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TTHS



2023 HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2023 Homecoming week at Thornton Township High School was a huge success. Students, faculty members and administrators all joined in on the fun making this year a memorable experience for all. The festivities kicked off on Monday, September 18th with Barbie day. The whole school was asked to wear pink or dress up as their favorite Barbie doll, followed by anything but a backpack day, biker vs. surfer day, ode to seniors day, and spirit color day. Many students showed their creativity and school spirit with their attire.

Mr. Todd Whitaker
Principal

Dr. Mason Newell
Assistant Principal

Ms. Marilu Gonzalez
Assistant Principal

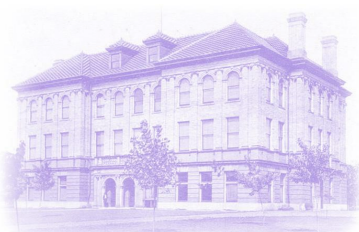
Mrs. Charissa Berrini
Assistant Principal

Friday, September 22nd was filled with purple pride as the marching band, cheerleaders, and Sophisticats paraded throughout the hallways during second period to spread team spirit. The pep rally took place later that afternoon and was hosted by Thornton alum, Ricky Rampage. Ricky Rampage is an on-air personality, comedian, actor, and musician. He can also be seen on the new TV drama series called "The Chi." He did an outstanding job motivating the crowd to dance and cheer for our football team and the talented Wildcat performers. The assembly opened up with the National Anthem sung by Cameron Hill, followed by performances from the Sophisticats, the cheerleaders, and the marching band. The grand finale included the "Slime Challenge" results. The students voted and they chose which administrators would have to get messy. Discipline Administrator Jackson had the least amount of votes, so he stayed relatively clean when a bucket of cotton balls was dumped over his head. Principal Whitaker was covered in raw scrambled eggs, Mr. Craigmile had a whipped cream pie shoved in his face, and Dr. Newell was covered in green slime. They were certainly good sports about the student revenge!

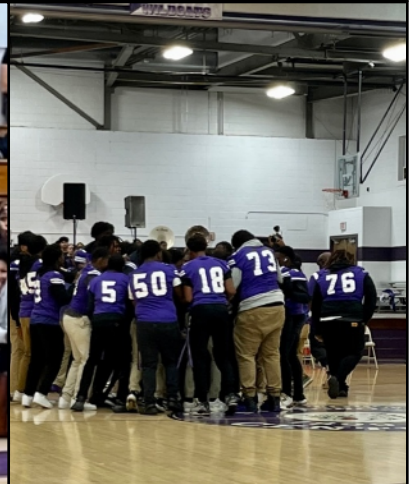
The Homecoming football game took place on Friday evening. The mighty Wildcats were victorious against the Thornridge High School Falcons with a final score of 33-20. The annual Homecoming dance capped off this exciting week on Saturday, September 23rd. Students were dressed to impress as they celebrated the Homecoming victory and danced the night away with their friends. Thank you to everyone that assisted in making this year's Homecoming week an unforgettable experience. Be sure to go to page 2 for more pictures!



Dr. Newell getting slimed!



Homecoming Hallway Parade & Pep Rally 2023



Homecoming Game & Dance 2023

Game and dance photos provided courtesy of the TTHS Yearbook Club



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Here in the United States of America, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th until October 15th each year to celebrate the achievements of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have been an inspiration to others. Hispanic Heritage Month originally started as a week-long celebration in 1968 under President Johnson, but President Regan turned it into a month long celebration in 1988. Having an entire month allows for more time recognize and appreciate the significant impact that many Hispanic Americans have made in this country.



You may have noticed that Hispanic Heritage Month does not cover one single month. It begins in the middle of September and ends in the middle of October. The reason for this is because many Central American countries celebrate their independence days within these specific dates. Guatemala, Costa Rica, Mexico, Chile, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Belize all have independence days that fall within this timeline. While we celebrate Hispanic cultures beyond this month, we give extra special recognition to the many contributions that have made to the history and culture to the U.S. Representation matters because Latinos and Latinas shape our nation as artists, business owners, public servants, activists, and more.



Latino history is often left out of high school textbooks despite the fact that the Latino population is the largest minority population in the United States. It is important to make sure that the contributions of the Latino community are acknowledged by others in order to broaden our view of the world and deepen our understanding of different cultures. We can achieve this by learning to respect and appreciate Hispanic forms of art, food, traditions, music, athletics, and through reading about history.

Here at Thornton Township High School, we celebrate with a new theme each year. This year's theme is "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America." Throughout the month, we will talk about the important contributions and the powerful presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans

here and abroad. We will also celebrate with a door decorating contest in which the classroom with the most creative door will receive a pinata that is filled with candy. Be sure to keep an eye out for the beautifully decorated doors, or better yet, ask how you can help! The Hispanic Heritage Month assembly will also take place on October 12, 2023 in the auditorium. The assembly will feature a variety of performances and presentations that will celebrate Hispanic culture and heritage.

Positivity is Taking Over Harvey

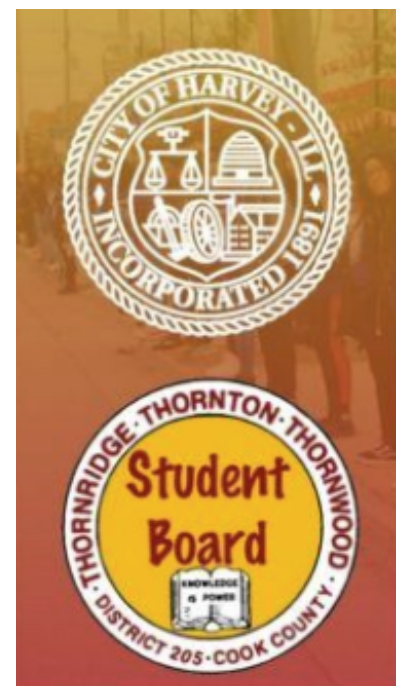


A positive mindset can be contagious in the best way possible. We all encounter challenges in our lives that test our resilience and determination, however, a positive attitude can be our greatest ally. Here at Thornton Township High School, great things are happening to help improve our school atmosphere. We are proud to announce that we are now implementing a program called "My Influence Matters" (MIM) that offers

positive incentives, character building activities, and many wonderful opportunities that will allow our students to flourish and represent our school in a. TTHS alum (class of 2003), Jason Clark, spearheaded this program to allow our students to have opportunities that will have an impact within our community and beyond. He has also called on all Thornton Township alumni to come back to our community to unite resources to help the next generation go further.

Mr. Clark intends to take our Wildcats on various adventures throughout the Chicagoland area to expose them to attractions, resources, different trades and other potential career opportunities. This program is designed to help students find the confidence within themselves to not only graduate from high school, but to think bigger and chase their dreams. MIM calls on students to make a commitment to have a vision of greatness and make their influence matter.

Another great opportunity for students to get involved is called "Hands Across Harvey." This initiative is sponsored by our Student Board of Education in partnership with our local community. On October 14, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Hands Across Harvey is asking for the whole community to come together and stand hand in hand to build a sense of unity. This will take place at Lord of Mercy Church located at 15746 Union Avenue in Harvey. This event will offer free shirts, food, transportation, and music for all to enjoy. Although this event is free, people still need to register on Eventbrite in order to receive your free shirt. It would be great to have a strong Wildcat presence out there, so be sure to find one of the flyers around the building and scan the QR code to register.



IMPORTANT EVENTS

October 2023

- **October 3rd-** Trinity Christian College Visit (*11th period*)
- **October 5th-** Parent/ Teacher conferences
- **October 6th-** Parent/ Teacher conferences
- **October 9th** No School. Columbus Day
- **October 11th-** University of Illinois College Visit (*3rd period*) & Millikin University Visit (*11th period*)
- **October 12th-** Hispanic Heritage Assembly
- **October 14th-** Hands Across Harvey event. This event is open to the entire community!
- **October 20th-** Fall Play
- **October 25th-** PSAT Testing (*Juniors*)
- **October 25th-** College & Career Fair for Seniors
- **October 26th-** PSAT Testing (*Sophomores*)
- **October 26th-** Haunted Hallway (5:30- 7:00 p.m.)
- **October 27th-** PSAT Testing (*Freshmen*)
- **October 31st-** Halloween



November 2023

- **November 10th-** No School. Veteran's Day
- **November 18th-** Speech Turkey Tourney
- **November 22-24th-** No School. Thanksgiving Break



TTHS SENIOR LIFE



Achieving more...

Class of 2024



SENIOR YEAR IS FINALLY HERE!

This is it! You have finally made it and there are a lot of things you need to know about your senior year.

Every Senior must have a **Post-High School Plan**, complete the FAFSA, and CCP. If you have any questions about events going on throughout the year you could find out information by logging in <https://www.district205.net/site/default.aspx?domainid=50>

*Talk and go to your counselor/career counselor's office for information.



WHEN:
SATURDAY,
MAY 4,
2024

WHERE:
THE SKY DECK
WILLIS TOWER

COST: \$165 REGULAR

TICKET SALES WILL BEGIN
JANUARY 2024!!! BEGINNING
MARCH 1, A \$20 LATE FEE WILL
BE ADDED

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SENIOR GEAR!

Order your Senior Class 2024 gear here! The online shop opens November

Senior Class Sponsor

Mrs. N. Troutman, 708-225-4215

SENIOR PICTURES!

Senior Group Photo

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Orders can be placed

<https://www.classphotographyinc.com/-/galleries/2020-graduating-classes-theatre-companies-marchi>

Senior Cap & Gown

Graduation Photos

Tuesday, October 17, 2023



GRADUATION CEREMONY

Sunday, May 19, 2024



CAP & GOWN PACKAGES!

To place your cap and gown order please visit our online store at www.chicagobalfour.com

Package 1 - \$39.00 (Required Package)
Cap, Gown, Tassel & Medallion
Package 2 - \$49.00 Cap, Gown, Tassel
& Medallion Year Date Tag w/ Chain-
Package 3 - \$59.00 Cap, Gown, Tassel
& Medallion Year Date Tag w/ Chain
Jumbo Tassel w/ Bling
Year Date

Package 4 - \$69.00 Cap, Gown, Tassel
& Medallion Year Date Tag w/ Chain
Jumbo Tassel w/ Bling Year Date Silver

SENIOR GRAD NIGHT!

When: Sat. May 11, 2024

Where: Six Flags Great America

Time: 10:00pm-3:00am

Cost: \$80(ticket, food, student lounge, music, movies, games, & transportation)

SENIOR DECISION DAY!

When: May 1, 2024

Where: Thornton Township HS

All Seniors with a Post High School Plan will be celebrated!

Get ready for a day of enjoyment.



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Thornton Township High School
Diversity Club
in solidarity with Sisterhood & S.A.V.E



Breast
CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH



Wear Pink every
Tuesday in the
month of October

S.A.V.E
Violence
Prevention
MONTH



Wear ORANGE
every Thursday in
the month of
October



TTHS Varsity Soccer



The 2023 TTHS Varsity soccer season has kicked off and our student athletes and coaches are doing an amazing job . On Sunday, September 24, 2023, the Varsity soccer team won the Body Armor Championship for the third time. They defeated Oak Forest High School with a close score of 2-1. Israel Orozco scored the winning game goal with less than one minute left on the clock. What a close call! Overall, the team is 9-3 and 2-1 in the Conference. So far, the Wildcats have defeated Oak Forest (2-1), Rich Township (8-0), Crete-Monee (5-0), Goode STEM Academy (4-3), Curie (2-0), Homewood-Flossmoor (4-2), Lincoln-Way East (3-2), Thornton Fractional North/ Thornton Fractional South (2-0), and Marist (2-0). Unfortunately, our team did lose to Shepard High School by one point, Lincoln- Way Central by two points, and Bloom with a final score of 1-1. Keep up the great work, Wildcats. We are rooting for you as you go up against the remaining teams throughout the season.



Wildcats celebrate winning their third Body Armor Championship.

Armed Forces Days

In a collective effort to give all Thornton Township High School students an opportunity to be enrolled, enlisted, or employed before the completion of high school, our College and Career Counselor, Mrs. King, has scheduled military visits. These visits will take place in the cafeteria. The United States military will be available on the following designated days:

Mondays- National Guard

Tuesdays- Marines

Wednesdays- Army

Thursdays- Air Force

Fridays- Navy

All students are welcome to visit with members of the U.S. military and ask any questions you might have about enlisting.

