



## **WELCOME BACK, THORNLEA PARENTS AND GUARDIANS!**

The School Council (SC) would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning families. First and foremost, let's introduce our 15 council members who are a group of dedicated parent volunteers working hard to help create an exceptional learning environment for all our children this year.

Executive Members:

Myra C. (Co-chair)

Eva S. (Co-chair)

Diana L. (Communications)

Sharon A. (Extracurricular)

Claudia M. (Secretary)

Jim Z. (Treasurer)

Our Members at Large include Amir S., Aroon B., Grace Y., Homeira S., Jady K., Jennifer F., Juliana P., Lee Ann C., and Syed A.

We have a few exciting initiatives we are working on. We'll share more in the next newsletter.

We would like to thank Mr. Foti, Ms. Patrick, and Ms. Johnson-Lee for getting the school off to a great start. We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of teachers and staff who are instrumental in guiding our children through their high school years.

Sincerely, Thornlea School Council



## **ANOTHER INFORMATIVE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - AND IT WENT HYBRID!**

Our first hybrid School Council meeting took place on October 17, 2022. Many parents joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams, while some parents joined in-person.

Some highlights of the meeting are:

Ms. Johnson-Lee, our Vice Principal, provided an update on behalf of Administration. A great news is that Ms. Johnson-Lee contacted York Region Transit with regards to the overcrowding situation on the Bayview buses, and YRT will be working to resolve the issue.

Mr. Alkins, Head of Guidance, gave a very informative presentation on university application. For those parents who were not able to attend the meeting, presentation slides are available on the [Thornlea Guidance Department page](#). College application information is also available [here](#).

Mr. Ram, our Teacher Representative, informed us that the [Thornlea Robotics Team](#), which had won many awards in prior years, will participate in two competitions this year.

Michael and Ryan, our Student Representatives, were very excited to share the many events organized by various clubs at Thornlea, including Homecoming and Semi-Formal.

We look forward to seeing you at our next School Council meeting on November 21, 2022 at 7pm, in-person or online!



# THORNLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Take our Kids to Work Day (Gr. 9)**  
November 2, 2022

**Homecoming & Semi-Formal**  
November 17, 2022  
Paradise Banquet Hall

**P.A. Day**  
November 18, 2022

**School Council Meeting**  
November 21, 2022 7pm Thornlea  
S.S. Library and Online

**Full Disclosure Day (Gr. 11 & 12)**  
November 29, 2022



## A NOTE FROM OUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

Dear parents and caregivers of Thornlea Secondary School students,

Thornlea S.S. offers students a wealth of opportunities to engage in extracurricular activities. In fact, for the 2022-23 school year, students can choose from 42 different clubs in which to participate!

The clubs at Thornlea focus on a variety of interests, such as debating, math, robotics, poetry, wellness art, chess, athletics and fashion. Clubs are an important way for your children to expand their knowledge and skills, connect with their peers and possibly discover a new passion.

To help the leaders of student clubs organize their events, this year, Thornlea has introduced a new role on the School Council leadership team: Extracurricular Activities Coordinator. In this role, I look forward to supporting the club leaders in helping to plan and execute great activities and engage students.

If you are looking for information on Thornlea's clubs for this year, please visit the [Clubs page](#) on the school's website. We invite you to encourage your children to check out and join clubs as a way to explore their interests, develop their strengths and maximize their experience at Thornlea.

Warmly,  
Sharon A.

## FlipGive

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