



# Thornlea SS

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**September 27, 2016**



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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

As we approach the end of the first month of school, I'm amazed by the many activities and programs run by staff, students, and parents at Thornlea Secondary School. In less than three weeks, we have caught up with old friends, made new friends, set personal goals, and begun what will be an awesome school year. In addition, we have: finalized countless student timetables; welcomed our Grade 9 students and their parents during Transition Day; tried out for and formed teams and clubs; worked with one another during Grade 9 FIT Day at Camp Green Acres; hosted our annual Club Fair on Wednesday September 21 where students learned about the various clubs and councils operating in the school; participated in the annual Terry Fox Run which took place on Thursday September 22; campaigned for a position on Student Council (TSAC); had our picture taken on Photo Day which was held on September 14; joined new clubs; re-launched our successful Breakfast Club; and hosted our first School Council meeting. Having so many activities in such a short amount of time is evidence of a very vibrant, thriving, and busy school.

The upcoming week is devoted to Safety Week when students and staff will participate in a variety of activities including safety assemblies and a lockdown drill. Teachers will review instructions for drills with each of their classes so that students are prepared and aware of the expected response in the event of an emergency.

Beyond the next two weeks, you can look forward to the following:

Interim Report Cards being issued to students on Thursday October 13. Teachers continue to collect and respond to assessment data. Parents are reminded to review the information on the report and to connect with their child's teacher should they have any concerns.

Parents' Night is on Thursday, October 27. More information about scheduling an appointment with your child's teacher will be available at the time the interim reports are issued.

Grade 8 Family Night. We invite all parents and students who are interested in becoming members of the Thornlea community to the school on Thursday, October 20, when you can learn more about Thornlea and all that it has to offer you.

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

The month of October will conclude with an Awards Ceremony taking place during the morning of October 26 in the cafeteria and a Professional Activity Day on October 28 (no school for students).

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.

Warmest Regards,

Barb Caravella  
Vice-Principal



# Come to **Thornlea** **Secondary School** Thursday, October 20, 2016



For our  
**Grade 8 Open House**  
**6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
(6:30 pm – 7:00 pm – AP, FI, ACAM Talk)



Learn about our Unique Programs  
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**Academy of Creativity & Multimedia (ACAM)**  
**French Immersion**  
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**Health & Wellness**  
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**Teachers**  
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**Administrators**  
**Students**



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**Come Out And Learn About What We Can Do For You!**

# **GRADE 11 STUDENTS! IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY TO THE SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR PROGRAMS!**

## **What is SHSM?**

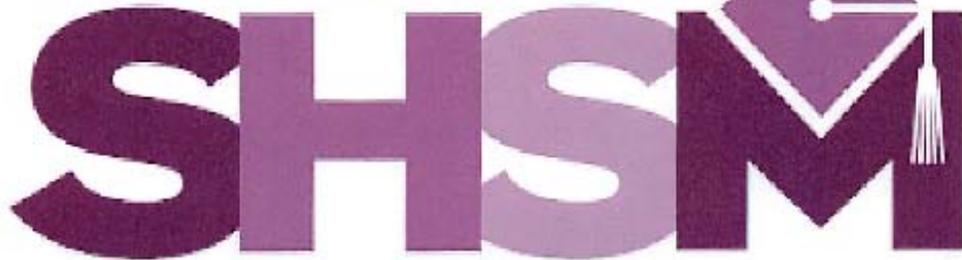
A Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program is a Ministry of Education approved program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific career path that matches their skills and interests while also meeting the requirements to graduate from secondary school. SHSM helps to engage students in their learning while allowing them to develop specialized knowledge and skills, while also having unique opportunities to enrich their high school experience during grade 11 and 12. This program is available to students pursuing all pathway destinations: university, workplace, college and apprenticeship. Students receive the SHSM designation on their diploma when they complete all required SHSM program components.

*For detailed information on SHSM Programs and the program components: [YRDSB](#), [Ministry](#)*

*Interested students may wish to speak to a guidance counsellor to review their personal pathway plan.*

# APPLY TO

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Ontario.ca/SHSM

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**BUSINESS**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**TRANSPORTATION**



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## TSS Literacy Corner

Hello Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to update you about the progress in the school's preparation for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

### Information about the After School Literacy Program:

- ⇒ Unfortunately, the After School Literacy Program for 1<sup>st</sup> semester was cancelled due to low enrollment.
- ⇒ We are planning to offer the After School Literacy Program in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- ⇒ The Program will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 to 4:15 from January 17 to January 24 and February 7 to March 22 (excluding days during March Break).
- ⇒ The benefits for students to enroll in the Program are that:
  - each session will focus on one or two tasks from the test.
  - Students will learn to apply specific strategies and tips for each type of reading and writing task.
  - They will receive guidance from the teacher through instruction and immediate feedback on the sample tasks.

### Preparing for the Test:

- ⇒ Reminder about upcoming dates for the Whole School Initiatives (WSI) sessions in the first semester are:  
October 11 (Period 2); October 24 (Period 3); November 7 (Period 4);  
November 28 (Period 1)

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*

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Lovleen.raai@yrdsb.ca

## Thornlea Secondary School Post Secondary Fall Visits 2016

Room 220

| Date                                 | School  | Time        | Location |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|----------|
| Thursday, September 29 <sup>th</sup> | Carleton University                                       | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Friday, September 30 <sup>th</sup>   | University of Ottawa                                      | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Monday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | University of Waterloo                                    | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Tuesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>     | Schulich School of Business<br>- York University          | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Wednesday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Durham College  | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Thursday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>    | University of Guelph-<br>Humber                           | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Friday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>      | Queen's University  | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Tuesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>    | (UOIT) University of On-<br>tario Institute of Technology | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Wednesday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>  | York University   | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Thursday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Western University  | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Friday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>     | Brock University  | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Monday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>     | Huron at Western University                               | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Tuesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>    | Ryerson University Science<br>& Engineering               | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Wednesday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>  | University of Windsor                                     | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Friday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>     | George Brown College                                      | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Tuesday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>    | McMaster University                                       | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Wednesday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Wilfrid Laurier University                                | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Friday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>     | Bishop's University                                       | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Monday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>     | Brescia University College                                | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |
| Tuesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Nipissing University                                      | 11:30-12:30 | Room 220 |

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|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|----------|
| Wednesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | OCAD Ontario College of Art and Design       | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Thursday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Ivey Business School at Western University   | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Friday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>     | University of Toronto- Scarborough Campus    | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Monday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>     | Lakehead University                          | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Tuesday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Seneca College                               | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Wednesday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>  | University of Guelph                         | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Thursday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Laurentian University                        | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Friday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>    | University of Toronto Science & Engineering  | 12:00-1:00    | Room 220 |
| Monday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Concordia University                         | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Tuesday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Ryerson University                           | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Wednesday, November 16 <sup>th</sup> | Humber College                               | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Thursday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Trent University                             | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Tuesday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Redeemer University/<br>Christian University | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
| Thursday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Bishop's University                          | 11:30 – 12:30 | Room 220 |
| Wednesday, December 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Centennial College                           | 11:30-12:30   | Room 220 |
|                                      |  |               |          |
|                                      |  |               |          |

## GUIDANCE NEWS

Salutations from the Guidance Department! Our team has been very busy since registration day on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We would like to thank you for your patience in our efforts to support your child for this school year. The Guidance Team this year consists of Mr. Paul Stephenson (Counselor/Student Success), Ms. Andrea Tse (Counselor & Head of ESL), Ms. Joan Walker (Counselor & Head of Technology), Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance (Counselor) and Ms. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary).

The team has been trying its best to support every student that “requests” a timetable change this school year. To date, we have seen approximately 150 grade 12 students, 150 grade 11 students, 80 grade 10 students, 30 grade 9 students, 55 new international visa students, and 30 new registrations. This process was completed on Friday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for your patience and understanding through this busy time.

We also would like to announce the new process for making guidance appointments. First, please see Mrs. Burdett, our Guidance Secretary. If any student would like to make an appointment with their “Alpha” identified counselor or by their SHSM/Co-op/EOP designation or by their ELL status, 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).

We have spoken or will be speaking to each grade level with respect to what Guidance Services offer, the Post-Secondary application process, course selections and community service hour requirements on the following dates starting at 9:00 AM.

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tuesday September 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Grade 11 Assembly |
| Wednesday September 28 <sup>th</sup> | Grade 9 Assembly  |
| Thursday September 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Grade 10 Assembly |
| Friday September 30 <sup>th</sup>    | Grade 12 Assembly |

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 will be in this E-bulletin, announced in advance by the Guidance Department and posted on our School website and posted outside our Guidance office.

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.

We also would like to announce the recently 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.

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 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:**

**\*Thornlea S.S. Scholarship Information Meeting: To be announced Friday Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Ontario University Fair – September 23 to 25 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Go Global Expo – Sept. 24, 25 Mattamy Athletic Centre

St. Andrews College Canadian Universities’ Fair on September 28, starts at 4:30 pm

Study and Go Abroad Fair – Saturday Oct. 1 and 2 [www.studyandgoabroad.com](http://www.studyandgoabroad.com) @ MTCC

Student Life Expo – Oct. 15, 16 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

USA College Expo – Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at York Mills C.I. at 6:00pm

Ontario College Info Fair – Monday Oct. 17 and Tuesday Oct. 18 at the Enercare Centre

University Information Program - October 18 at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity H.S., Bradford

**University/College Visits:**

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 Career Cruising email, or come check with a Guidance counselor. Thank you.

## 2016/2017 CLUBS

| Club Name                            | Advisor    | Advisor           | Advisor              | Advisor        | Advisor          | Advisor    |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| #No Filter                           | Smedzik    | Elliott           |                      |                |                  |            |
| Accounting                           | Fish       |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Amnesty Book Club                    | Hanff      | Swales            | Capilongo            |                |                  |            |
| Animal Rights Group                  | Tews       |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Art Council                          | Lerman     | Seguin            |                      |                |                  |            |
| Athletic Council                     | Hutchison  | Dawe              |                      |                |                  |            |
| Biology/Environment                  | Ross       | Phillips          |                      |                |                  |            |
| Breakfast                            | Hanff      | Karounas/J. Scott | Mahalingam/Moghaizel | Awad/Estafanos | Rafik/Villeneuve | Daneshmand |
| Christian Fellowship                 | Fish       | Wang              |                      |                |                  |            |
| Computer Club                        | Fish       | Duff              |                      |                |                  |            |
| Debate Team                          | Capilongo  |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| DECA                                 | Babalis    | Stephenson        |                      |                |                  |            |
| Diversity Club                       | Bern       |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| DIY                                  | Swales     | Hanff             |                      |                |                  |            |
| Drama Club                           | Stone      |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Empowered Student Partnerships (ESP) | D. Chan    | Dr. Manivannan    |                      |                |                  |            |
| Fabrication Club                     | Vallis     |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Fishing                              | Braband    | Foti              |                      |                |                  |            |
| Free the Children                    | Morris     |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| French                               | Pilaram    | Karounos          | Mr. Scott            | DeLuca         |                  |            |
| Games                                | Stone      |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| GSA                                  | Parlee     | Swales            | Scott                |                |                  |            |
| History Club                         | Magic-Love |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Homework                             | Hanff      |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| HOSA                                 | Ross       |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Investment                           | Fish       |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Judges Cup                           | Magic-Love |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Lights, Set and Sound                | Stone      |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Math Club                            | McCutcheon | Mahalingam        |                      |                |                  |            |
| Morning Announcement                 | Stone      |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Music Council                        | D. Chan    |                   |                      |                |                  |            |
| Newcomers                            | Tse        | Rafiq             |                      |                |                  |            |
| Otaku                                | Swales     |                   |                      |                |                  |            |

|                        |             |           |           |         |         |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Peer Buddies           | A. Ackerman | Karounos  | Mr. Scott | S. Wang | McInnes |
| Prom Committee         | Elliot      | Smedzik   |           |         |         |
| Red Cross Club         | Ifejika     |           |           |         |         |
| Run                    | Grant       | Dawe      |           |         |         |
| Ski & Snowboard Team   | Walker      | Dawe      |           |         |         |
| Ski Club               | Mr Smith    |           |           |         |         |
| Tamil/South Asian Club | Mahalingam  | Jeor      | Rafik     |         |         |
| TSAC                   | Awad        | Moghaizel |           |         |         |
| Yearbook               | Lerman      |           |           |         |         |

### 2016/2017 Thornlea Committees

| Committee                   |             |           |         |               |           |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| <b>A &amp; E</b>            |             |           |         |               |           |
| <b>Announcements</b>        | Stone       |           |         |               |           |
| <b>Awards Assembly</b>      | Styles      |           |         |               |           |
| <b>Equity</b>               | Merecoulias | Bern      |         |               |           |
| <b>FIT Day</b>              | Awad        | Moghaizel |         |               |           |
| <b>Graduation</b>           | Alkins      | Burdett   | Styles  |               |           |
| <b>Health and Wellness</b>  | A. Ackerman | Dawe      | Smedzik | Hanff         |           |
| <b>Hearts &amp; Flowers</b> | Hanff       |           |         |               |           |
| <b>Leadership Team</b>      | Seguin      | Fish      | Hanff   |               |           |
| <b>Literacy</b>             | Rai         | Gord      | Tse     | Pantazopoulos | Moghaizel |
| <b>School Website</b>       | Hanff       | Bern      | Lerman  |               |           |
| <b>SIP</b>                  | Salsberg    | Bern      | Dawe    | Fraleigh      |           |
| <b>Staff/PD</b>             | Gord        | Elliot    | Bern    |               |           |
| <b>TYKHSD</b>               | Stephenson  |           |         |               |           |
| <b>Transitions</b>          | Stephenson  |           |         |               |           |

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### *Core Discussions (mobile device recommended)...*

- How Students use Social Media
- How Students are Evaluated, Online
- Reduce Student Anxiety & Stress
- Build a Sustainable Reputation
- The 5 Prominent Social Platforms
- Become "Googleable"
- Achieve Balance; less screen time
- Increase Online Confidence & Skill

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# social media fitness



## Listen ~ Connect ~ Engage ~ Influence

Join us for an exciting and visual journey into the world of Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and more. And leave inspired, skilled and confident to support your family's journey through Social Media. Our kids are already engaged in this space. **We need to be engaged, too.**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions & RSVP: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 250.**

Please choose the session/ sessions that you would like to attend and  
send an email to:

[ilana.bern@vrdsb.ca](mailto:ilana.bern@vrdsb.ca) and [jonathan.bonfada@hotmail.com](mailto:jonathan.bonfada@hotmail.com).

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
- Website Design in Dreamweaver (using Flash MX and Photoshop)

Best Regards,

Ms. Bern and Digital Media Arts Team

## Parent's Guide to Funding Higher Education

A recent study showed that 85% of Canadian students will graduate from higher education with an average of \$27,000 of debt. It doesn't have to be that way, though, because there are many sources of funding available for higher education - from birth, through to post-graduation - that can make access to post-secondary education possible and reduce potential debt.

### Sources of Funds and Resources for Each Stage



**Birth to age 15**  
Up to Grade 10

#### RESPs (from birth)

Open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) at any participating financial institution. RESP savings grow tax-free and deposits may be eligible for matching grants of 20%-40% (**free money!**) through the Canada Education Savings Program.

Visit: [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)

#### Canada Learning Bond

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) provides up to \$2,000 in RESP contributions with no family contribution required and is available to children born in 2004 or later in families with a net income of \$45,000 or less.

Parents can find out more and apply for an RESP at [www.smartsaver.org](http://www.smartsaver.org)



**Age 15 - 18**  
Grade 10 - 12

#### SchoolFinder.com and ScholarshipsCanada.com

By Grade 10, students should start looking at their higher education options and the potential costs. At [www.Schoolfinder.com](http://www.Schoolfinder.com) parents and students can find programs, universities and colleges in Canada, the UK and the US.

Programs have tuition and prerequisites. Also visit [Proliteracy.ca](http://Proliteracy.ca)

At [www.ScholarshipsCanada.com](http://www.ScholarshipsCanada.com) students (parents too!) can fill in a profile to get matched to over 80,000 awards worth \$177+ million—it's a one-stop shop for all college, university and corporate scholarships offered in Canada.

#### Government Loans

The Government of Canada and each province and territory offer student loan and grant programs. Everything you need to know about eligibility and applying can be found at

[www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)



**Age 18 +**  
Attending College  
and/or University

#### Campus Financial Aid Offices and Career Centers

Every college and university has a financial aid department and a website with information about scholarships and bursaries available at their school, plus a career center that can help with finding employment during school and after graduation.

#### HigherEdPoints.com

Through this new program, students, parents and donors can convert Aeroplan® Miles and TD Points into funds to pay for higher education fees and to pay back student loans! Visit [www.HigherEdPoints.com](http://www.HigherEdPoints.com)



**Post-graduation**

#### Repayment Assistance (RAP) for Student Loans

Federal and provincial loan programs each offer "RAP" to graduates who may need help repaying their government loans. Don't be afraid to ask for help; you won't be the first student to do so! HigherEdPoints.com can be used to pay back student loans in some regions too!

#### Job Websites for Students and New Grads

The fastest way to pay back any student debt is to find a good job. Some interesting new websites have popped up, aiming to help students and recent grads get work experience or land an entry level job. Check out [www.Rippen.com](http://www.Rippen.com), [www.magnet.today](http://www.magnet.today), and [www.jobpostings.ca](http://www.jobpostings.ca)



# Fight the bite!

Protect yourself against  
**West Nile virus**

## What is West Nile virus?

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne virus that can be passed to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito.

## What are the symptoms of West Nile virus?

Most people infected with West Nile virus have no symptoms or have flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches and fatigue.

Sometimes West Nile virus can cause severe illness including meningitis and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Symptoms usually develop between two and 15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.



# Fight the bite!

## What you can do...

### Clean up

The best way to keep mosquitoes away is to clean up areas of standing water where mosquitoes like to breed.

Here are some tips:

Clean up and empty containers where water collects (old tires, tin cans, flower pots, etc.)

Change water in bird baths weekly

Remove water that collects on pool covers

Turn over items such as wading pools, wheelbarrows and small boats

Clear eavestroughs and roof gutters

Unclog drainage ditches

Drill holes in the bottoms of containers so water can't collect

Check that door and window screens are tight-fitting and in good repair

### Cover up

**Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites.**

Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants

Use insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors; apply according to manufacturer's instructions

For more information about West Nile virus or to report standing water, contact York Region Health Connection at

1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|---------------|--|
| September 27  | Safety Assembly Gr. 11's                         |
| September 28  | Safety Assembly Gr. 9's                          |
| September 29  | Safety Assembly Gr. 10's                         |
| September 30  | Safety Assembly Gr. 12's                         |
| October 5     | Photo Retake Day                                 |
| October 10    | Thanksgiving Holiday                             |
| October 13    | Interim Reports Home<br>Parents' Night Info Home |
| October 17    | School Council Meeting                           |
| October 20    | Grade 8 Family Night                             |
| October 21-23 | YLCC—Student Council Trip                        |
| October 26    | Awards Ceremony Period 1<br>(By invitation)      |
| October 27    | Parents' Night                                   |
| October 28    | PA Day—No school today for<br>students           |