



Thornlea SS

Principal: Joe Foti

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Vice-Principal: Sofia Papadatos A-L

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Congratulations to our Class of 2020



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Message from our VP's.....

Dear Parents/guardians,

Timetables for Semester 2

The board is in the process of determining the number of students wishing to attend Thornlea's adaptive model and the number of students preferring Secondary Virtual School. Once finalized, the board will allocate the corresponding number of sections to each school model. As was the case in semester 1, there may be a shift in the number and types of courses we are able to offer. Careful consideration is placed on student interests and viable post-secondary options. For this reason, we are unable to make any timetable changes for semester 2 at this time. Thank-you for your patience as we navigate this new process. We will notify families as soon as we are able to provide timetables for semester 2.

Mental Health

Parenting your teen can be a rewarding and somewhat challenging experience. Check out the attached PDF provided for you by the Teen Mental Health Organization, http://teenmentalhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/parentyourteen_October-29th-2019.pdf. For additional resources, consult their [website](#).

TSAC-Thornlea Student Activity Council

Our dynamic TSAC executive is engaging student leaders and student voice through the positions of grade representatives, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Public Relations. We look forward to announcing the successful candidates shortly. Please encourage your child to participate by following TSAC's social media @thornleasac Instagram or through the google classroom (code: jd2wnt5)!

TWIC-Thornlea Wellness Initiative Council

We are happy to report that TWIC is up, running, and engaged in its first *Wellness Day* Activity this week in support of mental health and well-being.

The club is looking to start new wellness initiatives this year to support students & staff through these challenging times. TWIC is currently looking for grade 9 & 10 students who are interested in making a difference and giving back to their school community. If you are interested in being part of this club, please contact our staff advisor Mrs. Ackerman at amanda.ackerman@gapps.edu.ca and our clubs' president kaitlyn.fletcher@gapps.edu.ca

Thornlea Library-Virtual Display

Please encourage your child to visit our school website, sub-page 'Library' to view our library's first virtual display. It contains clickable hyperlinks that connect you to the YRDSB digital ebook and audiobook library.

Upcoming Dates

OUAC/OCAS transmission for all Gr. 12 students occurred on Friday, November 20th

Full disclosure date for all Gr. 11 and Gr.12 courses – December 16th

Equal consideration University Application deadline (OUAC) – January, 15th, 2021

Equal consideration College Application deadline (OCAS) – February 1st, 2021

Book an appointment with a guidance counsellor bit.ly/Thornlea or administration if you require assistance with your application

Sincerely,

Lana Fisher and Sofia Papadatos

Upcoming Events



December 16-17

Wellness Day

December 21-January 1

Winter Break

January 18

School Council Meeting

February 1

PA Day

February 15

Family Day

February 16

School Council Meeting

March 15-19

March Break

York Region District School Board Information

Parents for Children's Mental Health (PMCH) www.pmch.ca

PMCH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. A virtual meeting about ADHD will be held on Monday, December 14 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. For more information please visit, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SaL1ZPI3DMY35p8tHPF9gs07oQgZQYzB/view>

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN)

BFCN is non-profit organization located in Vaughan that proudly serve Black communities across the province. The organization provides free and low-cost programs and services, and also connects people with resources and other local organization. For more information, <https://www.bfcn.ca/index.html>

K.A.L.V.I. - Student Leadership Training Series

Are you a high school student who wants to enhance and learn new skills to become a future leader? Review the flyer for information on K.A.L.V.I. - Student Leadership Training Series beginning November 13. For additional information, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G6dVjSiZhk9kRDJtsASfVzNeJarAiol8/view>

Interpreters and Translators Training Session - December 10, 2020

Inclusive School and Community Services will be hosting a virtual information and training session for potential interpreter and translator candidates on December 10, 2020 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. If you or someone you know are interested in this opportunity, please register by December 3, 2020.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-R_I8Dzcteg7nuud_rODg7HerLShGpHd9S1rNhYM4IBLCvA/viewform

Online Program Opportunities

As many of our YRDSB community partner organizations continue to offer on-line opportunities for your children and youth, we are happy to provide you with a comprehensive list of these opportunities, including those that are continuing and also new programs and services.

Please visit 2020-2021 Online Program Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families to find a list of programs organized by category and age group. We encourage you to check the link regularly as the Community and Partnership Developer Team will be making regular updates to available programs and resources. <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/equity/Pages/Fall%20and%20Winter%20Programming.aspx>

For more information, please contact jscs@yrdsb.ca

2020-2021 Inclement Weather Day Procedure for Secondary Schools

The decision to declare an Inclement Weather day will be made by the Director of Education, or Designate in consultation with appropriate staff. The Director of Education is the only Board representative who may officially close a school for extreme circumstances.

This year, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, our Inclement Weather Day Procedure has been adjusted based on direction from York Region Public Health.

In the event school bus transportation is cancelled local media will be notified by 6:00 a.m.

- All F2F elementary and secondary schools will be closed to students.
- All student learning will be remote.
- Student attendance will be recorded centrally, as students will be expected to log into their online classes through their appropriate Google classrooms.

F2F Secondary Schools:

- All credit classes will be taught synchronously on-line for the day (a change only for Block 1 as afternoon Block 2 – 4 classes are on-line).
- The schedule for the day will remain as is set.
- Teachers of Community Classes will provide asynchronous learning by posting/sharing age, grade, learning appropriate activities and/or assignments aligned with current student learning, while being available to students through the day as per their schedule.

Virtual Secondary School (SVS):

- Classes/courses will carry on as planned/scheduled, given they are already fully online.

Guidance Department

Alternative ways to earn a credit through YRDSB for 2nd semester:

Night School (Remote Learning) – Synchronous & Asynchronous

Register through your myBlueprint Account from the myPathwayplanner webpage

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx>

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Courses.aspx>

Day School E Learning – Synchronous & Asynchronous

Please email Mr. Alkins nizam.alkins@yrdsb.ca

if you wish to register for one of the courses seen in the link below:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Day-School-e-Learning.aspx>

Night School E Learning – Asynchronous

Winter information will be available **mid-December** – please go to the webpage for updates. You must register on-line and then email your Guidance Counselor <http://bit.ly/Thornlea>

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Night%20School%20e-Learning.aspx>

Thornlea Library Semester One

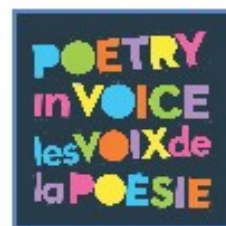
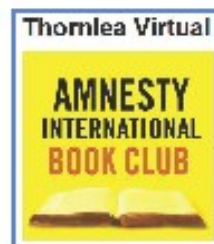
Although the library is closed for student visits Mr. Capilongo and Ms. Chan have been busy trying to keep our staff and students reading safely and actively engaged.

Here's a list of what's been happening:

- Resources and technology support for staff and their students.
- Our annual Giller Prize and Writers' Trust Fiction Prize contests ran virtually with generous donations from both contests for prizes.
- We hosted the Ontario Secondary School Teacher Federation Student Achievement Awards with so many wonderful entries.
- Although students cannot sign out books our board has a digital library system called Sora which allows staff and students to sign out ebooks and audiobooks.
(Students add "0" before their student number and staff adds "1000" before their employee number to log in)
<https://soraapp.com/library/yorkregionca>
- We are also running two clubs from the library. Our Thornlea International Amnesty Book Club and our defending championship Poetry in Voice Team.



Please visit our library website from the School Website for news and virtual displays.



Follow us: @thornleareads



THORNLEA ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS...

Dear Thornlea Community,

In the era of online learning, we are sharing the links to some great virtual tours and exhibitions that are currently taking place in Toronto:

1. Learning about Islamic Arts and Heritage:

Aga Khan Virtual Museum. Please register for an Online Virtual Trip:
marketing@agakhanmuseum.org

2. Arts Gallery of Ontario-FREE Virtual Schools Programs:

school.programs@ago.com

Thousands of teachers, parents and students have joined the AGO Virtual School Programs over the past few weeks and they've been sharing their work with us online using the #AGOSCHOOLS!

3. Écoles AGO: art et artistes autochtones - 19 novembre à 11h30:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bTEO9NtCTR2xU2W8nwMiGg?utm_source=New+AGO+Master+List&utm_campaign=89a333f3e7-Enews_Educators_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d4ab708299-89a333f3e7-246796389

Rejoignez-nous pour des programmes scolaires virtuels très spéciaux à propos de l'art autochtone en français. Nous explorerons le territoire et comment discuter de l'art et des artistes autochtones. Au cours de cette expérience, les élèves examineront et discuteront d'œuvres d'art spécifiques qui capturent les thèmes de l'indigénité.

4. Royal Ontario Museum: Egyptian Hieroglyphs Virtual Tour:

schoolv@rom.on.ca



Parents' Corner:

Parents' School Council 2020-2021, 7:00PM

Our meetings will be virtual meetings until further notice. A link will be sent the week before the meeting.

Please mark your calendar.



➤ **January 18th, 2021**

- Principal overview/presentation of course selection for Semester 2 and projections for 2021-2022. Followed by a Q&A

➤ **February 16th 2021**

- Tamara Gord, Head of Special Education, to present a webinar to parents on how to best support their child in the online learning environment. Followed by Q&A.

➤ **April 19th, 2021 TBD**

➤ **May 17th, 2021 TBD**

TBD: We'll provide the topics as soon as they are available.

*From: Geneviève Seabrook
Chair of Parents' Council*

Thornlea Secondary School 2020 – 2021

Schedule		Time (minutes)
8:50 - 11:20	In Person - Block 1 (Alternate between face-to-face and online daily)	150
11:20 - 12:50	Travel Home / Lunch or Lunch / Study Hall	90
12:50 – 1:40	Synchronous Online - Block 2	50
1:40 – 2:30	Synchronous Online - Block 3	50
2:30 – 3:20	Synchronous Online - Block 4	50

Course Rotation for 4 Period School								
Rotation	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Dates	Sept 14- Sept 25	Sept 28- Oct 9	Oct 13- Oct 26	Oct 27- Nov 9	Nov 10- Nov 26	Nov 27- Dec 14	Dec 15- Jan 13	Jan 14- Jan 29
F2F	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Block 2	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	3
Block 3	3	3	1	1	3	3	1	1
Block 4	4	4	2	2	4	4	2	2



Thornlea Secondary School COHORT CALENDAR 2020

September						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10A	11B	12
13	14A	15B	16A	17B	18A	19
20	21B	22A	23B	24A	25B	26
27	28A	29B	30A			

December						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
		1A	2B	3A	4B	5
6	7A	8B	9A	10B	11A	12
13	14B	15A	16B	17A	18B	H
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October						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
				1B	2A	3
4	5B	6A	7B	8A	9B	10
11	H	13A	14B	15A	16B	17
18	19A	20B	21A	22B	23A	24
25	26B	27A	28B	29A	30B	31

January						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
					H	H
H	4A	5B	6A	7B	8A	9
10	11B	12A	13B	14A	15B	16
17	18A	19B	20A	21B	22A	23
24	25B	26A	27B	28A	29B	30
31						

November						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1	2A	3B	4A	5B	6A	7
8	9B	10A	11B	12A	PA	14
15	16B	17A	18B	19A	20B	21
22	23A	24B	25A	26B	27A	28
29	30B					

A=Cohort A H=Holiday (no school)
 B=Cohort B PA=PA Day (no school)