



Thornlea SS

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Happy Halloween!



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members

The air is getting cooler and the fall leaves have turned. Here at school we have had a very well attended Grade Eight Family Night for our potential new students. I would like to thank our staff for their help but a special thank you to an army of grade nine students who volunteered on the night and were responsible for making the evening a huge success. They were warm and welcoming and were awesome ambassadors for Thornlea. Staying with our grade nine theme, our grade nine students will be heading to a parent, guardian or friend's work place on Wednesday November 4th. There will be no grade nine classes scheduled on that day. We hope that our grade nine students have a fun, safe, educational and enjoyable day in their respective workplaces.

The school will send home semester one midterm report cards on November 17th. Report cards will be handed out to students in their period one class. Students with a period one spare will be able to pick up their report card in the main office. Our grade twelve students are about to start applying for college and university programs. To help with this important task, our guidance department will be scheduling an assembly for our graduating students where the entire process will be explained. To help parents understand and support their children through this process, we would like to invite parents to our next Parent Council meeting on November 16th. Our Head of Guidance, Nizam Alkins, will explain the process and what supports the Guidance Department can offer our students. The meeting will take place in our library at 7:15 p.m. all are welcome. In the past this has been a very well attended presentation. On a weekly basis various Ontario colleges and universities have been making lunch time presentations and answering our student questions here at school. If you require further information about the application process please feel free to contact our Guidance Department.

Our student council has been busy planning our next big student event. Our semi-formal, homecoming dance will take place on November 26th at the Paradise Banquet Hall. Tickets are on sale in the cafeteria for \$50.00. On the day of the dance there will be a spirit rally and basketball game in our gym.

We look forward to seeing you at Parent Council.

Warmest regards,

Joe Foti
Principal

Parent Council Corner:

From co-chair: Mrs. Genevieve Seabrook

Hello everyone,

Our parent council meeting started with the council elections. The results are as follows:

Co-chairs: Genevieve Seabrook and Maureen Waterson

Treasurer: Mr. Yoi Ming Wong

Secretary: Mrs. Elizabeth Manz

Ms. Vatousis and Ms. Tse shared our literacy test results. The results for 2015 are 92% success, and 86% success for ELL and 84% success for Special Ed. Way to go Thornlea!

Ms. Bern then presented the ACAM program and the digital literacy course which will be offered next year in French too!

Ms. Stein shared some information from our teacher librarians. Thornlea is currently working to bring three authors of Young Adult Fiction to the school. More details to follow!

Please encourage your child to go to the library at lunch. By answering a question about a book they are currently reading, your child can win A *ThornleaReads* T-shirt. Lunch time only- so please remind them to stop by!

Last but not least, Mr. Foti gave us an update on what's happening at the school. In case you still do not know, Thursday October 29th is parent-teacher's interview.

Travel plans?

The History Department is preparing a big trip to France for the 100 year commemoration of Vimy Ridge in 2017, and the French Department is preparing a Paris/Nice trip for 2016. We, at Thornlea, are very lucky to have teachers willing to take upon such tasks. Great job everyone!

Did you know? Thornlea has a breakfast program for the students. If you are willing and able to assist us in offering breakfast to the students, the school gratefully accepts your donations. Please drop off the food in the main office. Nutritious food helps kids learn!

Our next school council is:

Please join us on Monday November 16th 2015 to learn about
"How to apply for University and College"



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October 16, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Ministry of Education has provided special funding for after school mathematics programs for students in Grades 7 to 10. The goal of this program is to build the mathematical literacy skills of students who may have struggled for many years, experiencing minimal success, and who require additional positive intervention to overcome barriers to their achievement in school.

Teachers have identified your son/daughter as a student who could benefit from some extra help in mathematics. Your son/daughter will need to attend all sessions to get the maximum benefit from this program. The after school program consists of ten sessions of 1 ½ hours each. Students will attend twice a week for five weeks to receive intensive instruction designed to build their own comfort, confidence, and competence in mathematics. At the end of the sessions, each student will complete a checklist of strengths and needs.

While receiving additional assistance through the after school program, your son/daughter will continue to receive regular instruction from his/her classroom teachers related to the mathematics required for their grade level. We are sure that this program will make a difference in your sons/daughter's knowledge and confidence related to mathematics. For some students, further assistance will be required. For this group of students, a second set of sessions may be offered later in the school year.

Please read and complete the attached Student Registration Form. Your signature is required as permission for your son/daughter to participate in the after school program. Please note that the school is not able to provide transportation for students within the time frame of this program, so there may be a need for you to arrange transportation for your son/daughter following each session. In addition, a commitment from 12 students is necessary for this program to be offered.

Sincerely,

Joe Foti
Principal





YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
CONTINUING EDUCATION SERVICES
AFTER SCHOOL LITERACY/NUMERACY PROGRAM
STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

STUDENT ID NUMBER: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

Surname

First Name

GENDER: M ☐ F ☐

DATE OF BIRTH:

YEAR

MONTH

DAY

ADDRESS:

Number

Street Name

Town/City

POSTAL CODE

HOME TELEPHONE: _____

PARENT CELL: _____

PRESENT GRADE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

RESIDENCY STATUS: CANADIAN CITIZEN ☐ PERMANENT RESIDENT ☐

VISA STUDENT ☐ - Elementary Visa Students pay \$68.55 - cheque attached ☐

- Secondary Visa Students pay \$102.82 - cheque attached ☐

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE: FIRST NATION ☐ INUIT ☐ METIS ☐

Please use one set of Registration forms per Class. Please enter the dates "To" and "From" (between October 1 and May 31 in the current school year), during which the course will be held. Please check off the days on which the course will be held.

FROM: 3:15pm TO: 4:45pm M ☐ T ☐ W ☐ Th ☐ F ☐ Room 135

NOTE TO STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN: Punctuality and regular attendance are vital to the process of learning and the completion of this Program.

STUDENT AGREEMENT—My signature indicates my commitment to the Program.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

TEACHER'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL

This student has my approval to enrol in the course listed:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____

DATE _____

FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS ONLY:

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

STUDENT'S PERIOD 1 TEACHER: _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

PRINCIPAL'S APPROVAL (original signature required please).

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Nov. 3rd, 4th, 17th
19th, 23rd, 30th
Dec. 2nd, 8th
Jan. 2016
6th

2015 Richmond Hill Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

Nathalie Bendavid – Athlete - Rugby



Ms. Bendavid's rugby career began in 1995 when she played her first game at Bayview Secondary School in Richmond Hill. Over the next 14 years, Ms. Bendavid would move on to play for the Aurora Barbarians, the University of Guelph, the University of Toronto, Team Ontario, and Team Canada. Throughout her career, she received numerous MVP awards and has won championships from the Toronto Rugby Union, the OUA (Ontario University Athletics) and CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport). Among her many accomplishments, Ms. Bendavid was MVP and Eastern-Canada Championship with the Rugby Ontario Under 19 Team in 1998, Captain for the Rugby Ontario Senior Women's Team in 2007 and 2008, won National Championship Gold Medals in 2004, 2006, 2009 and a Silver Medal in 2005 with Rugby Ontario.



Ms. Bendavid also represented Canada on the 2002 and 2003 Rugby Canada Under 23 Team, had 2 caps (games) for the Rugby Canada Senior Women's Team 15's in 2007-2008, 7 caps for the Rugby Canada Senior Women's Team 7's from 2007-2009, was a North America and West Indies Rugby Association Champion in 2007, and was selected to Canada's World Cup Qualifying Team (2007-2009) and Canada's 2009 World Cup Team in Dubai. Ms. Bendavid continues to give back to the community and the sport through teaching and coaching. She loves the game and loves sharing her passion with those new to rugby.



Congratulations to our very
own Thornlea teacher
Nathalie Bendavid (Grachnik)!



MS. BENDAVID (CENTER) WITH HER HUSBAND, DAUGHTER AND MOM



We are very proud of our very own Thornlea S.S. student-athlete, Arsham Sanjari.

On Sunday October 25th, Arsham was competing in Power Lifting in Pennsylvania, USA.

The division he was competing in was the 70 Kilo with other competitors aged 15.

He won this division and received the Trophy and Plaque. Go Thunder!

"40" Niner Club



We would like to congratulate our six current grade nine students and one grade 9 from last year that have already completed their Graduation Requirement of 40 Community Service Hours. 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.

Tegan Chu
Darkoa Bannerman
Abishek Bhuvanaratnam
Aileen Chan
Meera Chopara
Stephen Wang
Carmen Zeng
Mr. Foti



Avivah Marks with Mr. Foti & Ms. Tavares

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 to Thornlea Schedule is posted in our e-bulletin and students can see the schedule on our bulletin board just outside the Guidance Office.

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. This week was Nipissing University, Guelph University, University of Institute & Technology, Western University-IVEY Business. Next week will be the University of Toronto, Waterloo University, and OCAD will be visiting us at lunch time in room 230.

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

We also have a handout in the Guidance office.

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

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

www.electronicinfo.ca/scholarships

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. Your service must be for a Not-For-Profit organization/event.**

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.

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 9th**. 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 Monday **November 16th** by 3:10 PM. The Full Disclosure date is Tuesday **November 24th**.

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) will be sending your pin codes in Late November. We will be providing a University Application Assembly on Thursday November 12th during Period 4 in our School Cafeteria. Listen to the announcements for a reminder or check the school’s twitter account or check your email that is attached to your career cruising account.

Also on Thursday, November 12 at 3:30 in the Cafeteria there will **be FIVE USA Universities** presenting.

This USA Guidance Counselor Tour has been invited to present at Thornlea S.S. They are all regionally accredited universities by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and many of them hold the highest levels of accreditations by different accrediting bodies such as AACSB and ABET. You will also find that our universities are also ranked highly in US New and World Report and Forbes magazine to name a few. Below are the links to each of our websites.

The 5 USA schools are:

Fairleigh Dickinson University - www.fdu.edu/global

Fordham University - www.fordham.edu

Hofstra University - www.hofstra.edu/international

The New School - www.thenewschool.edu

St. John’s University - www.stjohns.edu

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education

Follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/thornlea_ss

The Thornlea S.S. Senior Boys Basketball Team played this past Wednesday at the Huron Height Tournament. They advanced to the finals with wins over St. Theresa (68-30) and Philopateer (80-42).

In the finals they met the Powerhouse Program d'Youville from Brampton/Mississauga.

The Championship Final Score was Thornlea 72-38. We would like to congratulate the team on their first Championship win of the season.

Jaaden Lewis was the MVP of the Tournament.

Go Thunder!



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](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca).

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.





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 4	Take Your Kids To Work Day Grade 9 students only
November 10	Term 2 in Sem 1 Begins
November 11	Remembrance Day Assembly
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
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