

THORNLEA SS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
April 25-May 4	Europe 2025 Trip
May 5	PA Day (no school)
May 6	Full Disclosure
May 12-16	Canoe Trip
May 15	Coffee House And Luminaries

International Students over 18

When you turn 18, you must come to the office to complete the mandatory form. Please see Ms. Hudec in the office.

CONSENT INFORMATION SHARING FOR
STUDENTS AT THE AGE OF MAJORITY
(International Education Services)



GUIDANCE

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION UPDATE:

Summer School registration is open as of **Tuesday, April 15th** through myBlueprint. Courses can be found under the “Continuing Education tab” on the left hand side of the dashboard.

If students require assistance with the summer school registration process, please have them make an appointment with their alpha guidance counsellor.

Please see <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities> for additional summer school information.

The Guidance Team - visit our [website](#)!

YEARBOOK

Photo day portraits will appear in the yearbook UNLESS the parent/18+ student contacts the principal in writing by May 30, 2025.

Current preferred names in our school database will be published in the yearbook.

It's time to Pre-Order your Yearbook for this 2024-2025 School Year!

The Thornlea S.S. Yearbook is a hardcover color book of memories for the current school year!

It includes student photos, sports teams, student activities/events, and staff photos.

ORDER ONE TODAY so that you may remember the wonderful memories created here at Thornlea Secondary School.

School Production coming soon

Welcome to our Last Day of School by Ian McWethy! This production is brought to you by our lovely and wonderfully talented students at Thornlea Secondary school (DRAMA CLUB) , showcasing a comedic one-act play set on the final day of classes at LeeThorn High School. The story unfolds through interconnected scenes, each featuring two students who summon the courage to do something bold, unexpected, or long-overdue.

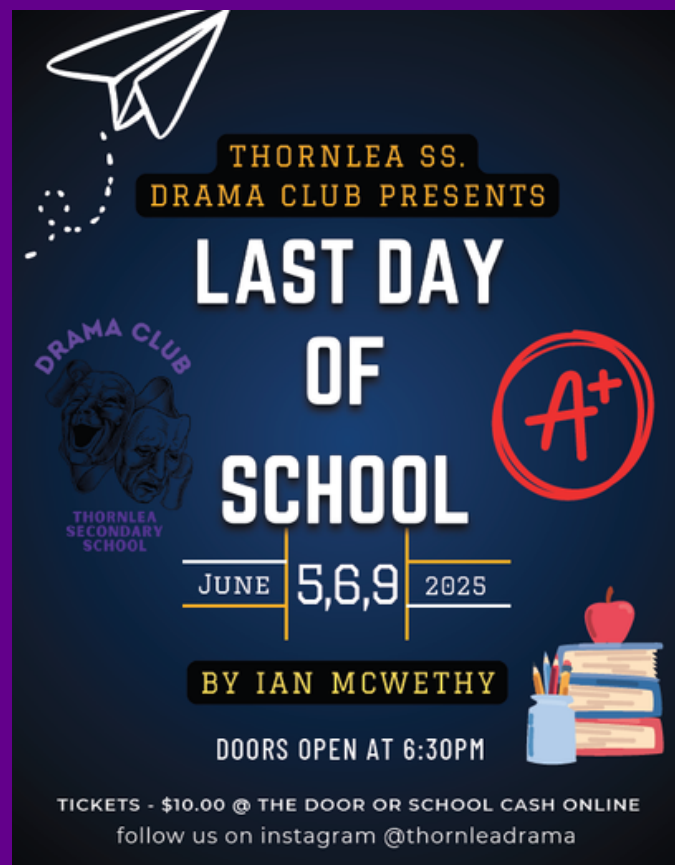
This play tells the story of characters who confront fears, express hidden feelings, and resolve long-standing issues, leading to a series of humorous and heartfelt moments. The play explores themes of bravery, self-discovery, and the fleeting nature of time, offering both comedic and touching insights into adolescent experiences.

We hope to see everyone there!

SHOWTIMES: June 5/6/9 2025 - DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM.

SHOW LENGTH: APPROX 70 MINUTES

Tickets are only \$10.00 through school cash online. Tickets will also be sold at the door.



News from the Arts Department

NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT
SPRING ART SALES Shop the One of a Kind Artwork from Thornlea Artists!



Dear Thornlea Staff, Parents/ Guardians,
 You are invited for a sneak peek!
 On May 15th (our Coffee House Community Event), our Arts students will be selling their beautiful Floral Paintings and Landscapes. If you are planning to buy gifts for your families and friends, please come and see our great selection of beautiful items for your enjoyment.
 All money raised will be used to benefit our school's Arts program and for planning Arts events and Drama productions this year. Payments will be made through School Cash Online.
 Thank you for your support!

Mme Bern and Arts / Student Equity Council



NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT
CELEBRATING OUR STUDENT SUCCESS...



Congratulations to Yuning Fei (Grade 12) on winning the OSSTF Human Rights Poster Contest and receiving the 1st place and the prize of \$300.00. We wish Yuning success in her future artistic endeavours.
Way to Go, Yuning!

PLEASE JOIN OUR SHSM ARTS AND CULTURE WORKSHOPS- Fashion Design and Sewing Techniques
 Are you interested in helping to address Socio-Economic Challenges in our Community? Our SHSM Art and Culture students create a Clothing Line and promote their Fashion Brands online. Please contact Mme Bern for more information: at: ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca

Ethnic Motives in Clothing Design





Stay Tuned for More Details...

Prom 2025

WELCOME TO THE PARTY
"Your From - the Great Night to Remember..."
 Save the Date: **Thursday, May 29th, 2025**
 Ticket Price: **\$110**
 (Purchase your Ticket on CashOnline)
 Dress Code: **Glam and Fancy 20s**
 Photobooth with Instant Photos,
 Great DJ Music,
 Delicious Menu

COME VISIT...
THORNLEA'S ANNUAL COFFEEHOUSE X LUMINARY AWARDS

\$7.00 entry ticket + complimentary coffee/ tea & a cookie

Thursday, May 15th 6:30-8:30pm

FEATURING:

- Vocal & Dance Performances
- Student Awards
- Student Artwork Sales
- Immersive Art Show
- Speed Fashion
- Photobooth Instant Photos with your Friends

Thornlea’s Global Ideas Institute team dedicated the past seven months to researching the digital divide. They participated in monthly panels at the University of Toronto campus, interviewed industry professionals, and compiled a comprehensive report. The team presented their final solutions for improving access to technology and the internet in underserved communities in Nigeria. Great work, GII Team!



Did you know that Thornlea is a Sustainable School and an Ecoschool?

Recently, Thornlea alumni, who now have careers in engineering, visited their teachers to thank them for the foundational support they received in high school. The most memorable parts of education are always the connections made to real world applications.

The Science Department is continuing to lead school-wide work in maintaining and developing sustainable and Eco-school status. This work includes building onto a hydroponic system that continues to advance from year to year as well as other future school greening projects.

Science classrooms and clubs are engaging in sustainable school work related to the United Nations sustainable development goals of quality education, good health, well-being, zero hunger, clean water and sanitation, decent work and economic growth, industry, innovation, infrastructure, sustainable communities, responsible consumption and production, climate action, life below water, life on land, peace, and partnerships.

While every day is “earth day,” April includes the official “Earth Day.” Ecoteam met and took a big gulp of water together to raise awareness of water education, quality, scarcity and life in water. The Ecoteam has been finalizing its first ever TLEA SS Ecoschool application where we hope to qualify for Platinum status.



Thornlea Chess Club meets on Fridays afterschool to learn to play chess and play chess matches against each other in friendly competitions. One of the senior students in the Chess Club has competed at the World Youth Chess Championships and teaches the other students in the club.

Along with another of the Student Leaders of the club, who also teach the younger students, the Chess Club members learn from each other, socialize and sometimes do homework on Fridays afterschool in the Supervising Teacher's classroom.

THORNLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL



Social Media and Your Kids

On April 22, the School Council hosted the "Social Media and Your Kids" workshop, which was sponsored by Thornlea Secondary School and Parents Reaching Out Grants. On behalf of MediaSmarts, Jennifer Casa-Todd offered practical strategies to help families support their children in today's digital world. Below are key highlights from the workshop.

The Role of Social Media in Adolescents' Lives

- Social media is central to how teens connect with friends and explore their identities.
- Teens seek privacy and independence online.
- Parents can focus on open conversations and understanding the social media platforms rather than strict surveillance.

Basic Online Safety Practices

- Set social media accounts to private.
- Review and discuss platform safety guidelines together.
- Encourage strong, secure passwords.
- Teach our children to be cautious with sharing personal information and the risks of anonymous networks.
- Help prevent cyberbullying and unwanted exposure.

Managing Digital Footprints and Online Behaviour

- Teach children to think before posting.
- Encourage respectful and kind online interactions.
- Use tools like muting instead of unfriending to handle digital drama gracefully.
- Address sensitive topics like sexting, stressing the importance of seeking adult help when needed.
- Discuss data privacy, comparison traps, and fear of missing out (FOMO) to build resilience and support mental health.

Encouraging Healthy Digital Habits

- Promote tech breaks and turning off notifications.
- Create device-free zones at home.
- Avoid overnight phone use to support better sleep.

By modeling good digital behaviour and promoting positive technology use, parents can help their children build a safer, healthier relationship with the online world. *Thank you to everyone who attended and made the workshop a success. We look forward to welcoming you at future events!*

3rd Annual CAREER NIGHT for Students



**Thursday
May 22, 2025**

FlipGive

Please Support the School Council

You can support Thornlea School Council by making purchases at your favorite online stores via FlipGive's website or buying gift cards to pay for your in-store purchases.

A percentage of your purchases will support our various events. [Click here](#) and enter code 5FLXC7 to join!



Thornlea School Council 2024-2025

Executive Members

Aroon B. (Co-chair)
Myra C. (Co-chair)
Sharon A. (Co-chair)
Diana L. (Comm/Secretary)
Jennifer F. (Treasurer)

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BOARD NEWS

CAPC York Region has partnered with Teston Village Public School to host a Community Connections Event for families and caregivers of children birth to 13 years of age on Tuesday, May 6th, 2025. This evening event aims to provide families with a one-stop-shop where they can connect with local agencies, city organizations, and partner groups to access vital resources and support. We have 20 confirmed vendors and by bringing these services directly to the school, we hope to bridge any possible gaps and strengthen the connection between families and the resources in the community that they need and/or desire.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Welcome to our Parents & Caregivers Evening!
Come explore agencies, organizations and YRDSB partners supporting families with children ages birth to 13

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH, 2025
5:00PM - 7:00PM
TESTON VILLAGE P.S.
80 MURRAY FARM LANE, MAPLE

- York Region Public Health
- York Support Services Network
- Kinark Child and Family Services
- Sahara Mental Health Services
- YR Preschool Speech & Language and many more will be there ...

**GIVEAWAYS
INFO. BOOTHS
RESOURCES**

Contact Shelly @ 905.417.0555
Contact Melanie at capcyorkregion@yorkchild.ca

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!
NO RSVP REQUIRED

CMHA NEWSLETTER



MOBYSS
MAY Newsletter

Canadian Mental Health Association
York and South Simcoe
Mental health for all

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
Your mental health matters!

What is mental health?

- Mental health encompasses our emotional, psychological, and social well-being.
- It can influence the way we think, feel, act, and how we cope with life's challenges.
- Mental health is essential to your overall health and quality of life.
- Mental health can impact your ability to function effectively and contribute to society.
- Self-care can play a role in maintaining and supporting your mental health.

Come visit us at MOBYSS if you have any questions about mental health or if you are in need of support for your mental health!

MENTAL HEALTH TIP: MANAGING ANXIETY

- Ensure adequate sleep and nutrition
- Be mindful of social media use
- Incorporate daily activity into your routine
- Prioritize spending time with people that lift you up
- Limit use of stimulating substances, such as caffeine and nicotine
- Reach out to agencies such as CMHA-MOBYSS for support

CMHA VIRTUAL LINK

Scan this QR code for more information about CMHA

PHYSICAL HEALTH TIP
With summer around the corner, it's especially important to consider sun safety:

- Wear SPF daily
- Avoid the sun during high UV index periods
- Wear sunglasses and protective clothing when able

Come chat with the MOBYSS Nurse Practitioner to learn more!

MOBYSS 10TH BIRTHDAY!
On May 7th, MOBYSS is celebrating 10 years of supporting youth throughout the community! During the month of May, drop by MOBYSS for a birthday treat! We look forward to another 10 years!

BE KIND TO YOUR MIND

Questions? Please see your guidance counselor about when MOBYSS will be visiting your school.

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