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Powderpuff ends in tie

The annual Powderpuff game was played during 7th period on September 20, 2023 on Wilbur Petree Football Field. The Junior and Senior Boards participated in the game that Ms. Weber and Mr. Furmanek supervised. They used college overtime rules, and each touchdown was worth 7 points. The game started with the juniors on offense. Quarterback Sammie King threw a touchdown pass to wide receiver Jadyn Goshay for a 7-0 score. Senior Gabby Payton fought back for the senior team with a 15-yard sweep for a touchdown tying the score 7-7. "I think I played very well, I did my best," said senior Tessica Foster. The Class of '25 did not score on its next possession. "Being quarterback and having to stay focused and ready for anything was a really nervous feeling for me. Some plays didn't go well, and some of my throws weren't perfect but my teammates had my back when catching the ball and it felt great," said King. On the next play, senior Arianna Beal ran a 10-yard sweep, and the seniors took the lead 14-7. "I played better than last year," said Beal. Then junior Kierra Gould caught a touchdown from King to tie the game at 14-14. The seniors got the ball back but didn't score, ending the game in a tie. "I gave the game all I got [and] had so much fun," said senior Hannah Jackson. "Trust, you will see me next year back and as a better quarterback. Watch out!" added King.



Senior Gabby Payton celebrates after scoring a touchdown. Photo credit: Ruby Garcia



The Meteors line up for the extra point against the Titans of Tinley Park. Photo credit: Chiante' Ridley, Chronoscope Staff

Jasmine Pastrana & Ximena Gutierrez

Meteors beat Titans 21-0

Gradford and Long lead North past Tinley Park

The annual Homecoming game was played on September 22, 2023 on Wilbur Petree Football Field. During the first quarter, Terrion Long scored a 43-yard touchdown catch from Dominic Gradford with 37 seconds left. During the second quarter, Gradford caught an interception with 1:08 left. The score was 7-0 at halftime. Halftime started with the cheerleaders performing a routine. Coach Mani said, "They've grown a lot as far as they first started, which was in June. They got more confidence, flexibility and they got stronger. They have a lot of fun performing and are excited for competition. They have a lot of potential for this year." Then, the dance team performed a variety of songs including "Formation," "Rake It Up Remix," "Get Loose," and "Countdown." Savannah McMullen said, "We did great even under a lot of pressure." Before performing, Tammy Ogundeyi of the TFN band said, "Every time you play is a time to be better, and always performing makes the performance better than the last one."

To close up halftime, the band played "Shout It Out," "Word Up," "Boogie Wonderland," "Cold Hearted," and "Water Me," as the color guard performed. Dorsey Reynolds said, "We advanced a lot and need more practice, but we're getting there." The third quarter was about defense. No one scored. In the final quarter, Gradford scored a 3-yard rushing touchdown making the score 14-0. Long also scored a 14-yard rushing touchdown. Deshawn Jones caught an interception with 2:31 left making it clear Tinley Park had no chance to win. The game ended with a Meteor win of 21-0. Head Coach Pignatiello said his team was well prepared for the game, that Coach Rogers "is the best defensive coordinator in the state of Illinois," and that he's never seen anybody better. Pignatiello is very proud of his team this year. "I just love watching them play with their brothers, there is nothing better, there is nowhere else I want to be, this is awesome!"

HoCo Dance

Meteors have a roaring time

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The 2023 Homecoming Dance took students back 100 years in time. Do you know who won the crown?

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Meteor Man returns

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Student Council started the year off right with its first pep rally of 2023. Did you see our new school mascot?

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School spirit around TFN

Ruby Garcia

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King named 2023 Reigning Royal

Junior Sammie King wins Homecoming crown at Great Gatsby-themed dance

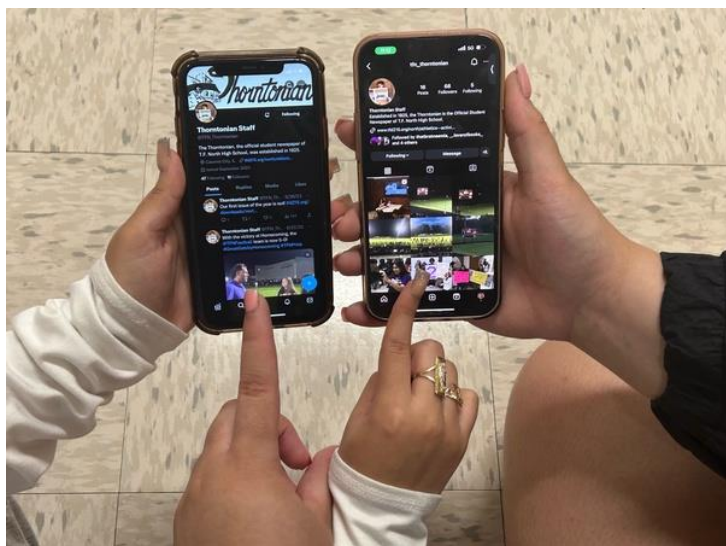
“The Homecoming dance was definitely enjoyable. I loved the music, and I would definitely do it again,” said junior Jalen Edwards. The 2023 T.F. North Homecoming Dance was held on Saturday, September 23rd from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm. It took place in the Purple Gym. It was sponsored by Student Council members and supervised by Ms. Stramaglia. This dance, a high school tradition, has been around for years. The Student Council decorated for the dance the day before. Student Council put a lot of work into making sure everything looked good. The students who attended really enjoyed themselves and were dressed nicely. The Homecoming theme was The Great Gatsby. The decorations matched the theme perfectly. “I had fun, and I loved how the DJ had music of everyone's kind and different dances. I

liked how everyone danced together, and my dress was black and sparkly to match the decorations. Overall, me and my friends had a good time,” said sophomore Shamara Wells. There were hanging lights, chandeliers, balloon arches, backdrops, lots of door curtains, and even a 360-degree photo booth. “It was fun, the decorations were nice, and the music was good,” said senior Amber Philips. The DJ did an amazing job. He played different types of music from different genres from Hip Hop/R&B and Spanish music. “It was nice, I liked the music, and how everyone came together,” said junior Dre Morgan. On the other side of the Purple Gym, there was a speakeasy where people could sit and talk to each other or put their things down. Junior Samiya King was named Reigning Royal and looked very stunning. “I would say winning...was phenomenal, a true heartwarming experience. I thank everybody who

voted for me because, really, I didn't think I would win but God really answered me with this one. Also, I still want to congratulate the other candidates even if they didn't win. All of them are great individuals and for the seniors, I wish them well. They all looked amazing!”



2023 HoCo Reigning Royal Sammie King
Photo credit: Cormora Williams



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Letters to the Editor

I enjoyed the creativity and topics that were brought up in the newspaper. I feel that they really acknowledge the little and big accomplishments and improvements at TFN. I also like how you mentioned the rivalry with TFS and had quotes from the coaches. I find it funny how it says to only enjoy the victory for a day since I play a sport as well. I find that to be true whenever I win. I cannot enjoy it for too long. I also found it nice how, since this is the first newspaper of the year, there was a page dedicated to the Thorntonian Staff to get to know who is behind what we read. I think it adds depth knowing that the newspaper was written by students like us. -Celester Escobar Rosa, senior

I think the newspaper has a nice look to it, and it can be very useful as it's informative. It was nice to look at and to see all the new renovations of the school. Those who worked on it did a great job. They included everyone and talked about the things that matter such as clubs and the students. I liked the Meteors section where students were interviewed and asked questions about the school year. It's interesting to see all the different responses from different students. Though not many people may read the newspaper, I think they should because it's cool to read and it's nice to support what your peers worked hard on to make. -Yesenia Reyes, junior

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After going missing for more than a decade, Meteor Man returned to T.F. North. Photo credit: Rogelio Romero

Student Council hosts year's first pep rally

The school year opened with people in new places and updated spaces



Ms. Gillespie

The pep rally this year was filled with energetic students that were ready to participate. "They were just ready to have fun and be silly," said Ms. Stramaglia, the sponsor of Student Council. The T. F. North 2023 Homecoming Pep Rally was held on Friday, September 23 in the Purple Gym. The Homecoming Pep Rally was hosted by Ms. Gillespie and senior Andrea Martinez.

The hosts of the pep rally gave a shout out to the Student Council who helped put the pep rally and the Homecoming dance together. After the class totals were checked, the hosts announced the final game of the pep rally which was balloon pop. Each player had to run back and forth with their balloon and then sit on it to pop it. Although some seniors expected to win, it was a close game. The freshmen were declared the winners. In addition to that, the fall sports were introduced. The Student Council made an effort to involve all the sports teams. "It felt amazing and exciting to be a part of the pep rally," said Said Rodriguez of the cross-country team. "It feels awkward to be in the pep rally, especially because it's my first time," added Angel Olaguez of the golf team.

The pep rally started off with the introduction of the new Meteor Man. When asked how it felt to be back after being away for 10 years, he gave two thumbs up. Next the cheerleaders put on a show, the T.F. North clubs were introduced, and the first game was played by each class board. The classes had to move a person on a table, with the students being the wheels moving the table across the basketball court. The freshmen came out on top. "It felt good to win the contest, I led my team to victory," said Christopher Lopez, President of Freshman Board. After the first contest the dance team followed with its performance. "They went the extra mile," said Stramaglia. The next game was a relay race with clothes, also won by the freshmen. After the Homecoming Royals were introduced. Junior Royals were Sammie King, Zaria Jacobs, Jayla Gathe, and Jayda Porter. Senior Royals were Arianna Beal, Kierha Lloyd, Dominic Gradford, and Kezia Weaver. "Honestly it feels amazing," said Jacobs. "It feels exciting to run for Homecoming Court. I've never done this before. I'm glad the people know me now," added Lloyd.

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- Said Rodriguez

The pep rally ended with the freshman class winning the entire pep rally. Overall, the pep rally was very eventful. "I know how much time and work went into it. I think it was better than last year's, but there are still areas to improve on. I loved that there were a lot of freshman players for the games," said Stramaglia.

Story by Rogelio Romero, Miranda Cuanetl, & Aidan Jordan

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Ed Sheeran (or is it Yulissa Villarreal?) visited TFN on Singer Day during Spirit Week.



Officers Zivkovich & Caples look for suspicious students on F.B.I. or Most Wanted Day. Mia Romo & Ruby Garcia have spirit, too.

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