

Thornlea SS

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Message From the Vice-Principal

Dear Families and Community Members,

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the warm welcome to Thornlea Secondary School. It's been such a pleasure to meet students, parents, staff, and members of the school community.

As we bid farewell to the first month of the school year, I've been impressed by the number and variety of extra-curricular activities and programs that are available at school; many of which were on display at the Clubs Fair on September 19th. It was a busy and productive first month of the school year with a lot of events that took place in the school. In addition to finalizing countless student timetables, we welcomed all grade 9 students and their parents on September 5th for the Grade 9 Orientation Day. It provided all the grade 9's with the opportunity to explore the school, learn about how to be successful in high school, and the time to meet old peers and make new friends. They also experienced a wonderful day of icebreaker and team-building activities on the Grade 9 FIT Day at Green Acres Camp which took place on September 14th. Grade 9 students had the opportunity to participate in the democratic process by having the opportunity to elect one student to represent them on Thornlea Student Activity Council (TSAC) for the year.

The rest of the school has been busy as well. In addition to the many athletic teams and clubs that have already begun, the entire school participated in the annual Terry Fox Run which took place on September 20th to raise awareness and to fundraise for cancer research. All staff and students had the opportunity to have their photo taken on Photo day which was on September 13th. We also launched our successful Breakfast Club program which provides students with a wholesome and healthy breakfast every morning. We had our first School Council meeting of the school year which included a presentation about our popular ACAM program and a Q&A time. In addition to practicing a fire drill, staff and students also attended safety assembles which helped to prepare them for the lockdown drill.

Looking ahead at the following weeks, look forward to the following important events:

For those who were absent for Picture Day, Photo Retake Day will be taking place on October 4th.

Interim Report Cards will be distributed to students on October 12th which will provide students and parents/guardians with a preliminary update about their progress in their courses so far this semester. Parents/guardians are encouraged to please review the information on the report card and connect with their child's teacher should they have any concerns.

The next School Council Meeting will take place on October 16th in the school library. We will be discussing the University Application Process. Parents/guardians of students are invited to attend.

Grade 8 Family Night will be taking place on October 19th which in addition to being engaging and fun, is also a wonderful opportunity to learn about the unique and variety of programs offered at Thornlea Secondary School.

There will be a Professional Activity Day on October 20th and as a result there will be no classes for students on that day.

The Awards Assembly to celebrate outstanding student achievement in the school will take place during the morning of October 24th in the cafeteria.

Parents' Night will be on October 26th. More information about scheduling an appointment with your child's teacher will be available in coming weeks.

On a final note, if you are willing and able to assist us in offering breakfast to our students at the start of each day, we gratefully accept your donations. We hope to continue with a hot breakfast on Fridays. If you would like to donate food such as yogurt, cereal, oatmeal, milk, bagels, or frozen waffles, we invite you to drop them off in the main office and we will ensure that they are used by our Breakfast Club.

As we prepare for a new season and cooler temperatures, we would like to wish our students a successful semester one.

Sincerely,

Anthony Hu Vice-Principal



Education Quality and Accountability Office



TSS LITERACY CORNER

Hello Parents and Guardians,

My name is Lovleen Rai and I am the Literacy Lead for the 2017 – 2018 school year. I look forward to working with your child to support his/her preparation for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

Information about the Test:

- ⇒ Students are tested on basic reading and writing skills.
- ⇒ Successful completion of the OSSLT is a graduation requirement for all students who are working towards their diploma.
- ⇒ The OSSLT will take place on April 10, 2018.

Preparing for the Test:

- ⇒ The staff will support your child in 'Whole School Initiatives' (WSI) sessions. Each session will focus on a specific aspect of the test in order provide your child with strategies and tips for completing the reading and writing tasks.
- ⇒ Dates for the WSI sessions in the first semester are: October 3 (Period 1); October 16 (Period 2); October 23 (Period 3); November 6 (Period 4); November 20 (Period 1)
- What You Can Do At Home:
- ⇒ I recommend looking at the EQAO website with your son/daughter. The website provides information and resources for the test.

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me either by phone or email.

Lovleen Rai *Looleen Rai* 905-889-9696 Ext/254 Lovleen.rai@yrdsb.ca

THORNLEA SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENTS' NIGHT INSTRUCTIONS TO BOOK TEACHER APPOINTMENTS VIA TEACHASSIST APPOINTMENT MANAGER PARENTS' NIGHT ON Thursday, October 26, 2017 FROM 6:30-8:30PM

The online tool teachassist has the ability for parents/guardians to book appointments for Parents' Night. You will be able to book your appointments via Teachassist.

To book an Appointment with your classroom teacher who has set up appointment slots with TeachAssist:

- Students or parents go to <u>ta.yrdsb.ca</u>. Use student's username (student number) and password to log in to Teachassist.
- Once logged in scroll to the bottom of the page and if a teacher has created Appointment slots they will be visible on the page.
- Click on the calendar to select the appropriate date for Parents' Night, For this Semester it is on <u>Thursday, October 26, 2017.</u>

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Click on the time you would like to select. Please note that teachassist uses a 24 hour clock, and appointment times are 10 minutes in length.

A confirmation of your appointment time and date will appear on your screen. You can change or cancel your appointment at any time, depending on the teacher's availability.

6. It is recommended to allow travel time between appointments in order to reach the next classroom.





On Tuesday, October 24, 2017, we will be recognizing students who achieved academic excellence during Semester 2 for the 16-17 school year. Students invited will be notified by October 17th.

Parents are invited to attend our ceremony and witness the presentation of certificates in the CAFETERIA from 9:00am - 10am



Attention: Parents of Grade 10 students

EQAO results for your child in Grade 9 last year, Semester 2 of the 16-17 school year were given to your child Tuesday, September 27th.

Please make sure to review.

Thank you

Salutations from the Guidance Department!

The Guidance Team this year consists of Ms. Lovleen Rai (ESL Counselor/Literacy Lead), Ms. Viviane Estafanos (French Immersion Counselor/AP Co-oridnator, F.I. Teacher), Ms. Julie Scott (Student Success), Ms. Kathryn Pantazopoulos(Student Success for ESL students). Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance (Counselor) and Ms. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary).

We also would like to announce the new process for making guidance appointments. <u>First</u>, 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.

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. Don't forget that the College Fair is being held (Oct. 24th and 25th) at the Enercare Centre. 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 Laurentian, York, McMaster and Carleton. We have for the week of Oct. 2nd the following are coming: Humber, Schulich@York, Guelph-Humber, Seneca and many more to follow.

As for Scholarship information for grade 12 graduating students, please make an appointment to see Ms. Rai in the Guidance office. <u>Ms. Rai will be having a Scholarship Seminar on</u> Monday October 16th at 11:35 in Room 220.

Two great websites to find out more information on scholarships are: http://www.studentawards.com/

http://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. 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.

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.

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education

<u>Post-Secondary Information – Important Dates:</u>

*Thornlea S.S. Scholarship Information Meeting: To be announced.

Ontario College Info Fair – Tuesday Oct. 24 and Wednesday Oct. 25 at the Enercare Centre Student Life Expo – Oct. 28, 29 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

<u>University/College Visits:</u>

See List in this E-Bulletin.....

More than 25 Universities/Colleges are scheduled for the Months of September, October and November, please listen to the announcements, check the bulletin boards outside of the Guidance Office, check your E-mail that is linked to your Career Cruising account, or come check with your Guidance Counselor. Thank you.

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Attention, parents & guardians!

Thornlea Homework Club is up and running for 2017-2018!

Academic Support available in ALL subject areas!

No appointment required! No cost! Convenient!

Homework Club runs in the Library Tuesday to Thursday noon until 12: 30 p.m. & 3:05 until 4:00 p.m.

A student seeking academic support should report to Library Staff upon arrival in the Library.

The student will be paired with an appropriate Homework Helper (a senior student with expertise in the subject).





THORNLEA SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY



(Last Year's Design)

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Will your design win? Win Gift Cards! *1st* **25\$**, *2nd* **15\$**, *3rd* **10\$** Enter your JPEG design on the thornleareads *Google Classroom* CODE: **srubrv** Deadline: Oct. 9th 2017

Rules: Only Thornlea students can enter. The design must be school appropriate. Your design needs **thornleareads** on it and must promote reading. It must be in JPEG format.

CAN YOU MAKE LITERATURE LIT?



Attention, parents & guardians!

Thornlea Breakfast Club is up and running for 2017-2018!

Breakfast is available *every* morning in Room 150 from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

Fresh Fruit available in the main office, all day!

Everyone is welcome at Breakfast Club!

Breakfast Club is funded through the generosity of:

Peterborough Family Resource Centre's Student Nutrition Program (Student Nutrition Ontario) and Metro Green Apple School Program

Donations of the following items are welcome:

dry cereal (unsweetened or slightly sweetened) instant oatmeal disposable bowls, side plates, and cutlery bagels cream cheese granola bars (nut free) frozen waffles



We would like to thank our student and teacher volunteers, and our office staff, who make Breakfast Club possible.

A special thank you to Malcolm MacNeil, who is returning this year as our parent volunteer, and is the individual most responsible for the success of Thornlea's Breakfast Club. He does all of the inventory, shopping, recordkeeping, and organizing, despite the fact that his daughter graduated from Thornlea over 2 years ago!



November 1, 2017 | Take Our Kids to Work Day Step into your future for a day!



Special thanks to our National Program Partner:



#KidsToWork To learn mole about Take Our Kids to Work resources visit thelearningpartnership.ca/TOKW

Take Our Kids to Work

Take Our Kids to Work is the signature program of The Learning Partnership, a national charitable organization dedicated to supporting, promoting and advancing public education in Canada. Now in its 23rd year, Take Our Kids to Work annually involves more than 200,000 students in a day of career exploration and learning about the skills required in the world of work. On **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**, Grade 9, Senior 1 (Manitoba) and Secondary III (Quebec) students across Canada will spend the day at the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host.

For students, it's more than just a fun day. It's an opportunity to:

- Understand the importance of staying in school by seeing first-hand the skills required in today's workplace.
- Start exploring career options in a practical way and gaining a better understanding of how many career choices are open to them.
- Experience a day in the world of work and begin thinking about the kind of job they might aspire to.

For parents, it's an opportunity to prepare children for the future by:

- Participating in a shared experience with their child.
- Enriching their child's experience with career discussions before, during, and after the workplace visit.

What if it is not possible to go to work with a parent?

"I brought my 14-year-old daughter to work and introduced her to the world of charitable giving and how people can make a difference. As a result of our day together, she told me two things: one, she is very proud of me and the work I do and two, that she is aiming for 300 volunteer hours over her next

four years of high school." - Parent

"Students have an opportunity to see

career path." - Educator

what the workplace is like, appreciate the

expectations, understand their parents better

and understand the importance of planning a

Parents invite their own children to join them at work for the day, but if this is not possible, there are other ways for your child to participate:

- Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to take your child to work.
- Ask a parent who is taking his or her child to work if your son or daughter can join them for the day.
- Contact local businesses and ask if they are participating in Take Our Kids to Work day. Inquire f someone within their organization would be willing to host your child, providing you make the necessary transportation arrangements.

"My overall experience from Take Our Kids to Work was avvesome. There were multiple stations where we learned about jobs like media, engineering, supply chain, welding and many more. There were lots of handson activities which gave me a feel for that particular job." – Student

To learn more about any of the initiatives mentioned in this guide, or to download Take Our Kids to Work resources, visit our website at thelearningpartnership.ca/TOKW.



Safety First

Workplace health and safety is a vital aspect of the Take Our Kids to Work program. It is essential that both students and parents receive information about health and safety prior to their workplace visit. They also need to know their rights and responsibilities for jobs they may hold now and in the future.

Parents need to be aware of the work that their children are engaging in on this day and ask questions about the health and safety provisions. Links to other organizations with workplace health and safety expertise and materials can be accessed through thelearningpartnership.ca. "Scotiabank relies on highly skilled and educated talent and that's why we have been a proud national sponsor of Take Our Kids to Work day for over 20 years. Take Our Kids to Work day offers students a rare opportunity to experience the working world and a chance to see how their skills can be applied in a future career." – Barbara Mason, Chief Human Resources Officer, Scotiabank.

About The Learning Partnership

The Learning Partnership is a national charity dedicated to building stakeholder partnerships to support, promote and advance publicly funded education in Canada. We do this through five key deliverables – innovative student programs, executive leadership for educators, knowledge mobilization and policy, tribute celebrations of excellence and ongoing collaborations across Canada. Since 1993, more than 6.9 million students have participated in The Learning Partnership's programs.

Virtual Reality Workplace Experiences

Check out The Learning Partnership's free Virtual Reality Workplace Experience videos, an extension of the Take Our Kids to Work program, giving students the ability to access workplaces across the country from within their classrooms. The videos support career education by letting students virtually explore a range of work environments and meet employees who share insights on their jobs. Available on YouTube and compatible with virtual reality headsets, such as the inexpensive Google Cardboard, the videos expand the range of workplace experiences available to students and remove barriers of access. www.thelearningpartnership.ca/virtual-reality-workplace-tours



Real Talk Career App



Download The Learning Partnership's Real Talk career app. Real Talk helps students make better choices about their post-secondary options by offering them peer-to-peer perspectives, tips and advice from young people who have recently made the school-to-work transition. Students can bookmark, like and share careers that interest them on social media, while building a digital to-do list of resources.

www.realtalk.careers







To be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and student, then returned to the school.

To the Parent/Guardian. Your child has the right and responsibility to have a safe and educational workplace visit. Health and Safety education is an important element of this program. Review this form with your child and sign below. If you have additional questions about safety, contact the school or the workplace.

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tudent's name:	eacher's name:
My child has my permission	t to participate in this program.
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and	. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate dothing/safety attire.
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Workplace name	
Address	
OR	
My child will accompany a (ch	ieck one)
□ relative □ friend	Community host
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Contact's name	Telephone:
Workplace name:	
🔲 A colleague at my workpla	ce would be willing to host another student in need of a placement.
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Elements of risk

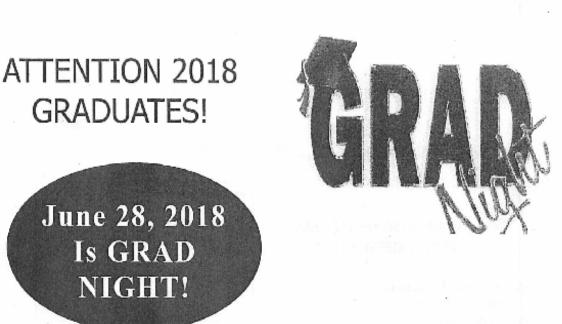
All experiential learning programs, such as field trips, occuprative education, job shadowing and Take Our Kids to Work participation, involve certain elements of risk. Injuries may occur while participating in this activity without any fault of the student, the school board, or the host employer. By allowing your child to take part in this activity, you are accepting the risk that your child may be injured.

For more information see the recommendations for Workplace Health & Safety at the learning partnership.ca.

I understand that there are risks associated with my child visiting a workplace and I have reviewed the Elements of risk section above with my child.

Parent/Guardian signature:	Date:
Student signature:	Date:
	Partnership
To learn more about any of the initiatives mentioned in this guide, or to download Take Our Kids to Work resources,	
visit our website: the learning partnership.ca	1-800-790-9113





Graduation Fee is now \$75.00. Enrolment has gone up at Thornlea and we cannot accommodate the high numbers in our Gymnasium. Graduation ceremonies on June 28, 2018 will be at a banquet hall (TBA).

- 1.If you have already paid the \$40.00 fee, please see Ms. Maiorano in the office to pay the additional \$35.00.
- 2. If you have not paid the fee and will attend Graduation on June 28, 2018, please make sure to:
 - Pay Online (Cash On Line) Pay at the Office (See Ms. Maiorano)

If you pay online (Cash On Line), you can complete the GOWN order information online.

Also make sure to complete the GOWN order form on the back of this flyer, with your size, name and student

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2018 Graduation Ceremony Fee June 28, 2018



Graduation Fee is \$75.00 VENUE: OFFSITE (TBA) PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH ON LINE

CHEQUE

CASH

The Graduation Fee Includes: Cap and Gown to keep Venue/Refreshments Printing Costs Decorations

This is a wonderful evening of celebration, complete with gowns and the traditional graduation cap You get to keep the GOWN and CAP!!

We hope that all Thornlea graduates will choose to attend.

Please circle your gown size and sign.

Circle your size according to your	height:	
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Student Last Name		Student First Name
Student Signature		Student number

Attention: AP Art Portfolio Workshops for Grade 12 Students

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As you know, for some universities and colleges the deadlines for portfolios submission are in early March. We want to make sure that our students' Art portfolios are ready by late spring.

This week, I will start offering Advanced Placement Art Portfolio Workshops. We will meet every Thursday at lunch in Room 223 to work on a variety of art projects for their portfolios. If your child would like to upgrade his/ her portfolios, please encourage them to join us.

The first session is on Thursday, Sept. 28-th. If you have any questions, please email me at: ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca

Sincerely, Mme Bern



DEAR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS AND STAFF MEMBERS, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS CLUB. YOU ARE ALL INVITED!!!



Our Digital Arts Club Hands-On Workshops will take place

ON THURSDAYS

AFTER SCHOOL (3:30 - 4:30 PM) IN ROOM 223.

Please choose the session/ sessions that you would like to attend and send an email to: <u>ilana.bern@vrdsb.ca</u>. We will contact you in the next few days to confirm Workshops dates and your attendance.

Looking forward to seeing you very soon!

Digital Arts Club Hands-On Workshops;

- Surreal Collages in Photoshop
- Learning Illustration in Illustrator
- Animated E-Cards using Flash MX
 - Simple Movie in Flash MX
 - 3-D Animation in Blender 2.68
- Website Design in Dreamweaver (using Flash MX /Photoshop)

Best Regards,

Mme Bern and Digital Media Arts Team

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Safety Assemblies	
October 4	Photo Day & Retakes Revised Date	
October 9	Thanksgiving Day	
October 10	Interim Reports/Parents' Night Info Home	
October 16	School Council Meeting 7:15pm	
October 19	Gr. 8 Family Night 6:30pm	
October 20	PA Day	
October 24	Awards Ceremony 9-10am	
	By Invitation only	
October 26	Parents' Night 6:30pm	
October 30	Spirit Assembly (Assembly TT)	
November 1	Take Your Kids to Work Day	
	Gr. 9's (Permission forms home October 3)	
	Take Your Kids to High	
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Thornlea		
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly	
November 20	School Council Meeting	
November 21	Mid-term reports home	
November 24	PA Day	
Dec. 25-Jan. 7	Christmas Break	
January 8	School Resumes	
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