

Attention all ESL students, if you are interested in taking ESLB, ESLC, ESLD, ELSE for CREDIT this summer with the YRDSB. Please register in your career cruising account.

Attention all grade 9 French Immersion students – there will be a possible summer course in grade 10 academic history for French Immersion students offered at Pierre Eliot Trudeau – coded CHC2DF (no YRDSB transportation offered to this location). Go on career cruising to register on line – April 3rd.

Summer school E-Learning registration begins on Monday April 24th at 9:00 AM. See link below for more details.

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

International Languages Program registration opens on May 1st in your Career Cruising account. (CONED link). See link below for more details.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/International-Languages-Secondary-Program.aspx>

Commencement for the Class of 2017

Thornlea's *Class of 2017* is getting ready to graduate. Please attend our 49th graduation ceremony on **June 29th, 2017** to celebrate your graduate's achievement!

Each year the graduating class of Thornlea Secondary School selects a graduating student to give the **Valedictorian** address at the Graduation ceremony. The students' choice of Valedictorian should be someone who can be counted upon to skillfully articulate to parents and students a "snapshot" of your years at Thornlea. The Valedictorian should be someone who exemplifies the character traits of responsibility, respect, honesty, empathy, fairness, initiative, courage, integrity, perseverance and optimism; who has demonstrated commitment to student life through active involvement in a variety of school activities and has contributed in a positive way to Thornlea. Art Murch was the first principal of Thornlea. When he retired in 1976, the staff set up a trust in his name. From the trust, The **Art Murch Award**, a monetary award is given annually to the graduating student who has a high academic standing, is very active in school life, and is highly regarded by his/her peers and teachers. The recipient should best exemplify the motto "Think and Be Thought Of". The winner is revealed at commencement.

Valedictorian Candidates and **Art Murch Candidates** are nominated by their peers on a form available in the Guidance office now. Voting will take place on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017** during homeroom. If you do not have a homeroom, voting will then take place during your lunch in the Guidance office on Tuesday, May 16, the same day. **Graduating Students must show their Thornlea student card to receive a ballot.**

Parent workshop: ABA strategies to understand and manage behaviour of children with ASD

家長講座: ABA(行為分析)了解及處理自閉症孩子的行為

When raising a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), behaviour becomes an important element to understanding how your child is communicating with others and experiencing the world. This presentation is an introduction on understanding what is a behaviour, what is your child trying to communicate through the behaviour, the function of behaviours, and how to promote appropriate behaviours and extinguish inappropriate behaviours



當你與一個有自閉症的孩子相處時，理解他們的行為是至關重要的。這個講座將會介紹到怎樣運用ABA（行為分析）了解他們的世界觀，以及溝通、感知、和處事方式，這有助於你照顧和支援有自閉症的孩子，以及處理行為問題。

Date 日期: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5月31日（星期三）

Time 時間: 12:30-2:30pm 下午12點半到2點半

Language 語言: Cantonese 廣東話 (Mandarin translation provided 提供國語翻譯)

Location 地點: Room 244, Thornlea Secondary School Thornlea中學 244教室

8075 Bayview Ave, Thornhill, ON L3T 4N4

Guest Speaker: Ms. Cindy Kwan 關老師

Special Education Resource Teacher, YRDSB

RSVP 報名請聯絡: Annie Zhang (張姑娘) 905-884-9110 Ext. 382/

azhang@communitylivingyorksouth.ca

This program is organized & facilitated by:



Congratulations to Thornlea's Head Caretaker, Tom Tsigoulis!

Tom Tsigoulis was awarded the York Region District School Board's Award of Excellence on Wednesday, May 10th at a ceremony at the Parkway Sheraton. The school's staff and students are very proud of Mr. Tsigoulis' achievement. He keeps our large, sprawling building looking great and running smoothly. He is totally committed to achieving excellence in his work and in the way he relates to his colleagues and to students. We know that Thornlea always looks as great as it does because of Tom Tsigoulis and his team. Congratulations to Tom and our caretaking staff!

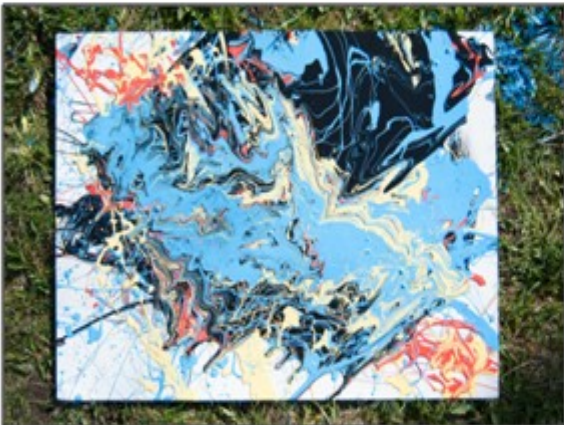


Tom Tsigoulis in the middle.

Left: Acting Director of Education Leslie Johnstone, Supervisor of Facility Services Marco Scorziello
Right: Principal Joe Foti and Board Chair Loreale Carruthers

Thornlea's 2nd Annual *Just for the Health of It!* (aka Wellness Day)

Thanks to the students and staff of TWIC (Thornlea Wellness Initiative Council), we enjoyed our 2nd annual school-wide Wellness Day (*Just for the Health of It!*) on Thursday, April 27th. Students had fun participating in either an out-of-school field trip, or in a variety of in-school activities. Enjoy these photos from some of our events. Much thanks to our Wellness Photographer: Mr. Ackerman!





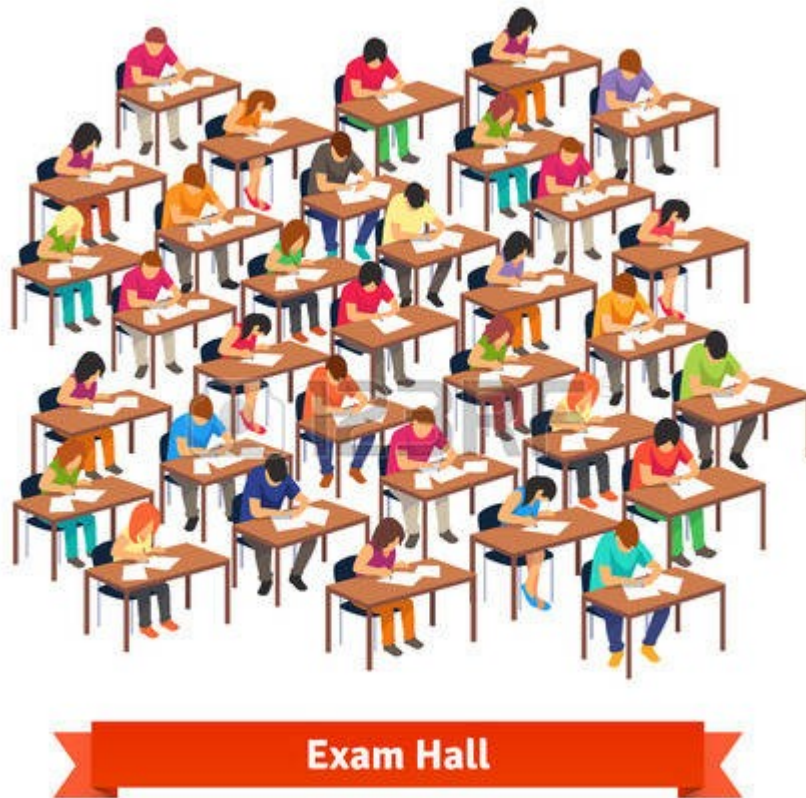


Thornlea's Spring Art Show 2017

When: Thursday June 8th,
anytime between 6-7:30pm
Where: Thornlea's Main Foyer
Free, Fun, Family Friendly

Artworks, Fashion Designs, and Photography by
Thornlea Art and ACAM students

Make it an "Art Night" and get a ticket for Theatre 219's Drama
performance starting at 7:30!



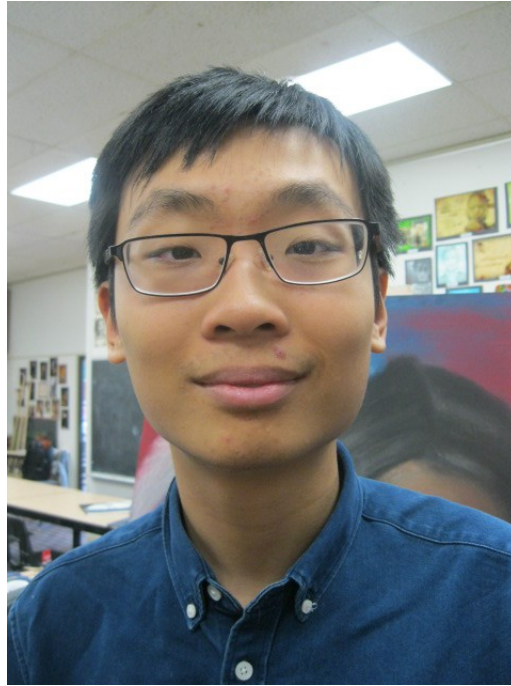
Dear Students and Families,

Please note that Semester Two Exams will begin on Tuesday, June 20th. Further information regarding exams and the exam schedule will be provided in the weeks ahead.

To ensure your child is focused solely on completing final culminating activities and preparing for exams, please do not book any trips, medical appointments, or other activities during exam week.

Barb Caravella
Vice Principal

Way to go, Mingze!



On May 1st our Equity Team students attended "Our Voices Fusion 2017" conference that took place at the Sheraton Parkway hotel. Many students representing YRDSB elementary and secondary schools attended the conference to vote for our Student Trustee. Our very own Mingze Hong won the position of Student Trustee! He now represents the voice of students in decisions about education in York Region District School Board.

In his powerful and inspiring speech Mingze said: "I have a passion for Mental Health issues, preventing bullying and representing students fairly. I believe that all obstacles are a gift, that's why I see these issues as not only a challenge but an honour. I wish to shine light where it is dark." Please join us in congratulating Mingze. We are all very proud of his great victory and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Ms. Bern and Student Equity Team

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15 to 19	Outdoor Ed Trip
May 15	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
May 18	Prom—Chateau Le Jardin, Woodbridge 6:00 to 11:00 pm
May 22	Victoria Day
May 25	Thornstock 2017
Jun 1	Athletic Banquet 6:30 to 11:00 pm Shangri-la, Markham
Jun 5 to 9	Senior Drama Show
Jun 14 to 16	EQAO Math
Jun 20 to 27	Exams
Jun 26	Instructional Day
Jun 28	Exam Review Day
Jun 29	Graduation Ceremony at Thornlea 7:00 pm
Jun 30	PA Day