

Thorp Cardinal News

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THORP

Dates to Start Your Year

- NOW- All athletic forms completed to participate in sports this year
Check Page 3 of this newsletter for fall athletic schedules & instructions
- August 13- Skyward forms for all students open
- August 22- Open House 9am-7pm- for all students
- September 3- First Day of School

Welcoming You Back to School

Dear Elementary Families,

We look forward to welcoming you back during our **Open House Day on Thursday, August 22nd, which includes two sessions from 9-11 am and 4-7 pm.** This year, no appointments are necessary. Plan your visit for either of those sessions at a time that is convenient for you. Your family will meet the teacher, explore the classroom, take school photos, and drop off school supplies. Further details will be sent to you via email. We encourage all families to attend this event.

Dear Middle/High School Families,

7th Grade Orientation Sessions at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.
9th Grade Orientation Sessions at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.

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All registration forms will need to be filled out online. This can be done starting August 13th You will need to go to www.thorp.k12.wi.us. Once there, click FAMILY ACCESS located on the top of the page. It will ask for your SKYWARD Login ID and Password. When you are logged in it will tell you which forms need to be filled out for each of your students. Follow the step by step directions for the registration form. You may have to expand to full screen depending on what device you use. If you do not have access to a computer, some will be set up for you to use on August 22nd. If you need your family access username and password, please contact the Elementary Office at 715-669-5548 or MS/HS Office at 715-669-5401.

You will find the Free/Reduced Meals Application in this newsletter. You will be able to access the application on your SKYWARD account also. Please use the online application if possible. Go to Food Service and in blue print at the top center of page click on Applications.

School supply lists can be accessed on our website at www.thorp.k12.wi.us under FAMILIES & Supply Lists



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**First Day of School
September 3**

Picture Day:

During Open House

August 22



Order online at:

Jostens.com

Create account, use codes:
Elementary-FE232224

MS-FE232324

HS-FE232524

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It is our goal to build a positive partnership with parents and students. In doing so, we have some important information centered around Open House that we would like to share with our families.

We will have 3 opportunities for 7th Graders and 9th Graders to attend Orientation Sessions. In addition to the orientation session, all parents and students will have the opportunity to check out technology, meet teachers, and get into their lockers. School Pictures will also be taken in the Commons.

7th Grade Orientation (& new MS students)

- All presentations will be held in the Blue Pod Science Room 154
- Some important information that will be shared will include; Student Handbook highlights, Skyward, sports and extracurricular activities, class schedules, etc.
- There will be drawings for Cardinal gear after each presentation for anyone in attendance at that session!

9th Grade Orientation (& new HS students)

- All presentations will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room
- Some important information that will be shared will include; Student Handbook highlights, Skyward, sports and extracurricular activities, graduation requirements etc.
- There will be drawings for Cardinal gear after each presentation for anyone in attendance at that session!

Meeting Your Teachers

- Stop by your teacher's classroom to introduce yourself and say hello.

Student Forms and Chromebooks

- Your child should pick up their Chromebook from the Flex Room next to the middle/high school office.
(forms completed before issued)
- If you need to complete online forms at school, Chromebooks will be available in the Flex room.
- Outstanding technology fees need to be paid before students can receive a Chromebook.
- Food Service/lunch applications, bus transportation, and medical information will be in the Flex Room also

Locker Setup

- Locker numbers and combinations will be on the class schedule sheet that students receive during open house.
- Students can practice opening their lockers, bring their school supplies, organize their lockers, and decorate lockers if they choose.

New Students

- Please call the office after August 19th, Elem office: 715-669-5548 HS/MS/District office: 715-669-5401
Thank you for all you do for your child(ren). We look forward to an exciting day and an incredible school year!
Mr. Adrian Foster
MS/HS Principal

Elementary Families:

I hope you have been enjoying a fantastic summer break together, full of great memories and relaxation. As we approach the new school year, I am looking forward to welcoming each student back with a warm smile and offering unwavering support for their learning and success. I truly believe that every student has the potential to thrive and achieve great things. I am excited to work closely with your family to ensure that the upcoming 2024-2025 school year is the best one yet. In addition, the elementary staff will be here to assist and encourage you and your child every step of the way.

All of us at the School District of Thorp are dedicated to providing the best possible support for each and every child. We will go above and beyond to ensure your child's success and well-being. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education.

Wishing you all a wonderful rest of your summer! Please reach out if there is anything I can assist you with.

Mrs. Shaunna Schneider
Elementary Principal



Athletic Registration

All athletes are required by the WIAA to have a current physical on file with the school and all waivers signed with the school before they can participate in any sport. All registrations are done electronically for all athletics, these forms will be filled out and submitted online.

Go to our school website at www.thorp.k12.wi.us click on “Athletics & Activities” “create an account on the athletic page of the website”

Click on the cardinal icon to start

First Time Users - Register & Create an Account, Family Account Login for Returning Users

Note: If you previously created an account and want to *add a sibling* or *new student*, login to your family account.

DO NOT create a separate account. Contact Molly Schraufnagel, mschraufnagel@thorp.k12.wi.us for help.

ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE ONCE YOU START THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.

Please email Mr. Rhyner with your sports questions, krhyner@thorp.k12.wi.us

Athletic Dates to start the year

August 5	Athletic Code Meeting– 7pm in MPR (for all athletes and parents)
August 5	HS/MS Cross Country Parent meeting - 7:30pm (after AC meeting) in Flex Room
August 13	HS Football practice- 4pm (Aug. 7 Impact test- 4pm)
August 19	HS/MS Cross Country practice & Impact test– 6pm
	HS VB practice– 4:00pm
	MS Football practice– 3:30pm
August 20	HS VB Parent Meeting– 5:45pm in MPR
August 21	MS VB Parent meeting– 6pm in Elem. commons
August 28	MS VB practice & Impact test – 3:30pm

Important Food Service Update

Eligibility for free and reduced price meals is based on Federal income eligibility guidelines or participation in other programs including Food Share, W-2 Cash Benefits, Food Distribution on Indian Reservations, and some Medicaid programs. Households are encouraged to apply for free or reduced price meal benefits before the start of the school year.

Applications can be found on our district website: www.thorp.k12.wi.us under Families, Food Service, or by visiting the school office for a hard copy, and on pages 5-6 in this newsletter (directions on page 4). Applications will be available at Open House Aug. 22 also.

If you have questions, are unsure of your child(ren)s eligibility for free or reduced price meals, or would like to request an application, please contact Dan Abramczak at dabramczak@thorp.k12.wi.us or 715-669-5401 Ext 2360.

For the 2024-25 school year, the price of reduced and paid lunches are as follows: extra Milk \$.45

Grades	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary (4K-6)	\$1.55	\$3.00
Middle (7-8)	\$1.75	\$3.25
High (9-12)	\$1.75	\$3.25
Reduced Price (All grade levels)	\$0.30	\$0.40

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced price school meals. You only need to submit one application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in Thorp. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced price school meals. Please follow these instructions in order. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact Dan Abramczak, 715-669-5401, dabramczak@thorp.k12.wi.us if your child attends a Community Eligibility Provision School (CEP), receipt of free breakfast and lunch meals does not depend on returning this application; however, this information is necessary for other programs.

PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.

STEP 1: LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO ARE INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

Who should I list here? When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:

- Children grades 12 or under AND are supported with the household's income; and
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth, or enrolled in a Head Start program.

A) List each child's name. Print each child's name. Use one line of the application for each child. When printing names, write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If there are more children in household than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for the additional children.

B) Enter the grade and the name of the school the child attends or mark n/a if not in school.

C) Do you have any foster children? If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the children's names. If you are ONLY applying for foster children, after finishing STEP 1, go to STEP 4. Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to step 3.

D) Are any children homeless, migrant, runaway or enrolled in a Head Start program? If you believe any child listed in this section meets this description, mark the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway or Head Start" box next to the child's name and complete all steps of the application.

STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits OR FDIPIR?

If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or FoodShare.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or W-2 Cash Benefits.
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

A) If no one in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:

B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above assistance programs:

- Write a case number and name of the assistance program you or any member of the household participates in

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

- Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the boxes to the right of each field.

3.A. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY CHILDREN

A) Report all income earned or received by children. Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in STEP 1 in your household in the box marked "Child Income." Only count foster children's personal income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household.

What is Child Income? Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid DIRECTLY to your children. Many households do not have any child income.

3.B. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY ADULTS

List adult household members' names.

- Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.
- **Do NOT include:**
 - People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household.
 - Infants, children and students already listed in STEP 1.

C) Report earnings from work. Report all total gross income (before taxes) from work in the "Earnings from Work" field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income.

What if I am self-employed? Report income from that work as a net amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue.

F) Fluctuating Income. For seasonal workers and others whose income fluctuates and usually earn more money in some months than others. In these situations, project the annual rate of income and report that. This includes workers with annual employment contracts but may choose to have salaries paid over a shorter period of time; for example, school employees.

D) Report income from public assistance/child support/alimony/SSI/VA benefits. Report all income that applies in the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the application. Do not report the cash value of any public assistance benefits NOT listed on the chart. If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments should be reported as "other" income in the next part.

E) Report income from pensions/retirement/all other income. Report all income that applies in the "Pensions/Retirement/Social Security/All Other Income" field on the application.

G) Report total household size. Enter the total number of household members in the field "Total Household Members (Children and Adults)." This number MUST be equal to the number of household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 3. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced price meals.

H) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their SSN in the space provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a SSN. If no adult household members have a SSN, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled "Check box if no SSN."

STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

An adult member of the household must sign the application. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.

A) Provide your contact information. Write your current address in the fields provided if this information is available. If you have no permanent address, this does not make your children ineligible for free or reduced price school meals. Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.

B) Print or sign your name. The adult filling out the application must print or sign their name in the signature box.

C) Return completed form to:
Thorp HS
Dan Abramczak
PO Box 449
Thorp, WI 54771

D) Share children's racial and ethnic identities (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children's race and ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals.

SOURCES AND EXAMPLES OF INCOME

For additional information on income, please refer to the instructions that accompany this application.

Sources of Income		Examples of Income for Children
Earnings from Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary, wages, cash bonuses, tips, commissions Net income from self-employment (farm or business) 	Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment benefits Workers' compensation Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cash assistance from State or local government Alimony payments Child support payments Veterans benefits Strike benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
If you are in the U.S. Military: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances) Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing 	Pensions/Retirement/All other sources of income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security/Disability (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) Private Pensions or disability benefits Income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Earned interest Rental income Regular cash payments from outside household 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

OPTIONAL Children's ethnic and racial identities. This information is kept confidential and may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity (check one): Hispanic or Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race) Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

Return this completed form to your child's school. *Do not mail, fax, or email completed applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

DO NOT FILL OUT For school use only. If all students listed on this application attend CEP schools, the processing of this application cannot be paid for by the nonprofit school food service account.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12. Do not annualize income to determine eligibility unless more than one income frequency is listed.

Total Income: _____

Household size: _____

How often? Weekly Every 2 Weeks 2x/Month Monthly Annual

Eligibility: Free Reduced Denied

Categorical Eligibility

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Verifying Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Use of Information Statement

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced price meals. We can only approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met. Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, check if no Social Security Number Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number. Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway.

*MAIL: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

FAX: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
program.intake@usda.gov

EMAIL: program.intake@usda.gov

*Do not mail applications to this address, only complaints of discrimination.

Return completed form to your child's school.

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STUDENT IMMUNIZATION LAW

Parents/Guardians:

Please check over the following chart and make sure your student is compliant with the new laws for immunization. If they are not, please get the required shot/s to bring them to the state requirements.

Non-compliant vaccination letters will be going out to families that have students behind on shots. If you have received those shots, please inform the school office with the date immunization was given, so records can be updated.

Thank You, Elementary Office:715-669-5548 Middle School/High School/District Office: 715-669-5401

The following are the minimum required immunizations for each age and grade level according to the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law. These requirements can be waived for health, religious, or personal conviction reasons. Additional immunizations may be recommended for your child depending on his or her age. Please contact your doctor or local health department to determine if your child needs additional immunizations.

Grade/Age	Number of Doses						
Pre-K (ages 2 through 4 yrs)	4 DTaP/DTP/DT		3 Polio	3 Hepatitis B	1 MMR	1 Varicella	3 Hib 3 PCV
Kindergarten through Grade 6	4 DTP/DTaP/DT		4 Polio	3 Hepatitis B	2 MMR	2 Varicella	
Grades 7 through 11	4 DTP/DTaP/DT	1 Tdap	4 Polio	3 Hepatitis B	2 MMR	2 Varicella	1 Mening
Grade 12	4 DTP/DTaP/DT	1 Tdap	4 Polio	3 Hepatitis B	2 MMR	2 Varicella	2 Mening

1. Children 5 years of age or older who are enrolled in a Pre-K class should be assessed using the immunization requirements for Kindergarten through Grade 5, which would normally correspond to the individual's age.
2. D = diphtheria, T = tetanus, P = pertussis vaccine. DTaP/DTP/DT/Td vaccine for all students Pre-K through 12: Four doses are required. However, if a student received the 3rd dose after the 4th birthday, further doses are not required. Note: A dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
3. DTaP/DTP/DT vaccine for children entering Kindergarten: Each student must have received one dose after the 4th birthday (either the 3rd, 4th, or 5th dose) to be compliant. Note: a dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
4. Tdap is an adolescent tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis combination vaccine. If a student received a dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine, such as Td, within five years before entering the grade in which Tdap is required, the student is compliant and a dose of Tdap vaccine is not required.
5. Polio vaccine for students entering grades Kindergarten through 12: Four doses are required. However, if a student received the 3rd dose after the 4th birthday, further doses are not required. Note: a dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
6. Laboratory evidence of immunity to hepatitis B is also acceptable.
7. MMR is measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the 1st birthday. Laboratory evidence of immunity to all three diseases (measles and mumps and rubella) is also acceptable. Note: A dose four days or less before the 1st birthday is also acceptable.
8. Varicella vaccine is chickenpox vaccine. Students with a reliable history of varicella disease are not required to receive the Varicella vaccine. A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber must document a reliable history of varicella disease by indicating that the student has had varicella and signing the Student Immunization Form (DHS Form 04020L).
Students (excluding new enterers and kindergartners) with a parental report of disease prior to May 2024 are considered compliant.
9. One dose of Meningococcal vaccine (serogroup A,C,W,Y) is required for students entering 7th grade, and a booster dose is required for students entering 12th grade. Students are assessed for this requirement in 7th grade and 12th grade only. Current Wisconsin students in 8th-11th grade will not be assessed for this requirement until they enter 12th grade. A second dose is not required for students who received their first dose of MenACWY at age 16 years or older.

Start College Now/Early College Credit Program

The Early College Credit Program allows juniors and seniors who meet certain requirements to take courses at a university or technical college. The student does not have to pay for a postsecondary course if the school board determines the course may receive high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the school district.

For further information contact:

Military Recruiter Access

On January 8, 2002 the federal government passed the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). As part of this, the law requires that public schools provide student lists to military recruiters of the current juniors and seniors. These student lists will include the following: name, graduation year, birth date, address, and telephone number. NCLB also allows parents to remove their students' name from the school that will be given to the recruiters.

If you would like your son or daughters' name removed from the list, you will be able to indicate that on your child's Skyward registration.



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Thorp, WI 54771
Phone: 715-669-5401
Fax: 715-669-3701

For school calendar information, staff
e-mail addresses, sports, resources,
and more, check out our Web site at:

www.thorp.k12.wi.us

THORP

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.