

THORNLEA SS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
June 3	Grad Assembly - P2
June 4	Athletic Banquet
June 5-6	Drama Production
June 5-9	Eid-ul-Adha
June 10-11	Grade 9 Math EQAO

STEM Certificate to be Offered at Thornlea Secondary School Starting in the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, students can register for our STEM Certificate.

This certificate is available to students in all pathways and would be granted upon graduation.

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](#).

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.

If you have questions, please contact us at thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca.

SCHOOL NEWS

Grade 10 Business Field Trip

On May 22, we had 70 Grade 10 Thornlea Students attend the Business Field Trip! The rain didn't stop us! Students had an enjoyable and educational experience touring and exploring the financial district downtown Toronto outdoors and underground through the PATH. They discovered how banking and finance made Toronto a world banking centre and learned about some of the city's hidden historical treasures at Toronto's financial district. They saw first hand the big 5 banks, the top 4 accounting firms, the TSX, learned about the role and function of the Bank of Canada, explored the unique architecture of the BCE/Brookfield place, and walked through the PATH, Toronto's underground city. Students also had the opportunity to explore historical and important buildings such as the Oldest Banking Building, the old safety deposit vault, the Old and New City Halls, as well as independent businesses in and around the Eaton Centre, the epitome of interior "atrium" spaces for which Canadian architecture became known internationally in the 1970s.



Business SHSM ICE Workshop on May 20

On May 20, in collaboration with Y2 Entrepreneurship Labs, Creative Genius Academy and Alexander Mackenzie High School, some of Thornlea's Business SHSM students attended the Business SHSM ICE (Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship) Program. This was a great opportunity for the students to participate in experiential learning and work in a team setting to solve a business challenge and present their solutions to Sylvia Chan, a passionate founder of Creative Genius Academy, whose mission is to build a better, more connected community through art. Students worked collaboratively with peers as well as the Industry Expert. The SHSM ICE training and Problem-Based Learning 1-day training workshop met the needs of our Business SHSM students and fulfilled their SPE-ICE credentials.



School Production Starts Next Week

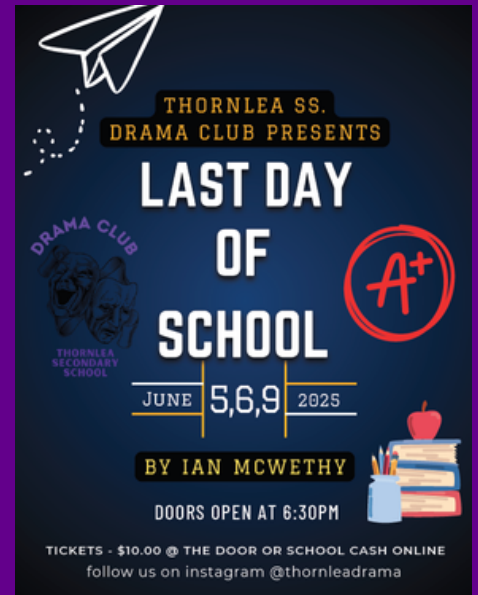
Welcome to our Last Day of School by Ian McWethy! This production is brought to you by our lovely and wonderfully talented students at Thornlea Secondary school (DRAMA CLUB) , showcasing a comedic one-act play set on the final day of classes at LeeThorn High School. The story unfolds through interconnected 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.

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 or at the door.



Thornlea Ecoteam Applies for Certification and Platinum Status

The Ecoteam was interviewed by Ecoschools Canada during a hybrid meeting on May 26, 2025 for Ecoschool certification and Platinum status. The students offered incredible insights into the variety of Ecoschools projects at TLEA SS. Parent Council representatives were present for the meeting and supported students as they explained their efforts to conduct over 28 Ecoschool projects this school year! Ecoschools is a whole school initiative that involves administration, custodial and support staff, teachers, parents, and most importantly our student leaders! OSSTF D16 sponsored this meeting through the Excellence in Education Grant. It is remarkable to see the support for this initiative from the wider community!

We look forward to receiving the results in mid-June.



Tentative International Field Trip - May 2026

Thornlea staff are excited to announce the International Trip for 2026 (**pending Board approval**). Take a look at the resources in the graphic to the right to find out more about this exciting opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact neda.pilaram@yrdsb.ca.

YRDSB Math Achievement Action Plan - Feedback Requested

Dear Families,

As part of the York Region District School Board's Math Achievement Action Plan, our school is committed to enhancing student success in mathematics through improved teaching strategies, in-class support, and access to resources.

Your input is valuable in helping us better understand how current resources are supporting your child's learning and how we can continue to improve. Please take a moment to complete the two question [Family Feedback Survey on Math Resources](#) and share your thoughts on the math resources available to your child to support learning at home and in the classroom. Please complete this survey by Friday, June 6, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support.

EUROPE SCHOOL TRIP

SPRING 26'



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Sign Up For Online Meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

SIGN UP/REGISTER IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, DEPOSITS WILL ONLY BE COLLECTED ONCE APPROVED

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Deposits will only be collected once trip is approved
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BOARD NEWS

June is Filipino Heritage Month, Portuguese Heritage Month, and Italian Heritage Month.

National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month and is a time to celebrate the diverse cultures of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, as opposed to focusing on what has been done to them. The Canadian Government unanimously declared June as National Indigenous History Month in 2009 through a motion in the House of Commons. The month, which includes National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21), is a perfect time to reflect upon the long relationship between the many different First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Turtle Island and Canadians throughout history.



Pride Month

June is Pride Month, an opportunity for schools to celebrate diversity in our communities, and uplift the voices, accomplishments, and activism of 2SLGBTQIA+ people. While diverse identities and ways of being have always existed, much of the world has specifically celebrated Pride Month in June since 1969.



Applications for Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee

York Region District School Board is accepting applications for membership on the Board's Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (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 SCHOOL COUNCIL

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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!

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