



Thornlea SS

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

The first month of school is already complete and courses are fully underway! Interim Reports were distributed on October 10th and mid-term report cards will be sent home on Nov 20th. Parents' Night will take place on Thursday October 25th, commencing at 6:30 p.m. Please book your appointments through *Edsby* or contact Ms. Muench x172. We hope that you will be able to attend *with* your child as it is a wonderful and important opportunity to find out how your child has been adjusting to the academic and social expectations so far. We look forward to meeting with you.

Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled for October 15th at 7:15pm, in the library. On behalf of Parent Council and the administration, we hope to see you there.

On Thursday October 18th, from 9-10am, we will be hosting our Awards Ceremony to celebrate the academic and scholastic successes of our students. The ceremony will take place in the cafeteria and it will honor award recipients from the 2017-2018 school year. Award recipients have received their invitation. We hope you will be able to attend to help us congratulate our students on their achievements.

We are 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 Gr 9 *Take Your Kid to Work day*, will occur on Wednesday November 14. Details about both of these exciting opportunities will be available in the coming weeks. The school is also preparing for our Grade 8 Open House Night, which will take place on Tuesday, November 13th, from 7-9p.m. At this time, we will explain Thornlea's unique programs including: the Advanced Placement Program, the French Immersion Program, the Academy of Creativity and Multimedia Institute. Department displays will be set up as well as hands on activities for families to enjoy as they get to sample the amazing programs available for our students. Please let family and friends know about this fun and informative evening.

With Halloween approaching, we encourage students to dress up and enjoy the festivities that will be organized by TSAC. This is a friendly reminder that costumes with full-face masks and baring weapons and/or drugs are prohibited.

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

Kind Regards,
Sofia Papadatos
Vice-Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

If your contact information has changed,
please don't forget to let us know



Email any changes to:

thornlea.ss@yrdsb.ca

Thank you!

Salutations from the Guidance Department!

The Guidance Team this year consists of:

Mrs. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary) Ext. 207

Ms. Lovleen Rai (French Immersion Counselor/Scholarship Lead/Literacy Lead) Ext 254

Ms. Viviane Estafanos (Student Success/Credit Recovery/AP Exam Lead/F.I. Teacher) Ext 251

Ms. Andrea Tse (ESL Counselor/Head of ESL Teacher) Ext 178

Ms. Julie Scott (Student Success) Voicemail 476

Ms. Maria Merecoulias (Student Support for ESL students) Voicemail 689

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

We also would like to announce 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 "area" identified counselor (French Immersion, ESL, Other), 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.

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.

Next week will be Georgian College, King's University @ Western, Carleton, and UOIT University visiting us at lunch time in room 229 at 11:35.

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

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

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

<http://www.electronicinfo.ca/scholarships>

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 21st 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.

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

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 4th you cannot.

If you need clarification on this process or have questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's counselor, after the University Application Seminar takes place on Monday October 15th at 7:15 PM in the Thornlea SS Library. Hope to see you there.

Thank you.

Post-Secondary Information – Important Dates:

Study and Go Abroad Fair – Sunday Oct. 14 www.studyandgoabroad.com @ MTCC
 Ontario College Info Fair – Tuesday Oct. 23 and Wednesday Oct. 24 at the Enercare Centre
 Student Life Expo – Oct. 27, 28 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

University/College Visits at lunch in room 229:

Please listen to the morning announcements, review the list sent to you earlier, check your career cruising account email.

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 Career Cruising account, or check with your Guidance Counselor.

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education



We would like to congratulate 14 grade Ten students that have already completed their Graduation Requirement of 40 Community Service Hours, last June 2018. They have earned VIP status and are now a member of the "40" - Niner Club. They have given back to various community organizations, such as Clubs at Thornlea, Camps, Community Festivals, Community Sports, Religious Centres, and other Not-For-Profit organizations.

Emily Chau
Sarah Cheung
Stefan Djordjevic
Evelyn Farkas
Tyler Lavalley
Evelyn Liver
Dean Locke
Dex Mark
Zane Mungal
Ingrid Qin
Coralie Seabrook
Eva Sosnina
Allison Upshaw
Ryan Upshaw
Mr. Foti



We would like to congratulate 11 grade Ten students that have already completed their Graduation Requirement of 40 Community Service Hours, last June 2017. They have earned VIP status and are now a member of the "40" - Niner Club. They have given back to various community organizations, such as Clubs at Thornlea, Camps, Community Festivals, Community Sports, Religious Centres, and other Not-For-Profit organizations.

Alyssa Bahadur
Alexa Bowerbank
Jayda Houston
Justin Diner
Grace Gagnon
Zachary Hughes
Colin Lynch
Sahaar Rattansi
Daniel Son
Laura Williams
Guy Zaidman
Mr. Foti



We would like to congratulate 3 grade Ten students that have already completed their Graduation Requirement of 40 Community Service Hours, last June 2017. They have earned VIP status and are now a member of the "40" - Niner Club. They have given back to various community organizations, such as Clubs at Thornlea, Camps, Community Festivals, Community Sports, Religious Centres, and other Not-For-Profit organizations.

Rojina Aslefallah
Ava Beck-Leone
Sarah Meskes
Mr. Foti



Ms. Burdett, Mr. Izumi, Ms. DeLuca, Ms. Papadatos, Mr. Foti, Ms. Magic

Orange Shirt Day

“I went to the Mission for one school year in 1973/1974. I had just turned 6 years old. I lived with my grandmother on the Dog Creek reserve. We never had very much money, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission school. I remember going to Robinson’s store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had string laced up in front, and was so bright and exciting – just like I felt to be going to school!

When I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt! I never wore it again. I didn’t understand why they wouldn’t give it back to me, it was mine! The color orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn’t matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying and no one cared.”

Phyllis (Jack) Webstad
Residential School Survivor

Calendar of Events

October 15	Parent Council Mtg @ 7:15pm
October 18	Subject and Student Success Awards Ceremony at 9:00 am
October 22	PA Day
October 25	Parents' Night 6:30-8:30 pm Make sure to book teacher Interviews on Edsby
November 7	Wellness Wednesday
November 7	Term 1 Ends
November 8	Term 2 Begins
November 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 13	Gr. 8 Parents'/Info Night
November 14	Take Our Kids to Work Day and Take Our Kids to High School Day
November 20	Mid-term report cards go home
November 22	Homecoming Dance
November 23	PA Day
November 28	Full Disclosure Date
December 5	Music Concert
December 5	Wellness Wednesday
December 10-14	Drama Club Show
December 10-21	GRAD Photos—more info to come
December 24-	
January 4	Christmas Break
January 7	Back to school