

Thornlea SS

Principal: Joe Foti

Vice-Principal: Kim Tavares

Vice-Principal: Anthony Hu

September 11, 2017

Welcome Back

Some Important Dates Coming Up

September 13	Photo Day
September 14	FIT Day Gr. 9's only
September 18	School Council Meeting
September 19	Club Fair
September 20	Terry Fox Run
September 25	PD Day
Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Safety Assemblies

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

I would like to welcome everyone to Thornlea for the start of the 2017/2018 school year. The first week of school can be hectic with course changes and new staff added to the school and week one came with its challenges. The current enrolment for our school is well over 900 and while it is nice to have growth our guidance and administration have been scrambling to add classes and fix timetables. At the current moment our first semester has had three additional classes added to handle growth. If your child has a spare period in their timetable in second semester, we are aware of the problem and the school will be adding additional courses shortly. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

We would also like to welcome our new grade nine students who started with us on Tuesday. This Thursday the grade nine classes will be travelling to Camp Green Acres for some fun and team building exercises. The weather so far looks good and I'm looking forward to visiting the grade nines and our staff on that day. With the start of the new semester, fall sports have started as well. Girls' basketball, rugby sevens and cross country have started, our boys are playing volleyball, rugby sevens and cross country. For a full list of fall sports please contact our Phys Ed department. On Tuesday, September 19th we will have our annual club fair at lunch. On that day students will set up tables in the hallway during lunch to sign up new members and explain what their club has to offer. Our first student council event will take place this Wednesday night in 219 with a movie night for our students starting at 7:00 p.m.

Our first Parent Council meeting will take place on Monday September 18th at 7:15 p.m. in the library. There will be a presentation from our media arts and ACAM students and a report from the principal on our start up and the growth in enrolment at Thornlea. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Foti

Principal

Message from our Trustee

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#).

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.



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September 5, 2017

Dear York Region District School Board families,

As you may be aware, York Region District School Board is currently recruiting for a Director of Education. The responsibility of selecting a Director is one of the most important tasks of the Board of Trustees.

The Board has engaged the services of Phelpsgroup, a leading Canadian executive search firm, to gather your input into the qualities and characteristics of the Board's new Director of Education.

Your input is critical and will inform both the job description and evaluation criteria used in the recruitment process. Please take a few minutes to complete the [online survey](#) (also accessible through the Board website www.yrdsb.ca). The survey results will be submitted electronically directly to Phelpsgroup and held in strict confidence by the consultant.

Responses received by **September 17, 2017** will be considered in the initial development of the Director of Education job description and candidate profile. Responses received after this date and prior to **October 1, 2017** will be shared with trustees for their information.

If you require the survey in print format or translated into one of the Region's top 12 most spoken languages, please contact the Board at 905-727-0222 extension 2217 or email trustee.services@yrdsb.ca.

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Carruthers'.

Lorelea Carruthers

Chair
 York Region District School Board

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' FAIR

Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF) takes place September 22-24, 2017, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Don't let your students miss it!

The OUF is the only event where you can see all 21 Ontario universities in one place. It's a once-a-year, free event where attendees can talk directly with senior university faculty and representatives.

Busing students to the OUF?

If your school is busing students to the OUF on Friday, September 22, we ask that you share the following information with the bus company and driver to facilitate easy student drop-off and pick-up at the MTCC.

There will be 2 designated bus drop-off/pick-up zones:

1. Front St. W. (southern lane going east) between Windsor St. and Lower Simcoe St.
2. Lower Simcoe St. (western lane going south) between Front St. and Bremner Blvd.

There will be a police officer at the intersection of Front St. and Lower Simcoe St. to manage bus traffic.

Suggested route to bus drop-off/pick-up zones:

Exit the Gardiner Expressway at Spadina Ave.

Proceed north on Spadina Ave. and turn right on Front St.

Alternative route:

Exit Lake Shore Blvd. E. at Yonge St.

Proceed north on Yonge St. and turn left on Front St.

Turn left on Lower Simcoe St.

OUF Passport

By registering for an OUF Passport at www.ouf.ca/passport, students receive a bar code that they take to the OUF and get scanned at university booths and presentation rooms of their choice. It's the easiest way for them to share their contact information to receive more info about the universities they are interested in.

Encourage students to register for their OUF Passport in advance for a chance to win 1 of 3 prizes of a \$500 pre-paid credit card.

OUF Passport Guidance Counsellor Toolkit

As you may recall, we've compiled a toolkit to assist you with promoting the OUF Passport to your students. It includes key messages, sample school announcements, social media posts and ways to follow the OUF on social media. Click "Tools to Promote the OUF and OUF Passport" on the Guidance website.

University Information Program (UIP)

After the OUF, Ontario's universities are visiting a school near you! Check out the UIP schedule: <http://www.ouf.ca/uip/>

For more information:

Visit: www.ouf.ca

Follow us:

Facebook: OntarioUFair

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Attend:

www.facebook.com/events/665096507029168/

HERE'S THE NEWS

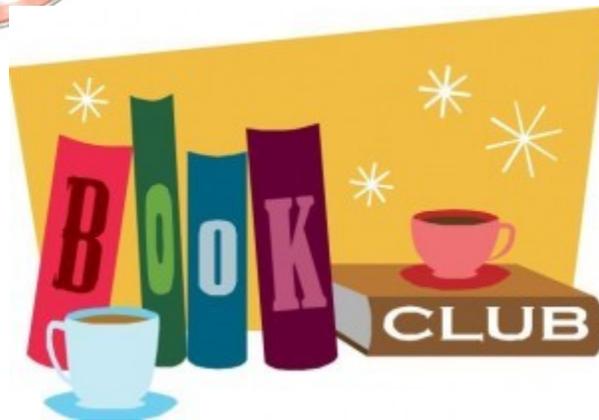
Club Fair @ Thornlea

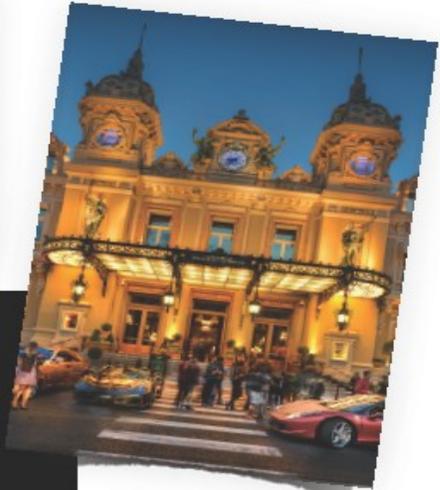
During Lunch!
September 19th

SCIENCE CLUB



And much more!!





Thornlea
Secondary School
& Georgia Hardy Tours

present:

PARIS & NICE!

May 10 - 18, 2018



**Registration Deadline: Friday,
September 29th!**
Please see Ms. Pilaram for more information.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



APPLICATION, PAYMENT & BOOKING CONDITIONS:

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return air transportation from Toronto**
- Connecting ground transportation in France
- Accommodation in first-class centrally located hotels
- All admission to fee and sights as specified in the itinerary
- Hotel taxes and surcharges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- A local GHT Rep managing logistics
- Youth travel insurance (emergency medical & trip cancellation/interruption)

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Departure taxes as of May 31, 2017: \$625.00
- Gratuities: \$50.00

**Based on air fares, land tariffs and currency exchange rates as of May 31, 2017 and a minimum of 20 participants. Please note the possibility of increases in airfares and land costs prior to departure. Any increase must be borne by the individual participant. **Flight Schedules are subject to change.

1. Please visit www.ghtour.com and then click the 'Apply Now' page for the full application and terms and conditions.
2. Click on 'March Break and School Organized Trip' and enter code: **THORNLEA-MAY2018**
3. Please have passport and credit card ready.

It is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that they have a valid passport and that no additional travel documents are necessary. Georgia Hardy Tours Inc. is not responsible for inadequate travel documents.

Georgia Hardy Tours reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary when necessary for the convenience and safety of tour participants. Any extra cost in the unlikely event of itinerary changes must be borne by the individual participant.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE (Based on 20 students):

- Non-Refundable Deposit: \$400.00 due upon registration
- Second Payment: \$1,575.00 due by October 6, 2017
- Final Payment: \$1,575.00 due by January 12, 2018

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION:

Payment Schedules are indicated in the body of the email(s) provided with your invoice(s). If at any other time you need a reminder of your payment schedule do not hesitate to ask.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

All requests for cancellation must be submitted in writing to Georgia Hardy Tours Inc. Charges for cancellation will be as follows:

- Deposit plus insurance: non-refundable
- Second Payment date + 1 day: 50% of the tour price is non-refundable
- Final Payment date + 1 day: 100% of the tour price is non-refundable

RESPONSIBILITY AND JURISDICTION:

Georgia Hardy Tours and their agents act only as agents for the passengers with respect to services supplied to passengers by others, including but not limited to transportation, hotel and restaurant services, on the express condition that they are not liable for any failure in such services, or injury, loss or damage, delay or inconvenience arising out of or in connection with any vehicle or any act, omission, accident or error in providing such transportation, hotel, restaurant or other services. There is no refund for unused portions of the tour. In case of an accident occurring during the land portion of any tour, the passenger must submit any claim thereon only to the competent judicial authorities of the jurisdiction where such accident occurred, to be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of such jurisdiction. By accepting the coupons and tickets and utilizing the services, the passenger agrees that Georgia Hardy Tours nor any affiliated or subsidiary companies or representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to the passenger or belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services or resulting directly from any occurrence beyond the control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation or changes in itinerary or schedules, etc. Georgia Hardy Tours and the agents reserve the right to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all of the tour or portions thereof. All tour services including, but not limited to hotel accommodations, restaurants, guide services and transportation are furnished by independent contractors.

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THORNLEA SECONDARY SCHOOL

Paris & Nice

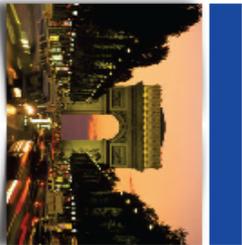
May 10 - 18, 2018



TOUR PRICE:

\$2,875.00 based on 20 students

\$2,675.00 based on 30 students



THURSDAY MAY 10
TORONTO - PARIS
Departure from Toronto on our overnight flight to Paris.



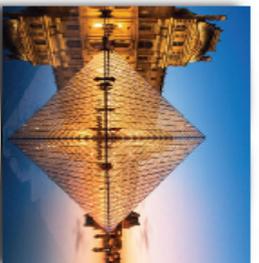
SATURDAY MAY 12

PARIS
This morning we will visit the Musee D'Orsay, located in the former railway station which has been restored to provide a spectacular setting for paintings of the Impressionists and Post-Impressionists. This afternoon, we will head to the "quarter" of Montmartre to see the famous Sacre Coeur Cathedral and explore this famous bohemian artist colony. Dinner this evening will be in a local restaurant in Montmartre.



FRIDAY MAY 11

PARIS
Morning arrival to Paris, the City of Light, famous for its history, art, culture and fashion. En route to our hotel, enjoy a guided orientation coach tour that will help us discover Paris. Along the way, pass such famous sights as the Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe, the Place des Invalides and the Eiffel Tower, once the world's tallest free-standing structure. Our GHT guide will take us for a walk around the hotel area prior to an early dinner and an early bedtime after our overnight flight.



MONDAY MAY 14

PARIS
Start your day with a tour of The Louvre. Once a former fortress, this massive Renaissance royal palace was transformed by the Revolution into a people's museum that houses a remarkable collection of more than 35,000 paintings, drawings, and sculptures. Today, The Louvre is the most visited art museum in the world. A guided tour of the museum will highlight masterpieces from Ancient Greece and Rome and paintings by Leonardo da Vinci (the Mona Lisa), Raphael and Rembrandt. The afternoon program takes us on a guided walking tour of the Five Gaucule, considered to be the centre for Parisian creativity and arts. Historically, its main artery was the rue St. Jacques, which follows the ancient underlying Gallo-Roman road. Stroll along the boulevards St. Michel and St. Germain, see the Sorbonne University and the Pantheon, a monument housing the tombs of the giants of French philosophy and literature, Hugo, Voltaire, Zola and Rousseau. Cross the Petit Pont, arrive at the de la Cite and behold the cathedral of Notre Dame, a spectacular example of Gothic architecture, and deservedly famous since the Middle Ages. To end your stay in Paris on a high note: enjoy an unforgettable cruise by Bateau-Mouches along the River Seine for a spectacular view of the illuminated city.



TUESDAY MAY 15
PARIS - NICE

This morning, depart Paris and travel by high speed train to Nice, a beautiful old city and the capital of the Cote d'Azur. After checking into the hotel, we will stroll to the old town centre and browse through the traditional provincial shops. Enjoy a guided tour of Nice's gourmet sweet shop, Florian Confitserie. Dinner in a local restaurant.

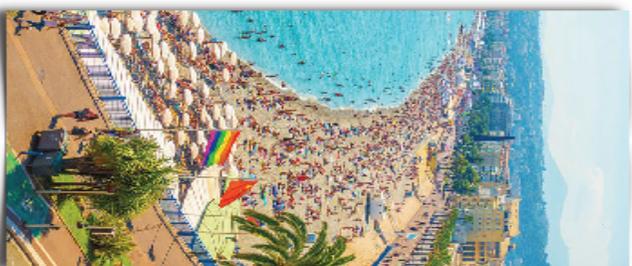


THURSDAY MAY 17
NICE-EZE-MONACO

Today's full-day excursion will begin with a visit to Eze, a fortified medieval village overlooking the Mediterranean. Enjoy a guided tour of the famous Parthenie Gaitmaid. We will continue to the neighbouring Principality of Monaco, a tiny sovereign State, and known internationally for the jet-set lifestyle of its royal family and the billionaires who drop anchor in the mega-yacht harbour. Many buildings reflect the Belle Epoque, including the famous Monte Carlo Casino, which is the most recognized landmark of the Principality. Witness the changing of the guards at the Prince's Castle. Explore the old town with its ornate Princely Palace and neo-romanesque Cathedral, the scene of Grace Kelly's fabled marriage to Prince Ranier in 1956. Visit the famous Jacques Cousteau Oceanographic Museum in Monaco. We will enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

SUNDAY MAY 13

PARIS - VERSAILLES - PARIS
This morning start your day with a visit to the Versailles Market for a true Parisian experience. Following our market visit, enjoy a guided excursion to the Chateau de Versailles, universally regarded as one of the masterpieces of French baroque architecture and the ultimate royal palace, designed specifically by Louis XIV to shock and awe* all who saw it. Pass from the grandeur Louis XIV Grande Apartments to the graceful Petits Apartments of Louis XV and Louis XVI, ultimately arriving in the spectacular Hall of Mirrors. Tour the surrounding Park with its statues and ornamental ponds and time permitting, visit the Petit Trianon, the favourite retreat of Marie Antoinette. This afternoon enjoy a climb up the Eiffel tower. We will dine in a delicious Parisian restaurant this evening.



FRIDAY MAY 18
NICE - TORONTO

Departure from Nice on our flight home to Toronto through Montreal.

Have you ever wanted to learn Korean? Why don't you sign up for Korean Credit Course?

It's the best way to learn Korean for High School Students
Studying Korean is not just about learning a new language!
Experience K-Pop, K-Drama, Korean Food, Korean Culture and more!

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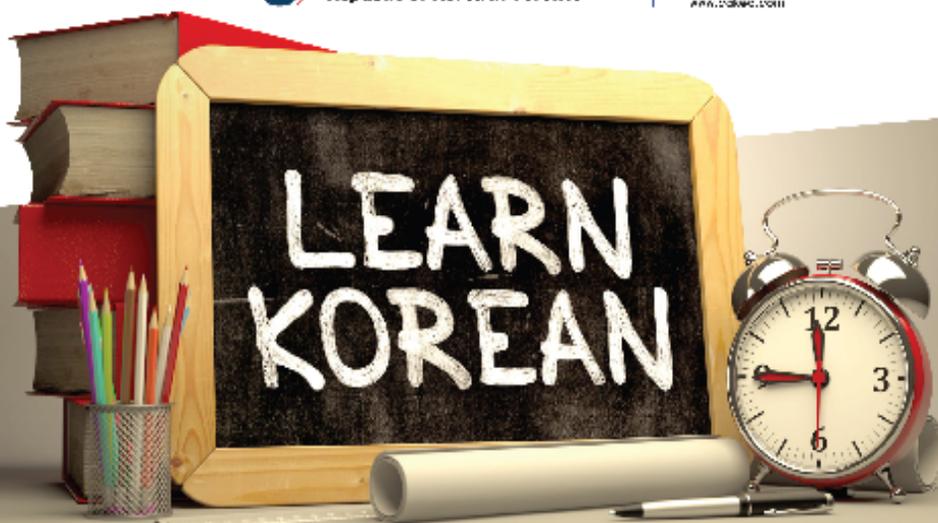
- Scholarship for outstanding students by teacher's recommendation
- Free trip to Korea sponsored by the Korean government
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HOW TO REGISTER

- Register in person at the school on the first day of class or through your district school board website
- Contact us for finding your school and registration method
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Mayor Frank Scarpitti
& Members of Council invite you



Sept. 8-10 | Markham Civic Centre

culture
music
fun!

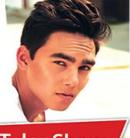


Free Event for All Ages, exciting line-up!

Celebrating Canada & Ontario's 150th Anniversary
Showcasing Markham's History & Diversity



Barenaked Ladies



Tyler Shaw



André-Philippe Gagnon



Jessica Mitchell



Grand Finale
Fireworks

3 DAYS OF CELEBRATIONS INCLUDE:

SEPT. 8 **8 pm - Music Under the Stars featuring: Markham Concert Band**
📍 Millennium Bandstand, Main St. Unionville

SEPT. 9 **2 pm - Berczy Statue Dedication** 📍 16th Ave. & Kennedy Rd.
8 pm - Entertainment featuring: Comedian Ali Hassan & Award Winning Singing Impressionist André-Philippe Gagnon
📍 Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Blvd.

SEPT. 10 **12 noon onwards - Children's Activities | Parade | Exhibits**
Entertainment | Food Trucks | Grand Finale Fireworks

6 pm - ONtour Concert Series featuring:
Barenaked Ladies | Tyler Shaw | Jessica Mitchell
📍 Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Blvd.

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For program details visit
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September 20	Terry Fox Run
September 25	PD Day
Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Safety Assemblies
October 5	Photo Day & Retakes
October 9	Thanksgiving Day
October 12	Interim Reports Home
October 16	School Council Meeting
October 19	Gr. 8 Family Night
October 20	PA Day
October 23	Spirit Assembly
October 24	Awards Ceremony
October 26	Parents' Night
November 1	Take Your Kids to Work Day Gr. 9's
	Take Your Kids to High School Day Gr. 8's
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