

# Thornlea SS



**May 28, 2021**

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# Message from the Administration

Dear Families and Community Members,

We hope our message finds you well and keeping healthy!

As we anticipate the final month of the current school year, we wanted to provide you with some important updates.

## Feedback Days

Feedback Days will occur weekly, each Friday, until the end of the school year. During the Feedback Days, students will attend all classes online as per the regular school schedule (75 min/class). It will be an opportunity for teachers to connect individually with students and families for targeted student needs, supports and/or feedback but also for the class to engage in some fun activities.

## School Council

Our final Parent Council meeting was held on Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>. We provided updates to families about our virtual graduation and the projected timetable and schedule for the upcoming school year. Confirmation of our board's school model for 2021-2022 is still pending and we will share this information as soon as it becomes available.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize the tremendous efforts of our School Council Chair, Ms. Genevieve Seabrook. For over 10 years, Ms. Seabrook worked passionately to support the school-community connection. A proactive advocate of our students' well-being, Ms. Seabrook was instrumental in securing the *Parents Reaching out Grant*, an annual Ministry of Education grant, which provided students and parents with supports for positive Mental Health and Well-Being. She worked cooperatively with parents, students and staff to make the school a better place for learning, leading always by example. Her deep-rooted desire to serve students, the council, the school and the greater board was always evident. Mme Seabrook: as your term ends in June, *un grand merci* for your contributions!

In the fall, we look forward to forming a new Parent Council Executive and encourage you to consider running for a position on this committee.

## \*NEW-Mentorship Program

We are proud to announce details of our first-ever *Thornlea Leadership-Mentorship Program*. Aimed at serving our new, incoming Grade 9 students, this program will connect junior students to a senior student mentor. In preparation for the role, mentors will participate in a series of leadership-training workshops, led by our staff. Upon completion of the program, mentors will also receive volunteer hours and a certificate of completion. If your child will be in Grade 11 or Grade 12 for the 2021-2022 school year and is interested in pursuing this leadership opportunity, please have them connect with Ms. Estafanos or Mr. Sharrief.

## The Luminary Awards

The Luminary Awards will be held virtually on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm on Thornlea’s YouTube channel. Join us to celebrate our students’ accomplishments in the field of arts and technology. The show will feature sixteen awards in the area of drama, music, English, visual & media arts, and film. The show will also include musical performances, special guests, and much more. To attend, please use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxNgNaE22UApaJTAo2AKrLg>

## Theatre 219-Drama Production

More details to follow but here is a glimpse of what our senior drama students are preparing:

*“Departure and Arrivals” by Canadian playwright Carol Shields is a series of vignettes that take place in, where else, an airport. It shows the variety of characters and stories that you can see in a setting like that. Some are touching, some are humorous, but I think they all show us something about our humanity. The best theatre isn’t merely confection—it, as Mr. Shakespeare said, holds a mirror up to nature. It shows us a glimpse of ourselves. And we reveal much about who we are in times of transition. Our exits are as important as our entrances.*

## TSAC Elections

Thornlea’s Student Athletic Council (TWIC) is holding their annual virtual elections. Please remind your child to vote between May 25<sup>th</sup> - May 28<sup>th</sup>. We have emailed the link to the voting ballot to each student’s gapps account. Our new executive will be announced on May 31<sup>st</sup> using TWIC’s social media platform. Good luck to all the candidates!

## Thornlea’s Virtual Clubs

For updates on the various school clubs, school happenings and general information, please follow our school’s official IG account @thornleayrdsb. In the meantime, here is a list of the virtual clubs running at Thornlea:

Debate Team

Luminary Awards

Doctors without Borders Club

French Language and Culture Club

GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance)

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)

MEDLIFE

Thornlea Animal outreach

Thornlea Computer Science Club

Thornlea Environmental Alliance

Thornlea Newsletter Committee

TSAC (Thornlea Student Athletic Council)

TWIC (Thornlea Wellness Initiative Council)

Thornlea Computer Science Club

Yearbook

Upcoming Dates:

May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day (no school)
May 25 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	TSAC Student Voting for the 2021-2022 Student Council
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	YRDSB Family Survey opens
June 3	Full Disclosure
June 11	Virtual Luminary Awards @ 6pm
June 28	Last day of School

As we enter the final month of this school year, we encourage our students to keep working towards successful academic achievement and positive well-being.

Best wishes,

Joe Foti + Sofia Papadatos

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May 25, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We hope this correspondence finds you, your family and loved ones healthy and safe.

As you may be aware, the Advanced Placement College Board has announced that all AP exams, excluding World Language Exams, may be completed digitally. Unfortunately, the AP College Board has determined that the World Language Exams can only be administered in a proctored school setting.

Currently, Ontario remains in the Lockdown Zone and subject to the rules set out under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*. Given that elementary and secondary schools in Ontario are not permitted to offer in-person learning at this time (with the exception of students with special education needs), including exams, no exceptions can be granted for AP Exams.

If the stay-at-home order is not lifted on June 2nd and students are not able to return to in-person learning, then we regret to inform you that all Language AP exams will be cancelled and money refunded. We continue to work with and follow the advice of York Public Health to ensure we provide safe and healthy environments for students and staff.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact the AP Teacher/Coordinator or school administrator to discuss your questions.

We remain deeply committed to supporting our students and families as we continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19 on education. If our school can support your family in any way, we encourage you to connect with us.

Please take care,

Joe Foti  
Principal

## YRDSB Survey Information for Parents

Survey opens May 26 and closes June 18.

Additional student/family Survey 2021 info can be found on the BWW:

<https://staffweb-yrdsb.msapproxy.net/services/research/Pages/Student%20and%20Family%20Survey%202021.aspx#>

## Student Success Corner



Student Success is proud to congratulate **Mikaela Williams** and **Kava Barrocks** in light of their recognition for achievement in the following awards categories: *Academic Achievement, Growth and Development and, Involvement in the Community.*

During this pandemic, our students have continued to strive and achieve.

*Congratulations to Mikaela and Kava.*



The Student Success Team is happy to introduce ...

Thornlea's Mentorship Program for the year 2021-2022.

All students currently in grade 10 and 11 who wish to gain leadership experience are welcome to [apply here](#).



Our Workshop of the Month of June is:

**Motivation and Engagement**

Date: Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Registration: Open through students Gapps Account ONLY.

Students are kindly asked to complete [this form](#).

**Thank you for your continued support!**  
**The Student Success Team**

# Message from your Guidance Team

GUIDANCE UPDATE-

Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Greetings from the Guidance Department! The team has been working hard to provide students with support for **summer school registration**. We will be reviewing student requests and will try our best to support individual student and parent/guardian questions.

## Guidance Team for Semester 2

For semester 2, the Guidance Team consists of the following members:

Mrs. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary) Ext 207

[gail.burdett@yrdsb.ca](mailto:gail.burdett@yrdsb.ca)

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance (Counselor A to KEB) Ext 330

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Ms. Lovleen Rai (Counselor KEL to TAY) Ext 258

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Ms. Viviane Estafanos (Counselor TEL to Z) Ext 251

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Ms. Andrea Tse (ELL student success support) Ext 259

[andrea.tse@yrdsb.ca](mailto:andrea.tse@yrdsb.ca)

## Guidance Appointments

If students need to make a guidance appointment, please ask them to complete this [link](#). They can request an appointment with their alpha Surname counsellor.

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

**Your mid-term grades from semester two 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 Counselor as soon as possible to have it corrected.**

**Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied through OCAS for college!**

**Your mid-term grades from semester two have been processed by OCAS and sent to the Colleges 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 OCAS does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OCAS/your Colleges because of a junk-mail setting with you inbox. If you see an error in your OCAS file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counselor as soon as possible to have it corrected.**

**From OUAC:**

Today (**May 27**) by the end of the day (11:59PM) would be when students can expect a response from universities if they had applied by January 15<sup>th</sup>. If any students haven't heard back and have concerns, we recommend having them reach out to the universities' admissions offices directly for more information.

Generally speaking, the deadline to accept an offer is June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59PM. However, each offer listed in their applications will have a listed expiry date which will be June 1<sup>st</sup> or later. Their deadline to accept the offer would be 11:59PM on the day listed there.

## **Undergraduate Division**

**Ontario Universities' Application Centre**

**170 Research Lane | Guelph ON N1G 5E2**

**519-823-1940 | [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)**

## **OUAC** – Ontario University Important Dates:

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Ontario **University Applicants** - We highly recommend you accept your offer **before** the deadline of **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. You should be contacted by **May 27<sup>th</sup>** if you have been accepted into your program.

### **May 27, 2021**

The latest date all high school applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes: an offer of admission; a refusal; or a deferral, once additional information is received.

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### **June 1, 2021 (deadline to accept)**

The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.).

All other admissions-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 1, 2021, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.

### **Starting June 4, 2021**

The date the Admission Information Service (AIS) opens. The AIS allows you to determine which Ontario universities still have spots available in first-year undergraduate programs.

## **OCAS** – Ontario College Important Dates:

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May 1<sup>st</sup> is the most common deadline for confirming offers of admission – but not the only one. Applicants should check their offers of admission, daily, for **exact** deadline dates. If you have any questions, please see a guidance counselor immediately.

### **June 2021: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges**

The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline. This information will be communicated to you by the college.

Graduating students who plan to attend college or university in September 2021 should **continue to check their OCAS and OUAC accounts and their email** on a regular basis.

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

Remember if you have any questions/concerns do not hesitate, just ask a member of our team. J

### **Guidance Google Classroom**

If your child has not joined our Grade-specific Guidance Google Classrooms, please ensure they join via:

Grade Google Classroom Join Code

9 6g26xk4

10 bjevseyj

11 miroalj

12 aonjtop

**Community Service Hours**

We would also like to remind our learning community that there is a process in place for Community Service Hours. 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 pre-approval. It should be at a Not-For-Profit organization.

***A reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours ASAP. Due to the pandemic – graduating students only require 20 hours this school year.***

On behalf our Guidance Team, please reach out to your counselor for support.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education*

# 2021 Summer Learning Programs Available

During the month of July, YRDSB continues to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary, secondary and adult students.

Traditional in-class face-to-face summer programs will move to a remote learning delivery model.

Registration is now open for the following programs:

## Elementary Credit and Non-Credit Programs:

Elementary Summer School (Grades 6 - 8 non credit reinforcement)  
Grade 8 Reach Ahead

## Secondary Credit Programs:

Online-Learning  
Remote Learning

## Adult Learning Programs:

Adult Literacy and Basic Skills  
English as a Second Language  
Citizenship Classes

For more information about summer learning programs and registration please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.

# Haven't received an Ontario university offer?

## Use the Admission Information Service (AIS)

Starting June 4, 2021, Ontario high school students can use the AIS to find possible openings at Ontario universities.

To begin your search, visit [www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101](http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101) and click:

**SEARCH OPEN PROGRAMS**

Once you find an open program of interest, add it to your 101 application.

### Requirements:

- You will be completing or have completed the OSSD (or equivalent), including six 4U/M courses, by early September 2021.
- You must have an average of at least 60%, although higher averages are usually required.

### To find out more:

- Visit: [www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101](http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101)
- Call: 519-823-1063
- Email: [101sup@ouac.on.ca](mailto:101sup@ouac.on.ca)



# Vous n'avez pas reçu d'offre d'une université de l'Ontario?

## Utilisez le Service d'information sur l'admission (SIA)

À compter le 4 juin 2021, les élèves du secondaire de l'Ontario peuvent utiliser le SIA pour trouver d'autres possibilités d'études aux universités de l'Ontario.

Pour débiter votre recherche, rendez-vous à l'adresse [www.ouac.on.ca/fr/ouac-101](http://www.ouac.on.ca/fr/ouac-101), puis cliquez :

**CHERCHER PROGRAMMES OUVERTS**

Dès que vous aurez trouvé un programme ouvert, ajoutez-le à votre demande 101.

### Exigences :

- Vous détenez, ou détiendrez, un DESO (ou l'équivalent) et avoir réussi 6 cours 4U/M, au plus tard au début de septembre 2021.
- Vous devez avoir une moyenne minimale de 60 % – à noter toutefois que les moyennes exigées sont plus élevées, en règle générale.

### Pour plus d'information :

- Visitez : [www.ouac.on.ca/fr/ouac-101](http://www.ouac.on.ca/fr/ouac-101)
- Composez le : 519 823-1063
- Communiquez avec nous : [101sup@ouac.on.ca](mailto:101sup@ouac.on.ca)

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## York Region District School Board Seeks Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee Members

**May 18, 2021** - York Region District School Board is accepting applications for membership on the Board's Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC).

Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an electronic application by June 15, 2021.

PEAC supports, encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. It represents the collective voice of parents who have children attending public schools in York Region. Members are expected to attend a minimum of five meetings each year at the Education Centre in Aurora or virtually during the current pandemic. The first meeting date for the new membership is September 23, 2021.

Applications should be submitted using ONE of the methods below:

- submit the [ONLINE Application Form](#) or;
- email [Leadership Development and Engagement](#) or;
- call Leadership Development and Engagement at 905-727-0022 ext. 3850

### Information Session

Interested applicants are invited to attend a virtual information session to [learn more](#) about this parent engagement opportunity.

Date and Time	Registration Information
Monday, May 31, 2021 7:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen only, telephone access: 647-497-9388; access code 148-888-198</li> <li>• Online virtual registration link: <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/856753089588720014">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/856753089588720014</a></li> </ul>

More information is available on the YRDSB [website](#).

*York Region District School Board is the third largest school district in Ontario with over 127,000 students in 180 elementary schools and 33 secondary schools. York Region students consistently perform above average in provincial testing and the Board is one of the top achievers in Ontario. For more information about the York Region District School Board, please visit the Board [website](#) and follow YRDSB on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).*

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For more information contact:

Corporate Communications  
[Corporate.communications@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Corporate.communications@yrdsb.ca)

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# Resource bank

A MASTER DOCUMENT  
FOR STUDENTS OF  
HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR STUDYING,  
HOMEWORK AND PROJECTS ALIKE!

THIS UP-TO-DATE BANK CONTAINS MANY HELPFUL SCHOOL-RELATED RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS TO USE FOR PROJECTS, HOMEWORK, AND STUDYING ALIKE. IT'S REGULARLY UPDATED, AND ALSO CONTAINS LINKS FOR FUN GAMES FOR GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL DOWNTIME. THIS RESOURCE IS CREATED BY STUDENTS, SO IT'S VERY RELATABLE AND USED BY REAL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALIKE. THORNLEA STUDENTS AND STAFF MAY USE OR CONTRIBUTE TO THIS MASTER DOCUMENT

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