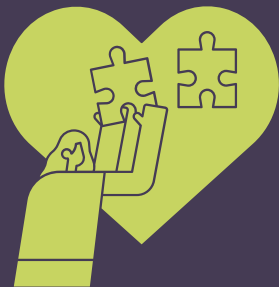




## **TWIC NEEDS YOUR INPUT TO SET WELLNESS GOALS**

The Thornlea Wellness Initiative Council (TWIC) aims to promote students' wellbeing by raising awareness on mental health through wellness events and activities. In order to set the wellness goals for this school year, TWIC needs parents and guardians' input on important wellness areas to focus on. Please click [here](#) to complete a simple survey which will only take a few minutes of your time. Thank you!

*Deadline: December 23, 2022*



## **Thornlea School Council**

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## **POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID**

At our last School Council meeting, Ms. Robyn Papoff, of George Brown College, gave a very informative presentation on financial aid for post-secondary education. Here are the highlights:

There are 4 different types of financial aid available: scholarships, bursaries/grants, awards, and loans; and they are often awarded by post-secondary institutions, corporations, organizations, and governments. About \$177 million in financial aid is available in Canada every year, of which \$5 million goes unclaimed.

Tips for applying for scholarships, grants, awards:

- Start early - research, work on resume and profile, collect reference letters - even in grade 10 or 11
- Make sure to meet application deadlines
- Proofread and spell check the applications
- Apply to as many as you can, no matter how small the amounts may be

For the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), only enrolment in approved post-secondary institutions in Ontario qualifies for 100% of the loan/grant. It takes 6 to 8 weeks for the application to be processed, and students must reapply every school year. After the application is approved, students can choose to accept or decline the grant and loan separately.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Winter Break

December 26, 2022 to  
January 6, 2023 inclusive

### Back to School in 2023

January 9, 2023

### School Council Meeting

February 21, 2023 7pm  
Thornlea S.S. Library and Online



There is an abundance of information on scholarships, awards, loans, and universities/colleges available on the internet. Below are some links to help your child get started on their search:

#### *Governments:*

[Ontario Student Assistance Program \(OSAP\)](#)

[Ontario Learn and Stay Grant](#)

[Government of Canada - scholarships](#)

[Government of Canada - grants and loans](#)

#### *Corporations and organizations:*

[Bank of Canada](#)

[Duck Brand](#)

[SGI Canada](#)

[Burger King](#)

[Socially Infused Media](#)

[Autism Ontario](#)

[Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario](#)

[National Educational Association of Disabled Students](#)

[Higher Ed Points](#)

#### *Scholarship directories:*

[Scholar Tree](#)

[Ontario Universities' Info](#)

[Student Awards](#)

[Disability Awards](#)

#### *General info about universities and colleges:*

[Universities Canada](#)

[Campus Guides](#)

[Ontario's Transfer and Pathways Guide](#)

If your child needs help with university/college and financial aid applications, please contact the [Guidance Department](#).

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING

### FlipGive

Love online shopping? You can support Thornlea by making your Christmas and Holiday gift purchases on your favorite online stores via FlipGive.

A percentage of your purchases will help support the various initiatives organized by the School Council.

Click [here](#) to join!



## RESOURCES



[University application info](#)

[College application info](#)

[Daily announcements website](#)

[School Council News back issues](#)

[School Council meeting  
agendas/minutes](#)