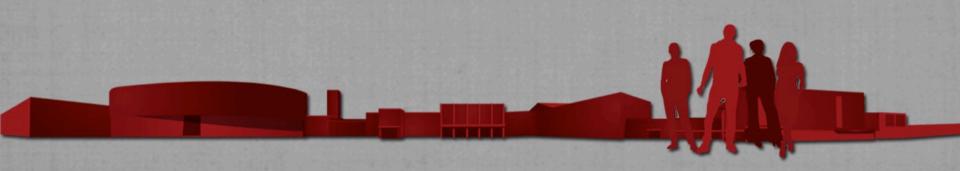
#### THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

# BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

#### **Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:**

Blue Island \* Burnham \* Calumet City \* Dixmoor \* Dolton \* East Hazel Crest \* Harvey \* Hazel Crest \* Lansing \* Markham \* Phoenix \* Posen \* Riverdale \* South Holland \* Thornton



# Open Session

# Roll Call

# Pledge of Allegiance



## Committee of the Whole

- Report from Curriculum Committee
- Report from Finance Committee
- Report from Policy Committee
- Report from Discipline Committee
- Report from Facilities Committee

# Consent Agenda

- Approval of District 205 Bills dated January 10, 2019 through February 13, 2019
- **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated February 13, 2019
- Approval of Minutes of Regular and Executive Meetings dated November 14, 2018
- Approval of Minutes of Regular and Executive Meetings dated December 12, 2018
- Ratification(s):
  - Overnight fieldtrip: Thornridge High School IHSA Chess Team Conference, Peoria, IL, February 7-9, 2019
  - Overnight fieldtrip: Thornton Township High School IDTA Competitive Dance State Finals, Springfield, IL, February 8-10, 2019
  - Overnight fieldtrip: Thornwood High School Boys' Varsity Basketball College Exposure Shootout, Central Michigan University, February 8-10, 2019
  - Overnight fieldtrip: Thornwood High School IHSA Wrestling Individual State Finals, University of Illinois Urbana, February 13-17, 2019

# Public Hearing

• BINA Hearing for Proposed Working Cash Fund Bond Issuance-Intent of the Board of Education to sell \$2,785,000 - Mr. Horton

## Public Participation

We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the "executive session."

Your name will not be called if you do no sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.

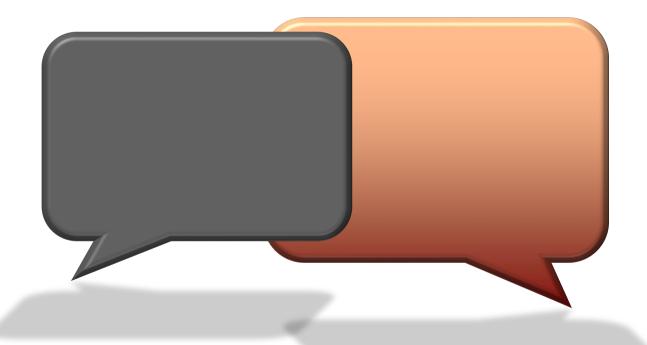
## Freedom Of Information Act

• Dr. Doss



# Communications

• Mr. Arrington



#### THORNRIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to our Thornridge Seniors! As of January 2019, our Graduating Class of 2019 has earned over \$2.6 million in scholarships and grants! Seniors Angel Williams, Evelyn Espinoza, and Nimotalai Lawall (pictured) have

earned full scholarships to multiple universities. Keep up the great work Falcon Scholars! We are TR!



#### THORNRIDGE SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL

Our TR Special Olympics basketball team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their division at last month's tournament, and they are now headed to the state competition in March! Congratulations to our student athletes and Coach Miller and Coach Garcia!



#### **THORNRIDGE WRESTLING**

Saturday, February 2nd, Rashaun Anderson represented the Thornridge Falcons by placing 4th in the state series Regional varsity wrestling tournament. Congratulations Rashaun and keep up the hard work!



#### THORNRIDGE SCIENCE CLUB

Congratulations to the Thornridge Science Club! The club competed at Andrew High School on 01/19/19 for the last SWSC Science Competition. Thornton Smith won a Silver Medal in the Paper Airplane Competition while Yescenia Diaz and Kristina Wilson took home another Silver medal in the Marble Maze contest! Congratulations on all their hard work!

Team members are as follows: Yescenia Diaz, Kristina Wilson, Kenneth Wilson, Thornton Smith, Salamot Balogun, Sarai Hurst, Aniah Hurst, Rayven Foreman, Rachel Adedeji, Ryan Ifebueme, Stacy Ifebueme, Moses Osineye, Tiana Blake, Caitlyn Williams, Aaliyah Tolar, and Kiyah Oparah

#### IHSA SPEECH REGIONAL COMPETITION

This past Saturday, the speech team competed at IHSA Regional speech competition at Eisenhower High School. Winning 1<sup>st</sup> place regionally at both Individual and Performance In The Round (PIR) competitions. The following students placed top four and advanced to Sectional:

<u>Desiree Parker</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> place in	Dramatic Interpretation
Michael Williams	3 <sup>rd</sup> place in	Extemporaneous Speaking
Caileb Travier & Ma	alachi Wright 4 <sup>th</sup> place in	Humorous Duet Acting
<u>Ira McDowell</u>	1st place in	<b>Humorous Interpretation</b>
Kavonya Moore	1st place in	Informative Speaking
Caileb Travier	2 <sup>nd</sup> place in	<b>Oratorical Declamation</b>
<u>Ira McDowell</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> place in	<b>Original Comedy</b>
Zion Hurndon	2 <sup>nd</sup> place in	Original Oratory
Kavonya Moore	1 <sup>st</sup> place in	Prose Reading
Arin-Ola Adewole	4 <sup>th</sup> place in	Radio Speaking
Malachi Wright	1 <sup>st</sup> place in	Special Occasion Speaking

The PIR cast took 1st place. The cast includes:

Dairyon Bolden Aaliyah Evans

Anaya Gonzalez JaSaun Fields

Yalari Trice Michael Green

Destiny Kelly Giselle Perez

Congrats to all and Break a leg at Sectionals this Saturday!









Last weekend, the wrestling team competed in the JV Conference Tournament. 1<sup>st</sup> place - Chris Barker. 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Desmond Kelly. 5<sup>th</sup> place - Jonathan Davis and 6<sup>th</sup> place - Keevon Osborne. Job well done wrestlers and thanks for a great season.

This past weekend the Varsity wrestlers competed in the IHSA Regionals. Jamal Osborne became a 2x Champion this weekend, currently ranked 8th in the State. 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Steve Collins and is a honorable mention ranked in State. 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Bernell Bennett. All three advanced to this weeks Sectionals at Bolingbrook HS, one step away from going to the State Championships. Also, special mention to 4<sup>th</sup> place winner Desmond Kelly and had a great season this year. Congrats to all the wrestlers that competed this year and GO WILDCATS!



## TW's 1st Annual "Clash of the Classes"

On 01.07.19 TW Students had an opportunity to reset and start the second semester on a positive theme by attending the "Clash of the Classes" Assembly. By allowing students this day, it supported both the District Improvement Plan (DIP) and the School Improvement Plan (SIP). It promoted relationship building and helped to forge relationships between peers and staff thus aiding in a positive school culture.

The activities were fun, thoughtful, and inspirational. Everyone left feeling refreshed, revived, and excited about things to come during their 2nd semester, Even TW's very own Principal got in on the action.

**Thunderbird Nation** 



## **TW Mathletes**

The Thornwood Mathletes competed at the SWSC conference tournament on January 23rd. Our Thunderbird Mathletes took home awards in 10 of the 15 events.

1st Place competition and students who received awards last night include:

Systems of Equations (Sophomores): Teresa Funes-Martinez

Filiberto Lopez

Zakiyah Muhammad

Christine Nosike

Daria Tindall

Joshlyn Zambrano



## **TW Athletics**

#### **CHELBY FRAZIER SHOOTOUT**

#### **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

In honor of one of Thornwood's very own, Coach Slavich along with the Athletic Department, decided to host a shootout in memory of Chelby Frazier. The inaugural Chelby Frazier shootout was a success offering stiff competition from Thornridge, Harlan, Thornton Township, Chicago Agricultural Science, Rich Central, Hyde Park, Southland Prep, & Thornwood. Ms. Kawania Caesar (Chelby's Mother) was present at the game and received a poster of Chelby in remembrance of his Thornwood

basketball games. Ms. Caesar was able to promote the Chelbo The Legend Foundation in his memory. We look forward to continuing Chelby's legacy and working alongside

his mother to achieve this goal!



IN HONOR OF CHELBY FRAZIER



**Thunderbird Nation** 

## **TW National Signing Day**

Congratulations to our TW Football Scholar-Athletes and their families for signing letters of intent on February 6, 2019, which is National Signing Day. Congratulations to the following students:

- Jaylen Richardson St. Ambrose University
- Jaylin Ford Robert Morris University
- Josue Fernandez Valparaiso University
- Dillon Watson Robert Morris University



## TW Athletics

TW Co-Ed Varsity Cheer Team Qualified in the 2019 IHSA Sectional Competition and Competed Downstate (Bloomington, IL) this past weekend. Under the direction of Head Coach Billie Griggs, this is the cheer team's 23<sup>rd</sup> state appearance in the last 27 years. After such a successful season including 1<sup>st</sup> place in the ICCA State Cheerleading Competition, Mrs. Griggs will be retiring this school year. Mrs. Griggs has definitely left a lasting legacy and she will be missed. Congratulations to Mrs. Griggs, Assistant

Coaches and our hardworking student-scholar

athletes.



# TW Hosts BURGER WARS

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Thornwood High School and Fuze Catering celebrate BURGER WARS through a student chef cooking competition. Many of the youth have never made their own burger. Making your own burger in America is a rite of passage! Participating students are asked to prepare a burger in their culinary arts class with their kitchen lab groups, the catch is they have to add at least one fruit or vegetable to their burger. The burgers will be judged by a panel.

Guest judges included: Chef James Sanders, Fuze Catering & Owner, Dirty Bird restaurant, Shagg Nice on-air radio personality, Power 92.3, TW teacher-Chef Henderson and Thornwood's own principal - Don Holmes.



**Thunderbird Nation** 

## Unfinished Business

# New Business

Presentation: Kristin Moran (TR Teacher and Author) –
 Mr. Fickes



## About the Author/Illustrator

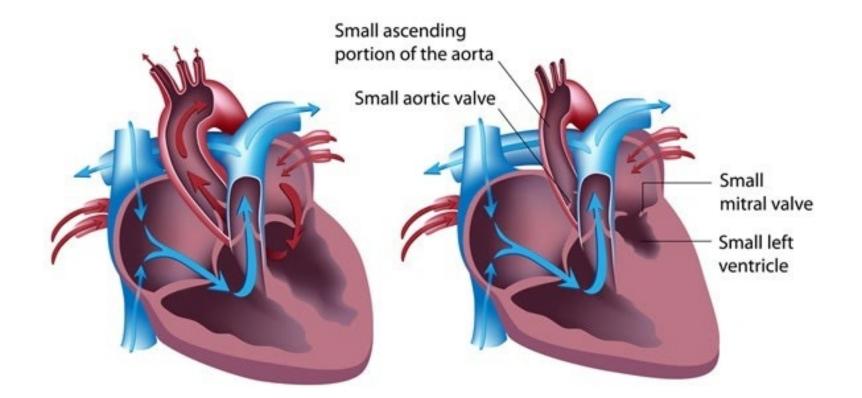
- ▶ Teacher at Thornridge High School
  - ► Art for 10 years (2006-2016)
  - English for 3 years (2016-current)
- ▶ Background:
  - ▶ BA Dominican University
  - ► MA St. Xavier University
  - Co-wrote and revised curriculum
    - Including the Digital Arts curriculum
  - Redesigned alternative logo



## Son's Medical Diagnosis

Normal Heart

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome



## Son's Journey

- First heart surgery: Day of birth
- Second heart surgery (Norwood): 3 weeks old
- Third heart surgery (heart transplant):8 months old
- Fourth heart surgery (transplant repair): 10 months old
- ▶ Fifth surgery (sternal repair): 1 year old
- Sixth surgery (G-tube): 14 months old



## Inspiration

- ► Son's diagnosis
- ▶ Limited resources available
- Content of existing children's books



#### **Process**

- Story's concept began during his 10 month hospitalization.
- Full story completed at son's bedside during his recovery from his transplant and transplant repair.
- Fine tuning and publishing pursuit followed after transplant repair.
- Knew once he was discharged, completing book would be a challenge.



# New Business

• Student Presentation: Danny Gray (TW Teacher) and the Black Male Panel Discussion Students - **Mr. Fickes** 

## Black Male Panel Discussion

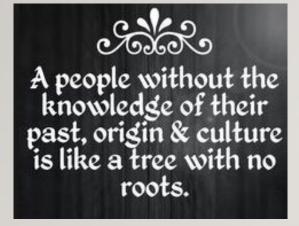
Motivate, Educate, and Empower

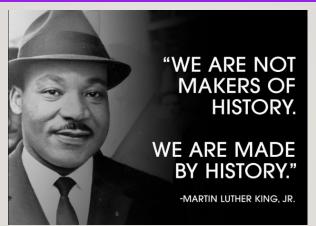


# New Business

 Presentation: Bench dedication to the 13 NFL players who graduated and played at Thornton Township High School –
 Mr. Bibbie

### THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORY





TO ME, THIS IS
ABOUT PRESERVING
HISTORY AND
MAKING IT
AVAILABLE TO
EVERYONE.

"In Celebration of Black History Month, Success through Sports & Academics"

"Honoring the Eleven African American men Professional Football Players who made it to the National Football League from Thornton Township High School"

All of these former TTHS Alumni, NFL athletes are college graduates also... Jan. 15, 2019 Bucs hire Antwaan Randle El and Cody Grimm as assistant coaches on Bruce Arians' staff

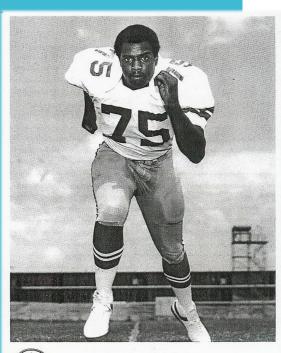
THE PURPOSE OF THE BENCH DEDICATION IS TO MOTIVATE FUTURE THORNTON STUDENT/ATHLETES THAT THEY CAN MAKE TO THE TOP OF THEIR ATHLETIC ENDEAVORS THROUGH FAITH, HARD WORK, ACADEMICS AND GOOD CHARACTER.

"GIVING BACK TO WILDCAT COUNTRY"

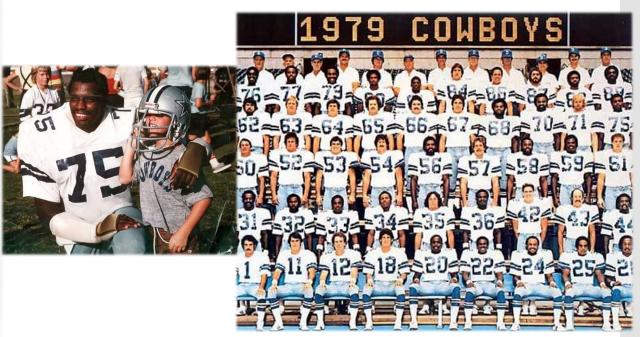
#### THE PURPOSE

A vast majority of the students that I have talked to at
 Thornton didn't know that Eleven NFL players came out of
 Wildcat Country. This is the reason that the bench was made
 to show some of the history of football at Wildcat Country.

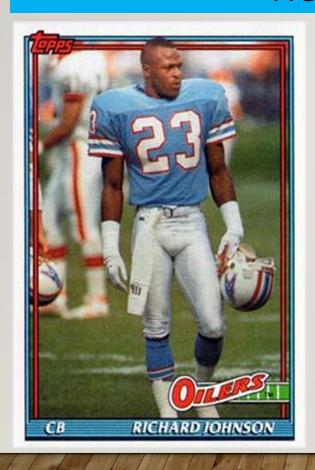
# Richard Grimmett-dixmoor, Illinois University of Illinois (Dallas cowboys) The first thornton grad to go to the nfl...

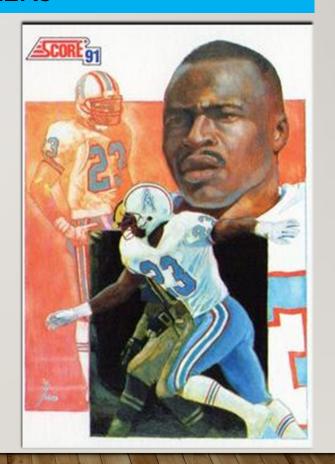






#### RICHARD JOHNSON 2<sup>ND</sup> TO GO PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL DIXMOOR, ILLINOIS-WISCONSIN BADGERS HOUSTON OILERS





#### BARRY GARDNER-- NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS (PHILADELPHIA EAGLES)



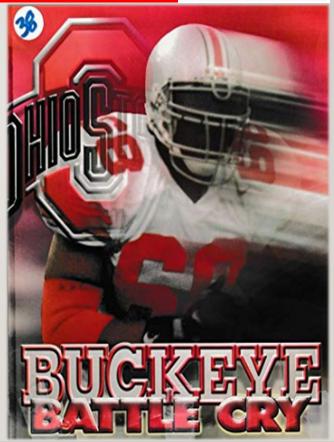




#### WINFIELD GARNETT OHIO STATE BUCKEYES MINNESOTA VIKINGS





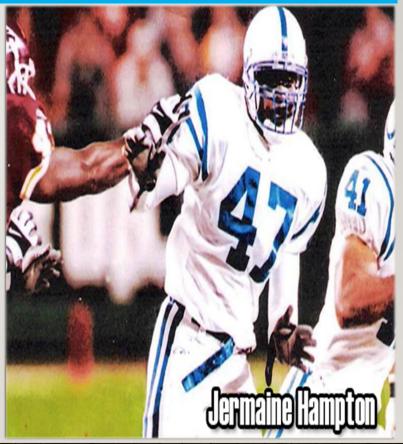


#### JACK GOLDEN- TAMPA BAY BUCCANEER (SUPERBOWL CHAMPION)



#### JERMAINE HAMPTON- NORTHERN ILLINOIS INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

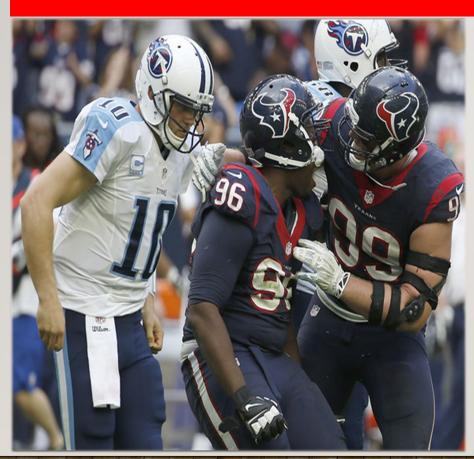




# SENATOR NAPOLEON HARRIS III DIXMOOR, ILLINOIS NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS (OAKLAND RAIDERS & MINNESOTA VIKINGS)



#### TIM JAMISON-MICHIGAN WOLVERINES.. HOUSTON TEXANS





# ANTWAAN RANDLE EL-INDIANA U. (SUPERBOWL CHAMPION) PITTSBURGH STEELERS & WASHINGTON REDSKINS ASST. COACH TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS 2019



# TAI STREETS (MEAN STREETS-AAU) MICHIGAN WOLVERINE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS & DETROIT LIONS





#### SAMMY WILLIAMS (BIG SAM)- MAGNOLIA, MISSISSIPPI-OKLAHOMA SOONERS-BALTIMORE RAVENS SUPERBOWL CHAMPION...



Second Reading of PRESS Recommended Updates (Issues 97,98,99) –
 Dr. Doss (60-Day Review )(Approval needed)

Recommended Approval of Overnight Special Olympics
 Thornridge High School Basketball Tournament to Illinois
 State in Normal IL, March 15-16, 2019 – Ms. Williams

Recommended Approval of Thornwood High School Girls Track
 & Field Grand Valley College Tour in Michigan, February 15-16,
 2019 – Mr. Holmes (Approval Needed)

Recommended Approval of Thornwood High School Girls Track
 & Field Jackie Joyner-Kersee/Al Joyner East St. Louis Classic,
 April 5-6, 2019 – Mr. Holmes (Approval Needed)

 Recommended Approval of T-108 Renovation for Machine Shop Program – Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)

 Recommended Approval of Illinois Empower Workplans for School Improvement for Thornridge and Thornwood High Schools – Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)

 Recommended Approval of Platform CNC Routers and Plasma Cutter Purchase – Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)

Recommended Approval of Teach Smartboard Purchase –
 Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)

 Recommended Approval of Resolution Notifying the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) – Workers Compensation – Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)

#### Superintendent's Report

#### Executive Session

- Closed session pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider:
  - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
  - Student discipline;
  - Collective negotiating matters, and
  - Pending, probable or imminent litigation.

#### Reconvene Open Session

# Action Items Following Executive Session

- A. Approval of Administrator and Non-Union Employee Contracts
- B. Approval of Teacher Employment Termination
- C. Approval of Settlement Agreement with Faculty Association

## Adjournment

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 6:30pm Thornton Township High School