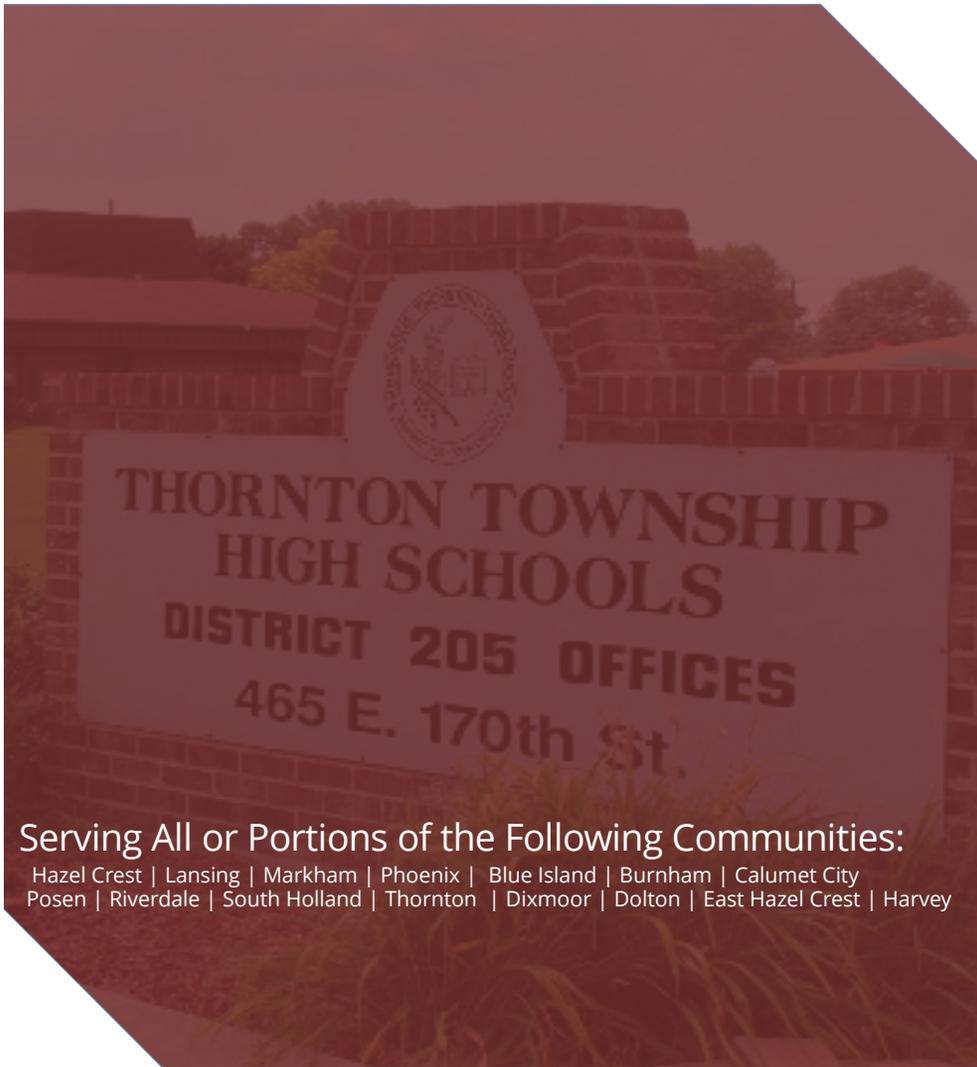




THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2026



Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

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OPEN SESSION

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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 Minutes** dated January 14, 2026
- B. Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated January 14, 2026, through February 10, 2026
- C. Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated February 10, 2026
- D. Ratification:**
 - i. Approval of the Thornton Girls Varsity Wrestling Invitational, Overnight Trip, Carbondale, IL, January 23-24, 2026
 - ii. Approval of the Thornton IHSA Cheer State Finals, Bloomington, IL, Overnight Trip, February 6-7, 2026
 - iii. Approval of the Special Olympics Snowshoe State Competition, Galena, IL, Overnight Trip, February 10-12, 2026
 - iv. Approval of the Thornton IHSA Chess State Finals, Peoria, IL, Overnight Trip, February 12-14, 2026
 - v. Approval of the Thornton Davison HS Cardinal Classic Basketball Shootout, Overnight Trip, Davison, Michigan, February 13-15, 2026
 - vi. Approval of the Thornwood Varsity Competitive Dance IDTA State Competition, Overnight Trip, Springfield, IL, February 13-15, 2026

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

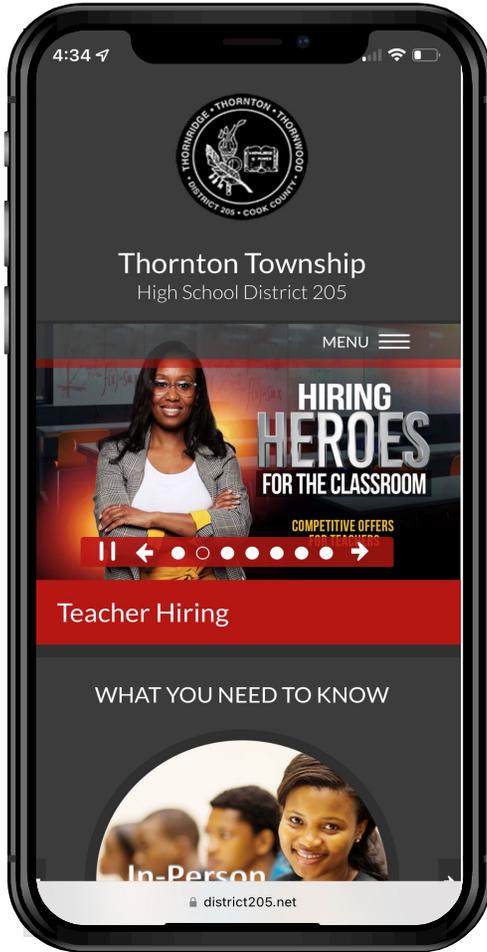
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COMMUNICATIONS

N E W S F R O M T H E S C H O O L S

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THORNBRIDGE FALCONS

Lights down, energy up!
On January 16, 2026,
students lit up the Winter
Sports Pep Rally with glow
sticks, dancing, games, and
nonstop cheers as our
winter athletes were
celebrated and sent off
with school pride for their
upcoming games.



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THORNBRIDGE FALCONS

Q2 Honor Roll

Superstars, stand UP!

TR proudly celebrated **274** scholars whose hard work earned big rewards.

Pizza, wings, nonstop vibes—and major school pride! Congratulations to our TR Scholars on this well-deserved celebration!



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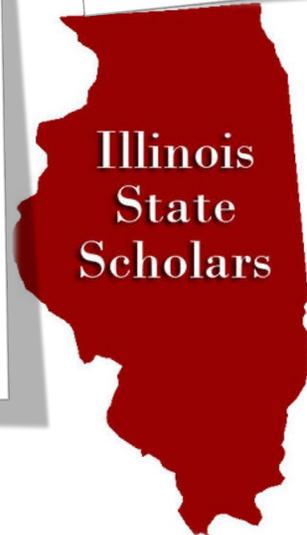
THORNRIDGE FALCONS



Lacing up and leveling up!
The Thornridge Falcons rolled into Lynwood Skating Rink for a night full of vibes, smooth slides, and *mostly* staying upright. Big thanks to the Student Activities Committee for making this unforgettable night happen!



THORNRIDGE FALCONS



Congratulations to **Jakye Bass, Aamarielle Hardiman, Orlando Jackson Jr., ArmaniRose Rice, Michael Samuel, and Delilah Williams** on this incredible academic honor. Illinois State Scholars are recognized among the **top students in the state** based on academic achievement and potential for success in college. We are proud of our Falcons for representing excellence, leadership, and hard work!



THORNBRIDGE FALCONS



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

Congratulations to our District 205 Girls Varsity Bowling Team!

THE ENTIRE TEAM has advanced to **SECTIONALS!**

Every single bowler showed up and showed out!

Individual standouts:

Khya Stallworth — 4th place individual finish with a score of 1036

Neveah Washington — 3rd place individual finish with a score of 1049

As a team, the ladies finished 4th overall with a total score of 4470 an outstanding accomplishment that reflects their dedication, teamwork, and determination.

Khya Stallworth

Jada Clark

Kyariane Joseph

Angel Dozier

Neveah Washington

Sectionals: Saturday, February 14, 2026

Location: Bowlero Lanes, Woodridge, IL



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ESL Students Visit Holocaust Museum



On February 3rd, Ms. Colon's ESL 1 class visited the Illinois Holocaust Museum. The students are currently reading about the Holocaust in class, and they were able to make real world connections to their reading. The students heard stories from Holocaust survivors and their families.

Our guide was very helpful, and she helped us all deepen our understanding as we went through the museum. She was very impressed with our students and the fantastic questions that they asked throughout the day. This experience was incredibly impactful to the students, and it taught us all many valuable lessons.

Thank you, Ms. Colon, for organizing such a memorable day for our ESL 1 students!



WILDCAT CHAMPIONS HEADED TO STATE!



Wildcats Cheer Team win 2025-2026
SAC Conference Champs! Headed to
State in Bloomington, Illinois on
Thursday, February 6.

Good Luck Wildcats!



Congratulations to
Thornton's Chess Team for
advancing to the State
Finals in Peoria, Illinois on
Thursday, February 12.

Way to go Wildcat Chess
Team!



THORNWOOD

T H U N D E R B I R D S



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

Our mathletes had their conference competition held at Thornwood. Our Mathletes placed 2nd overall against all the schools in our conference.

Shout out to the following students for receiving **PERFECT SCORES** in their competitions:

Freshmen:

Emely Perez: Factoring and F/S Calculator

Veronica Hernandez: Linear Equations & Inequalities

Sophomores:

Ramses Rivera: Truth Tables

Chukwudi Collins: Truth Tables

Chisom Onyegbula: Radical Equations

Brandon Craig: Radical Equations

Seniors:

Ariana Whitaker: Asymptotes



THORNWOOD

T H U N D E R B I R D S



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205



In the words of one of our historical cheers, **“The Wood Is On Fire”** so was our very own speech team captain, Sin’Que Dorsey!

On Wednesday 2/4/26, Sin’Que performed an outstanding Black History prose for the City of Markham Council and their residents receiving a standing ovation and rewards.

Thank you Sin’Que for swelling the Thunderbird pride of the City of Markham, Thornwood alumni, counsel members, and our community.

Also, thank you for your leadership, Coach Steven Ihejirika and Jason MacConnell for keeping us all connected.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. University Partnership Update- Dr. Ratliff

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Melody Martin

Class of 2026



Melody Martin is one of *Thornridge High School's* brightest and most inspiring scholars! A proud and active member of the Thornton Township High School District 205 Student Board, a committed member of SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere), and a competitor in the District 205 Bowling League - she balances school, service, and work with unwavering dedication. Recognized as a **Distinguished Scholar** and ranking in the top 10% of her class with a **4.36 GPA**, Melody pairs brilliance with extraordinary resilience, meeting life's challenges with courage, grace, and an unshakable determination. She is a loyal friend, a guiding presence, and a role model whose character lifts everyone around her. Today, as she receives the **Southern Illinois University Carbondale Chancellor Scholarship**, we celebrate not just her achievements, but the heart, perseverance, and boundless potential that make her truly exceptional. Melody is that rare scholar whose mind, spirit, and drive ensure she can accomplish anything she sets out to achieve.





Southern Illinois University
CARBONDALE

News from the Thornwood College and Career Center



CONGRATULATIONS AUSTIN ANDERSON



Austin Anderson is a standout student at Thornwood High School, where he holds a 5.0 GPA and ranks fourth in his graduating class. He is the recipient of the prestigious Chancellor's Scholarship at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). Austin plans to major in Aerospace and Aviation, pursuing his long-term goal of becoming a professional pilot.



An International Baccalaureate student and NHS Officer, Austin demonstrates leadership and academic excellence both inside and outside the classroom. He has been actively involved in track and cross country and is a member of Bring Change to Mind. Highly motivated and academically driven, Austin consistently strives for excellence in all that he does.



NEW BUSINESS

B. Presentation: CEDA Partnership- Dr. Ratliff

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SHOT OF ART EXPERIENCE

Purple X
February 11th, 2026
District 205 School Board Presentation





STUDENT INTROS



LE'ZIYAH ROBERSON
THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR
9 MONTHS WITH CEDA



LANYIA SIMMONS
THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR
4.5 YEARS WITH CEDA

EVENT IMAGES



THANK

YOU

Purple X



NEW BUSINESS

C. Presentation: Student Board of Education Update- Dr. Doss

STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEMESTER REPORT



**Presented by the President of District 205 Student
Board of Education Jeyson Vazquez**

Semester Highlights

- Student-driven initiatives that elevated student voice and school culture across the district.
- Planned and hosted major community-building events (awareness, engagement, and school spirit).
- Partnered with staff and school leaders to support positive, safe, and inclusive environments.
 - Represented students at district and school events throughout the semester.

August

Student Board Of Education Retreat

- Completed leadership training for Student Board representatives
- Learned professional etiquette and meeting conduct
- Built confidence in public speaking and student advocacy
- Practiced collaboration and effective communication
- Prepared to represent District 205 students professionally



September

Turn Up for Peace Planning

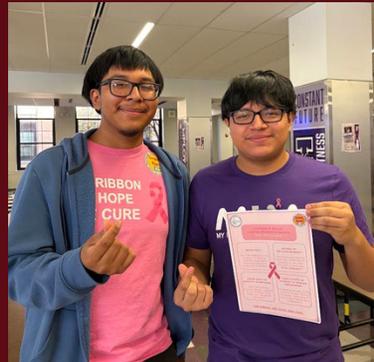
Dr. John Bradley Committee

- Initiated the planning process for Turn Up for Peace (Oct 18).
- Led heavy September promotion: created flyers and pushed outreach to increase attendance.
- Attended multiple district/community meetings (Sept–Oct) to spread the word and build support.
- Coordinated event logistics and community outreach to prepare for a successful October launch.



October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



SJJYC Committee

- Early October: promoted Breast Cancer Awareness Month during lunch periods.
- Provided students with breast cancer awareness information and resources.
- Distributed pins and ribbons to increase visibility and support.
- Encouraged school-wide participation and unity around the cause.

October

Turn Up for Peace

Dr. John Bradley Committee

- **October 18, 2025: Hosted Turn Up for Peace with 1,000+ community members in attendance.**
- **Spread peace and raised awareness of mental health issues across our community.**
 - **Brought together students, families, staff, and community partners for positive engagement.**
- **Created a lasting, positive impact by promoting unity, safety, and support.**

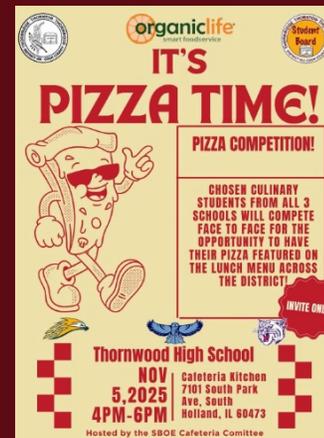


November

PIZZA CHALLENGE

Cafeteria Committee

- Partnered with Organic Life and culinary programs across all three schools to organize a district-wide Pizza Challenge.
- Students created original pizza recipes; winning options would be Implemented in the school menu.
- Hosted a cook-off/showdown with judges, tasting, and strong student participation.
- Collected student surveys to learn what students want and improve cafeteria experiences.



December

Hallway Decorating Initiative



Student Board of Education

- Led a December hallway decorating initiative to build school spirit and a welcoming environment.
 - Created a friendly competition with other school organizations (not clubs).
- Boosted morale through creativity, teamwork, and visible school pride.
- Helped close the semester with positive culture and community energy.

Looking Ahead

- Continue pushing forward on key initiatives still in progress before the year comes to an end
- Expand awareness and support efforts through upcoming SJJYC work, including Breaking the Cycle
 - Elections Committee will hit the ground running to drive strong turnout and student participation

THANK YOU

NEW BUSINESS

D. First Reading of PRESS Plus Policy Update Issue 120- Dr. Doss

- i. DRAFT UPDATE AND AMENDMENTS- 2:120 Board Member Development; 2:150 Committees; 2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited; 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management; 4:30 Revenue and Investments; 4:60 Purchases and Contracts; 4:80 Accounting and Audits; 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees; 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program; 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:100 Staff Development Program; 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity; 5:190 Teacher Qualifications; 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5:220 Substitute Teachers; 5:280 Duties and Qualifications; 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year; 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day; 6:40 Curriculum Development; 6:60 Curriculum Content; 6:130 Program for the Gifted; 6:160 English Learners; 6:210 Instructional Materials; 6:220 Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct; 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs; 6:300 Graduation Requirements; 6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students; 6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency; 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:70 Attendance and Truancy; 7:150 Agency and Law Enforcement Requests; 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; 7:190 Student Behavior; 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention; 7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High Schools; 7:340 Student Records; 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- ii. REVIEW AND MONITORING- 6:280 Grading and Promotion

NEW BUSINESS

E. Recommended Approval: Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$40,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof- Mr. Horton

NEW BUSINESS

F. Recommended Approval: Custodial Contract Extension 2026-2027-
Mr. Horton

NEW BUSINESS

G. Recommended Approval: Institute Day Funding- Dr. Ratliff

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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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 Concerning Attendance & Retention Bonus for Administrators & Exempt Non-Union Employees Plan

ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Possible Action Concerning

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting

March 11, 2026

Thornton 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