

Celeste Caballero, Staff Reporter

Spreading love for the holidays

EDITORIAL

With the holidays coming up, the world can be so jolly and happy for some people but we shouldn't just focus on the joys. We never know what someone is experiencing and going through. Seasons like these can be especially hard. Growing up in a high-poverty neighborhood really made it hard for me to fit in with other students, especially during Christmas. Most students were concerned about having designer stuff or the newest iPhones. I was concerned about just having my parents around or if we were going to have food or a house. The family holidays brought us all together, which I learned was what mattered most to me. Even knowing that, people are still so cruel and mean which is what makes life a little harder. Being a little girl and having other students make fun of me because I would only get a certain amount of gifts made me think I had to impress people. Even with all the holly jolly stuff, people will always be mean. So even if you don't know a person, one smile can change someone's day. There is no shame in growing up poor or still living in less fortunate situations than others. What a person owns doesn't define who they are. A person's intentions are what matter most. Being kind doesn't cost anything. We all have our silent struggles we all deal with. Don't make it harder for others. Lift them up with a simple smile. We shouldn't judge others based on what they don't have.



Senior Celeste Caballero
Photo credit Anahi Martinez, Editor-in-Chief



The eight newest NHS inductees include Jamiya Morgan, Ikeoluwani Grace Apata, Emily Avila, My'Iana Qualls, Morgan Ragsdale, Allister Tinajero, Angelo Trejo, and Aaron Oviedo.

Story by Florah Dismuke and photo by Jaylani Sanchez, Staff Reporters

NHS officially welcomes its newest members

On November 19th, the National Honor Society held its annual fall induction ceremony in the LRC at 3:00 pm to welcome new members. The eight new inductees included Jamiya Morgan, Ikeoluwani Grace Apata, Emily Avila, My'Iana Qualls, Morgan Ragsdale, Allister Tinajero, Angelo Trejo, and Aaron Oviedo. Students were honored for representing the four pillars of NHS: character, leadership, service, and scholarship. Their families and Ms. Potter, Mr. Altenburg, and Mr. Mansour were in attendance to support the new inductees. During the ceremony, the elected officers gave speeches highlighting the four pillars of the National Honor Society. The NHS president, Monica Aceves, then led the new inductees in reciting the pledge and started the candle-lighting tradition by lighting the first candle, which was eventually shared among the members. After the candle-lighting, the new members received their NHS pins. "I'm very proud of not only myself, but the new members as well and the current members. I love how they chose me to be the president, and I love being able to open up to everyone in my speech that has a connection between families, cultures, student life and teenage life," said Aceves. The purpose of the ceremony was to create

opportunities for participation, particularly for seniors, allowing them to engage more fully during their last year of high school. "I am trying to make room for more people to get involved, especially seniors, because in the spring, the induction isn't until the end of April, and seniors graduate two weeks later. So by doing one in the fall, it allows seniors who are now eligible, and who finished all the requirements, to get involved during their senior year," said the NHS's sponsor, Ms. Isberg. The new inductees expressed their excitement in being inducted as NHS members. "I felt honored because it was a big privilege that they've selected me, and all of the hard work that [has] paid off through high school has made me really grateful to be selected," said Oviedo. The event highlighted how important it is to be involved throughout high school for good reason. "When I found out I was selected, I was so proud of myself because the process to even be an option was difficult for a reason," added Apata. The new inductees have set clear goals for themselves in their involvement in the NHS and are prepared to work actively to achieve them. "I hope to do more for the school because I like helping others, and I find it fun doing activities for the school," said Trejo.

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Letters to the Editor

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Reading the latest newspaper, I realized how much I can relate to the pressure of being a first-gen daughter and the idea of going to college. I'm only 15. I'm constantly feeling stressed about what path I'm meant to take in life. The reason I enjoyed reading the newspaper is the topic was something I could relate to, and for others to relate to and not feel alone on their journey of growing up. Growing up is scary, figuring life out on your own is scary, not knowing what you want to do in life is scary. Reading papers you can relate to allows yourself to not be so hard on yourself. It's okay to be lost and be the first person to break generational curses. Being an educated person is a gift others aren't blessed with, and having more opportunities than your parents is a gift. I personally feel that when we become more open with our experiences it allows us to be more open towards life choices. I appreciate the staff involved with the newspaper. Continue the good work you do and open up about experiences.

Naleny Rosales, TFN

Thank you, Amare, for your story. I liked it because it's important to have a place where you can work and study in peace. Many people don't have peace and quiet at home; they have noisy siblings, or even their own parents. Having a quiet place helps students focus more and avoid distractions. This story is truly important because it opens doors for students with poor grades, or indeed for all students.

Elizabeth Morales, TFN

Reading the first generation college bound by Jaylani Sanchez, was like reading a story about myself, but from the youngest child perspective. My eldest siblings never were the "school type," but me, on the other hand, I love school and couldn't wait to go college. Growing up, my dad always told me, "I was his last hope for one of his children to attend college," and honestly, it felt like I had to reach for the stars. I now had to work twice as hard to make up for what my brothers didn't achieve, and I never had a sibling to look up to or someone to guide me. So I had to become independent when it came to education. This is really why I love this story because I see myself in this story. I understand how it feels to feel like you have the whole world ahead of you, but at the same time, you have so many titles and expectations that you are required to live up to. Your story made me feel like even though I have a lot of pressure placed on me, I'm not alone.

Zamariah Roper, TFN

Gracias Amare por tu historia. Me gusto tu historia porque es importante tener un lugar donde puedes hacer trabajo y estudiar con calma. Mucha gente no tiene calma en su casa, tienen hermanitos que hacen ruidos, o hasta sus propios papas. Tambien tener u lugar tranquilo y silencio ayuda a lod estudiantes enfocarse mas y no distraerse de su trabajo. Esta historia es realmente importante porque le abre las pueratas a los estudiantes que tienen malas calificaciones, o en general a todos los estudiantes.

Elizabeth Morales, TFN

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 9 No More College Confusion
- Dec. 12 Books with Santa
- Dec. 17-19 Semester 1 Exams
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Winter Break



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December 2025 Final Exam Schedule					
Wednesday, Dec. 17th		Thursday, Dec. 18th		Friday, Dec. 19th	
8:25 am - 9:35 am	Period 1 Final Exam	8:25 am - 9:35 am	Period 5 Final Exam	8:25 am - 9:35 am	Period 3 Final Exam
9:40 am - 10:50 am	Period 2 Final Exam	9:40 am - 10:50 am	Period 7 Final Exam	9:40 am - 10:50 am	Period 4 Final Exam
10:55 am - 12:05 pm	Period 0 Final Exam	10:55 am - 12:05 pm	Period 6 Final Exam	10:55 am - 12:05 pm	Make Up Final Exams
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Story by Alexa Baker, Staff Reporter

How to help others this holiday season

Sometimes the holiday season is hard, and people don't have the money to get their kids and family the things they need and want. Because of this, many have set up pantries for residents to get food and projects to help families receive gifts. The angel tree program is usually run by the Salvation Army, and it allows donors to help provide Christmas gifts to children and people in need. Some local Walmarts also operate one, too, for the Christmas season. The Jesus Shepherd of Souls Parish church runs an angel tree program, a resource center, and as well as a women's center for those needing help and materials during the winter. Jesus Shepherd of Souls Parish is a combination of the Saint Andrew and Our Lady of Knock churches. Residents can contact them at 708-862-4165 if they need items, or if they would like to donate. Ms. Chavez in the guidance office said, "I think knowing that there's agencies for families in need gives a sense of hope, especially in this political climate we've got going on right now." Calumet City Resources is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. They only accept Calumet City residents, and there's no need to call. Residents can just show up to get resources from the program. However, if people would like to donate and help out, they can contact Calumet City Resources at 708-891-9330. Food supplied by the Chicago Food Depository and clothing are available for people in need. Thornton Township in South Holland is always looking for senior help, and people can contact them at 708-596-6040. If anyone knows somebody in need, or wants to help out the community, contact any one of the numbers mentioned previously.

TFN clubs & activities decorate holiday trees



Members of the History Club present their tree. Photo credit: Mr. Weber

Story by Alejandra Vazquez-Nevarez, Staff Reporter

TFN Theatre Dept. presents Fame

Music, dancing, and acting. Put these all together and you get the musical Fame. The T. F. North Theatre Department presented Fame the Musical in the A.C. Jaacks Auditorium on November 20 and 21 at 7 pm and the 22nd at both 2 pm and 7 pm. Fame the Musical is about the lives of students at New York's High School for the Performing Arts. It follows their journeys through artistic and academic struggles from 1980 to 1984. The main roles, Carmen Diaz and Tyrone Jackson, were played by sophomore Dallas Armistead and junior Quentin Hall. Playing these roles required hard work and created personal challenges. "It was a challenge for many different reasons. One, I had to play a straight man, which was a fun experience. I was able to step out of my comfort zone which definitely made everyone uncomfortable, learning how to play someone who suffers from dyslexia, creating dances, and even teaching them. I had to choreograph my own solos, but that gave me the ability to add my own creativity and character; but when it came to show day Tyrone was the true star of the show," said Hall. "It stepped me out of my own body into another body. I wasn't familiar [with] at all, it wasn't easy. It caused me a lot of stress and tears here and there to [play] Carmen Diaz, but playing her opened a new door for me...and I am very thankful for Carmen,"

added Armistead. The rest of the cast included Inioluwa Ogunyemi (Serena Katz), Daniel Jackson (Nick Piazza), Jaden Newberry (Joe Vegas), Saul Raygoza (Schlomo Metzenbaum), Keniyah Stephenson (Ms. Esther Sherman), Anaeya Kelly (Iris Kelly), Kaitlynn Harris (Mabel Washington), Ahkya Wells (Goodman "Goody" King), Kayla McCullough (Grace "Lambchops" Lamb), Demi King (Ms. Greta Bell,) Sophia Maxey (Mr. Sheinkopf), and lastly Venicia Gutierrez (Mr. Myers). The play did not just happen by itself. The director was Mr. William Spakowski. Fame the Musical was Spakowski's first play in his career at T. F. North. "We only had nine weeks to put it on, which was tight but I felt like once we got to tech week and production week we knew that we had a show that was in really good shape. We did it for an audience and honestly I don't think we peaked in the sense that our best performance was our closing performance, but I think we could have found another level still if we've gone one more. I think the students from my perspective, had an enjoyable experience and hopefully it didn't dominate their lives. We were really happy to see people come out to see it. I have only heard positive things back from the students and from people seeing the play," said Spakowski.



Tyrone Jackson played by Quentin Hall and Carmen Diaz Played by Dallas Armistead Photo courtesy of the Chronoscope



WEEKEND GUIDE

Recipe for Cheeseburger Sliders:

Ingredients:

- Hawaiian Rolls
- Butter
- American Cheese
- Ground Beef/Turkey
- Black Pepper
- Garlic Powder
- Onion Powder
- Seasoning Salt
- Parsley Flakes
- White Onions

Cook your ground beef/turkey. Add your seasoning. Once the meat starts to brown, add your white onions and drain the grease. Cut your Hawaiian Rolls in half and begin to layer with American cheese and your ground meat. Brush the top of the rolls with butter, then bake for 10-15 minutes at 375°F until the top buns are golden brown. Melt a cup of butter and add parsley flakes to brush on the bun.

HOLIDAY EDITION

Places to go to have fun:

Navy Pier Light Up at the Lake (31-minute drive)
600 E. Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

Ribbon Ice Skating (34-minute drive)
337 E Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601

Lincoln Park Zoo Lights (36-minute drive)
2001 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614
Open through January 4, 2026.

Chicago Christkindlmarket (37-minute drive)
50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602



Story by
Mayalah Whitted, Staff Reporter

Now streaming shows Ideas:

- Netflix -
- The Great British Baking Show Holidays
 - Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas
 - Carry On
 - Our Little Secret
- Disney/HULU-
- Home Alone

Student Voice

What is the most desired item on your wish list this holiday season?

Survey curated by Na’Yanna Lewis-Green, Staff Reporter

“Alo set,” said junior Jessica Ogochukwu.

“A record player,” said junior Kemari Washington.

“To go to Mexico, so I can see my people,” said junior Ximena Gonzalez.

“The HYBE BTS Official Light Stick SE - MAP of The Soul (Incl. IDOLPARK Special BTS Photocard Set),” said junior Janiyah Robson.

“A mega neon fly ride unicorn in Adopt Me,” said senior Andrea Vargas.

“A MacBook,” said sophomore Dareon West.

“More football gear,” said sophomore Andre Searcy.

“I want a pink iPad,” said sophomore Vanessa Munoz.

“A gel-x nail kit,” said sophomore Adaline Cortez.

“Castiel (Supernatural)and/or Daryl Dixon Funko Pop,” said sophomore Lorena Munoz.

“Off-white dunks,” said sophomore Dhariyah Jones.

“A Wiener/Dachshund dog,” said sophomore Monae Dickerson.

“Counter-top ice makers, mini fridges, clothing, and bracelets,” said sophomore Sherae Casimiro.

“Supreme black Air Force Ones,” said sophomore Ashiyah Adams.

“A light pink Xbox controller,” said sophomore Zulydey Huerta.

“A Pantera album or a Dimebag Darrel figure would be cool,” said sophomore Jeremiah Mendez.

“A new phone,” said sophomore Bailee Guerrero.

“I want some clothes and shoes,” said freshman Latrell Smith.

“Money,” said junior Tywane Adams.

“A new dog,” said sophomore Amaya Bradford.

“An Oculus Meta VR headset,” said sophomore Uziell Ortega.

“A Lego set,” said sophomore Santiago Gonzalez.

“Apple watch,” said sophomore Navell Sims.

“An NCAA Evo Nxt Game Basketball,” said sophomore Jlen Mitchel.

“Batman Arkham on PS5,” said junior Makhi May.

“Money,” said sophomore Akhya Wells.

“The Fender Kingman V2 and a BTB 545 string bass,” said sophomore Kevin Melendrez.

“A MacBook,” said sophomore Jazmyn Jones.

“A car,” said sophomore Keyala Gordwin.

“A new phone,” said sophomore Neliah Uysalbas.

“I wish to have my dread locs back,” said sophomore Deonta Howard.

“A new generation iPad,” said Samaya Sargent.

“Some bread,” said sophomore Ryan Cowan.

“More paint,” said sophomore Sherae Casimiro.

“My most desired item on my wish list this holiday season is a trip to Bora Bora,” said sophomore J’Niyah Dobine.

“A vanity,” said sophomore Kelis Selvie.

“A unicorn,” said sophomore Khyl Green.

“A mannequin doll head for braiding hair,” said sophomore Dakota Combs.

“Probably getting a new accordion,” said sophomore Angel Guerrero.

“The Air Jordan 11's in Retro Gamma blue and to get hired by Walmart,” said sophomore Gerardo Sanchez.

“An electric guitar,” said sophomore Alaire Jackson.

“Latto,” said sophomore DeAndre Adams.

“A steam machine,” said sophomore Axel Delossantos.

“My most desired item is a PS5,” said sophomore Zechariah Binder.

“I'm wishing for a tattoo,” said sophomore Dontrell Braggs.

“Balenciaga slides,” said sophomore Andrew Jeffery.

“A tattoo,” said sophomore Aadain Willingham.

“ASUS 240 Hz Oled Monitor,” said sophomore Jayden Pastrana.

“I would like a black Carhartt jacket or a Nike ski mask,” said sophomore Jason Sharp.

“Jordan 5 black metallic,” said sophomore Tyrese Stallings.

“The Air pod max headphones,” said sophomore Royal McClinton.

“My most desired item is a Sp5der hoodie,” said sophomore Anthony Hughes.

“A loyal boyfriend,” said sophomore Yazmine Soto.

“My most desired item is a free pair of Birkenstocks,” said sophomore Sebastian Ruiz.

“A gold necklace with my name on it,” said sophomore Aniel Gutierrez-Flores.

“New headphones and a controller,” said freshman Amir Achusim.

“Dubai Chocolate,” said sophomore Zoe Flores.

“Quality time with family, friends, and my girlfriend,” said Christian Villagomez.

“I desire beats or Ariana Grande Cloud Eau de Parfum” said sophomore Laniyah Fulgham.

“The most desired thing on my wish list this holiday season isn’t an item. What I really want more than anything is to spend time with my family and my boyfriend. My life has been busy with school and homework, so getting a chance to just relax and be around the people I care about and deeply love means a lot to me,” said sophomore Mirian Martinez.

“I wish for my dream wardrobe,” said freshman Cecilia Silva.

“A 4-wheeler ATV,” said sophomore Aurielle Johnson.

“I would like a lot of clothes,” said freshman Brittany Daniel.

“My most desired item is brand new AirPods or a iPad,” said sophomore Jailen Barraza.

“My ex underneath the tree,” said sophomore Dontonio Wells.

“The most desired item on my wish list, is an 13 inch iPad Pro,” said sophomore Makitdah Brinner.

What is your “Go-to” Starbucks order?

Curated by Jaylani Sanchez, Staff Reporter
and Anahi Martinez, Editor-In-Chief



Menu

My go to order is a venti pink drink with vanilla cold foam, vanilla bean powder, and heavy cream. TRUST it's the best music !!!!!

Senior Omeira Salazar
Instagram handle: Omeiraa

A grande Iced Sugar Cookie Latte with almond milk and sugar cookie cold foam
Junior Anthony Camarena

Venti strawberry açai with lemonade or a white ice chocolate mocha with sweet cold foam
Senior Lizeth Morales
Instagram handle: Lizz26467



Venti black coffee
Mr. Stephan

Grande Lemonade and two chocolate cake pops
Senior Anahi Martinez
Instagram handle: anamrtnz.exe

Iced matcha latte with vanilla and strawberry cold foam
Freshman Evelyn Bautista

A venti strawberry acai with lemonade and light ice. Sometimes a birthday cake pop or a breakfast sandwich, depending on how hungry I am. This is my favorite order because I just love anything with strawberries, and the flavors combined are so yummy.
Senior Isabella Rosales
Instagram handle: isabellaa.2007

My “Go-to Order” at Starbucks is a strawberries & cream Frappuccino with a chocolate chip cookie. Nothing extra or taken out.
Senior Alexa Camarena



Mango dragon fruit lemonade
Senior Jazmin Sanchez

I love a good gingerbread chai latte. It’s sweet and tastes like gingerbread. If you like festive cold drinks, I’d recommend this one!!
Senior Natalia Garcia
Instagram handle: Praisenati

Stranger Things Season 5 Reviews (Spoiler Free)

The fifth and final season of Stranger Things came out on Netflix on November 26th. This season has been long awaited by many fans of the show with the last season released 3 years ago in 2022. The creators of the show, the Duffer Brothers, decided to release the season in 3 parts on 3 separate dates. Episode One “The Crawl” starts off the new season as a recap and introduces you to the new atmosphere of the fifth season. It also introduces you to the main antagonist and conflicts surrounding one of the main characters. This first episode would be rated a 4/5. Episode Two “The Vanishing

of Holly Wheeler” is much more exciting and action-filled. This episode starts off with one of the most shocking scenes in the entire series. The main characters also dive deeper into the conflict and make some discoveries on who their real enemy is. This episode would be rated a 5/5. Episode Three “The Turnbow Trap” is a less exciting episode but still an important one nonetheless. The characters think up a plan on how to beat the antagonist and stop them from hurting more people. This episode would be rated a 3/5. Episode Four “Sorcerer” is probably the best episode of the entire series so far. This

episode is filled with everything you would want in an episode like action and suspense and keeps you entertained the whole time. The episode even finishes with the most jaw-dropping cliffhanger of the entire show. This episode would be rated a 5/5. The first part of Stranger Things Season 5 released on November 26th. Three more episodes will be released on Christmas Day, December 25th. The finale of Stranger Things will be released on New Year’s Eve, December 31st. You can find Stranger Things on Netflix.

Story by Cris Flores, Staff Reporter



Do you ship **Mike and Will**, or **Mike and Eleven**?

Do you ship **Steve and Nancy** or **Johnathon and Nancy**?



Interviews by Staff Reporter Cris Flores & design by Editor-in-Chief Anahi Martinez



Mike and Will:
“I feel like they’re just better together.”
Steve and Nancy:
I feel like Steve and Nancy aren’t really uncomfortable
-Camille Gray



Mike and Will:
“Eleven was holding Mike back.”
Steve and Nancy:
“Johnathon is a weirdo and was taking pictures of Nancy naked.”
-Pablo Espinoza



Mike and Will:
“I feel like they kind of have this weird tension, and even though Mike is really into Eleven, it seems he has a thing towards Will.”
Steve and Nancy:
“I feel like they don’t go together, and I feel like Jonathan is weird and shy.”
-Saul Raygoza

Story by Celeste Caballero, Staff Reporter

TFS Alpha Players present Mean Girls

The TFS Alpha Players had performed the musical, Mean Girls for their fall play on November 21, 22, and 23 in the TFS auditorium. There were two performances on both the 22nd and 23rd. Mean Girls the Musical was an amazing play and all of the cast were pretty on point. Starting with Janis and Damian, Jazmine Romero and Giovanni Terrazas grabbed the audience's attention with funny jokes and laughter as well as their amazing singing voices. The main three mean girls (Sarah Batiste, Mikayla Haggard, and Kaitlyn Knight) had amazing outfit changes and played their parts very well. You can tell how connected the cast was just based on their performance. My favorite parts of the performance were when Regina (Sarah Batiste) was on a sparkly pink elliptical and her mother (Camilia Mondragon-Cruz) came in and the sass given off was spot on “mean girl.” Another scene I enjoyed was when Cady Heron (Gabriela Mondragon-Cruz) was trying to ruin Regina's friendship with Gretchen (Mikayla Haggard) and they were doing the Christmas candy cane handouts. Even with little mistakes that were made, they were able to do a simple and clean save. The student technicians did great with bringing in the props and making sure everything transitioned smoothly. The microphone techs (Jayden Burton and Danielle Bryant) and sound techs (Alex Bouck and Phancy Younkins) did a great job of making sure there were no malfunctions or feedback. This cast and crew really shined throughout their performance. Actor Amareye Bonds said, “There’s so many connections that I didn’t know that I could really bond with...There are people out there that could literally help you or yet alone be a good support system in your life...I would say drama has been very eye-opening with the relationships and support, it’s only my first year but it’s been an amazing experience.” Bonds played Coach Carr, Mr. Buck, and the French teacher. He flipped in and out of roles with with such energy. The play could not have been done without the director, Mr. Doug Schlessler. With all the cast and crew, these amazing students put on a great show. TFN students are allowed to go to TFS performances like this, and I wouldn’t underestimate them. They are talented kids as well, and it’s good to support everyone around our district.

Christmas Around the World

Story and photos by Na’Yanna Lewis-Green, Staff Reporter

What does Christmas have to do with science? At Chicago’s Museum of Science and Industry you might expect to find robots or maybe even fossil preservation. But every holiday season, the museum is transformed into an amazing place for international festive wonder, known as “Christmas Around the World.” This originated in 1942, it was originally made to represent the Allied nations during World War II and has since then grown into a larger exhibit that holds over 50 trees. This exhibit is not just a display of trees, it is a ticket to global holiday traditions and experiences. Each tree is decorated by community volunteers who share family and traditions drawing on their global heritage. Placed throughout the attractions are displays that represent international seasonal celebrations of light, including Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali and more. The display is open from November 8, 2025, to January 5, 2026. It’s a one-of-a-kind experience that brings an entire world of holiday joy just under one roof. The museum is a great place to educate yourself on how cultures around the earth come together and celebrate the holidays.

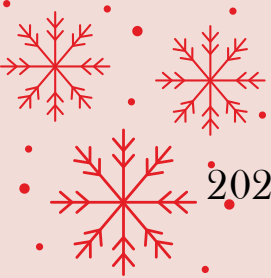
Tree 1 contains craftsmanship with wood carvings, nutcrackers, and the “Christmas pickle,” reflecting German traditions. Tree 2 has dolls in woven belts, handmade mittens, and snowflakes that represent Estonian “hand arts” and cold weather. Tree 3 includes decorations like flags, paper hearts, candy-filled ornaments, showing Danish holiday customs. Tree 4 has an miniature Eiffel Tower, and original French decorative heritage. Tree 5 has handmade decorations like lace, and garlands made from black eyed peas representing Nigerian culture.



Next issue coming out

December 16th





Avoid the Nightmares before Final Exams

Meteors, it's time to lock in so we can clock in! Are you worried about final exams? Do you want to find a place to study? Check out these study spots! Final Exams will be December 17,18, and 19. All pictures were taken from their websites.



Sip Coffee House - Highland, IN
Open Mon-Sun 6 am - 9 pm

Perfect for people who like working with other people, like a colorful and cozy environment, and people who like their options open when it comes to coffee. No one can go wrong with the Free WIFI.



Bourgeois Pig - Chicago, IL
Open Mon-Tues 7:30 am - 10 pm
Wed-Thurs 7:30 am - 11 pm
Fri-Sun 7:30 am - 12 am

Perfect for people who enjoy working in soft or dark lighting while listening to classical music. Food is served at an affordable price.



Barnes and Noble - Schererville, IN
Open Mon-Sat 10 am - 9 pm
Sun 11 am-7 pm

Perfect for people who like to study in a quiet place while getting the choice to work alone or with others.



What's Shaken Cafe - Highland, IL
Open Mon - 10:30 am - 6 pm
Tues - 10 am - 6 pm
Wed - 10:30 am - 7 pm
Thurs - 9 am - 5 pm
Fri - 10 am - 7 pm
Sat - 9 am - 5p m
Sun - Closed

Perfect for people who like an aesthetic and cozy background while studying, and enjoying the affordable but fun pastries.



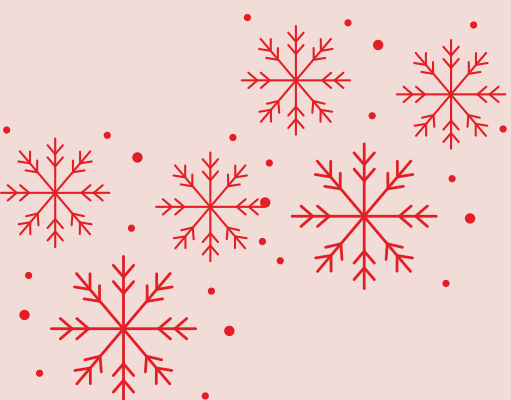
Ixxa Coffe Roasters - Hammond, IN
Open Mon-Thurs 7 am - 3 pm
Fri - 7 am - 7 pm
Sat - 9 am - 5 pm
Sun - 9 am - 3 pm

Perfect for people who enjoy an eco-friendly environment with beautiful plants. The Latin coffee, teas, and pastries won't disappoint.

Did we miss a study spot that would be a perfect fit for final exams? Let us know!



Story & design by Monica Aceves, Staff Reporter



Historia de Celeste Caballero, Reportera
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Difundiendo amor por las fiestas
EDITORIAL

Con la llegada de los días festivos, la vida puede ser muy alegre y feliz para algunos, pero no deberíamos centrarnos solo en las alegrías. Nunca sabemos qué está experimentando o por lo que pasa alguien. Temporadas como estas pueden ser especialmente difíciles. Crecer en un barrio con alta pobreza me dificultó mucho integrarme con otros estudiantes, especialmente en Navidad. La mayoría de los estudiantes se preocupaban por tener cosas de diseño o iPhones nuevo. A mí me preocupaba simplemente tener a mis padres cerca o si tendríamos comida o una casa. Las fiestas familiares nos unían a todos, y aprendí que eso era lo que más me importaba. Aun sabiendo eso, la gente sigue siendo muy cruel y mala, lo que hace la vida un poco más difícil. De pequeña, otros estudiantes se burlaban de mí porque solo recibía una cierta cantidad de regalos, me hizo pensar que tenía que impresionar a la gente. Incluso con todas las cosas alegres de la Navidad, la gente siempre será mala. Así que, aunque no conozcas a alguien, una sonrisa puede cambiarle el día. No hay nada de malo en crecer en la pobreza o seguir viviendo en situaciones menos afortunadas que otros. Lo que una persona posee no define quién es. Lo que más importa son sus intenciones. Ser amable no cuesta nada. Todos tenemos nuestras luchas silenciosas. No se lo compliques a los demás. Anímalos con una simple sonrisa. No deberíamos juzgar a los demás por lo que no tienen.



Historia de Lizbeth Solorio, Jefa de redaccion

La importancia del día 12 de diciembre

El día de La Virgen de Guadalupe se celebra el 12 de diciembre en México en honor de la cuarta aparición de la virgen al indígena Juan Diego en el año 1531. En el cerro de Tepeyac en La Ciudad de México, la Virgen de Guadalupe le pido a Juan Diego que le construyeran una iglesia en honor de su hijo Jesus. La Virgen le pidió a Juan Diego que recogiera unas rosas y cuando se las llevó al obispo, apareció la imagen de la Virgen en su tilma donde cargaba las rosas. En el lugar exacto donde apareció la Virgen, ahora se encuentra la Basílica de Guadalupe. En el año 1810 Miguel Hidalgo, líder del inicio de la guerra de independecia de México, usó la imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el estandarte que lo acompañaba al guiar a sus seguidores y enfrenar a sus enemigos. Para muchos, esta es la razón por la qual se demuestra orgullo, lealtad, y respeto a la Virgen. Hoy en día mucha gente viaja a la Ciudad de México para ver la imagen original de la Virgen y demostrar su devoción a la cultura Mexicana y Católica. Pero, no hace falta hacer un gran gesto como viajar



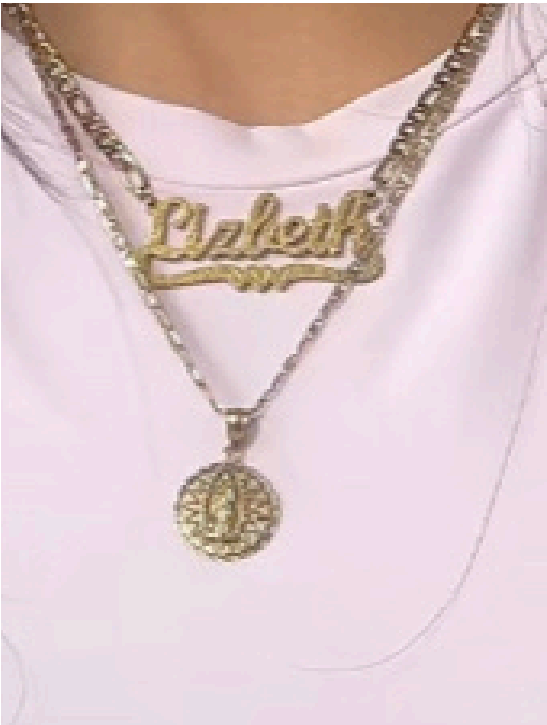
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Historia de Florah Dismuke y foto de Jaylani Sanchez, Reporteras

NHS le da la bienvenida a sus nuevos miembros

El 19 de noviembre, la Sociedad Nacional de Honor celebró su ceremonia anual de inducción de otoño en el LRC a las 3:00 p. m. para dar la bienvenida a los nuevos miembros. Los ocho nuevos miembros son Jamiya Morgan, Ikeoluwani Grace Apata, Emily Avila, My’Iana Qualls, Morgan Ragsdale, Allister Tinajero, Angelo Trejo y Aaron Oviedo. Los estudiantes fueron homenajeados por representar los cuatro pilares de la NHS: carácter, liderazgo, servicio y erudición. Sus familias, la Sra. Potter, el Sr. Altenburg y el Sr. Mansour estuvieron presentes para apoyar a los nuevos miembros. Durante la ceremonia, los funcionarios electos pronunciaron discursos que destacaron los cuatro pilares de la Sociedad Nacional de Honor. La presidenta de la NHS, Mónica Aceves, dirigió a los nuevos miembros en la recitación del juramento e inició la tradición de encender la primera vela, que finalmente se compartió entre los miembros. Después del encendido de las velas, los nuevos miembros recibieron su prendedor de la NHS. “Estoy muy orgullosa no solo de mí misma, sino también de los nuevos miembros y de los actuales. Me encanta que me eligieran presidenta y me encanta poder abrirme a todos en mi discurso, que conecta a las familias, las culturas, la vida estudiantil y la vida adolescente”, dijo Aceves. El propósito de la ceremonia fue crear oportunidades,

especialmente para los estudiantes de último año, permitiéndoles involucrarse más durante su último año de preparatoria. “Estoy tratando de hacer espacio para más personas, especialmente a los de último año, porque en primavera la inducción no es hasta finales de abril, y los estudiantes de último año se gradúan dos semanas después. Así que, al realizarla en otoño, permite que los estudiantes de último año que ya son elegibles y que cumplieron con todos los requisitos participen durante su último año”, dijo la patrocinadora del NHS, la Sra. Isberg. Los nuevos miembros expresaron su entusiasmo por haber sido seleccionados como miembros oficiales del NHS. “Me sentí honrado porque fue un gran privilegio que me seleccionaran, y todo el esfuerzo que he realizado durante la preparatoria me ha hecho sentir muy agradecido”, dijo Oviedo. El evento destacó la importancia de participar durante toda la preparatoria. “Cuando me enteré de que me habían seleccionado, me sentí muy orgullosa de mí misma, porque el proceso fue difícil por una razón”, agregó Apata, estudiante de penúltimo año. Los nuevos miembros se han fijado metas claras en su participación en el NHS y están dispuestos a trabajar activamente para alcanzarlas. “Espero hacer más por la escuela porque me gusta ayudar a los demás y me divierte realizar actividades para la escuela”, dijo Trejo.



Cartas a la editora

De parte de las editoras del Thorntonian, les queremos agradecer a los estudiantes que respondieron y apoyaron nuestra encuesta anónima. Sabíamos que al hablar del problema de I.C.E. en nuestra comunidad corríamos el riesgo de rechazo y escándalo, pero eso no nos detuvo. Necesitamos defendernos a nosotros mismos y a nuestra comunidad de hispanos porque si nosotros no lo hacemos nadie mas lo haría. Las siguientes Cartas a la Editora serían anónimas para respetar y proteger a nuestros lectores.

Gracias Editor por tu artículo "Como te hacer sentir la presencia de I.C.E. en nuestra comunidad". Yo tambien me siento muy triste y enojado que I.C.E. está deportando a personas que han vivido aquí por tanto tiempo. Es muy triste que está sucediendo en todo el país y los estudiantes en TFN y Pali High necessitan hablar de eso porque es un problema en mi comunidad y en tu comunidad.

Anonimo, PCHS

Todo lo que está sucediendo en nuestras comunidades latinas con respecto a ICE es verdaderamente triste. Ver cómo sacan personas afuerza de sus casas a algunas de las personas más trabajadoras que conozco, sin haber hecho nada malo, es tan doloroso. Aunque esto nos duela y nos afecte mucho, no podemos rendirnos. Como latinos que vivimos en Estados Unidos, the spotlight is on us. This is the moment where we should stand up for our people, and not give into prejudice comments. Nuestra comunidad nos necesita y debemos hacer todo lo posible por ayudar. Creo que si trabajamos juntos, podemos lograr un impacto real para ayudar a nuestra gente.

Anonima, PCHS

Leyendo "¿Cómo te hace sentir la? presencia de ICE. esnuestra comunidad?", me ayudó a entender los sentimientos y las perspectives que otros tienen sobre ICE. Estoy de acuerdo que es injusto deportar a familias inocentes. ¡Solo querían una vida mejor! ¡No están haciendo nada malo!

Anonimo, PCHS

Después de leer las paginas 16 y 17 sobre el impacto de I.C.E en nuestra comunidad me hace sentir mucho miedo y tristeza. Muchos estudiantes viven con ansiedad por sus familias y ya no se sienten seguros en sus casas. Me relaciono con estos sentimientos y creo que es importante que estas estorias esten escuchadas, porque enseñan como I.C.E está afectando a personas inocentes.

Anonimo, PCHS

Leyendo los testimonios y sentimientos de los estudiantes sobre ICE viniendo a sus comunidades me impacto Porque yo tambien estoy de acuerdo de que ICE no tiene derecho venir y llevar a inmigrantes innocentes aqui en Estados Unidos. Ellos estan llevando a padres, hijos, hermanos, y amigos de las personas hispanas y lo demas inmigrantes que ay. Siento que es malo que ICE estan llevando a inmigrantes que luchan para tener una vida mejor en el Estados Unidos. Pienso que ICE debe de parar de persiguir innocentes y que vayan hacer su trabajo en capturar a personas que realmente son peligrosos.

Anonimo, PCHS

Le quiero agradecer a los estudiantes que escriben el periodico de la escuela. Me da mucha felicidad que tienen una pagina en donde le dan voz a los estudiantes. Durante estos tiempos, la gente tiene miedo usar su voz. Hablar sobre ICE y el efecto que tiene es muy importante y me gusta como el periodico habla sobre eso. Hay varios hijos que cargan el miedo de nunca volver a ver sus padres y eso no esta bien. Realmente las personas no toman el tiempo para pensar en los sentimientos de las familias que ICE esta separando. Yo quiero que todo el mundo se de cuenta que los hispanos no son criminals y todo lo que dice el mundo. Los hispanos son lo que hace este pais un mejor lugar.

Anonima, TFN

Estoy muy agradecido por este periódico porque atrae atencion a lo que esta pasando ahorita en la comunidad. Me llena de felicidad al ver periodicos como atrae atencion a las injusticias del gobierno. Es muy importante que todos sepan de lo que esta pasando para que podamos empezar hacer una diferencia. Espero que los que lean este periodico empiezan a compartir las injusticias y que hay cambios en la ley de hoy en dia. Espero que un dia, no va haber cualquier persona que este preocupado de ir por sus ninos en la escuela.

Anonimo, TFN

Hola, muchísimas gracias al periódico y a todos por compartir sus opiniones. ICE es un tema realmente preocupante. Sus respuestas me han hecho darme cuenta de que, a pesar de no ser bienvenidos, de sufrir discriminación, de que se nos nieguen muchas oportunidades e incluso de enfrentar el racismo, seguimos aquí, resistiendo y luchando. Eso dice mucho de nosotros, porque somos una comunidad muy grande y unida donde lo que importa es el bienestar de nuestras familias. Es importante hablar de esto porque muchas personas desconocen las circunstancias que las llevaron a migrar. Pudo haber sido por pobreza, inseguridad o alguna otra razón. Cada familia tiene su propia historia. Espero que este tipo de historias o temas nos hagan reflexionar y ver el problema desde una perspectiva diferente. Espero que el ICE se retire pronto y que se apruebe una ley para que podamos vivir legalmente y no tengamos que escondernos ni vivir con miedo.

Anonimo, TFN

Quiero agradecer al Thorntonian por escribir sobre un tema tan importante. Me siento orgullosa que nuestra escuela pueda seguir unidos sobre todo en tiempos tan difíciles para la comunidad inmigrante. En muchas de las respuestas hablan sobre el terror de no saber si vas a poder completar tu día sin ser detenido y separado de tu familia, y la frustracion de los demas a ver que esto esta pasando a personas inocentes, aunque ellos alamejor no sean impactados directamente. Es importante que nuestra escuela este informada de estos tipos de problemas en nuestra comunidad y como realmente nos esta afectando porque es algo que nos impacta a todos fuera y dentro de la escuela--nos impacta nuestra vida no solo un momento de nuestro día. Me gustaria que mas personas se eduquen sobre este tema y vean la realidad de que tanto esta afectando a toda nuestra comunidad.

Anonima, TFN

Son muy valientes los estudiantes que hablaron sobre este tema. Estoy de acuerdo con la molesita, miedo, y emociones que hablan sobre las injusticias que ocurren en nuestra comunidad. Estoy de acuerdo que no deben de deportar a la gente inocente, ya que tiene su vida establa aqui en el EEUU. Estas respuestas son importantes para que muchos en la escuela y comunidad entiendan como se sienten los estudiantes en nuestra comunidad a vivir esto. Espero que en el futuro los demas se dan cuenta del impacto y que ayuden a nuestra comunidad pasar este miedo.

Anonima, TFN

Muchas gracias periódico e integrantes de la clase de periodismo por incluir a la gente hispana y a lo que pasa con ICE. Este artículo en particular me deja pensando sobre lo afortunado que soy porque yo no sé cómo hay gente tan fuerte que soporta el separamiento de sus familias gracias a ICE. La verdad me enoja que hay niños que tienen que soportar esto porque me parece algo inhumano. Cómo hay gente tan insensible como los de ICE que separan, lastiman y trauman familias sin siquiera sentir una gota de tristeza o remordimiento, me hace reflexionar sobre el mundo. Me parece muy importante compartir esta información a través de la escuela porque la gente puede darse cuenta de que no es un chiste y no está bien lo que pasa, y más para algunos estudiantes que se lo toman como juego. Espero que este tema pare en la sociedad, pero en caso de que siguiera, me gustaría que lo siguieran escribiendo en el periódico. Gracias, estudiantes del periódico.

Anonimo, TFN

Le quiero dar las gracias al periodico por darnos la oportunidad de compartir nuestras opiniones y sentimientos a como nos hace sentir la presencia de ICE en la comunidad. Estas respuestas me hacen sentir compasion a todas las familias impactadas y a quienes corren peligro de ser afectados de cualquier manera. Este tema es muy importante de compartir con otros porque nos da la oportunidad de relacionarnos unos con otros y estar juntos durante tiempos difíciles. En el futuro espero que todos los que estan siendo afectados podran decir que lucharon, y que todo lo que esta pasando hoy en dia sea un testamento de lo fuerte que somos cuando estamos unidos. En el periodico espero que sigan incluyendo nuestras opiniones en una manera anonima para los que tienen miedo compartir como se sienten.

Anonima, TFN

Agradesco a todas las personas que se tomaron el tiempo de hacer este artículo resaltando y dando importancia a los sentimientos de los estudiantes acerca de la situación que esta pasando actualmente con migracion y la comunidad latina, me alegra mucho ver que no somos ignorados y me pone triste ver todas las preocupaciones en las reacciones de los estudiantes acerca de este tema. Es importante haber echo saber a la escuela nuestras preocupaciones porque quizás pueden hacer algo para ayudarnos en esta situación, espero que las historias de este artículo sean resaltadas y reconocidas y que mas adelante podamos animar a las personas y estudiantes a apoyarnos todos entre nosotros.

Anonima, TFN



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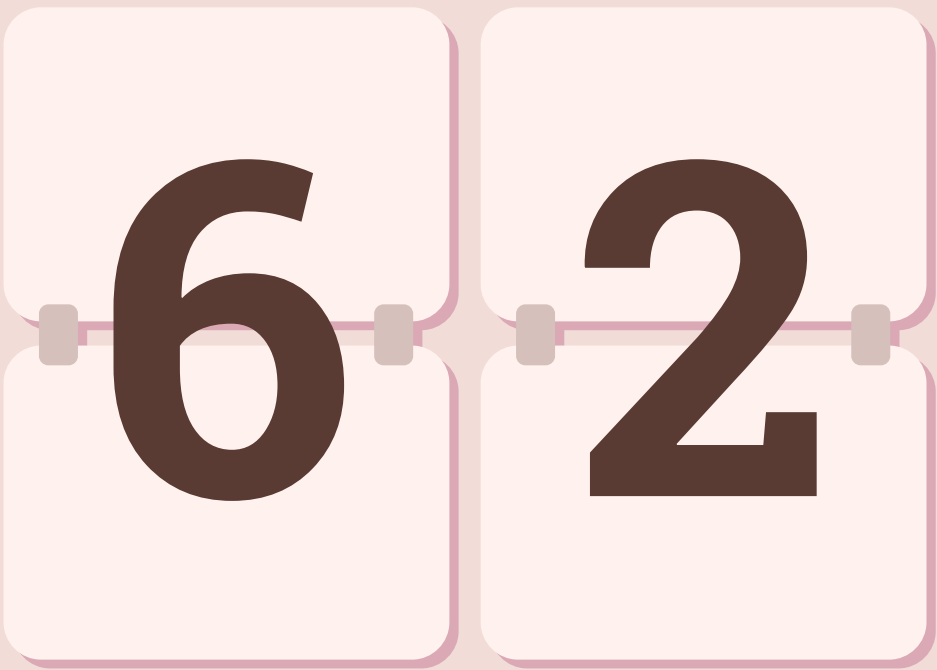
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SUPER BOWL LX’S HALFTIME SHOW

Se les preguntó a los estudiantes de TF. North qué creen que Bad Bunny cantará en el espectáculo de medio tiempo del Super Bowl de la NFL.

“Creo que Bad Bunny cantará "Titi Me Pregunto" y después disparará fuegos para que todos se emocionen,” dijo senior Dalia Morales.

“Yo pienso que Bad Bunny cantar DTMF en el Super Bowl,” dijo senior Lilliana Sanchez.

“Yo quiero que Bad Bunny cante Perro Negro porque me gusta la cancion,” dijo senior Lizbeth Solario.

“En mi opinion, yo pienso que Bad Bunny va cantar La Mudanza,” dijo senior Jasmine Reyes.

“Creo y espero que cante Fina con Young Miko. Sería increíble si Bad Bunny la cantara, fue una colaboración irónica,” dijo senior Omeria Salazar.

“Creo que Bad Bunny cantará “Te Bote,” dijo junior Diana Coronado.

Students at TF. North were asked what they think Bad Bunny will play at the NFL Super Bowl Halftime Show.

“I think Bad Bunny will sing "Titi Me Pregunto" and then shoot fireworks to get everyone excited,” said senior Dalia Morales.

“I think Bad Bunny should play “I should have taken more photos” at the Super Bowl,” said senior Lilliana Sanchez.

“I want Bad Bunny to sing “Black Dog” because I like the song,” said senior Lizbeth Solario.

“In my opinion, I think Bad Bunny will sing “The Move,” said senior Jasmine Reyes.

“I believe and hope that he will sing ”Fina” with Young Miko. It would be incredible if Bad Bunny sang it, it was an ironic collaboration,” said senior Omeria Salazar.

“I think Bad Bunny will sing "I'll throw you away" at the Super Bowl,” said junior Diana Coronado.

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