



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

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OPEN SESSION

C A L L T O O R D E R

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- A. Report from Curriculum Committee
- B. Report from Finance & Facilities Committee
- C. Report from Policy Committee
- D. Report from Discipline Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes** dated October 9, 2024
- B. Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated October 10, 2024, through November 12, 2024
- C. Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated October 8, 2024
- D. Ratification:**
 - i. Approval of the Boys Cross Country Sectionals, Overnight Trip, Normal, IL, November 1-2, 2024
 - ii. Approval of the Special Olympics State Finals, Overnight Trip, Schaumburg, IL, November 1-2, 2024
 - iii. Approval of the Mu Alpha Theta Mathlete Fieldtrip, Lafayette, IN, November 11, 2024

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 not 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 (FOIA)

DR. DOSS





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COMMUNICATIONS

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MR. FICKES

THORNBRIDGE

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Finalists



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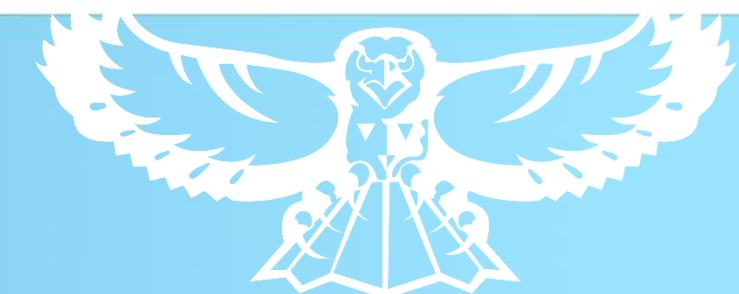
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FREE COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENT

DOLTON PARK DISTRICT

THORNBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

DOLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 29TH / 5PM-8PM

OCTOBER FEST

Calling all goblins and ghouls to join us for a spooktacular time.

GAMES

TREATS

CREEPY CRAFTS

HAUNTED HOUSE

PUMPKINS (while supplies last)

COSTUME CONTEST

FACE PAINTING

SPOOKY STORIES

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

POWERED BY

STARS Custom

Treats await for those that can handle all the trickery we have in store.

CANDY AND MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED AND CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SHAW RECREATION CENTER LOCATED AT 715 ENGLE ST., DOLTON, IL 60419 UNTIL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRUNK-OR-TREAT PLEASE CALL (708) 841-2111.

Thornridge High School
15000 Cottage Grove Ave.
Dolton, IL 60419
(Enter on Champlain Ave.)

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Thornton's Infant Care Center celebrated their 4th Annual Halloween Hallway Festivities with Principal Whitaker and the TTHS Staff. The staff was able to give out enough goodies for 19 of our babies which included candy, snack bags, and books from our librarian staff.

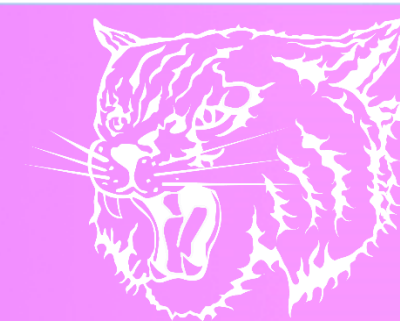


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W I L D C A T S



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THORNTON WILDCATS



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On Saturday, October 26th, The Thornton Township Chapter of The National Honor Society partnered with Downs Fitness to host its 2nd Annual **Think Pink** & Fight Like a Wildcat Breast Cancer Event.

Over 100 attendees including Wildcat parents & students, staff from all 3 district 205 schools and community members participated in a fun and energizing workout OR hit the track for an invigorating walk or run to support this GREAT CAUSE. Our very own School Board President, Mrs. Nina Graham and Board Member Mr. Ray Banks were in attendance. After the activities, participants gathered for the after party which included live music and healthy snacks. The icing on the cake was the community vendors who came out to showcase their products and contribute to a meaningful cause. The vendors included The American Cancer Society, Alelia's Juice Bar (Healthy Smoothie Juice Bar), and Down's Fitness (Fitness Gym & Personal Training) and an impromptu visit from Thornton Alum & Chicago PD star LaRoyce Hawkins.





Males 2 Men Mentoring Seminar @ Chicago State University

The primary goal of the event was to bring men & young males on the road towards manhood together, interacting through strategic activities, challenges and small group discussions.



Thunderbird Football Program wins 24-25 District 205 Championship Trophy



**TW vs TT on
10/12/24**



**TW vs TR on
10/26/24**



We are proud of our Thunderbird Football Program for dominating their district opponents, the Wildcats and Falcons, in a rebuilding year. Congratulations goes to our awesome scholar- athletes, assistant coaches and to 1st year head coach Tremaine Weaver, for finishing the season on a strong note and leaving no doubt who the king of Fall Ball in District 205 is!



TW INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE INDUCTION CEREMONY

Junior Inductees

Oluwapelumi Adegboye
Amira Ademoye*
Anniyah Allen
Austin Anderson*
Hadizat Babalola*
Fareedah Bolarinwa*
Amyree Bradley
Jayla Butler*
Chayse Carter
Aiden Davis*
Titus Eagles
Zuriel Garcia
Shakirah Golden*
Destanie Holloway
Deondra Jackson*
Kaleb James*
Meyah Jefferson
Timia Jenkins*
Kolagbade Kolawole*
Samantha Lara
Vincent Marshall*
Xayvion Matthews*
Aminata Njie
Ramatoulie Njie*
Eria Owens
Alaiyah Patterson-Johnson*
Cherish Pitts*
Justin Pleitez*
Heaven Rodgers
Isabella Rojas*
Amyah Sangster
Dammian Serrano
Kai Smith
Neyah Tate
Ariana Whitaker*

*Indicates FULL Diploma IB

November 6th, 2024 6:00pm
Thornwood Student Cafeteria



Tiny Tots Students Go trick or treating at TW!



Principal Holmes &
Katie Walsh as
"Michael Jackson"



SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLOOR HOCKEY



Last two games played
Mt Greenwood and won 7-0
Oak Lawn and lost 3-1

It was the first loss of the season. More practices coming up and then the state tournament. That day was specifically special because one of our student athletes, who happens to be in foster care, little sister was able to come to the game with her foster parent and watch him play. It was a joy watching them connect! Here are a few pictures from the last game.





THORNWOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION FIELD TRIP



SIEGEL'S COTTONWOOD FARM

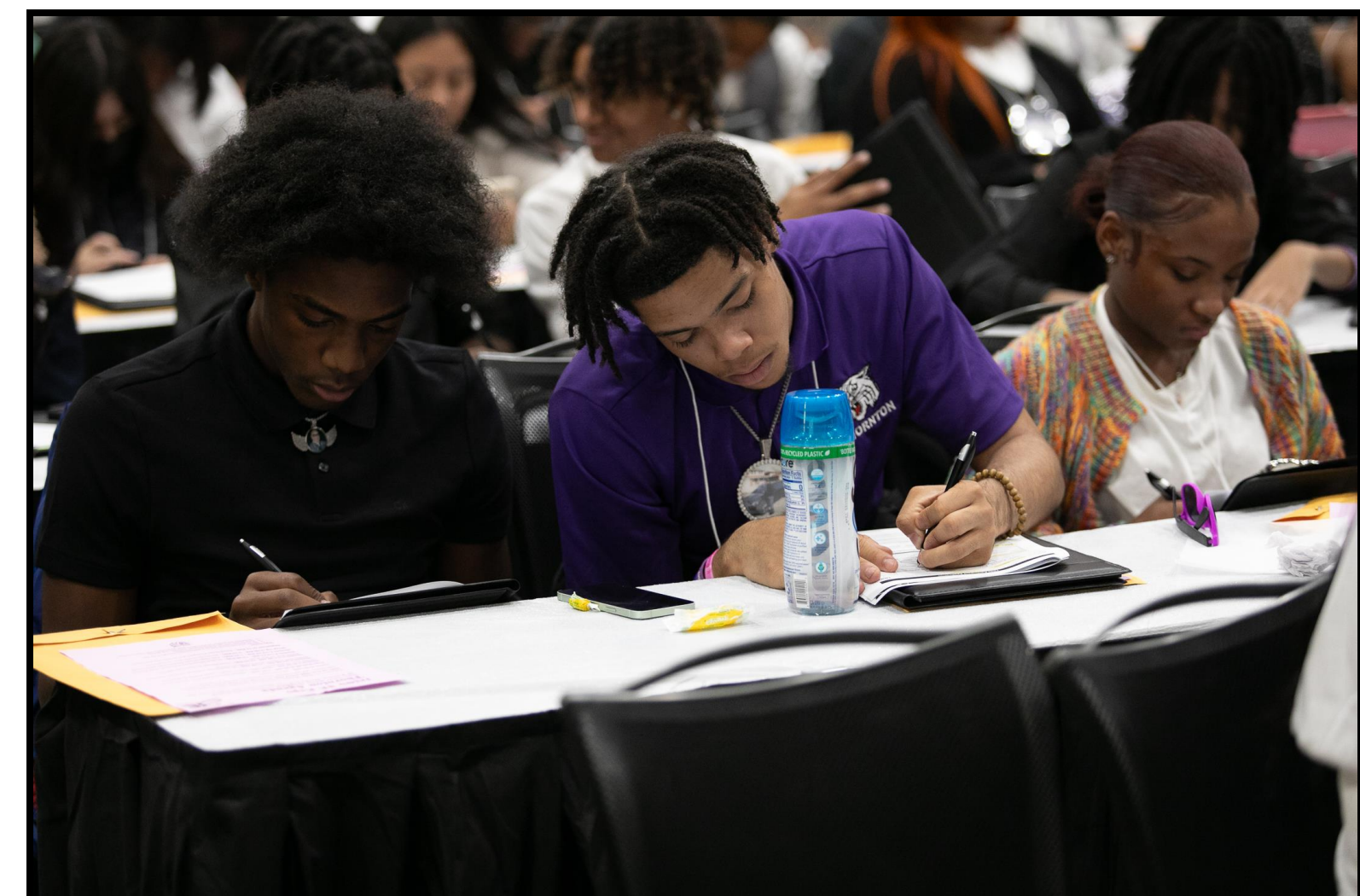
Students from Ms. Henneman's Communication Development Program and Ms. Kilian's Work Program Students took part in a field trip. The kids (and adults) had so much fun going on a hayride, ziplining, going in a haunted house, feeding the animals, going down a giant slide, trying apple spice donuts, and picking out pumpkins. So many of our students were able to experience so many "firsts" on the trip and fun was had by all!



DISTRICT 205 3E EXPO 2024



What an incredible day at the second annual District 205 3E Expo at the Tinley Park Convention Center! Students, parents, faculty, staff, and vendors came together for a day packed with workshops, a post-high school options fair, a student mixer, a parent session, a FAFSA crash course, and more. District 205 students explored every pathway to success—Enrolled, Enlisted, Employed.



NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual AVID Presentation- Mr. Fickes & AVID Coordinators

NEW BUSINESS

B. Presentation: Preliminary Tax Levy- Mr. Horton

NEW BUSINESS

C. Recommended Approval: Audit Engagement Letter- Mr. Horton

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to enter into Closed Session, pursuant to 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the following:
 - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
 - Student discipline;
 - Individual Student Issues;
 - Collective negotiating matters; and
 - Pending, probable or imminent litigation

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

A. Possible Action to Approve Tenured Teacher Dismissal

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting December 18, 2024 THORNBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

District 205 Vision: Building an exemplary high-quality organization that produces major gains in student achievement and prepares all students to be productive citizens in a global society.

District 205 Mission: To develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted or employed at the completion of high school.

District 205 Core Values: Empathy, Trust, Pride, Responsiveness, High Expectations with High Support Integrity, Commitment to Excellence, Innovation, and Collaboration