

# Thornlea SS

Principal: Joe Foti Vice-Principal: Kim Tavares Vice-Principal: Barb Caravella May 13, 2016

TSAC Car Wash to support Syrian Refugees! \$1,400.00 was raised!!



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## **Message From the Principal**

Dear Families and Community Members:

The beautiful temperatures and lovely Spring weather has finally made an appearance. We are looking forward to all the wonderful events and activities planned for the remainder of the school year.

Last Friday, during a PD Day, many student volunteers came to school to host a community car wash. There were line-ups across the parking lot and students had a great time, while raising money to support a family from Syria. Approximately \$1400.00 was raised all thanks to the donations from the community and student enthusiasm. Way to go Thornlea !!

Last week, our graduating class attended an assembly from MADD Canada. Students learned about the dangers of driving while impaired, just in time for the prom and graduation season. We ask that this year's graduates stay informed about upcoming events and deadlines related to Graduation as preparations for this year's ceremony are well underway. Be sure your child checks in with the Guidance Department if he/she has any questions about Graduation.

Last night, Thornlea hosted an evening of art, song, and music. Many talents were showcased this evening with contemporary and traditional art forms and music. Congratulations to all the students, including those working behind the scenes, who put on a magnificent show. A special thanks to the teacher-coordinators, Mr. Chan, Ms. Bern, and Ms. Gilkes, for their tireless efforts and commitment to organizing this event.

The month of May is exceptionally busy for Thornlea. Many spring sports are underway, including a canoe trip taking place this week and next week's Prom. We are also excited for Thornstock.

We would also like to inform families about the new method of collecting school payments, such as for field trips and gym uniforms, using the Board's School Cash Online system, giving parents/guardians the convenient option of purchasing school items, such as a yearbook, online, without having to send their child to school with large sums of money or cheques. More information on how to create an account using this system is provided within this bulletin. We encourage families to set up an account so that once this system is live at Thornlea, making online payments will be fast, easy, and convenient.

Our next School Council meeting is on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We hope that you can join us at 7:15 p.m. in the Library.

Warmest regards,

Barb Caravella Vice-Principal





## Thornlea Secondary School is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- · No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/.

## Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Your purchases will appear on your statement as "School Cash Online – YRDSB"

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- Parent Registration



#### Step 1: Register

- a) Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <u>http://thornlea.ss.yrdsb.ca/</u>
- b) select the "Get Started Today" button.

Complete each of the three Registration Steps

\*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters,

one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

#### Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your

account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

#### Step 3: Find Student

#### NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED

This step will connect your children to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name
- b) Enter the School Name
- c) Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
- d) Select Continue
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select Continue
- f) Your child has been added to your account

#### Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

#### NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the GET HELP option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

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#### April 20th Health & Wellness Day Photo Share!

On Wednesday, April 20th, Thornlea held its first-ever Health and Wellness Day: *Just for the Health of It!* Thank you to all of the students and staff who made this day a success. Here are some pics of the various activities, both in and out of school!







Ripley's Aquarium!































Rock Climbing!



Basketball & Volleyball

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Jam Session!













Board Games!











Karate!







Just for Fun!













## Thornlea Students Perform at Heintzman House



## Spring Concert and Art Show May 11th!











Both Mr. Foti and I would like to thank the amazing group of 19 students with whom we traveled to France this past April. They were wonderful ambassadors for Thornlea and we are grateful to have traveled with such a great group of young people. We left Thursday afternoon April 21st and returned late Friday evening the 29th.

Our time in Paris was filled with culture, history and breathtaking architecture. We spent our days walking through little-known parts of the city thanks to our expert Parisian guide and also explored popular tourist spots. Students were enamoured by the sheer flow of people going through the Louvre and at one point were no longer taking pictures of the Mona Lisa, but rather of the masses taking selfies in front of the masterpiece.

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Sampling a variety of cheeses at the market in Versailles

strike, which in the end worked in our favour since we all got bumped to first class on our trip to Nice!



Musée Picasso. Antibes

The Cote d'Azur was exactly what we expected, beautiful blue waters and lots of sun! We explored the Picasso museum in Antibes, saw the famous casino in Monte Carlo and even saw Prince Albert drive by with his motorcade, although I was the only one who was actually star struck! The most memorable part of the day though, was a tour of *la Parfumerie Gallimard* and being spritzed with a variety of scents. Most of us left with gifts for friends and family and some with a terrible migraine.

Overall we spent an unforgettable week together and enjoyed exploring central and southern France. We came back with memorable stories to share with family and a better understanding of French language, culture and history.

Warm regards,

N.Pilaram and J.Foti



Near the end of April, eighteen of my schoolmates, Madame Pilaram, Mr. Foti and I were able to go on a

fantastic trip to Paris and Nice, France for eight days to learn about french culture and to improve our French. The trip was a great success and so much fun. The weather didn't always agree with us, as it was cloudy and sometimes rainy in Paris, but that didn't matter. From the Eiffel tower to the Chateau de Versailles, Paris was a great experience to see what real French and Parisian culture is, including being pickpocketed. (It is ok, nothing was stolen) The baguettes and croissants were obviously amazing and the meals were delicious. Exploring the city of lights was breathtaking in the night on the Seine, the Eiffel tower lit up and sparkling was truly a once in a lifetime experience with friends. After walking all day everyone was exhausted every night. The best part, according to most of the students who went on the trip, was going to Nice, in the south of France, where it wasn't cold and cloudy but hot and sunny. Seeing the water on the rock beaches and soaking up just enough sun was the perfect way to end the trip. Seeing all of Monaco in less than an afternoon was quite exciting and beautiful to see, including petting baby sharks in the third largest aquarium in the world. Climbing the hills and mountains in Eze and Cannes was very tiresome but worthwhile after seeing the gorgeous views from the top and all the little shops on the way up. All in all everyone had an amazing time and



were sad to leave by the end of the week. The tour guides, Annie and Izabella, both in Paris and Nice were incredible, touring us around the cities and showing off the beauty of the country. The French immersion students and the core French students understood perfectly the French that was spoken and we all came back with improved vocabulary. To say the least, going to France was one of the best experiences in my life and a once in a lifetime opportunity that I think anyone interested should do. From all the students we would like to give a big thank you to Madame Pilaram for organizing this incredible trip for us and a special thank you to Mr. Foti for supporting this idea and for coming to make this awesome trip very memorable.

#### By: Katy Morassutti

Special thanks to those that contributed their ideas; Collin Kan, Da-heh Lee, Brianna Williams, Camryn Lum, Nilusha Rattansi, Nicholas Hua and Victoria Banh.



## Grade 12 Writer's Craft Children's Stories Johnsview Public School Lends Them A Hand

Mr. Capilongo's grade 12 Writer's Craft class have been working hard this month on their Children's fiction unit. They could choose to write picture book stories or chapter book stories or both. In order to get ideas and feedback Johnsview Public school was invited to have a school tour, lead by Mr. Alkins, and participate in a writer's brainstorming workshop. The grade 6 and 7 classes sat in brainstorming groups. Each group



was lead by a grade 12 student who took notes and received amazing feedback on their work. We are very grateful to have the classes visit Thornlea and look forward to having them return soon.





#### Thornlea Library Contest: Win an Indigo-Chapters Gift Card!

Check out the display in Thornlea Library, prepared with creativity and care by teacher-librarian Nancy Swailes, and try to match the celebrities with their favourite books!

Drop by the Library and fill out a ballot for your chance to win, thereby enhancing your summer reading pleasure!





Winner will be announced in June on the Thornlea Reads Google Classroom. Come to the Library today, and find out how to join!





We would like to congratulate 4 more current grade nine students that have already completed their Graduation Requirement of 40 Community Service Hours. That brings our new total to 21 Grade 9's that have earned VIP status and our 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.

Ms. Caravella, Vice-Principal Sara Hirji Madeleine Mungal Yasmine Shalehchi Sarah Webster

#### Hello all 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 Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) deadline has now passed. Currently over 130 Thornlea students have applied. We wish them all the best and will continue to answer their questions on the University selection process. The marks transmission for OUAC was completed on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Guidance will continue to monitor and support the College application process. Currently, over 40 Thonrlea students have applied. No PinCodes are distributed for College Applications; students will create their own on-line at <u>www.ontariocolleges.ca</u>.

Please note that the "equal consideration" deadline has passed (Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>), but students can still apply. The marks transmission for OCAS was completed on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

As for Scholarship information, please make an appointment to see Ms. Stephenson in the Guidance office. Two great websites to find out more information on scholarships are: <u>http://www.studentawards.com/</u>

#### http://www.electronicinfo.ca/en/page.php?id=21

Heading to college or university this fall? The **Ontario Government** could give you a **tuition grant**. Find out if you are eligible to apply at <u>www.Ontario.ca/30off</u>.

<u>University Applicants</u> - We highly recommend you accept your offer <u>before</u> the deadline of <u>June 1<sup>st</sup></u>. You should be contacted by <u>May 27<sup>th</sup></u> if you have been accepted into your program. The next OUAC transmission will be on <u>July 6<sup>th</sup></u>.

The next OCAS transmission will be on July 8th.

Graduating students who plan to attend college or university in September should **continue to check their OCAS and OUAC accounts and their email** on a regular basis. College bound students should have received a response from the colleges that they applied to and can expect to receive communication about payment of fees, with June 15<sup>th</sup> being the earliest that colleges can require payment of tuition fees. University bound students should expect a response from the universities that they have applied to by May 27<sup>th</sup>.

University bound students should verify the deadline for payment to secure a space in residence (usually June 1<sup>st</sup>).

A reminder that **all offers are CONDITIONAL upon the receipt of final grades** in July – students should continue to work hard to ensure the required final average.

#### Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied through OUAC for university!

Your mid-term grades from semester two have been processed by OUAC and sent to the Universities to which you have applied. Please log on to your online application in order to review your academic information. This verification is especially important if OUAC does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OUAC/your Universities because of a junk-mail setting with you inbox. If you see an error in your OUAC file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counsellor as soon as possible to have it corrected.

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College and University Open Houses are a popular way for prospective students to visit various Post-Secondary Institutions and evaluate them prior to applying and/or choosing. It is never too early to begin the search. The Guidance Department encourages all students, especially in grades 11 and 12 to attend the open house program of any potential future University/College. Please visit the University/ College website to confirm Open House schedules. Spaces can be limited.

#### **Commencement for the Class of 2016**

Thornlea's *Class of 2016* is getting ready to graduate. Please attend our 48<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony on **June 29<sup>th</sup>**, 2016 to celebrate your graduate's achievement!

Each year the graduating class of Thornlea Secondary School selects a graduating student to give the Valedictorian address at the Graduation ceremony. The students' choice of Valedictorian should be someone who can be counted upon to skillfully articulate to parents and students a "snapshot" of your years at Thornlea. The Valedictorian should be someone who exemplifies the character traits of responsibility, respect, honesty, empathy, fairness, initiative, courage, integrity, perseverance and optimism; who has demonstrated commitment to student life through active involvement in a variety of school activities and has contributed in a positive way to Thornlea. Art Murch was the first principal of Thornlea. When he retired in 1976, the staff set up a trust in his name. From the trust, The Art Murch Award, a monetary award is given annually to the graduating student who has a high academic standing, is very active in school life, and is highly regarded by his/her peers and teachers. The recipient should best exemplify the motto "Think and Be Thought Of". The winner is revealed at commencement. Valedictorian Candidates and Art Murch Candidates were nominated by their peers on a form available in the Guidance office. The nominations are completed at this time. Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 during homeroom. If you do not have a homeroom, voting will then take place during your lunch in the Guidance office on Tuesday, May 17, the same day. Graduating Students must show their Thornlea student card to receive a ballot.

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/Program" identified counselor, they should come to the Guidance Office before school starts (8:30 to 8:55), during their lunch, or after school (3:00 to 3:30).

We would also like to remind students that there is a new process in place for Community Service Hours (CSH). 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 a CSH sheet and pre-approval. Finally, a reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours as soon as possible. It is highly recommended that this be completed before June 1<sup>st</sup>, this is the deadline to accept your University Offer.

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.

#### **Summer School Registration Information**

The York Region District School Board will once again be offering acceleration and credit reinforcement courses during the summer. The 2016 summer school sites are as follows:

Keswick H.S. Langstaff S.S. Markham D.H.S. Middlefield C.I. Richmond Green S.S. Sir William Mulock S.S. Stephen Lewis S.S. Pierre Elliott Trudeau

Acceleration Courses (for those who wish to take a new course or upgrade a previous mark) will run from July 4 to July 29, 2016.

**Credit Recovery Reinforcement Courses** (for those who have not been successful in gaining the credit AND have received the recommendation of the home school administration) will run for two sessions. Session 1 will run from July 4 to July 15, 2016. Session 2 will run from July 18 to July 29, 2016. All classes start at 9:00 a.m. and finish at 3:19 p.m.

**YRDSB students** must <u>register online</u> using <u>Career Cruising</u> (same as regular course selection) by going to their own course planner and clicking on the *Con Ed* tab. Please see your Guidance Counsellor if you require some assistance. Registration opened on **Monday April 4, 2016** 

Attention all ESL students, if you are interested in taking ESLB, ESLC, ESLD, ELSE for <u>CREDIT</u> this summer with the YRDSB. Please come to the guidance office for details.

Registration for International Languages is now available via your Career Cruising Account for September 2016.

Follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/thornlea\_ss



Bayview Glen Public School hosted their Movie Night last Thursday. We had three student volunteers help out that were former BGPS students. Dylan Gould, Zachary Armel and Jamie Burrell are model students at Thornlea and they had a wonderful night giving back to their former Public School.



Doncrest Public School had their Annual BBQ on Thursday May 12th. Several Thornlea SS students, who attended Doncrest, supported their former Public School by volunteering their time to give back and support this event.



#### DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

#### INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2016-2017

#### Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

## So what are you waiting for!? Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 14 languages at 4 high schools.

#### Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: http://www.ilea.ca 03/11/15)

COURSE	<b>Level 1</b> (Grade 9/10)	Level 2 (Grade 11)	Level 3 (Grade 12)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		Prerequisite: Level 1	Prerequisite: Level 2	MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYF CU	LYF DU			Saturday	
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED			LKB DUE	Saturday			
ADVANCED PLACEMENT							
PUNJABI	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Saturday			

#### Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2016.

- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class

In celebration of

## Asian/South Asian Heritage Month

York Region DISTRICT SCHOOL BOALD InspireLearning!	Inclusive School & (	IE DATE! Community Services		
	Is hos	sting a		
Please Join Us!	Wellness Evening fo	r Parents & Students		
6:00-7:00 p.m.				
Community Partner Information Displays	What? FREE event for Par	ents/Caregivers and		
Light Dinner				
	students in our school communities.			
7:00-7:15 p.m. Welcome and Introductions	When? Monday May 16, 20	016		
7:15 -8:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m 8:30 p.m	n.		
Parent Workshop				
Supporting your child's				
wellness	Where? Middlefield Collegia	ate		
	525 High Glen Ave,			
Student Workshops (Grades 7-12) Embracing your social identity and wellness matters	JZJ nigi Glen Ave,			
	This event is made possible throug	gh a collaborative partnership with		
	Inclusive School & C	Community Services,		
Student Workshops (Grades JK-6) Interactive Cultural Activities	York Region District School Board, and Social Services Network			
For further information please contact the planning committee at Inclusive School and Community Services, YRDSB				
Teacher Liaisons : 905-884-2046Community Resource FacilitatorsAyesha Syed : ayesha.syed@yrdsb.ca or ext 271Yasmin Mawani, 905-940-8400 ext 122Pirasanya Gnanasuntharam: pirasanya.gnanasuntharam@yrdsb.ca or ext 270yasmin.mawani@yrdsb.caErica Shin: erica.shin@yrdsb.ca or ext 269Oksana Majaski, 905-738-5497 ext 215Cathy Ng: cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca or ext 267oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca				

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## **NEXT YEAR**

September 1 Registration Day Cash on line now available to pay fees online September 6 First Day School **Gr. 9 only** September 7 First Day School **All GRADES** September 14 Photo Day September 17 FIT DAY **Gr. 9 only** September 19 School Council Meeting