



Thornlea SS

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November 13, 2015

Remembrance Day At Thornlea



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

In terms of activities and events, November has not disappointed our school community at all. Life at Thornlea continues to maintain a fine momentum, offering students and staff much to be proud of and much to look forward to as we progress through the semester.

We started the month with our Grade 9 students spending **November 4th** in a different kind of learning environment. They joined trusted adults at their workplace participating in a provincial initiative known as Take Our Kids to Work Day. The start of this week marked the end of the first half of the semester. This means that students taking Careers and Civics ended one course and then began the next on the subsequent day. Also this past week, some of our Grade 9 student leaders returned to their elementary schools where they met with former teachers and spoke to younger peers, offering them support and insight about Grade 9 at Thornlea. Their former teachers were impressed with them and we are proud to have them as a part of our community. Also this week, our entire school came together for two meaningful and representative assemblies to mark Remembrance Day. Each assembly was a showcase of the talent, organization, collaborative spirit, and general style of our school community. Performances from our Glee Club, our French Immersion students, and the involvement of cadets and student MCs resulted in an event of very high caliber. A special thank you goes to Mr. Izumi and the History Club for their orchestration of the event and to Mr. Stone and the Stage and Lighting Crew for their expertise.

On **Monday, November 16th** at 7:15 p.m. in our school library, parents are invited to attend our November School Council Meeting. Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance, will be joining us to talk about applying to post-secondary destinations. On **Tuesday, November 17th** students will be bringing home their mid-semester report card. Please take some time to review your child's progress and discuss the report card with them. In addition to the percentage mark for each course, consider each teacher's comments, the learning skills identified in each course, and the attendance for each class. Contact us if you have any questions. From **Monday, November 23rd** to **Friday, December 4th**, we will have a photographer in the school who will be taking grad photos. Also during the last week of November, TSAC will host Thornlea's annual homecoming basketball game on **November 26th**. Students will have the chance to watch, not one, but two basketball games. Later that evening, a semi-formal homecoming dance will take place at Paradise Banquet Hall. Parents are reminded that **Friday, November 27th** is a Professional Activity Day. There is no school for students on this day. It's a perfect time for them to catch up on some much-needed rest. Given the momentum we've seen so far, I'm sure December will be no different.

Thank you for your partnership and we hope to see you soon at one of our events.

Warmest regards,

John Sebastiano

"Thornlea Librarian wins YRDSB North Star Award!"



Debra is the most cheerful and positive teacher in a sea of cheerful and positive teachers at Thornlea. Any group that she leads is infused with her infectious energy and enthusiasm. She is one of the few people for whom the work 'perky' is not a pejorative. She is, of course, a huge part of our "hearts and flowers" team that celebrates and supports teachers across the entire year. She leads an outside-of-school staff Reading Club that combines her love of books (she is the head librarian after all...) and her love of people. Even teachers who have retired from Thornlea continue to go because it's such a positive experience. She took the lead making sure our Student Breakfast Club persevered this year in the face of work action that would have shut it down. In her many years at Thornlea, she has never ceased to be a support for others, to say a kind word when it was most needed, and to lend assistance to people and groups whenever she could. She does all of this, and neither asks nor expects anything in return. It would be lovely if this once, she could see the value that her unselfish energy brings to an entire school.

One last observation to add since the time I *first* wrote this nomination: Few people can be viewed as a consummate professional even while, as Debra did last Friday, coming to work dressed as a whoopee cushion. ***That*** commands respect.

VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS...



On Thursday, November 12-th [we went on a Fine Arts Trip to McMichael Art Gallery.](#)

Our Grade 10-12 students had a great opportunity to participate in combination of In-Gallery/ Outdoor Workshops and to take advantage of both the McMichael's unique art collection to discuss specific artists and the surrounding grounds. Students were engaged in art-making activities using paints, pastels and other drawing materials, followed by discussions about vantage point, landscape composition, and the relationship between light and colour. We experienced and discussed what it means to create an artwork **en plein air**, beginning with close observation of landscape paintings by members of the Group of Seven and their contemporaries in the Collection. We also took advantage of the surrounding outdoor environment to gain a greater sense of the challenges artists encounter while working outdoors. What a *great day we had yesterday!*





On Wednesday November 4th, 13 of our ELLs went to Ceridian Canada to participate in the annual **Take Your Kids to Work** program. The students had the opportunity to explore career options in a practical way and gain a better understanding of how many career choices are available to them. They also participated in various team building challenges. Not only did they learn about social media in the workplace and resume building, they even had the chance to connect virtually with other students in Winnipeg and Ottawa. In the afternoon, students were given the chance to spend half a day in the life of a working adult to see the realities and demands of the workplace. Everybody had a great time!

Salutations from the Guidance Department!

A reminder that the Guidance Team this year consists of Mr. Paul Stephenson (Counselor/Student Success), Ms. Andrea Tse (Counselor & Head of ESL), Ms. Joan Walker (Counselor & SHSM Coordinator), Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance (Counselor) and Ms. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary).

The Post-Secondary Visits at Thornlea Schedule is posted in this e-bulletin and outside the Guidance Office on our bulletin board. Copies are also available in our guidance office. Students should listen to the daily announcements for the time and room that they will be presenting. Keep in mind that many Post-Secondary Institutions (Universities and Colleges) will be coming to Thornlea to speak to our senior students in the first semester. We have already hosted York University, Ryerson-Engineering, Western University, Carleton University, Seneca College. We have for the week of Nov. 16th the following are coming: University of Ottawa, Trent University, McMaster University, Windsor University, Queens University.

For Scholarship information, please make an appointment to see Mr. Stephenson in the Guidance office.

Two great websites to find out more information on scholarships are:

<http://www.studentawards.com/>

www.electronicinfo.ca/scholarships

As for Scholarship information, please make an appointment to see Mr. Stephenson in the Guidance office. Any student interested in applying for a Queen's University Scholarship, the deadline is December 1st. Please check their website for details (for example the Chancellor's Scholarship). If you would like to be nominated your application must be submitted to the Guidance Office by November 26th. Also, please check our Scholarship Facebook page: Thornlea Graduation Path and our Bulletin Board in the Guidance Office.

We also would like to remind students of the process for making guidance appointments. If any student would like to make an appointment with their "Alpha/Sector" identified counselor, they should come to the Guidance Office before school starts (8:25 to 8:50), during their lunch, or after school (3:05 to 3:30).

We would also like to remind our learning community that there is a new 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 approval.

We also would like to announce a new initiative to all our grade 9 students. Grade 9 students that complete their 40 community service hours in their grade 9 year will receive a special certificate of completion. Also, as an added incentive, when the school has special events, such as dances, or buy-ins, they will get into one event for free!

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please come down to the Guidance Office and pick up a Community Service Hours form and please take a look at our "**Volunteer Bulletin Board**" for current opportunities to fulfill this Ministry of Education requirement.

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ATTENTION:

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) Envelope will be ready for pick up in the Guidance Office this Tuesday November 17th. We had our University Application Assembly/Seminar on Thursday November 12th. If you have further questions about the University Application Process make an appointment to see your Guidance Counselor.

Attention to all grade 12 students, who wish to apply for part-time status, may pick up an application form from their Guidance Counselor starting on Monday November 16th. Your Counselor will then make a follow-up appointment with an Administrator, after your application has been submitted. The completed form must be submitted by Wednesday November 20th by 3:05 PM.

Attention students who would like to make changes to their timetable so that they will not appear on their transcript. You need to make an appointment with your Guidance Counselor before the **Full Disclosure** Deadline which is Tuesday November 24th by 12:30 PM.

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education

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Fall 2015 Post-Secondary Visits @ Thornlea S.S.

Date	Name	Time	Room
September 29 th	Brescia University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 1 st	Ryerson Engineering	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 7 th	Western University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 8 th	Carleton University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 9 th	Seneca College	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 13 th	Humber College	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 14 th	Guelph-Humber	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 16 th	Schulich School of Business@York University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 19 th	Huron University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 20 th	Wilfrid Laurier University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 21 st	Brock University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 22 nd	Durham College	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 23 rd	Centennial College	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 26 th	Nipissing University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 28 th	Guelph University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 29 th	UOIT	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
October 30 th	Western-Ivey Business	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 2 nd	U of T	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 5 th	Waterloo University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 6 th	OCAD	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 9 th	Ryerson University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 12	York University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 13 th	George Brown	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 16 th	University of Ottawa	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 17 th	Trent University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 18 th	McMaster University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 19 th	Windsor University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 20 th	Queens University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230
November 30 th	Laurentian University	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	230



Start your research with **eINFO** www.electronicinfo.ca

A guide to Ontario's universities for high school students

On eINFO you can:

- **Browse** programs and universities.
- **View** program prerequisites.
- **Learn** what admission requirements you need.
- **Rate** and **compare** your favourite programs.
- **Find out** about upcoming campus tours.
- **Research** residences and meal plans.
- **Explore** available scholarships and awards.
- **And so much more!**

Your TO-DO list:

- Research your options by using eINFO and the universities' websites.
- Make a list of the programs and OUAC program codes you're interested in.
- Visit your guidance office with questions about the application process.
- Get your Application Access Code Letter from your high school. (Nov.-Dec.)
- Apply online by January 13, 2016, at: www.ouac.on.ca.

Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF)



September 25-27, 2015
www.ouf.ca

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University Information Program (UIP)



October-November 2015
www.ouf.ca/trip/

Ontario's 21 universities visit a school near you! Visit the website for dates and times in your area. #UIP2015



Application Deadlines



January 13, 2016
 Apply online by this date at: www.ouac.on.ca.

February 5, 2016
 Recommended last date to submit all info to the OUAC.

Admission Response Dates



May 27, 2016
 You will receive an admission response by this date.

June 1, 2016
 Earliest date you may have to respond to an offer of admission.



101 Fees

All fees are non-refundable. Your application will not be forwarded to your university choice(s) until you submit full payment to the OUAC. Fees for withdrawn university choices are not refunded.

Summary of Fees

All fees are listed in Canadian dollars. These fees are for fall entry 2016.

Base Application Fee: \$150
For the initial 3 university/program choices.

International Service Fee: \$10
If the mailing address is outside of Canada.

Additional Choice Fee: \$50/choice
For each university/program choice beyond the initial 3 (e.g., if 2 additional university choices are added, you must pay \$100 in addition to the base application fee).

Note: You may apply to as many Ontario universities/programs as you wish; however, you are limited to a maximum of 3 program choices at any one university (including its affiliates). Some universities may further limit the number of programs you can apply to.

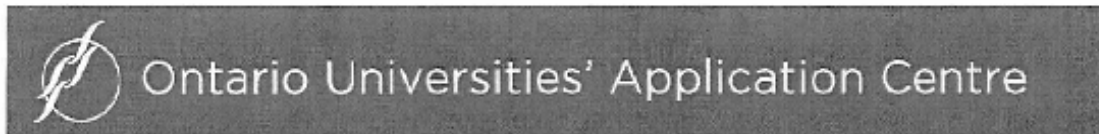
Methods of Payment

Payment for online applications is accepted by:

- Credit card (VISA, MasterCard or American Express). Prepaid credit cards and VISA debit cards are not accepted.
- Online banking (Canadian banks and credit unions only). Normally takes 1-3 business days.

All payments must be made in Canadian funds. For more information, visit [Methods of Payment](#).

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101 Important Dates

These are important dates in your application process. Please check them carefully and keep them in mind as you apply.

2015

Late August 2015

The eINFO site goes live. Visit the [eINFO website](#) to start your research.

September 25-27, 2015

All 21 Ontario universities are in one place at the [Ontario Universities' Fair \(OUF\)](#). Just for you! Faculty, academics and knowledgeable representatives are ready to answer your questions.

October - November 2015

Gather information about Ontario's 21 universities at the [University Information Program \(UIP\)](#). The UIP travels across Ontario after the OUF, offering fair- or presentation-style events in most Ontario regions.

By the end of November 2015

You will receive your Application Access Code Letter from your guidance counsellor with your school number, student number and temporary PIN. Keep this letter for your records. You will need this information to apply.

2016

January 13, 2016

Deadline to submit your completed application to the OUAC.

Note: The OUAC still processes applications received after this date and distributes them to the universities. However, specific university deadlines will apply.

The initial application includes all final grades from completed Grade 11 and 12 courses and a list of all current-year courses in progress.

January 21, 2016

Target date for Ontario universities to receive all application data and grades from the OUAC for all applications submitted by January 13, 2016.

February 5, 2016

Recommended last date for you to submit all information to the OUAC to be considered for early admission. This information includes university and program changes and additional active choices.

Note: This is not a deadline. The OUAC accepts and processes changes at any time.

March 2, 2016

Target date for Ontario universities to receive all final first-semester and current full-year grades for 4U/M courses from the OUAC.

May 5, 2016

Target date for Ontario universities to receive second-semester midterm and interim grades for full-year courses from the OUAC. Grades that the OUAC receives earlier will be sent to Ontario universities when received.

May 27, 2016

The latest date by which you can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes:

- an offer of admission;
- a refusal; or
- a deferral, pending the receipt of specific information.

June 1, 2016

The earliest date you 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, you may accept these other offers prior to June 1, 2015, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier.

July 14, 2016

Target date for the OUAC to transmit all remaining final grades to the universities.

Early June to August 2016

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

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FALL 2016 - IMPORTANT DATES APPLY

Early October, 2015

The online application is available at ontariocolleges.ca.

November 23, 2015

First date that 2016 / 2017 application data is sent to the colleges. This is also the earliest date that colleges may notify applicants that their application has been received.

February 1, 2016

The deadline for applying to highly competitive programs. Applications received and paid for before this date will be given equal consideration by the colleges.

NOTE: Applicants for all programs are encouraged to apply before this date, as website volumes are highest at this time.

OFFER

February 1, 2016

Earliest date the colleges may release offers to applicants. Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait lists are established.

NOTE: Applicants who have not met admission requirements for a program may be notified at any time during the application process.

ACCEPT

February 1, 2016

Earliest date that applicants may confirm an offer of admission.

May 1, 2016

The most common deadline for confirming offers of admission - but not the only one. Applicants should check their offers of admission for exact deadline dates.

June 15, 2016

Earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees.

DATA TRANSMISSION SCHEDULE

Data files from school boards and / or high schools are due at OCAS on the following dates:

October 5 - 9, 2015

Demographics, marks history, and current and projected registrations are due. OCAS requires marks history for all courses taken in grades 9, 10 and 11.

November 20 - 25, 2015

First semester midterm marks are due. Schools may transmit interim marks for full-year courses as soon as they are available.

February 12, 2016

For semestered schools: First semester final marks and currently enrolled second semester courses are due.
For non-semestered schools: Interim marks are due.

April 25 - 29, 2016

For semestered schools: Second semester midterm marks are due.
For non-semestered schools: Interim marks are due.

July 8, 2016

For semestered schools: Second semester final marks and proof of graduation are due.
For non-semestered schools: Final marks and proof of graduation are due.

August 19, 2016

For semestered schools: Second semester final marks (and / or summer school final marks) and proof of graduation are due.
For non-semestered schools: Final marks (and / or summer school final marks) and proof of graduation are due.

Need help with your transmission files?

Email: service@ocas.ca

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- *Need community service hours*
- *Want to be a positive role-model*

Qualifications

- *Positive attitude*
- *Keen to assist youth grades 7-10*
- *Comfort teaching and answering questions*
- *Interested in promoting academic achievement*

Volunteer for the Parya Homework Club!

For more information please contact:

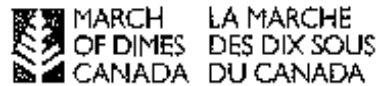
Tel: 905-764-0202 Ext.201

Email: volunteers@parya.org

344 John Street, Markham, L3T 5W6



October 30, 2015



To Whom It May Concern:

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Sears, the Promenade has generously agreed to have a gift-wrapping station to collect donations for March of Dimes Canada (MODC) while helping busy shoppers get ready for the upcoming holiday!

We are asking that students from your school volunteer to complete their required volunteer hours by taking hours wrapping at the gift wrapping station. Dates to select from for volunteers: Set up and start date will be December 4th and will "Wrap-Up" December 24th.

Ms. Lesley Rusinek has generously volunteered her time to organize this gift wrapping fundraiser and will be the contact for this event. Ms. Rusinek will also be responsible for signing off on the student's completed volunteer hours.

This year all proceeds will benefit Conductive Education a program of March of Dimes Canada. Ms. Kate Linder (Esther) a star of the Young & Restless became the national spokesperson for the Conductive Education (CE) program in 2012, a dynamic learning system that blends elements of education and rehabilitation to help children living with neuro-motor disabilities become more mobile, independent and self-confident. Ms. Linder was moved when she saw firsthand the significant, life-changing impacts CE has, not only on the participants, but their families as well. We are honoured to have her.

Should you have any questions or would like to sign up you can contact Ms. Rusinek directly at 905-760-1225 or you can contact me at the number below.

Again, thank you for your generous gift of time and support of March of Dimes Canada

Sincerely,

Linda Yielding Manager, Special Events and Fundraising ext. 7290 / lyielding@marchofdimes.ca

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MARCH OF DIMES CANADA

VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE

Who: Student volunteers needed

When: Dec 4, 2015 to Dec 24, 2015

Where: Sears Promenade

What: Christmas gift wrapping

**Why: March of Dimes Canada: To create a
society inclusive of people with physical
disabilities.**

Call: Lesley Rusinek at 905-884-4534

Email allan.rusinek@gmail.com

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- Build new skills to improve your resume
- Enhance your communication and customer-service skills
- Obtain results-oriented experience
- Complete your 40 hours of community service

Goodwill offers flexible, 7 days/week scheduling for the following positions:

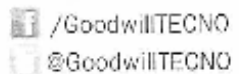
- Customer Service Support
- Community Event Ambassador
- Goodwill Ambassador
- Volunteer Services Admin Support

Apply online at www.goodwill.on.ca or email volunteer4good@goodwill.on.ca

Volunteers must be a minimum of 14 years of age. Accumulation of community involvement hours may begin the summer after completing Grade 8.



www.goodwill.on.ca



As per our conversation this afternoon, the Christmas Kettle Campaign is starting this month and we will be in various locations beginning on November 20th to December 24th. Surely every dollar raised from the campaign will go directly to helping those in need.

The following link is for enrolment into our online volunteer system, please kindly share it with your friends and family.

<https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/Enrollment/kettleplanncr>

There will also be two volunteer orientations next week, please have interested individuals email us back to let us know which session they prefer.

1) Tue. Nov. 17 at Markham Community & Services (190 Bullock Dr.) - 7pm

2) Wed. Nov. 18 at Agincourt Community Church (3080 Birchmount Rd.) - 7pm

Thank you for your support and help!

MARKHAM UNIONVILLE
MINOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



GET YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

MUMBA Basketball is looking for individuals to volunteer to scorekeep for basketball games for their house league and rep tournaments.

This is a great opportunity to get your volunteer hours in before the end of the year.

Volunteers are required on weekends from the end of November to March. There is many opportunities at different locations (including your school).

Please contact the MUMBA office for more information on dates/times available.

Tel# - 416-884-7543

Email : mumba@mumbabasketball.ca



Congratulations to the Thornlea Boys Soccer Team on their incredible season.

The Thornlea boy's soccer team came first in their regular season division, winning against neighboring schools such as, St. Roberts Catholic High School, Langstaff Secondary School, Richmond Green High School and Richmond Hill High School.

The team made it to quarterfinals, winning 4-0 against Cardinal Carter Catholic High School. Goals were scored by Sean Kim (3) and Aria Teymourian (1).

In the semi-finals, Thornlea put up a great effort against Maple High School, loosing 1-0 in the last 3 minutes of the game.

Overall the team played an excellent season demonstrating commitment to athletics, and sportsmanship.

Their exemplary level of sportsmanship is further detailed below from an email received by the coach of Maple High School.



I would like to commend the Thornlea soccer team for following our school motto of “Think and Be Thought Of”

(...) Our semi final match was hard fought with both sides exchanging chances. The game had its tense moments but both teams kept within the rules of the game. With minutes left we managed to win the game and earn a trip to the finals. Both teams shook hands and showed great sportsmanship - often not easy to do after such a close game with such great implications. I thanked the ref and the Thornlea coach (Kathryn) for a great game. I complimented Kathryn on her team and complimented her on what a great group of kids she had. She agreed that they were a special group. I was about to find out how good group of boys they really were.

As we waited in the parking lot for our cabs to arrive, the Thornlea bus began to pull out of the lot. It was here where the Thornlea players exhibited truly exemplary character. As their bus left the parking lot the entire team began to clap for us as they pulled away. Their gesture seemed to acknowledge our effort and the hard fought match that had just took place. Our players began to return the gesture. Despite being locked in a tense semi final battle only moments before, all players took a moment to salute the other as opponents.

They could have left silently, but instead Thornlea demonstrated a moment of sportsmanship like I have yet to see in my ten years of coaching in York Region.

I'd like to commend Kathryn on a great season and thank her and her players for what will always remind me of why I love coaching and being involved in sport.

Sincerely,
Mario Di Cesare
Maple High School

We look forward to next fall.

Go Thunder!

**"Vimy 100" Europe Trip Information Meeting
- Nov 30, 7 p.m. at Thornlea Secondary School**

This trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in the 100th Anniversary ceremonies at Vimy Ridge, a defining moment for Canada. Students will tour other World War I and World War II sites, as well as see the landmarks of London, Juno beach and Paris. The meeting for any students and parents will take place on **Monday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library**, hosted by Gordon Izumi from the History department. A representative from EF Tours, and Principal Joe Foti will also be present to answer your travel questions.

The cost of the tour includes:

- All inclusive travel to and within Europe;
- A full time ET tour guide;
- Teacher supervision;
- Meals (breakfast and dinners);
- Hotel accommodations;
- Entrance to popular attractions and sights;
- Memories for a lifetime

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at gordon.izumi@yrdsb.ca



Remembrance Day Assembly



This year's Remembrance Day was truly memorable. Our veteran speaker, representing the royal Canadian Navy, inspired us with his message of courage and sacrifices paid for our freedoms. He was led a procession of 7 cadets who stood guard throughout the Assembly. We also enjoyed a video created by SHSM and the History Club called the Many Faces of Peace. The video featured brief interviews from 14 students representing the wide cultural diversity of our school. Each student spoke about what Remembrance Day means to them and the expression of thanks was truly compelling. The Assembly also featured a moving dramatic performance by the French Immersion Program who highlighted the role of women during the battlefield experience of war and peace. The Glee club sang Imagine, by John Lennon and Mr. Stone delivered a powerful speech based on his family connection to Vimy Ridge. His Powerpoint spoke more than thousand words and we hope that many students and parents will join us on next year's excursion to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our nation's defining moment. Overall, the Assembly reinforced the importance of Canada's dedication to freedom and peace and showcased Thornlea's commitment to Equity.



Important Recall Information—Allerject

As some of you have already heard, Sanofi has announced a recall of Allerject. Details of the recall are available here: <http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2015/55620a-eng.php>.

Information from the Health Canada website:

Products affected

1. Allerject Pre-filled Autoinjector (DIN02382059 – 0.15mg/0.15mL epinephrine).

Allerject Pre-filled Autoinjector (DIN02382067 – 0.3mg/0.3mL epinephrine).

What parents should do

- Contact your pharmacy to arrange returning your Allerject device and to obtain a replacement epinephrine auto-injector with the same dose.
- Consult your pharmacist to ensure you understand how to properly use the replacement auto-injector.
- In the event a life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) occurs before you can obtain a replacement auto injector, use your Allerject device as directed by your healthcare provider, and then seek emergency medical attention.
- Speak with your healthcare professional if you are concerned about your health or your child's health.

Report any adverse events to [Health Canada](#).

Because of the prevalence of this epinephrine auto-injector in our schools, please check the inventory at your school and contact any family that may be using the affected Sanofi Allerject product to have it replaced.

Public/parent enquiries may be forwarded to 1-866-225-0709.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 16	School Council Mtg 7:15pm
November 17	Mid-term reports home
Nov 23—Dec 4	GRAD Photo's
November 26	Homecoming/Semi-Formal
November 27	PA Day
December 2	Winter Concert Art Show
December 8-11	Drama Show
December 21-Jan 3	Christmas Vacation
January 18	School Council Mtg 7:15pm
January 19	Gr. 9 EQAO Math
January 22-28	EXAMS
January 29	EXAM Return Day
February 1	PA Day
February 2	Semester 2 Begins