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GUIDANCE NEWS

Summer School Opportunities:

Y2 Legacy Courses

TAS2O and ENG2D are open to students of all social identities and offer a chance to explore Afrocentric ways of knowing while building understanding of Black brilliance, histories, and narratives. (for grades 8/9)

DCO3C and BOH4M are exclusive to Black-identifying students, fostering a more specialized and identity-affirming experience. (Grade 10)

For more information, please refer to this link: [Y2 LEGACY | York Region District School Board](#)

Summer Dual Credit courses have been released: TEN courses in total, from three different colleges – so lots of choice for your students!

Promotional Flyer: <https://yrdsb.cc/summerdualcreditflyer>

For more information about summer school opportunities, please have your child book an appointment with their guidance counsellor.

Apprenticeship Presentation:

Join Support Ontario Youth (SOY) for an evening virtual presentation designed for graduating students wanting to pursue a career in the skilled trades.

Date: Wednesday, June 4th

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Presentation Type: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

[Flyer](#)

[Registration Link](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
May 12-16	Canoe Trip
May 12	Wesak
May 15	6:30pm Coffee House And Luminaries
May 19	Victoria Day (no school)

YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

2025 SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Acceleration Courses July 2 - 25 (18 Days)

For students who wish to earn a credit in a subject they have not previously studied or those who wish to upgrade a mark in a course that they have successfully completed.

Register early to avoid disappointment!
Decisions to run courses are based on sufficient enrolment and teacher availability.

IN-PERSON LEARNING
Locations: Bill Hogarth SS, Bur Oak SS, Keswick HS, Maple HS, Middlefield CL, Newmarket HS, Richmond Green SS, and Thornlea SS
Time: 8:45 am - 3:32 pm

REMOTE LEARNING
Synchronous Learning Model online through Google Meets
Time: 8:45 am - 3:32 pm

ONLINE LEARNING
Asynchronous Learning Model using Brightspace by D2L
For more information, please email: online.learning@yrdsb.ca

HOW TO REGISTER!

YRDSB STUDENTS:
SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION BY JUNE 18, 2025
YRDSB Students: [My Pathway Planner](#)

NON-YRDSB STUDENTS:
SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION BY JUNE 6, 2025
Non-YRDSB Students: [Link On Website](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- 905-884-2046 OR 905-884-3434
- continuing.education@yrdsb.ca
- <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities>

TIME SENSITIVE NEWS

The **YRDSB 2025-2026 school year calendars** have been approved by the Ministry. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>

Please check out the **YRDSB's Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - May 2025**. Of note, Dr. Gillian White will be offering a free virtual presentation for parents/caregivers entitled Turning Stress into Success on May 8th from 6:00-7:00 PM. You can find more information about the presentation in our Parent/Caregiver Toolkit. If you are interested in attending this presentation, please register as space is limited. [Online registration](#)

The **York Region President's Council (YRPC)** is a fantastic opportunity for you to represent your peers, get involved with student advocacy, and work alongside your student trustees. Applications for the 2025–2026 YRPC Executive Cabinet are opening on May 5, 2025!

Students can express their interest in a YRPC Executive position by completing a nomination form by 6:00 pm EDT on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Please note, students will have access to this link on May 5th, 2025. All current Grades 8 to 11 students will receive an email on Friday, May 23rd, with information about the candidates and instructions on voting. Elections will occur between Monday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 28 until 6:00 pm. Results will be announced on Monday, June 2, 2025. You can learn more about the election and access the nomination form in the [nomination package/elections guide](#).

Please feel free to reach out to yrpc@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions.

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.



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.



Thornlea Presents:

News from our Germany, Switzerland, and Italy International Trip (April 25 – May 4, 2025)

The benefits of education through travel? The list can be endless. We believe that travel offers students experiences that further the learning that happens in the classroom. This past week, 39 students participated in an International Field Trip to Germany, Switzerland and Italy. Students were introduced to many aspects of world history, different cultures and engaged in activities that are impossible to replicate in the classroom.

Highlights:

Students explored various cities on this trip including Munich, Dachau, Zurich, Milan, Florence and Rome! We visited major attractions such as Rathaus-Glockenspiel, Nymphenburg Palace, Residenz Munich, Dachau Concentration Memorial, BMW Museum, FIFA Museum, Swiss National Museum, Lindt House of Chocolate Museum, Duomo di Milano, Santa Maria Duomo, Galleria dell'Accademia, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museum, Trevi Fountain and the Colosseum!

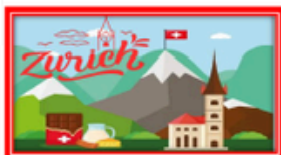


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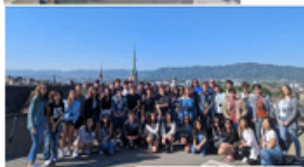
Participating in a Bavarian Dance workshop!



BMW Museum



Tour and taste testing at the Lindt Home of Chocolate!



A beautiful day to showcase the Zurich landscape!



Santa Maria Duomo di Firenze



Learning how to make our own pizzas from scratch during our Pizza workshop in Florence!



The Colosseum – a great sight both inside and out, whether during the day or night it took our breath away!



St. Peter's Square



Thank you!

With the support of our community, and specifically those students and families who were part of this excursion cannot go unnoticed. It is with this support that made it possible and ultimately a successful trip. Our students came back with more enrichment in their learning of the world and confidence in their independence.

We look forward to planning future excursions at Thornlea which provide unique once in a lifetime opportunities!

Mrs. Ceausu, Dept Head of History
Mrs. Fu, FI Teacher
Mr. Belchevski, Dept Head of Tech
Ms. Johnson-Lee, Vice Principal



Our Chaperones taking in the sights of Lake Zurich!

Stay tuned for news about our 2026 International Trip!

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.

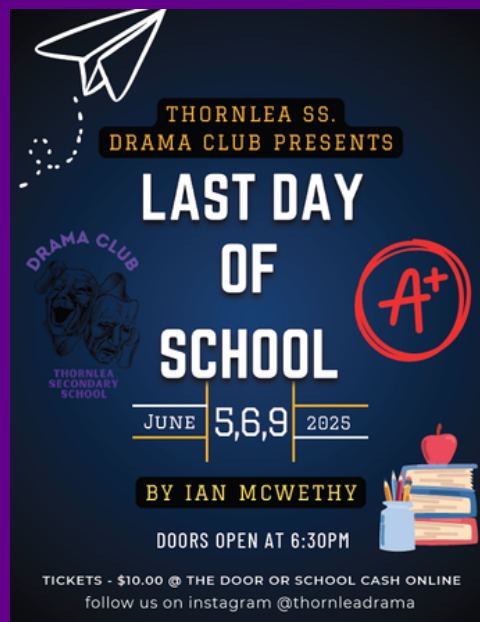
This play tells the story of characters who confront fears, express hidden feelings, and resolve long-standing issues, leading to a series of humorous and heartfelt moments. The play explores themes of bravery, self-discovery, and the fleeting nature of time, offering both comedic and touching insights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



Computer Science Club

Thornlea Computer Science Club meets on Tuesdays at lunch in the Supervising Teacher's classroom. Students learn from each other about Computer Science and computer programming. Students practice their programming skills, solve problems and challenges, socialize, play games, and utilize their lunch time to have fun while learning.

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

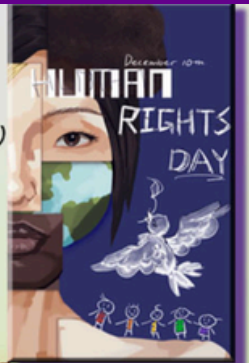


NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT

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



Stay Tuned for More Details...

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 SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council is proud to present...

Our 3rd Annual **Career Night**, an inspiring evening created for Thornlea S. S. students to explore a variety of career and post-secondary pathways. This event will take place at the school on **Thursday, May 22, 2025, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

We are excited to welcome a range of speakers from various professions and industries who will share insights into their career paths, including their educational backgrounds, essential skills, and the unique aspects and challenges of their work.

In this special edition of the Thornlea School Council News, you will find professional summaries of the parents and guardians presenting at Career Night this year.

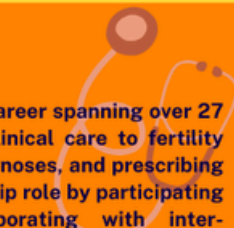
Please encourage your children to sign up for Career Night. We look forward to their participation in this engaging evening of career exploration.



HEALTH CARE

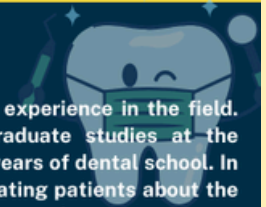
NURSE PRACTITIONER EILEEN M.

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.



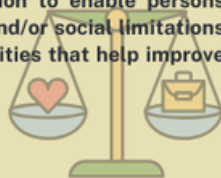
DENTIST WASEEMA A.

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.



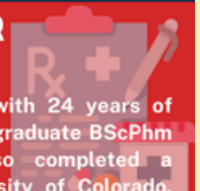
RECREATION THERAPIST LISA G.

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.



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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ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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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.



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 facts 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.



South Asian Celebration

Unity in Diversity – A Celebration of South Asian Heritage

- Celebrate the rich and diverse cultural heritage of South Asia
- Explore the unique artistic, culinary and cultural traditions that shape South Asian communities through interactive activities
- Visit South Asian Community Booths
- Enjoy a tasting experience of South Asian foods

Everyone is welcome to join us for an exciting celebration of South Asian cultures!

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Maple High School, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON

Please click [South Asian Heritage Month Event](#) or scan the QR Code below to register.



For additional inquiries please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca



Jewish Heritage Month Event

Honouring Jewish Heritage – A Celebration of Culture and Community

- Celebrate the richness of Jewish culture, history and resilience through an engaging presentation and hands-on activities
- **Author Kathy Kacer**, who will present her powerful book *To Hope and Back*, sharing stories of Jewish survival and strength. Each family will receive a free book signed by the author.
- Children will have the opportunity to participate in interactive activities.
- Enjoy a Sufganiyot tasting experience, offering a sweet lens into Jewish culinary tradition.

Everyone is welcome to join us for an exciting celebration!

Thursday, May 22, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Anne Frank Public School, 431 Ilan Ramon Blvd., Maple

Please click [Jewish Heritage Month Event](#) or use the QR code below



For additional inquiries, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca

Jewish Heritage Month Celebration

CHALLAH BAKE EVENT

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Langstaff Secondary School

Address: 106 Garden Avenue, Richmond Hill



**Celebrate Tradition. Create Together.
Share in the Joy.**

Join us as we celebrate the richness, resilience, and history of Jewish communities! Roll up your sleeves and learn how to braid challah, the symbolic Jewish bread.

Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff

Please [register here](#) by Thursday, May 22, 2025.



Questions?
iscs@yrdsb.ca

Y² LEGACY: A Black-Centred Approach to Leadership, Innovation, and Excellence 2025 Summer Program



Y² LEGACY is a transformative summer learning program that empowers students through a Black-centred lens celebrating leadership, innovation, and academic excellence. By building foundational knowledge and identity-affirming skills, students emerge with the confidence and capabilities to lead in their schools and communities. The foundational skills students gain in the summer will support them in navigating the school year with confidence and leadership.

The program enables students to:

- Gain skills for a future driven by innovation, leadership, and adaptability
- Learn in an affirming, identity-centred environment that celebrates Black excellence
- Build a multi-year learning pathway that supports academic and career achievement
- Earn secondary credits while exploring post-secondary options
- Access mentorship, Black community partnerships, and university-level experiences
- Become eligible for a Schulich Certificate and Fall York University course

Registration

Participation in Y² LEGACY is competitive, and space is limited. To be considered for enrollment, interested students must complete two steps:

1. Students currently attending a YRDSB day school must register for their selected course using My Pathway Planner (myBlueprint), while students who do not attend a YRDSB day school must register using the Non-YRDSB Registration Form.
2. All students must complete the [Y² LEGACY Google Application Form](#).

We are now accepting applications for the second round of acceptances to the Y² LEGACY Program.

Dates

July 2 - July 25, 2025

8:45 a.m. - 3:32 p.m.



Apply by May 30, 2025! Space is limited!

For more information visit www.yrdsb.ca/Y2LEGACY

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>