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We define the transverse push-off of a Legendrian graph and we determine its self linking number for Legendrian  $\theta$ -graphs. In the case of topologically planar  $\theta$ -graphs, we prove that the topological type of the transverse push-off is that of a pretzel link  $L(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ , whose coefficients  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  are determined by the Thurston-Bennequin number of the graph. (Received August 18, 2013)