

How to finish high school strong

by: Sheridan Mitchell, News Writer

Eleventh and twelfth grade are your last two years of high school. After four long years you’re almost at the end. But of out all of your years of high school people ask why they are both so important. Junior year is important since the grades you get from that year and prior are what colleges will see until you are a senior. This is also when people try to take more challenging classes to add to there transcripts and make there chances higher of getting into a good college to further their education. When entering your senior year you’re typically around the ages 17-18. At this age your brain

is still developing and at this time you’re usually in the mindset of planning, focusing, along with making decisions and usually you are also preparing to experience life without highschool, and also having to make choices that could potentially better your future. Your senior year grades are also very important because colleges request your last transcript from your school after graduation. Senior year is most important not for just college but overall academic preparation. Academic preparation for college is major since the atmosphere is different in college and who you formerly know as teachers, they are now

called professors. In this setting things are also taken more seriously like usages of ChaptGPT and plagiarism. Consequences include removal from institution or failing of the class. In college work is more independent and if you don’t do your work you will most likely fail. Not all professors are like teachers in high school that will give you time extensions on assignments, your ability to complete your assignments is solely your responsibility. Senior year also teaches you personal and emotional development and also you began to have drastic changes with either your peers and your environment. This year



you will learn who your true friends are and if some people are meant to enter your next chapter with you. This year is important to self reflect and analyzing your growth from freshman year to senior year to see how you can further progress. These last two years aren’t just for preparing for college but also keeping track of your mental health during these final chapters

before you enter adulthood is very important for the youth.

Badminton Senior Night

by: Kaylyn Imala, Features Writer

PA On April 15, 2025, the TF South Badminton team hosted their annual Senior Night. The team went against Lemont High School. The senior players, Deisy Salto, Azuri Akbar, Hannah Fowler, Kaylyn Imala, Jessica Arreola, Khia Wilson, Brianna Rosas, Monsserath Hernandez, Adilene Cervantes, Emma Glowacki, and Gianna Muaribitio, all played fiercely to finish their last home game strongly. The team won 14-1 against Lemont. Senior Night is made for teams to showcase their long-time players that gave their full commitment and effort into their sport. The underclassmen helped to organize a surprise for the seniors, creating posters and gift baskets. An abundance of flowers crowded the gym that were gifted to the players, from tulips to roses. Although Senior Night is made for celebration, it is also made to reflect on how far an individual came. Sports come with experiencing humble-

ness and saddened moments, however, that is how players grow stronger. Fowler says, “The most challenging time for me was during my final game during conference against Reavis. It was more inner conflict since I was playing a girl I had beaten already, however, I still felt pressure especially because my mom was there.” Fowler was an example of a team player that built bonds with others and Coach Dynecia Dixon while also pushing herself to become the dedicated player she is. The effort of friendship and love within the team was the biggest advantage they had against other teams. Dixon says, “I’m going to miss them. I’ve been with them for 3 years, that’s a long time. I didn’t even expect to still be coaching in all honesty. It was supposed to be temporary, however, they were a great team so I stayed. Now only 3 players remain from my first year.” Dixon has always shown commitment and dedication to making the team better ev-

eryday. On practice days, she allows many seniors to stay afterwards to keep improving their work. Her first year, she was unaware of what badminton was and the skills you must have to play at a high level. However, she put tons of work and effort into understanding the sport to connect with her players. This night gave Dixon an opportunity to see her coaching skills come to life and showcase her love for the team. It was clear that Senior Night was not just a celebration of victories on the court, but a heartfelt tribute to the dedication, growth, and lasting bonds that these athletes and their coach had built over the years, leaving a legacy that would continue to inspire future athletes.





The Howler

Goodbye to the Howler Staff-- for the most part,

As another school year comes to an end, another Howler staff moves on to their bright futures. Of the 19 students on staff, 17 graduated on May 21. I want to thank them for always be willing to write stories they did not want to write, to help their classmates, and to be journalists-- at least for a year. Many in the classs never had journalism experience-- and did not even know what the class entailed back in August. Some arrived in the class in January; some arrived in March. But all dedicated themselves to telling their stories-- the story of TF South. Some-- Savannah and Jelani--will continue to pursue journalism in their paths ahead; others-- Aaliyah-- may teach journalism one day as she pursues a career as an educator. In all that they do, I wish them well and know that they will continue to tell their story-- and that this story will be well worth the read. In their time together this year, the students on The Howler were led by the patient, kind, and, invaluable Editor in Chief, Coryannah Hearn. I could not ask for a better leader for a staff of new students. She will continue to be invaluable and a leader in the years to come.

Bright, Aaliyah, Sheridan, Sebastian, Logan, Freeman, Ben, Jelani, Nathalie, Angelique, Kaylyn, Rey, Nelson, Saniya, Duanne, Savannah, and of course, Coryannah-- thank you. Your names will remain as long as the building remains-- literally and figuratively.

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Upcoming No School Days

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Do think and drive

by: Coryannah Hearn, Editor in Chief

A fantastic yet reflective came out called *Unhinged* and it's a great movie for teens to watch. It's about a mom named Rachel Hunter (played by Caren Pistorius) who makes a small mistake and gets road rage against a man, Tom Cooper (played by Russell Crowe), who takes it way too far and threatens her and her family's lives. This shows how we should think before we act and don't be impulsive when driving because it can backfire. I would definitely recommend this movie to anyone who

drives because it can help those who may not be able to control their emotions when driving. This relates to teens who drive especially around school properties because it can be really dangerous for those who may be walking and even other drivers. Road rage can be dangerous because it can cause people to tailgate, cut off people which can lead to accidents, distracted driving, and more which can lead to disasters. We also don't know what the person behind the wheel in the other car has been through and whether or not they

have weapons because there has been an increase of drivers carrying guns on them. Additionally, we really do not know the other person in general so it's best not to test what they are willing to do to feel satisfied that they beat you. As teenagers and young adults, we should be more responsible and take care of ourselves more than anything, especially when driving because at the end of the day, we have to drive for ourselves and others. This also connects to the students that drive in the parking lot at our school because some students drive reckless-



ly and disregard others' safety. I believe that the best way we can resolve this issue is by remembering that we are not the only ones in the parking lot and that there are others around us that can be hurt by our carelessness. Staying calm yet alert of others can help us all grow as drivers because

we are prone to mistakes which is okay but we can take the time to learn from all of them without being irresponsible.

Why Are Eggs So Expensive Right now? by Nathalie Galvan

Eggs are some basic food items in many households, have become a lot more expensive in the past couple months. People are shocked when they see the high prices at the grocery store, and many are wondering why this is happening. Several factors are driving up the cost of eggs, and it's affecting families everywhere. one major reason for the rise in eggs prices is avian flu. It is a disease that has been spreading among poultry like chicken and turkeys. The flu has affected millions

of chickens on farms in the U.S and other countries. To stop the disease from spreading many infected chickens had to be destroyed



which caused a significant drop in egg production. With fewer eggs available price naturally went up. This shortage

is one of the biggest contributors to the current high prices. Another factor is inflation, which has been affected by many aspects of

life. Inflation means that the cost of goods and services is rising, and this includes the cost of farming. The prices

of goods and services are rising, and this includes the cost of farming. The prices of chicken feed, a labor, and transportation has all increased, making it more expensive to produce eggs. As a result, their higher costs are passed down to consumers, leading to higher prices at the grocery store. The impact of these rising egg prices is being felt by people across the country. For families with

tight budgets, eggs are a cheap source of protein, but they are not much harder to afford. Some families are even cutting back on buying eggs, while others are looking for cheaper alternatives, such as powdered eggs or plant-based egg substitutes. Egg prices are expected to go down eventually as the supply of eggs improves and the avian flu is controlled. However, for now, the cost of eggs is still a problem for many families.

2025 IHSA Journalism results

by: By Jelani Jones, Features Writer

Two weeks ago on April 5th, students from the TF South newspaper club competed in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) 2025 IHSA Journalism sectionals. The competition included 7 different sectional brackets with TF South being in the sixth. The sixth section included 14 schools total, those schools being Reavis High School, St. Laurence High School, Marist High School, Northside High School, Payton High School, Taft High School, Elmwood Park, Evanston Park, Evergreen Park, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Niles West High School, Argo, Regina Dominican High School, New Trier, and of course- TF South.

Each student that competed had their own category they competed in. Those students and their categories

were Seniors Savannah Williamson and Sheridan Mitchell who competed in TV news, Senior Benjamin Gresham who competed in photo story telling, Senior Bright Akli who competed in infographics, Senior Kaylyn Imala who competed in advertising, Senior Angelique Avilia who competed in editorial cartooning, Senior Christian Freeman who competed in feature writing, Senior Logan Daigre who competed in review writing, along with myself who competed in sports writing. Today on April 15, we got the results of this year's sectionals. To be informed, students that competed reunited at 12:40 pm to watch the live broadcast of the results on Microsoft Teams. During the broadcast, it was revealed that seven of the nine com-

petitors finished in the top five of their respective categories. Coming in fourth place was Seniors Savannah Williamson and Sheridan Mitchell for TV news along



with myself for sports writing. In third place was Senior students Kaylyn Imala, Logan Daigre, and Bright Akli for advertising, review writing, and infographics. Last but not least,

coming in first place as this year's regional champion for editorial cartooning was Angelique Avila.

Unfortunately, not enough students competed for the school as a few other categories had no competitors which ultimately resulted in TF South not making the top five in overall team points. However, this marks the most students from

TF South to crack the top three- let alone the top five in multiple categories since competitions before the covid epidemic. Also, with four students finishing in the top three, (Angelique,

Bright, Kaylyn, and Logan) they earned an opportunity to compete in the next round in Normal, Illinois representing TF South on the next big stage. With that information, it can be concluded that this year's competition was full of good for TF South which is something to be proud of.

Project Blue Origin

by: Sebastian Martin, Features Writer

Recently Jeff Bezos created a mission called "New Shepard NS-31" and launched a rocket to space which had six celebrities on it. The six were Katy Perry, Lauren Sanchez, Gayle King, Aisha Bowe, Amanda Nguyen, and Kerianne Fylnne. One of the purposes of this mission was to inspire future generations for space travel as said on the Blue Origin website "Founded by Blue Origin, Club for the Future is a nonprofit with the mission to inspire and mobilize future generations to pursue careers in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math)"

(Blue Origin). The crew had blue and black space suits with a back

through our precious atmosphere" (Blue Origin). One of

oxygen for propellants and human consumption, as well as develop-

crew that may be in those rockets but also the rockets themselves. They've made escape systems for the crew to possibly exit the rocket if need be or emergency purposes. There are videos on the website for individuals to see their flight tests. But back to the recent mission the main purpose of New Shepard NS-31 was to provide a reusable rocket to private crew members for space flight. This also provides data for researchers for future tests and improving the rockets built by Blue Origin



feather on the back which represent "relentless pursuit of the perfection of flight and the promise of a graceful and safe return to planet Earth, just like a feather's gentle descent

their primary goals is to use resources in space for travel in the future. "This includes using lunar dust to ultimately produce solar power systems, power transmission cables, and

ing systems to identify water ice on the Moon's south pole for extraction of hydrogen to refuel our landers" (Blue Origin). Blue Origin also focuses on safety not only for the

The Best Holiday Food

by: Jaylennsia Rhea, Review Writer

With Independence Day coming up people start to think about holiday food again so on that note; round two agree or disagree Thanksgiving food is the best holiday food? With Memorial day coming up people start to think about holiday food again. By the way Halloween does not count as a holiday for dinner for food candy is their theme of choice. Today the holiday is dropped from this discussion unfortunately. Thanksgiving Food should be superior by all theories. The whole point is to eat and to be with your families. Furthermore

with that being said we have three more competitors Easter, Christmas and Birthdays. Starting off with the holiday that is coming up Easter holiday food. Easter has Deviled eggs, Hot cross buns, Carrot cake trifle, Root beer glazed ham, Rack of lamb, Lamb leg, Gratin, Brown Sugar Pineapple Ham, Candied carrots, Crock pot mac and cheese, Asparagus pasta, Creamy mashed potatoes and Easter bread. Next Christmas food on the list is Mashed potatoes, Baked Ham, Eggnog, Prime Rib, Roast goose, Roast turkey, Candied

yams, Lamb, Roast beef and Pigs in blankets. Lastly but not least Birthdays the menu is very unique to your own personal references of food choice. Finally Thanksgiving food the list begins with Sweet Potatoes, Baked Mac and cheese, Pumpkin Pie, Bread rolls, Turkey, Apple cobbler, Stuffing, Turkey Wings, Cabbage and Green beans Potatoes. Then while having this very detailed curated list of holiday food the people came up with a decision. Furthermore I have asked people in person what type of holiday food they preferred

and all the anonymous people did say Thanksgiving food. Anonymous person A said Thanksgiving food would have to be superior because it was the time to be with family and eat. Anonymous person B said they had no idea there was another holiday feast specifically for the other holidays, so that disqualified the rest of the holiday for them. In addition, if you didn't know about other holiday foods, I hope you are more knowledgeable now. Moreover it was a huge vote for Thanksgiving food, being superior to all holiday food as expected. It wasn't a surprising result as to which holiday

food everyone would pick. This was a small topic of Agree and Disagree debate in my Newspaper class even though this wasn't much of a debate, more of a complete agreement. In conclusion, from all the people I have studied to ask about this topic, it was an undeniable win for the best holiday food being Thanksgiving food in unanimous agreement.





A Good-- or okay--American Show

by: Aaliyah Harb, Managing Editor

A Good American Family, Hulu’s dramatization of the Natalia Grace case, is a provocative and unsettling limited series that searches through the murky waters of truth, manipulation, and public perception. Created by Katie Robbins and featuring Ellen Pompeo and Mark Duplass as Kristine and Michael Barnett, the show reimagines the infamous adoption saga with a blend of psychological drama and social commentary. The series documents the Barnetts’ adoption of Natalia Grace, portrayed by Imogen Fatih Reid, a Ukrainian girl with dwarfism who they claimed was an adult masquerading as a child. As the narrative unfolds, the show employs shifting

perspectives and timelines to explore the complexities of the case, challenging viewers to question the reliability of each account. I personally found this series to be very scary and honestly had a hard time watching. Natalia (Imogen Faith Reid) absolutely terrified me with the way she would smile after doing something to make Kristen (Ellen Pompeo) and Micheal (Mark Duplass) fight. I do feel as though the main purpose of this series was to show how scary

Natalia Grace was and not what actually happened. I already have heard and read about this specific case going into



watching the show and really feel like they glorified and or forced the attention to be on how psychotic Natalia was. It has been proven that Natalia was a child when she was adopted so i feel like for the series they should have had a

child play her instead of an adult. If you have watched this series and are interested in a factual account of the events, the documentary series the Curious Case of Natalia Grace offers a comprehensive look at the case. The first season focuses on the Barnetts’ dramatic recounting of events, which critics have described as theatrical and one-sided. The second season shifts the focus to Natalia’s viewpoint and includes a DNA test to address the question about her age. The documentary offers valuable insights into the complexities of the case and the media frenzy surrounding it. Both A

Good American Family and The Curious Case of Natalia Grace provide a background on the events in which occurred during the time Natalia Grace stayed with the Barnetts, I personally would prefer to watch The Curious Case of Natalia Grace because it provides real evidence and show the true viewpoint from both sides. I overall give the show a 6 out of 10 and probably would never watch it again.

Make a plan to see A Working Man

by: Christian Freeman, Reviewer

A Working Man is an action movie released in 2025 starring Jason Statham as a strong willed protagonist with a love for those he aims to protect. A Working Man is NOT a sequel to the Beekeeper. The first thing that should be made clear is that this movie is not a sequel. Beekeeper was a phenomenal action movie, and due to the similarities between Jason Statham’s character and the release window between that movie and working man, it’s easy to confuse the two. However, while Beekeeper was more or so a stealth, trap and physically based movie, Working man has a lot more gun action that

keeps it afloat. The plot follows Levon Cade,

when Jenny goes missing. This leads



working as a supervisor for Garcia construction company. Eventually the plot leads to Jenny Garcia, the main hostage in this movie, being abducted and trafficked for a rich man. Levon cade is a retired military specialist who has to get back into action

to a very organized breakdown of tracking Jenny down and saving her. Levon Cade uses various techniques such as reconnaissance and assuming the identity of a drug dealer in order to get closer to a dealer who runs the trafficking ring. It is also revealed that Le-

von still has military connections as he calls people at the FBI for information or goes to see a friend who is off grid for weapons. Making it clear he has an extensive history, but has chosen to shun it. It’s a typical action movie with not that many high points but still enough entertainment to last. Jason Statham typically plays very similar characters throughout his movies, but this movie adds the addition of his character Levon being a fa-

ther. This adds tension to the movie as now Levon has to navigate through keeping his mission away from his daughter and returning home to her after its all over. Working man is an entertaining action movie that while doesn’t have many noteworthy moments, it is a good turn your brain off action movie with a simple plot that no one can really complain about. It’s worth the watch and was definitely worth going to the theaters to see. Personally, I wish I had a better meal with my movie.



One of them good movies by: Duanne Leavey, Reviewer

I recently watched One Of Them Days on Netflix, and I really enjoyed it. The movie is about two best friends Alyssa played by (SZA) and Dreux played by (Keke Palmer). Dreux who has a job and Alyssa who's an artist are roommates plus her boyfriend Keshawn played by (Joshua David Neal). One Dreux comes home from work expecting her and Alyssa's rent to be paid, unfortunately their rent money has gone missing. Now Alyssa and Dreux are on the clock to find their missing rent

money or they risk being evicted. I truly enjoyed watching this

movie debut. Both SZA and Keke Palmer had amazing chemistry on

forced while watching. As I was watching the movie



it reminded me of the movie "Friday" which Starred (Ice Cube) who played Craig and (Chris Tucker) who played Smokey. The movie brought back that classic

would recommend the movie (Nope) directed by Jordan Peele. She has an amazing performance in that movie. One of Them Days is a great comedy movie that you can watch with friends and family over this upcoming spring break. I give this movie 10 howls out of 10.

movie from start to finish. This movie made me laugh with its jokes and funny moments, and its SZA's

screen together. Each scene they were in felt like it was natural, and nothing ever felt cheesy or

buddy comedy movie that we haven't gotten in a while. If you enjoyed Keke Palmer in this film I

Places to go over the summer

by: Nelson Santana, Review Writer

With the end of the school year fastly approaching and the weather getting warmer, it seems as though summer break is just around the corner which means many opportunities to travel.

California: California would be a great place to go during the summer if you want to experience the nice weather it has to offer during the summer. Cali has a beautiful beach to go to and many sights such as beautiful buildings and the golden gate bridge in san francisco.

Italy: Although it may be pricey, Italy is a wonderful place to visit during summer break. The only downside is

that it does get very hot sometimes during the summer so it may be best to visit in early august but its still a beautiful place to see in June or July. You can visit Rome and eat some of Italy's exquisite food while also enjoying their architecture.

Italy's architecture is the one of the most beautiful things to see while Paris is above it when it comes to architecture.

Paris: A beautiful city to visit during any time of the year is Paris. Paris has such gorgeous architecture and build-

ings while also having such amazing food. If you love reading, a good place to go in



Paris would be Shakespeare & Co. which is a wonderful bookstore with hundreds of books for anyone to purchase.

Mexico: A nice hot place to visit if you want hot weather and amazing food. Mexico has a beautiful culture

and some would recommend to visit not only during the summer but any time of the year due to how culturally beautiful it is and how great of food they have. Mexico has many beaches that anyone can go to if they want to cool down after exploring any of the cities that you may land in.

Jamaica: with beautiful trees and beaches there are many things one could do in a place like jamaica with the locals. Some people who visit tend to go on the river while a local paddles

the boat for them and others like to stay on land and party with everyone at night while listening to great music.

In the end no matter where you go it is sure to be worth the expense for the once in a lifetime experience. All of these places are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to summer and all around seasonal traveling and the best thing you can do is grab a plane ticket and see where the world takes you.