



# Thornlea SS

**Principal: Joe Foti**

**November 4, 2019**

**Vice-Principal: Anthony Hu**

**Vice-Principal: Sofia Papadatos**

## **Presenting.....our new GYM floor!**



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# Message from the Vice-Principal

Dear Families and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the halfway mark of Semester 1! Interim Reports were distributed on October 10<sup>th</sup> and mid-term report cards will be distributed in homeroom classes on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. Our successful Parents' Night took place on Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> and it was a nice opportunity for staff and the administration to meet and talk with our many parents and families.

We had a wonderful turnout at our last Parent Council Meeting (October 22<sup>nd</sup>) which provided information on Colleges and Universities. If you missed this event and would like some information, please do not hesitate to contact our Head of Guidance, Nizam Alkins. Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm, in the library. This meeting, "Ways to Pay", will provide important information on scholarships and bursaries. On behalf of Parent Council and the administration, we hope to see you there.

We continue to make great strides with our athletic programs. Our Girls Basketball team has qualified for the playoffs which begin on Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>. Our Girls Rugby team had a good run in the YRAA tournaments. They ran three teams this year with over 30 players participating. Congratulations on a great season and heartfelt thanks to Teacher-Coaches, Nathalie Bendavid and Amanda Ackerman for their dedication and hard work in coaching the team. The Senior Boys Sevens Team had a very good season in the YRAA, finishing 11<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams. Finally, our Boys Volleyball team has won several tournaments so far and is preparing for the upcoming playoffs.

We are planning and preparing to welcome our future Grade 9 students into our building. Shortly, we will begin to visit all of our elementary partner schools to meet with and talk to the Grade 8 students who will join us next September. Grade 8 *Take Your Kid to High School Day*, which coincides with Grade 9 *Take Your Kid to Work day*, will occur on Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Grade 9 students have already received permission forms for this event. The school is also preparing for our Grade 8 Open House Night, taking place on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9p.m. The Open House will be an opportunity to explain Thornlea's unique programs including: the Advanced Placement Program, the French Immersion Program and the Academy of Creativity and Multimedia Institute. Department displays will be set up as well as hands on activities for families to enjoy. Please let family and friends know about this fun and informative evening.

We wish you a warm and sunshine-filled fall season.

Kind Regards,  
Sofia Papadatos  
Vice-Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is important to us that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment in our school that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. To support this environment, you may have heard that the Ontario Ministry of Education has revised the provincial Code of Conduct (Policy/Program Memorandum No. 128) to include a restriction on the use of personal mobile devices during instructional time **as of November 4, 2019.**

The revision states that the use of personal mobile devices (i.e. cell phones) during instructional time is not permitted unless under the following circumstances:

- for educational purposes, as directed by an educator;
- for health and medical purposes;
- to support special education needs and/or English-Language Learners.

This is consistent with our guidelines about mobile devices. It has always been our policy that cell phones and other personal communication devices must be turned off and kept out of sight during all instructional periods, except with the clear permission of the principal or the classroom teacher. Additionally, camera and/or video functions on mobile devices are not permitted for use on school property without clear permission from the principal or teacher. At no time may mobile devices be used in washrooms or change rooms.

We recognize that learning can be enhanced by technology and we have created opportunities in our classrooms to leverage digital tools to enhance teaching, learning and communication.

Infractions will be dealt with as progressive discipline, under Caring and Safe Schools Policy and its related procedures. As always, students are responsible for the care and security of their personal devices. The school is not responsible for any damage, loss or theft.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see the school's administration in the main office.

Joe Foti

Principal



## Thornlea Secondary School Anticipated Absence Form

Students are expected to be in full attendance every regular school day except in the case of illness or other unavoidable cause. There is a very close relationship between regular attendance and success in school. Absence from school may result in a lower mark or loss of credit.

Any student who requires an extraordinary absence must consult with his/her course teachers IN ADVANCE to determine the effect of the absence on his/her success and to obtain assignments that will be missed and must be completed during or immediately following the absence.

York Region District School Board policy states that examinations may only be written on the scheduled dates and times. A mark of zero will be given if an examination is not written on the scheduled date.

This form enables students and parents to plan for extraordinary absences.

1. The student must complete Part A.
2. All of the student's teachers must complete a section of Part B.
3. The student and his/her parent/guardian should then make decisions about the feasibility of the absence, knowing the possible effects on the student's success in his/her courses.
4. The parent/guardian must complete Part C.
5. Finally, the form is brought to the office for an administrator to sign, indicating it has been received. A copy of the completed form is made with one for school records and one for the student.

### PART A: Student

Student Name (last name, first name)	Student ID Number	Age:
Dates of Absence From: (month/day/year)	To: (month/day/year)	
Reason for Absence:		

**PART B: Teachers**

Period	Course Code	Absences to Date	Current Mark	Potential Impact on Progress Acceptable.....Severe
				1 2 3 4 5
Assignments to be completed & Due Dates:			Student Plan:	
Teacher's Name:			Teacher's Signature:	

Period	Course Code	Absences to Date	Current Mark	Potential Impact on Progress Acceptable.....Severe
				1 2 3 4 5
Assignments to be completed:			Student Plan:	
Teacher's Name:			Teacher's Signature:	

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Teacher's Name:			Teacher's Signature:	

**Part C: Parent/Guardian: (please refer to the information on the reverse of this form)**

Guardian Name:	Date:
Guardian Signature:	Preferred phone number:

**Part D: Administration:**

Contact made with Parent/Guardian?	Yes/ No/	Message left	Date:
Comments:			
We recommend that a quiet time be set aside each weekday to complete school work and assignments. If possible, access to a computer and internet will enable contact with class websites and resources.			
Administrator Signature:			

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*June 25, 2020  
Mark your  
calendars!*



**Graduation Fee Includes:**

**Cap & Gown**

**Venue**

**Printing Costs**

**Decorations**

**Refreshments**

**Graduation Fee is \$75.00 per GRAD**

**2 Guest Tickets Per Grad**

**If you need more tickets, contact Ms. Burdett at x207 in  
Guidance Office**

**The Graduation Ceremony will be at  
Bellvue Manor**

**8083 Jane St, Concord, ON L4K 2M7**

**If you have NOT YET PAID the fee and will be attending  
graduation on June 25, 2020, please pay now and make sure  
to include the size of your gown.**

**If you need to pay by CASH, or CHEQUE, please see  
Ms. Tremblay in the main office.**

**GRADUATION FEES ARE DUE NOW!**





## Thornlea Secondary School Advanced Placement Program

Dear Parents and guardians,

The Advanced Placement Committee at Thornlea Secondary School is proud to congratulate all of our AP exam takers of May 2019; once again, students scoring level 4 and 5 on AP exams surpassed the global and provincial levels. Congratulations!

### 2019-2020 AP Policy updates:

- The AP College Board enforced a new deadline for exam ordering. The new deadline for all students ordering AP exam in Thornlea is **Friday November 8, 2019**.
- Every student taking an AP exam is also required to join an AP Class on the AP College Board Portal; join codes are provided below.
- An updated Cancellation and Refunds policy is provided below.

### May 2020 AP Exam Schedule:

SUBJECT	DATE AND TIME	CLASS JOIN CODE
<i>Physics C: Mechanics</i>	Monday May 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 12 PM	NPXQ GK
<i>Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism</i>	Monday May 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 2 PM	2KG2NX
<i>Calculus AB</i>	Tuesday May 5 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	N22R2J
<i>Calculus BC</i>	Tuesday May 5 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	ZDXPWM
<i>English Literature &amp; Composition</i>	Wednesday May 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	MK4PWP
<i>Physics 2</i>	Wednesday May 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 12 PM	4M2669
<i>Chemistry</i>	Thursday May 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	3EEJXW
<i>Physics 1</i>	Thursday May 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 12 PM	Z64N3E
<i>Biology</i>	Monday May 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	NN2Z7Z
<i>Studio Art: 2-D Design</i> <i>Portfolio Submission</i>	Friday May 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 PM <i>online submission</i>	V9NGWM
<i>World History</i>	Thursday May 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	2XJ2Y9
<i>French Language and Culture</i>	Friday May 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	YZDRZV

### UPDATED CANCELLATION FEES AND REFUNDS POLICY

- Once exams are ordered, Thornlea Secondary School is unable to provide any refunds. **Friday November 8th, 2019 is the deadline for ordering exams.**
- Thornlea Secondary School will charge an exam return fee of twenty-five Canadian dollars (\$25) for every exam cancelled or unattended by the student.

Should you have any questions, please contact Viviane Estafanos @

[Viviane.estafanos@ydsb.ca](mailto:Viviane.estafanos@ydsb.ca)

Thank you for your continuous support ☺



## Salutations from the Guidance Department!

We also would like to remind you on the process for making guidance appointments. **First**, please see Mrs. Burdett, our Guidance Secretary. If any student would like to make an appointment with their “**Surname/Last Name**” identified counselor, they should come to the Guidance Office before school starts (8:30 to 8:45), during their lunch (11:30 to 12:30), or after school (3:00 to 3:30) to make their appointment.

The Guidance Team this year consists of:

Mrs. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary) Ext. 207

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance (A – KON) Counselor Ext 330

Ms. Lovleen Rai (KOO – REE) Scholarship Lead/Literacy Lead/SHSM Lead, Dual Credit Lead Ext 254

Ms. Andrea Tse (REI-TSAN) Head of ESL Ext 178

Ms. Viviane Estafanos (TSAP – Z) Student Success/Credit Recovery/AP Exam Lead Ext 251

Ms. Maria Merecoulias (Student Support for ESL students, ESL Teacher) Ext 689

Ms. Tamara Gord (Special Education Support) Head of Special Education Ext 234

For Scholarship information for grade 12 graduating students, please make an appointment to see Ms. Rai in the Guidance office.

**The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) pin codes have arrived! Please come to the Guidance Office and pick up your University Pin Code letter. You need this information to apply to University.**

**Note:** Ontario High Schools **do not** transmit Mid-Term Marks. The next transmission to the Ontario Universities Application Centre will be on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Final Marks for 1<sup>st</sup> semester).

### **University Applications:**

You can select as many University programs as you would like (\$50.00 each), but, you can only choose a **maximum of 3 programs** per University. For example:

Only 3 choices can be used for all University of Toronto campuses, for example (St. George, Scarborough, Mississauga) can have one program each or all 3 at Scarborough or any combination adding up to 3.

Waterloo University, you could only select a maximum of 3 programs. If you wanted to add a 4<sup>th</sup> you cannot.

If you need clarification on this process or have questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child’s counselor.

**Ontario College Application Seminar:**

You can apply to an Ontario College today! Deadline for equal consideration is Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.  
[www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

This seminar/support will take place mid-November. Dates and times to be announced.

NOTE: There was a typo on the College Information Package, all years should read **2020 not 2019**.

Please see your counselor for support with your Ontario College Application.

**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.

We also would like to announce the approved 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. This is for grade 9's only. The 40 hours must be submitted into our Guidance Office by **Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> to Qualify**.

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 opportunities to fulfill this Ministry of Education graduation requirement.

I would also like to take a moment to personally welcome our learning community to a new school year and supporting all our students towards success.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education

**Post-Secondary Information – Important Dates:**

Go Global Expo – Sunday Feb. 9 taking place at the Toronto Reference Library

**University/College Visits in ROOM 229 starting at 11:35:**

Many Post-Secondary Institutions (Universities and Colleges) will be coming to Thornlea to speak to our senior students in the first semester. We have scheduled Ryerson, Queen's, York, Waterloo, McMaster, Wilfrid Laurier, U of T, Ryerson, Western, Seneca, Humber and Centennial, just to name a few. The dates and times of these information sessions was in the 1st E-bulletin. There will be more than 35 Universities/Colleges that are scheduled for the Months of September, October and November, please listen to the announcements, and check the bulletin boards outside of the Guidance Office, check your E-mail that is linked to your myPathway-planner account, or check with your Guidance Counselor.

## Parents' Corner:

### Parent School Council 2019-2020



- **September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
    - Principal and teachers updates
    - Parent Council Election
  
  - **October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**
    - "Universities and Colleges" All you need to know. Presented by Thornlea's Head of Guidance, Mr. Alkins
  
  - **November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
    - "Ways to Pay". All you need to know about scholarships and bursaries". Presented by Suzanne Tyson.
  
  - **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
    - Principal and teachers updates
  
  - **April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**
    - TBD
  
  - **May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
    - "Understanding Mental Health – Mental Illness". Presented by Dr. Silvia Bernardini
  
  - **June 2020: Principal's Update** (To be confirmed)
- Please mark your calendar.
- We'll let you know if there are any changes.

*From: Geneviève Seabrook  
Chair of Parent Council*



## Commission an Artwork!



*Dear Staff, Parents/ Guardians,*

*Our Grade 10/ 11 students are willing to draw or paint commissioned portraits (please see samplings of their artwork). Artworks will be commissioned in a variety of sizes with a choice of background.*

*Just send your photographs/ reference images, and our Artists in Residence will draw/ paint your picture in any medium of your choice (pencil, charcoal, acrylic, pastels).*

*Please support our Thornlea Art Council and Equity Team's efforts to raise money to make our school an even more inclusive place.*

*Monies raised will be used for planning Art Shows, festivals, events and celebrations.*

*If you have any questions, please email Ms. Bern at: [ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca).*

*Your support would be greatly appreciated. With gratitude,*

*Ms. Bern's Visual Arts class and Student Art Council*





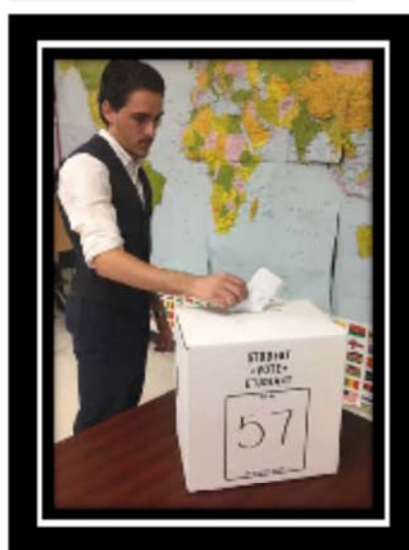
## STUDENT VOTE RESULTS AT THORNLEA SECONDARY SCHOOL October 18, 2019



In recognition of this year's Federal Election, which occurred on Monday October 21, students at Thornlea Secondary School participated in a school wide Student Vote Election.

**Student Vote** provides youth, under the voting age, with an opportunity to experience the voting process firsthand and build the habits of active and engaged citizenship. Students learn about government and the electoral process, and research the issues, parties and candidates through classroom learning, campaign activities, media consumption and family dialogue.

Thornlea's Student Vote occurred on **Friday October 18, 2019**. As a tribute to the election process, the results of the Student Vote are now being shared following the close of the polls. It was a successful turnout of our student body on Student Vote Day!







## THE RESULTS ARE IN!



On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the elected Federal government was announced. The Liberal government won the election with a minority government. Out of the 338 seats in the House of Commons the government received 157 seats. The Conservatives came in as the official opposition with 121 seats.

7,855 Ontario Schools participated in this year's Student Vote, representing all 338 electoral districts in Canada. The results are in!

### CANADA WIDE RESULTS:

Nationwide, over a million votes were cast in the Student Vote with all 338 ridings reported. The results of student vote in Canada mirrored that of the actual election, with a Liberal minority government (110 seats), the New Democratic Party (NDP) as the official opposition (99 seats), followed by the Conservatives (94 seats).

### THORNLEA:

Here at Thornlea Secondary School, the vote was based on the **Markham – Thornhill Electoral District**. The results were:

Liberal Party Candidate – Mary Ng – 216 votes

Conservative – Alex Yuan – 123 votes

NDP – Paul Sahbaz – 122 votes

Green Party – Chris Williams – 78 votes

People's Party – Peter Remedios – 34 votes

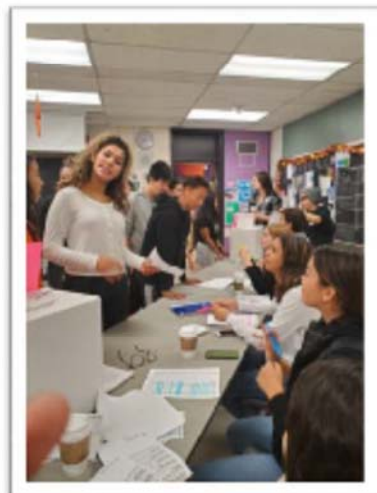
Independent – Josepbai Macwan – 15 votes



The actual votes tallied from Election Night indicated that the winner of the Markham – Thornhill Electoral District was **Mary Ng (Liberal Party)**.

A huge thank you to our Student Volunteers and Teacher Facilitators who assisted with the voting process on Student Vote Day, and to our staff and students who participated in this mock election.

To our students who will be of voting age next election, you are the voice of the future – ensure you go out and use your right to vote. We encourage all our students here at Thornlea to continue to speak their minds and strive for change in the future. Until next time Thornlea, remember student voice matters! *Go Thunder!*





## Sign up for the York Regional Police **CRIME PREVENTION ACADEMY**

Interested in learning about how to keep you and your family safe and secure? Community members are invited to register for a four-week program that offers presentations from our specialty units on:

- Victim Services
- Fraud prevention and senior safety
- Home security, personal and Internet safety
- Traffic safety
- Intelligence-based policing

Seminar dates and times:

Tuesday, November 5 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 12 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where:

York Regional Police #4 District Community Room  
2700 Rutherford Road, Vaughan

There is no cost to participate, but registration is required. Applicants must live, work or attend school in York Region and be 18 years of age or older. Registrants are subject to a police background check.

To register, please visit [calendar.yrp.ca](http://calendar.yrp.ca). If you have any questions, please contact Constables Vince Garisto at [1182@yrp.ca](mailto:1182@yrp.ca) or Brian Hinds at [1172@yrp.ca](mailto:1172@yrp.ca).

To receive a certificate of completion, attendees must attend all sessions.





*Curriculum & Instructional Services invites the parents of elementary and secondary students:*

## York Region Labour Market Information Night

ALL YRDSB parents are invited to please join the York Region District School Board's Pathways team and the Workforce Planning Board of York Region on November 7, 2019 for dinner and an evening of learning about the labour market in our communities. Hear from industry professionals about current and future career opportunities, employment trends and in demand skills.



Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Joe Musicco, a professor from Sheridan College in the Pilon School of Business, who will address the skills and attitudes necessary for future success. Guests will then have the opportunity to attend a variety of smaller, more intimate industry specific workshops featuring a panel of professionals from a variety of key employment sectors, post secondary education programs and training organizations supporting these fields.

Topics for breakout sessions include,

- Agro-business
- Entrepreneurship and Skilled Trades
- Information and Technology
- Manufacturing
- Motive Power and Logistics
- Deep dive into the York Region Labour Market

### Event Details

Date: November 7, 2019, Location: Sheraton Parkway North, 600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill, Registration at 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Dinner: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Opening and Keynote: 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for this **FREE** event which is the first of its kind for the York Region District School Board. **Space is limited**

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### Registration Information

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Register online via [bit.ly/YRlabourinfo](https://bit.ly/YRlabourinfo) or at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/york-region-labour-market-information-night-registration-74982963061>

A limited number of childcare spaces are available. This complimentary service is available for children ages 6 - 11. Signup for can be done when you register for this event..



6TH ANNUAL

# IGNITE FAIR

1-4PM  
NOVEMBER  
9TH

FREE ADMISSION!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS!

JOIN US AT RICHMOND HILL CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

# School Year 2019-2020

## Calendar of Events

November 6	Take Your Kids to Work Day Gr 9's
November 6	Take Your Kids to High school Day Gr 9's
November 11	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 12	Grade 8 Night 7-9pm
November 14	Homecoming—Paradise Banquet Hall
November 15	PA Day
November 18	School Council Meeting 7:15pm Library
November 19	Mid-term Report Cards Home
November 20	Wellness Wednesday
November 26	Full Disclosure Date
December 4	Wellness Wednesday
December 4	Music and Arts Night
December 9-20	GRAD Photos—By Online Appointment
December 10-13	Drama Club Winter Show
December 18	Wellness Winter Wonderland
December 21-January 5	Christmas Vacation
January 8	Last Day For Field Trips
January 13-15	EQAO Math
January 16	Last Day for Assessments
January 20	School Council Meeting 7:15pm Library
January 22-29	EXAMS
January 30	EXAM Review Day
January 31	PA Day
February 3	Semester 2 Begins