



# THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2012

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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



# CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 11, 2012
- Approval of District 205 Bills dated: Jan. 12, Jan. 20, Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, 2012
- Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence and Employment



# 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 crucial 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 not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.



# FOIA

- Mr. Ogarek



# COMMUNICATIONS

- Mr. Doss



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornridge High School News

For the first time in our history all participating Thornridge students scored silver and gold at the Regional FCCLA competition on Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Silver Medal Winners:

**Life Event Planning** - Parish Whitehead, Jasmyn Anderson, Jartice Booker, BevLisa Baker and Megan Wright

**Apparel Display** - Diamond Webster

**Early Childhood** - Jeannika Jones & Larria Russell

**Fashion Design** - Laniesha White

### Gold Medal Winners:

**Chapter Showcase Display** - Starlen Hawkins and Deedra Martin

**Focus on Children with Most Outstanding Recognition** - Taylor Fizer

All of these students have qualified to compete at the State Competition in April.





# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornridge High School News

On Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, forty students from Ms. Martinez's reading classes visited Lincoln Grammar school to read with and help struggling readers as part of Thornridge's Reading Buddies Program.



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornridge High School News

Students **A**gainst **V**iolence **E**verywhere (**S.A.V.E.**) hosted their 1<sup>st</sup> annual step show competition entitled “STOMP THE VIOLENCE” on Feb 3, 2012. Participant high schools came from Chicago Public, Bremen Township and SWSC school districts, as well as a participant from the city of Matteson. Funding for this event was given by the District 205 Enrichment Foundation. Thornridge would like to celebrate the following who made this event a phenomenal one:

### S.A.V.E. Step Team members

Joshlyn Porter - *Senior*  
Andrea Bean - *Senior*

Shaquille Williams – *Senio*  
Jasmine Hunter – *Senior*  
Monica Freebern – *Junior*

Yvette Bland - *Senior*  
Trevonia Rufus - *Junior*

**Ms. Sherita R. Robinson**, *TR Counselor and Sponsor*

**Ms. Dena Ousley**, *TR Teacher and Co-Sponsor*

**Juanita Robinson**, *Drill Team Volunteer*

**Latrice Daniels-Jackson**, *Drill Team Volunteer*

**E'torye Williams**, *TR Teacher and Volunteer (Student Council Sponsor)*

**Guest Host – “Tone Kapone”**, *Power 92 (92.3)*



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornridge High School News

**Thornridge** held their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “National Letter of Intent” signing ceremony on February 1, 2012 in the Thornridge Principal’s Conference Room. The following **Falcon** Football players were celebrated by family, friends, coaches and TR administration and staff:

**Genaurtry C. Jackson**

**Terrence Thomas**

**Devonte E. Stewart**

All three signed letters of intent for **Robert Morris University** and will receive full scholarships in the fall!

**Congratulations to these young men!**



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornridge High School News

The **Thornridge Falcon Speech Team** competed in the IHSA Regional Speech Competition on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Thornton Township High School. Congratulations to the following members of the team:

**4<sup>th</sup> place in Dramatic Duet Acting** - Destiny Thompson, Ivette Salazar

**2<sup>nd</sup> place in Extemporaneous & Impromptu Speech** - Demola Adeoshun - finish in both categories

**3<sup>rd</sup> place in Humorous Duet** - Marquis Generally and Maurice Byrd

**2<sup>nd</sup> place in Humorous Interpretation** - Ashonta Atkinson

**3<sup>rd</sup> place in Original Comedy** - Tiera Sterling -

These young people will go on to compete in the IHSA State Sectionals on February 17 – 18, 2012.

**Good luck at Sectionals! GO TR!!!**



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornridge High School News

The **Thornridge Falcon Basketball Team of 1972** will be featured in a Black History Month series commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their 33 – 0 and IHSA State Championship season.

The segment will contain commentary from the players on that historic team, as well as footage of the trophies and memorabilia from the TR trophy case. Mr. Willie Parker, the producer of this segment, wishes to thank the Board of Education of District 205, Acting Superintendent, Dr. Lyke, Principal James M. Walton, Jr. and Athletic Director Terrence J. Shirley for graciously accepting his request on behalf of Comcast SportsNet Channel.

Mr. Parker believes the segment will air on **Sunday, February 12, 2012** during the news telecast **“SportsNet Central”** beginning at 10pm.





# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornton Township High School News

Thornton hosted the IHSA Regional Speech Competition. The team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and advanced all 15 events to Sectionals.

### Tournament Champions

- Destin Patton-Warner in Dramatic Duet Acting
- John Arrington in Informative Speaking & Oratorical Declamation

### 2nd Place

- Destin Patton-Warner & Rahgene Hoard in Dramatic Duet Acting
- Rayven Junior & Thomas Tang in Humorous Duet Acting
- Brandi Jones in Original Oratory
- Deanna Lee in Radio Speaking

Individual award winners include:

### The Performance in The Round finished 4th to advance to

### Sectionals Cast members include:

- LaNeah Hawkins
- Deangelo Simpson
- Mercedes Hendrix
- Kaela Mackey

Derwin Burns Jr.

Lashaun Johnson

David Harper

Desmond Washington

### 3rd Place

- Allysha Nobles in Prose Reading
- Brandi Jones in Special Occasion Speaking

### 4th Place

- Guadalupe Huerta in Extemporaneous Speaking
- Rayven Junior in Humorous Interpretation
- DaQuawn Bruce in Impromptu Speaking
- Darwin Perry in Original Comedy





# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornwood High School News

The Thornwood Varsity Cheerleaders qualified for the IHSA State Cheerleader completion by placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the IHSA Sectional. They competed in Bloomington, Illinois at the State competition last weekend.

Congratulations to the Thornwood Varsity Cheerleaders  
and Head Coach Billie Griggs



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornwood High School News

The Thornwood Speech Team did an awesome job on Saturday at the IHSA Regional Speech Tournament. Note the following places:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place in Performance in the Round — “PUSH”**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place in Dramatic Duet Acting – Brandon Sapp & Eric Blain**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place in Poetry Reading — Brandon Sapp**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Humorous Interpretation — Kendall Bell**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Informative — Kayla Seawood**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place in Original Oratory — Diamond Dixon**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Prose Reading – Kristin McClinton**



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornwood High School News

### **Congratulations Glennitta Williams!!**

- 2012 Recipient of the Martin L. King Living the Dream Award
  - Winner of National Community Service Award
- Featured for Black History Month by NBC5 News anchor Art Norman

<http://www.nbcchicago.com/video/#!/news/local/Black-History-Month-Glennitta-Williams/138604544>



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornwood High School News

### **AT&T Illinois “Txting & Driving – It Can Wait”**

Thornwood High School is the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of the AT&T Illinois “Txting & Driving – It Can Wait” drawing in Region I (Cook County) and will receive a \$2,500 prize to be used for an after school program to benefit the students the students of your high school and community.

Congratulations!



# COMMUNICATIONS

## District 205 News

### Chemistry Carnival

Chemistry Carnival will take place on February 15, 2012 in Thornton High School's Field House from 10am – 2pm.

All feeder school districts were invited to the TTTLP Science Articulation meeting on Jan. 26.

Schools attending TTTLP were Coolidge, Brooks, McKinley, Patton, Pace, Rosa Parks.

Schools attending Chemistry Carnival are Brooks, Patton and Rosa Parks.



# COMMUNICATIONS

## District 205 News

### **Black History Month**

On Thursday, February 16, 2012, 125 District 205 students will be attending a special screening of George Lucas' Red Tails, a movie based on the Tuskegee Airmen.



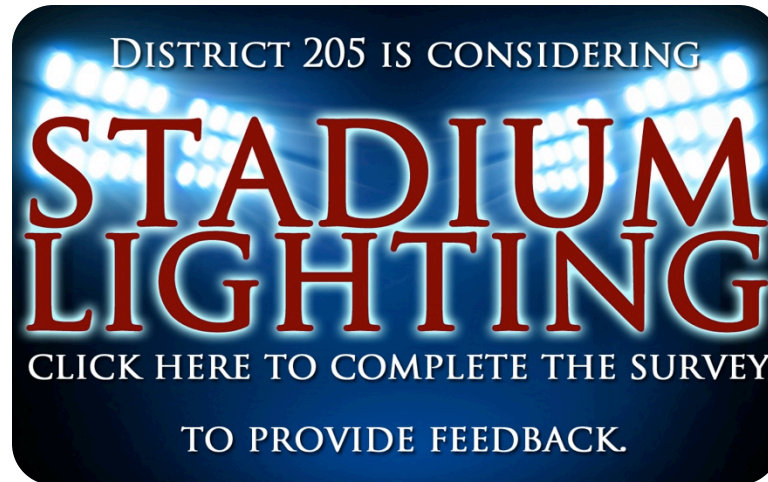


# COMMUNICATIONS

## District 205 News

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> District 205 posted a survey on the District website to gain input regarding the acquisition of stadium lighting at each building. In order to publicize the survey, parents and community members were notified via: Robo-Call, cable news access and all school emails. At this time 275 people have completed the survey. The survey will remain posted until February 17, 2012.

**Have you taken our survey?**



# COMMUNICATIONS

## District 205 News

On Monday January 30<sup>th</sup>, District 205 held a District Institute Day in conjunction with South Holland School districts 150 and 151. They were close to 500 teachers in attendance. The keynote speaker for the event was, Dr. Sonya Whitaker. The theme was Common Core University. The workshops provided teachers an opportunity to learn more about the Common Core National Standards and the preparation needed to equip our students for the assessments.



# COMMUNICATIONS

## District 205 News

The District 205 Board of Education provided the charge District 205 & Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council held an open house for minority-owned and female-owned businesses on February 7<sup>th</sup> and Thornton H.S. The workshop was held to provide information about District 205's bidding process. Business owners had the opportunity to meet with District administrators, current and past District contractors and a representative from the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council.

### Event Attended By:

Attorney Bass

Tom Szurgot, Tria Architect

20 - Minority Business Enterprises/Female Business Enterprises

6 - District Employees

4 - Current or Past General Contractors

2 - Executive from Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council

2 - Community Members

2 - Board of Education Members – Mr. Edward Crayton and Mr. Darren Robinson







**Board Vice President Crayton  
addresses the crowd.**



**Minority-owner introduces his  
company to fellow owners.**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## February

**Feb. 9 – Parent Teacher Conference – All Schools**

**Feb. 10 – Parent Teacher Conference – NO SCHOOL**

**Feb. 10 – SAT Test Registration Deadline for March 10**

**Feb. 11 – ACT Test Date**

**Feb. 11 – Annual Valentine Dinner and Dance, Thornridge H.S. in the Gym at 8pm.**

**Feb. 15 – Khemistry Karnival, Thornton H.S. at 10am**

**Feb. 15 – Late Start**

**Feb. 16 – District Attendance Committee Meeting, Thornridge H.S. at 6:30pm**

**Feb. 20 – Presidents Day – NO SCHOOL**

**Feb. 21 – Policy Committee Meeting, Thornton H.S. rm. T-107 at 6pm.**

**Feb. 27 – Coffee Chat with Dr. Lyke, District Office at 9am.**

**Feb. 29 – Late Start**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## March

**Mar. 2** – Special School Holiday – NO SCHOOL

**Mar. 5** – Casimir Pulaski Day – NO SCHOOL

**Mar. 9** – ACT Registration Deadline for April 14

**Mar. 9** – End of Quarter 3

**Mar. 10** – SAT Test Date

**Mar. 13** – Student Board of Education Meeting, Thornton H.S. at 4pm

**Mar. 14** – Late Start

**Mar. 14** – Board of Education Meeting, Thornton H.S. at 6:30pm





# NEW BUSINESS



Ratification of Overnight Field Trip (*Policy Section 6:240*) –

**Mrs. Williams** (*Approval Needed*)



# NEW BUSINESS



Recommended Approval of Overnight Field Trip  
(*Policy Section 6:240*) –

**Mr. Ratliff** (*Approval Needed*)



# NEW BUSINESS



Recommended Approval of Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries Policy (*Policy Section 7:305*) –

**Dr. Lyke** (*Approval Needed*)



# NEW BUSINESS



Public Hearing of the 2012-2013 School Calendar  
Waiver (*Policy Section 6:20*) –

**Mrs. Ablin**



# PUBLIC HEARING FOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY 2012-2013

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY  
IS ON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013



# PUBLIC HEARING FOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY 2012-2013

PRESIDENT'S DAY  
IS ON  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013



PUBLIC HEARING FOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY  
2012-2013

**NOT OBSERVE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY**

ACKNOWLEDGE LINCOLN THROUGH  
SCHOOL-WIDE ACTIVITIES ON TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 12, 2013



# NEW BUSINESS



Recommended Approval of 2011-2012 Summer  
School Calendar (*Policy Section 6:20*) –

**Mrs. Ablin** (*Approval Needed*)



# PROPOSED 2012 SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDAR

FIRST SEMESTER				
JUNE 2012				
M	T	W	TH	F
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	X
18	19	20	21	X
SECOND SEMESTER				
JUNE - JULY 2012				
25	26	27	28	X
2	3	X	X	X
9	10	11	12	X
16	17	18	X	X

# NEW BUSINESS



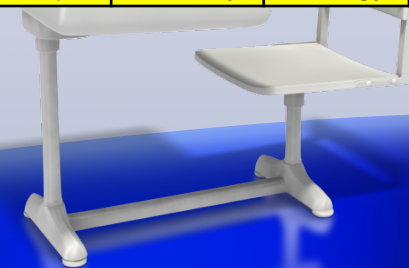
Student Progress: Semester 1 (*Policy Section 6:280*)

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Mrs. Johnson



# STUDENT PROGRESS: SEMESTER 1

School	Year	% B	% C	% D	% F	% I	% P	% NP	% Passing	% Failing	% Passing +/-	% Failing +/-
TR	2010	25.4%	22.8%	15.7%	15.8%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	83.5%	15.8%		
TR	2011	24.7%	24.1%	17.2%	15.6%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	84.0%	15.6%	↑ 0.4%	↓ -0.2%
TT	2010	23.8%	22.8%	18.0%	15.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	84.0%	15.5%		
TT	2011	26.1%	24.0%	15.9%	12.1%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	87.5%	12.1%	↑ 3.5%	↓ -3.4%
TW	2010	27.8%	24.8%	15.5%	12.1%	1.6%	0.4%	0.0%	86.2%	12.1%		
TW	2011	29.3%	23.9%	15.1%	11.1%	1.5%	0.5%	0.0%	87.4%	11.1%	↑ 1.2%	↓ -1.0%



# NEW BUSINESS



Recommended Approval of French Book , Level 1  
(*Policy Section 6:210*) –

**Mrs. Johnson** (*30-Day Review*)



# Textbook Approval: French I

A textbook subcommittee of French teachers met on:

- October 15, 2011
- November 16, 2011
- December 7, 2011
- January 24, 2012 (French teachers met and did a topic comparison between the Holt McDougal and Vista Higher Learning textbooks. There was a unanimous vote for the Holt McDougal Series)



# NEW BUSINESS



Recommended Approval of French Book, Level II  
(*Policy Section 6:210*) –

**Mrs. Johnson** (*30-Day Review*)



# Textbook Approval: French II

A textbook subcommittee of French teachers met on:

- October 15, 2011
- November 16, 2011
- December 7, 2011
- January 24, 2012 (French teachers met and did a topic comparison between the Holt McDougal and Vista Higher Learning textbooks. There was a unanimous vote for the Holt McDougal Series)

# NEW BUSINESS



Recommended Approval of Spanish Book, Level I  
(*Policy Section 6:210*) –

**Mrs. Johnson** (*30-Day Review*)



# Textbook Approval: Spanish I

A textbook subcommittee of Spanish teachers met on:

- October 15, 2011
- November 16, 2011
- December 7, 2011
- January 11, 2012 (All Spanish teachers met and did a topic comparison between the Glencoe and Pearson textbooks.)
- January 25, 2012 (Textbook finalists made presentations)
- January 30, 2012 (There was a unanimous vote from the Spanish teachers for the Glencoe textbooks.)

# NEW BUSINESS



Recommended Approval of Spanish Book, Level II  
(*Policy Section 6:210*) –

**Mrs. Johnson** (*30-Day Review*)





# Textbook Approval: Spanish II

A textbook subcommittee of Spanish teachers met on:

- October 15, 2011
- November 16, 2011
- December 7, 2011
- January 11, 2012 (All Spanish teachers met and did a topic comparison between the Glencoe and Pearson textbooks.)
- January 25, 2012 (Textbook finalists made presentations)
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# NEW BUSINESS



Committee Assignments (*Policy Section 2:150*) –  
**Vice President Crayton**



# NEW BUSINESS



Recommended Approval of Resolution Abating the Working Cash Fund (*Policy Section 4:10*) –

**Mr. Ogarek** (*Approval Needed*)



# ABATEMENT OF WORKING CASH FUNDS

Capital Expenditures To Date	\$21.9 Million
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Projected Capital Expenditures	\$15.0 Million
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Total	\$36.9 Million
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# ABATEMENT OF WORKING CASH FUNDS

## FUND BALANCE

	Fund			
	Education	O/M	Capital Projects	Working Cash
12/31/11 Fund Balance	\$ (9,000,000)	\$ 1,600,000	\$ -	\$ 57,200,000
Proposed Abatement	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ (36,900,000)
12/31/11 Fund Balance After Abatement	<u>\$ 9,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,300,000</u>



# NEW BUSINESS



Recommended Approval of HVAC Bid – Phase 3  
(*Policy Section 4:60*) –

**Mr. Ogarek** (*Approval Needed*)



## THORNTON – HVAC PHASE 3 PRE-PURCHASE

- On Thursday, January 26th, District 205 held a bid opening for HVAC Phase 3 Pre-Purchase
- Bid specifications for Phase 3 Pre-Purchase include the Unit Ventilators for the classrooms.
- Three bids were received and the low bid was submitted by Trane.
- The Finance Committee is recommending that the contract be awarded to Trane in the amount of \$328,000.

# NEW BUSINESS



Faculty Association –

**Mr. Ken Wendorff, *President***



# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



# **SUPERINTENDENTS' ROUNDTABLE**

## **DISTRICTS 133, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 152.5, 154, AND 205**

*In order to enhance the learning environments of our students, we commit to combining our efforts to become change agents for our school districts. Our initial goals follow:*

- *Create and sustain an efficient communication system between all districts*
- *Implement a transition program for junior high students*
- *Share student information as appropriate*
- *Develop an aligned kindergarten through twelfth grade curriculum*
- *Develop a system of support*

# **AVID**

## **ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION**

### **WHAT IS AVID?**

**A three to four year program to help students in the middle prepare for four-year college eligibility**

### **WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM?**

**Identify students that are capable of completing a college-preparatory curriculum, but are falling short of their potential**

- Grade point averages of 2.0 to 3.5
- Exhibit determination and effort

**Provide strategies and support for these students to excel in rigorous college-preparatory courses**

- Enrollment in Honor and/or AP courses
- Weekly tutorial sessions by college students built into the school day
- Focus on writing, inquiry and collaboration skills
- Reinforce study, life, and coping skills
- Support through an AVID trained teacher that they meet with everyday



# AVID

## ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION

### WHERE HAS THE PROGRAM BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

#### Harlan High School (8 years)

- 93% college acceptance rate (four-year universities)
- \$1 million in scholarships
- When compared to peers in the same initial grade point average range:
  - Higher ACT scores
  - Higher grade point averages
  - Higher enrollment in AP and Honors classes
  - Better attendance
  - Increased self-confidence and pride

# AVID

## ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION

### WHERE HAS THE PROGRAM BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

#### Julian High School (7 years)

- 100% graduation rate
- 100% college acceptance rate (four year universities)
- Average \$1.5 million in scholarships each year
- When compared to peers in the same initial grade point average range:
  - Higher ACT scores
  - Higher level of college knowledge
  - Better attendance
  - Increased self-confidence and pride

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# District 205 Science Department

# Overview

- Skills transcend content areas and careers
- Hands-on learning opportunities
- Critical thinking and reasoning skills
- Teamwork and cooperative learning



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# Foundations

Required Courses

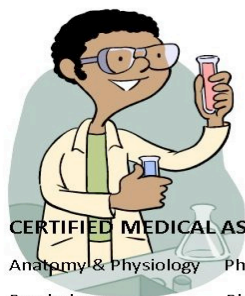
# Required Courses

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics



# College and Career Prep

## Electives



### CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Anatomy & Physiology    Pharmacy Math PMT  
Psychology    Pharmacy Tech  
AP Chemistry



AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics



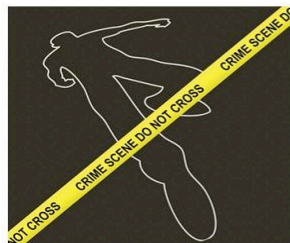
### CERTIFIED NURSES ASSISTANT

Chemistry  
Anatomy & Physiology  
Psychology  
Basic Nursing Asst.



### Biomedical Services Program

Principles of Biomedical Science  
Human Body Systems  
Medical Interventions  
Biomedical Innovation



### Forensics



## College or Career?

Either way, District 205 Science Dept. has you covered!



### Earth and Environmental Science

Environmental Science  
Earth Science  
Horticulture **or**  
AP Environmental Science

# Electives

- Horticulture
- Forensics
- Anatomy
- Environmental Science
- A.P. Biology
- A.P. Chemistry
- A.P. Physics





# Beyond District 205

TTTLP, South Suburban College, UIC, etc...

# Reaching Back

- TTTLP
  - Festivals
  - Vertical curriculum Planning
  - EnList



# Biology Bowl 2011

## *Thornridge H.S.*





# Khemistry Karnival





# Physics Phest

## *Thornwood H.S.*



# Leaping Forward

- Pharmacy Program
  - UIC
  - South Suburban college
- Rush Medical Center
- Nursing Program (coming Soon)



# Pharmacy Program





# Rush Medical Center Field Trip



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# Looking Ahead

Professional Development



# Curriculum Planning

- UbD
  - 100% Core Subjects Completed
  - 75% In Progress (Electives)
- Common Core Standards
  - Core subjects implemented
  - All subjects implemented by the 2012-2013 school year
- Vertical Planning (Honors to AP)



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# Under Construction

Laboratories





# L.K.F (Little Known Facts)

- Science fair
- Book Exchange
- ISTA Honorable Mention



# TW Science Fair





# TR Book Exchange





# ISTA Honorable Mention

- FROM: Gwen Pollock, ISTA Past-President and Chair of ESS School Award Committee
- DATE: August 22, 2011
- SUBJECT: Congratulations for Excellence in Science School Award Designation

- I am extending my personal and professional gratitude to you all as the Thornridge High School Critical Mass team---whose work and dedication were so clearly evident in the submission of your application for the Illinois Science Teachers Association 2011 Excellence in Science School Award pilot-year competition.

- I have now shared some of the nuggets from this submission to my colleagues from the Governor's Office and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The work they have begun for an Illinois STEM Initiative includes several starting points which can benefit from the work of the Thornridge team. Several of the ideas for student involvement in the Rush Medical School, University of Illinois and South Suburban College, along with the Biology Bowl can have direct impact into their designs. I have asked that the I-STEM leaders be in touch with Ms. Anderson to find out more.

- I am looking forward to the next cycle of our newly approved ISTA Excellence in Science school award. Jacqueline has assured me that your team will submit an even better application next year. The 2011 selection committee was definitely torn between the applications. Your work was sincerely applauded.

- Again, our collective and my personal congratulations for your Critical Mass---who have worked diligently to promote excellence in teaching and learning science in Illinois.

# EXECUTIVE SESSION





# RECONVENE OPEN SESSION



# NEW BUSINESS (*CONTINUED*)



Resolution No. 2012-1 to Dismiss a Tenured Teacher (*Policy Section 5:290*) –

**Dr. Lyke** (*Approval Needed*)



# ADJOURNMENT

