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IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
May 19	Victoria Day (no school)
May 21	Culture Day
May 22	Career Night 6:30-8:30 pm
May 23	MADD Assembly - Grade 12s

Parking at Thornlea SS

We have been working with the City of Markham to manage parking and traffic issues on school property.

Student parking tags were issued on May 15-16. Please be aware that spaces are limited and student tags are subject to approval. Parking privileges will be revoked when traffic and safety rules are violated.

As per our agreement with the City of Markham, staff and students should not be parking in the Pool designated parking spaces at the back of the lot as per posted signage. Parking tags must be visible on all vehicles while on school property.

We are continuing to work with the City of Markham to improve safety, traffic flow, and compliance.

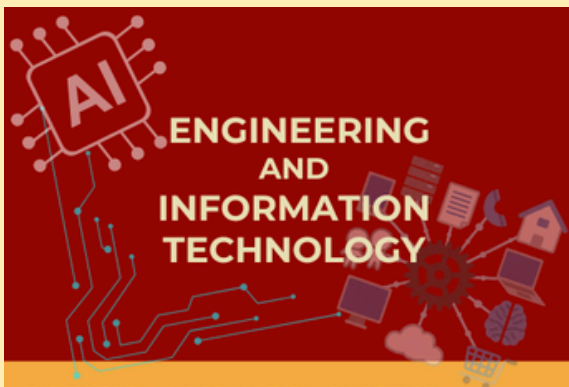
Please contact the main office with any questions.

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*Did your child sign up for **Career Night** yet?*

Thurs. May 22, 2025 6:30-8:30pm

A Google Form sign-up link was sent to all students' GAPPs email.
The sign-up form can also be found in the Guidance Google Classroom.



DIRECTOR, ENGINEERING RAJI R.

Raji R. is a Director, Engineering with 25 years of expertise and an MBA in Systems and Finance. She focuses on delivering fast, safe, user-friendly, and scalable solutions that address business needs. In her leadership role, Raji is responsible for building and guiding high-performing teams, fostering talent through effective hiring and mentoring practices. She also oversees vendor relationships and financial management, ensuring that resources are aligned with strategic goals.

DIRECTOR, INFORMATION SYSTEMS YUSUF S.

With over 20 years of experience in the field, Yusuf is a seasoned leader in information systems. Holding a background in engineering, Yusuf brings a strategic and analytical approach to his role as Director of Information Systems. He oversees the planning, budgeting, and leadership of a dynamic team responsible for the acquisition, security, and support of computing systems across the institution. His work ensures that students, faculty, and staff are equipped with reliable and secure technology solutions to meet their academic and operational needs.

PRINCIPAL VERIFICATION ENGINEER DENNIS L.

Dennis is a Principal Verification Engineer with 25 years of experience in the semiconductor industry. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Waterloo. Dennis currently leads several global teams at Qualcomm, focusing on silicon chip production in edge AI. His responsibilities include developing detailed test plans that align with design requirements and overseeing the implementation of test procedures to ensure functionality and compliance. With deep technical expertise, Dennis plays a key role in delivering high-quality, reliable solutions.



TELEVISION DIRECTOR (COLLEGE PROFESSOR) BROOKE J.

Brooke is a television director and college professor with a career spanning 45 years in the broadcasting industry. He holds a 3-year Diploma of Applied Arts and has gained extensive expertise through hands-on experience. In his role, Brooke directs both crew and talent in the televising of CBC National News, consults with producers to prepare newscasts, and operates the equipment required to bring live shows to air.

COMMUNICATOR SHARON A.

Sharon is a communicator with 25 years of experience in the field. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Communications and Sociology, along with post-graduate training in journalism and additional training in social media marketing. Sharon works with higher education clients, where she writes and edits content, advises clients on content strategy and tactics, and manages their publications.

HEAD OF EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS SEAN P.

Sean is the Head of External Communications, bringing with him about a dozen years of experience in the field, following a 20-year career as a business reporter. His degree in Journalism helped prepare him for a career in communications. In his current role, Sean focuses on public relations, storytelling, and reputation management, using his extensive background to craft compelling narratives.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

LAWYER NANCY B.

Nancy is a lawyer with 24 years of legal experience, including 14 years as a law clerk prior to earning her JD from Osgoode Hall Law School. She also completed her LLM at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. In her current role, Nancy's work focuses on writing, which includes drafting legal memos for clients, substantive letters to opposing parties, and persuasive written advocacy such as facta submitted to the court. She often advocates for her clients before court, in both written and oral forms. Additionally, Nancy engages in negotiation to help narrow legal issues.

FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER SARAH B.

Sarah is a funeral director/embalmer with 10 years of experience in the field. She completed a two-year Funeral Services program at Humber College, along with an internship, and also holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Windsor. Sarah's role involves the physical care of a deceased person according to the cultural, religious, and ethical expectations of the family, coordinating and executing the funeralization expectations of the family, and providing compassionate support to grieving families with professionalism.

FINANCIAL PLANNER, INVESTMENT ADVISOR, REALTOR - AMIR S.

Amir is a financial planner and realtor with 31 years of experience in the finance industry and 22 years in real estate. He holds an Honours Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Waterloo and is licensed in both insurance and real estate. As a financial planner, Amir prospects for clients, reviews their financial goals, and recommends tailored solutions. He maintains long-term relationships, regularly updating plans to match clients' evolving needs. As a realtor, he guides clients through buying or selling property, helping them make informed decisions along the way.

HEALTH CARE

NURSE PRACTITIONER EILEEN M.

Eileen is a nurse practitioner with a career spanning over 27 years. Her role involves providing clinical care to fertility patients, including assessments, diagnoses, and prescribing treatments. She also plays a leadership role by participating in committees/Boards and collaborating with interdisciplinary health teams to improve patient care. Additionally, Eileen is engaged in research and education, contributing to research studies, presenting at conferences, publishing work, precepting students, and lecturing at the University.

RECREATION THERAPIST LISA G.

Lisa is a recreation therapist with 25 years of experience and a post-graduate diploma in Recreation Therapy. In her role, she utilizes a combination of functional intervention, education, and recreation participation to enable persons with physical, cognitive, emotional, and/or social limitations to engage in meaningful leisure activities that help improve or maintain their quality of life.

DENTIST WASEEMA A.

Waseema is a dentist with 27 years of experience in the field. She completed two years of undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto, followed by four years of dental school. In her practice, Waseema focuses on educating patients about the importance of good oral health, repairing and restoring proper function of teeth in both adults and children, and screening for dental and other health-related issues, such as snoring. Her approach combines preventive care with comprehensive treatment to support overall well-being.

CLINICAL PHARMACY PRACTITIONER BRENDA C.

Brenda is a clinical pharmacy practitioner with 24 years of experience in the field. She earned her undergraduate BScPhm from the University of Toronto and also completed a Postgraduate PharmD degree at the University of Colorado. Brenda's role includes providing direct patient care through medication reviews and drug information support, educating medical and pharmacy students both individually and in group settings, and participating in administrative work such as committee involvement and medication-related projects.

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SENIOR HUMAN RESOURCES BUSINESS PARTNER - NATASHA F.

Natasha is a Senior Human Resources Business Partner with seven years of experience in the field. She advises managers on a range of employee relations matters, including performance issues and disciplinary measures. Natasha also plays a key role in ensuring compensation is appropriate for new and existing roles and meets market rates while maintaining internal equity. Additionally, Natasha supports special projects that contribute to overall company performance.

STRATEGIC RISK MANAGER MYRA C.

Myra is a strategic risk manager with over 20 years of experience. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree, along with the Project Management Professional (PMP) designation, the Canadian Risk Management designation, and several insurance-related certifications. Myra's primary role is to protect the company by identifying, assessing and mitigating risks that could derail the company from achieving its goals. Additionally, she collaborates with teams across operations, finance, IT, and legal to ensure that risks are clearly communicated and fall within acceptable tolerances. She also stays current with evolving policies and regulations to ensure the company remains compliant and well-protected.

PURCHASING COORDINATOR CONNIE H.

Connie is a purchasing coordinator with 25 years of experience in procurement and supply chain coordination. She holds a Bachelor's degree and plays a key role in planning and purchasing goods for the organization. Connie ensures the smooth movement of materials from suppliers and addresses any supply-related issues. She maintains strong relationships with suppliers and communicates any issues to the relevant stakeholders, ensuring transparency and efficiency throughout the supply chain.

Be the first to know what School Council is working on to support the school, students, and the community. Email us at:

thornlea.sc@gmail.com.

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](#).

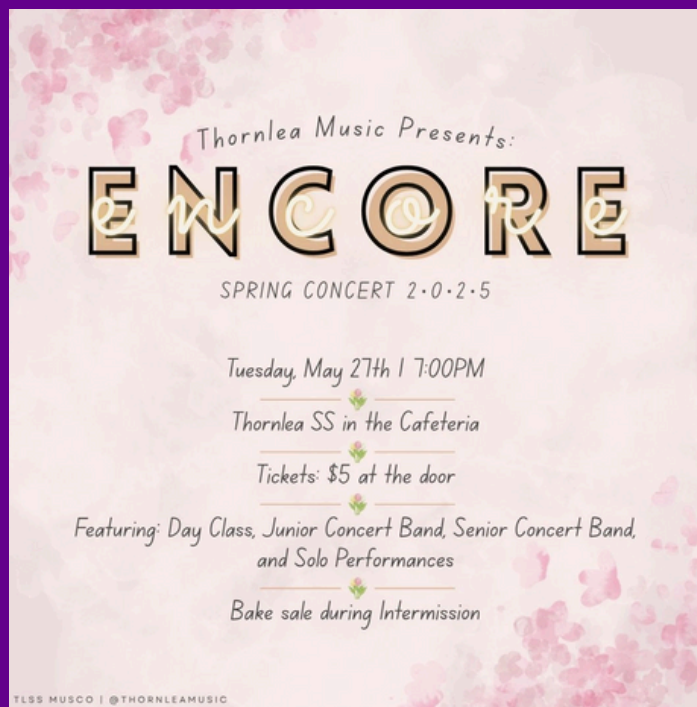
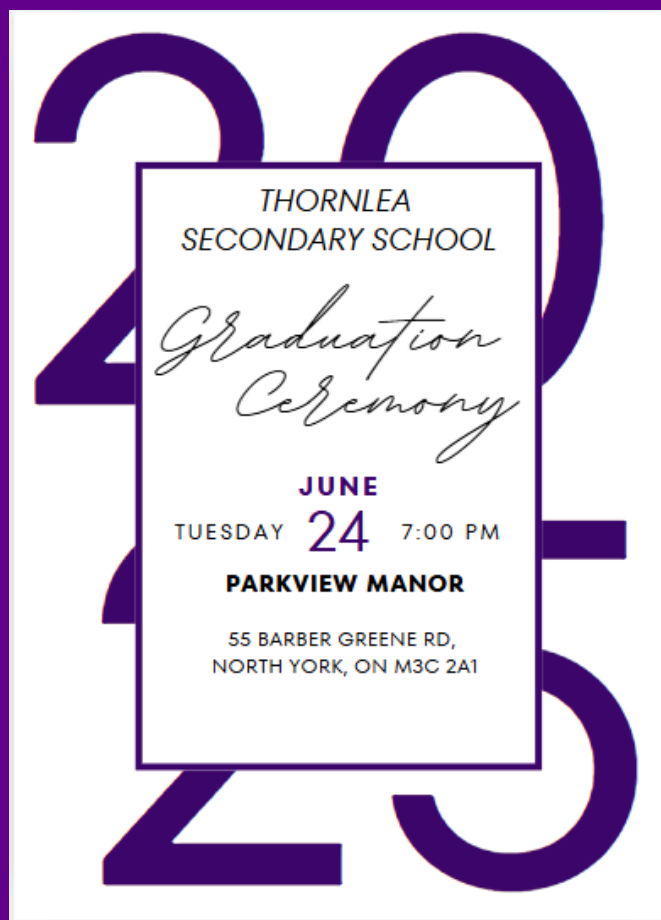
Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) Application

York Region District School Board is accepting applications for membership on the Board's **PEAC**. PEAC supports parent and family engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. *Applications are due June 11, 2025.*

Interested parent and family applicants are invited to learn more about the role of PEAC, eligibility and how to apply by visiting the [Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee \(PEAC\) webpage](#).

Thornlea Music Department Presents Encore 2025

On Tuesday May 27 at 7:00 PM, please join us in the Thornlea Cafeteria for Music's end of year concert, Encore 2025! Tickets are \$5 at the door, and the event will also include a cash-only bake sale. This concert will feature Thornlea's Junior and Senior Concert Bands, the Daytime Class, and a number of solo and small group performances. Doors open at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you there!



SCHOOL REMINDERS

Our main office is here to help you regarding student absences. Here are a few notes:
Edsby does not support absence reporting for high school students.

To report a student's absence, parents or guardians can either email thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca or call 905-889-9696.

When sending an email or leaving a message, please provide the following details:

- 1) Student Name (First & Last name)
- 2) Student #
- 3) Current Grade
- 4) Absent date and/or period
- 5) Reason

ANTICIPATED ABSENCE FORM

If your student will be absent 5 days or more, please come to the office to obtain the anticipated absence form. It must be completed by their teachers then signed by the parent. This form needs to be returned to the office BEFORE their absence.

USEFUL LINKS

ATTENDANCE CHANGE	thornleass.attendance@yrdsb.ca
CONTACT/TELEPHONE DATA CHANGE	thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca
STUDENT DATA ACCESS 18+	18+Student Consent Form
SCHOOLCASH ONLINE	SchoolCash Online
THORNLEA SHOP	Thornlea Merchandise