

¡Viva la independencia!

by: Angelique Avila, News Writer

Grito is the Spanish word for a battle cry. You may have heard a Grito in music as you were flipping the channels. Or maybe at a party as the night got longer. A cry is very distinct to Mexican people. It's freeing a cry that releases excitement and even pain. It may be strange to others but its origins are rooted in liberation and the strength of a nation. A cry that would echo through the nation. So where does it come from? Over the past weeks you may have found yourself in the school parking lot seeing Mexican flags adorned on cars or hanging out of windows. Your class may even be taking part in decorating your class door. But why? September 16th marks a day of liberation and pride. A day village priest Miguel Hidalgo rang the bells of his church and cried out to his nation. His legendary speech, which is referred to today as 'The Cry of Dolores'. He would call for an end of the 300 year Spanish rule that would plague Mexico. During this time Spaniards would swell themselves

with stolen gold and silver. Looting any and every natural resource that covered the lands of Mexico. Stripping the entirety of the country. While also destroying pyramids and temples in place of cathedrals and palaces, eradicating any form on native language and culture. Beating, killing and torturing native Mexicans. Putting them to work in mines. While Spaniards sat adorning themselves with gold and silver covered in the blood of the nation. So not only was Hidalgo's cry be one of hurt and pain for what was happening but was a cry of Anger. In fact it was a battle cry. A grito. Soon enough the great battle for independence would begin. The war would last from 1810-1821 after long violent years Mexico would finally gain their independence September 16, 1821. Today we honor and celebrate Mexican Independence. Every year Mexico celebrates by ringing the same bell at the capital that priest Hidalgo would ring back in 1810. Here in the U.S all over the country Mexicans

celebrate by taking their pride to the streets! All are invited to come and wave their banderas filling the city streets with music and joy. September 14-15 would be the first year that Chicago's very own 'Grito Fest' would be held here in Chicago in over a decade. With live music, food, vendors a true celebration of Chicago's Mexican community and culture. With the recent a boom in regional Mexican music breaking barriers in the the mainstream. With artist like Peso Pluma and Fuerza Regina rising to fame or icons like Selena Quintilla Mexicans have found their culture being more showcased and embraced more than ever. Showcasing the importance of keeping culture alive. So as you go through the month and see more Mexican flags adorned on cars and front lawns. Or if you see on the news as the streets are swarmed with red white and green. How the pride of Mexico would never die. Mexicans here in the U.S continue to show your pride



for their motherland and to honor the end of a genocide. Mexicans have become the backbone of this country. So as the month comes to a close I highly encourage you to support your local street vendors. And embrace the great celebration! As we kick off the next half of Hispanic Heritage Month!

A Red Wolf in France

by: Bright Akli, Man. Editor

Over the summer I had the opportunity to study abroad in Toulouse, France, and it was a mind altering experience. I was challenged, experienced things I never had before, and created bonds that will last a lifetime. I socialized with 30+ teenagers on the program from everywhere in the world. This was challenging for me, seeing that at school I only talked to the same 3 girls. This was a challenge for me because I wanted to find my group of people, but putting myself out there was difficult for me; initially. As the days went on and I spoke and interacted more with others, I finally found my "group", but I had connections with everyone in the group even if we weren't together everyday. We also had Program Leaders designated to each level, and I loved mine. She was the most attentive, personable and sweet person I had the opportunity to meet. She was a teacher from North Carolina and very passionate about French Language and Culture.

Cultural Exchange: Filippo's Journey in Lansing, IL by: Kaylyn Imala, News writer

CIEE, Cultural on International Educational Exchange, a non-profit organization that allows students to explore new types of education across the world. Exploring into Lansing, IL, a small town that holds important values within the community and environment. Thornton Fractional South High-School expands their education for the first time to Filippo Gobbii, a 16-year old, foreign exchange student from Italy. His host sister, Jazz Ramero, attended Session I, in Malian, Italy, during this past summer. With her knowledge of the program, she easily persuaded her mother to become a homestay for international students. Over the past 3 weeks, Filippo has experienced new culture differences; such as, American football games, concerts, or even slushies from the gas station. However, do these new experiences come with negative or positive opinions from Filippo afterwards? "I think it is very good, I have met many people. I saw beautiful places and went to a concert", "My host family is very good, they're very nice. We have done a lot of fun things together", Filippo states. Jazz adds onto his answer, "He is very expressive and talkative, which

my family loves. I was very shy when I was in his shoes. He is making a lot of friends and everyone is welcoming him." With coming to a new country, shock culture is a major impact that affects many individuals, Filippo has guided himself within uncomfortable situations as well as Jazz lending out an extra hand for support. "The only problem is the language barrier. I don't speak English very well so it sometimes causes confusion", Filippo adds. According to Cynthia Benson, a French teacher in TFS and former teacher in France with CIEE, "It is so awesome, CIEE is the best because they take care of all the important things while you get to have the school and homestay experience. Living with a host family is where you truly understand the culture and your language gets so much better."

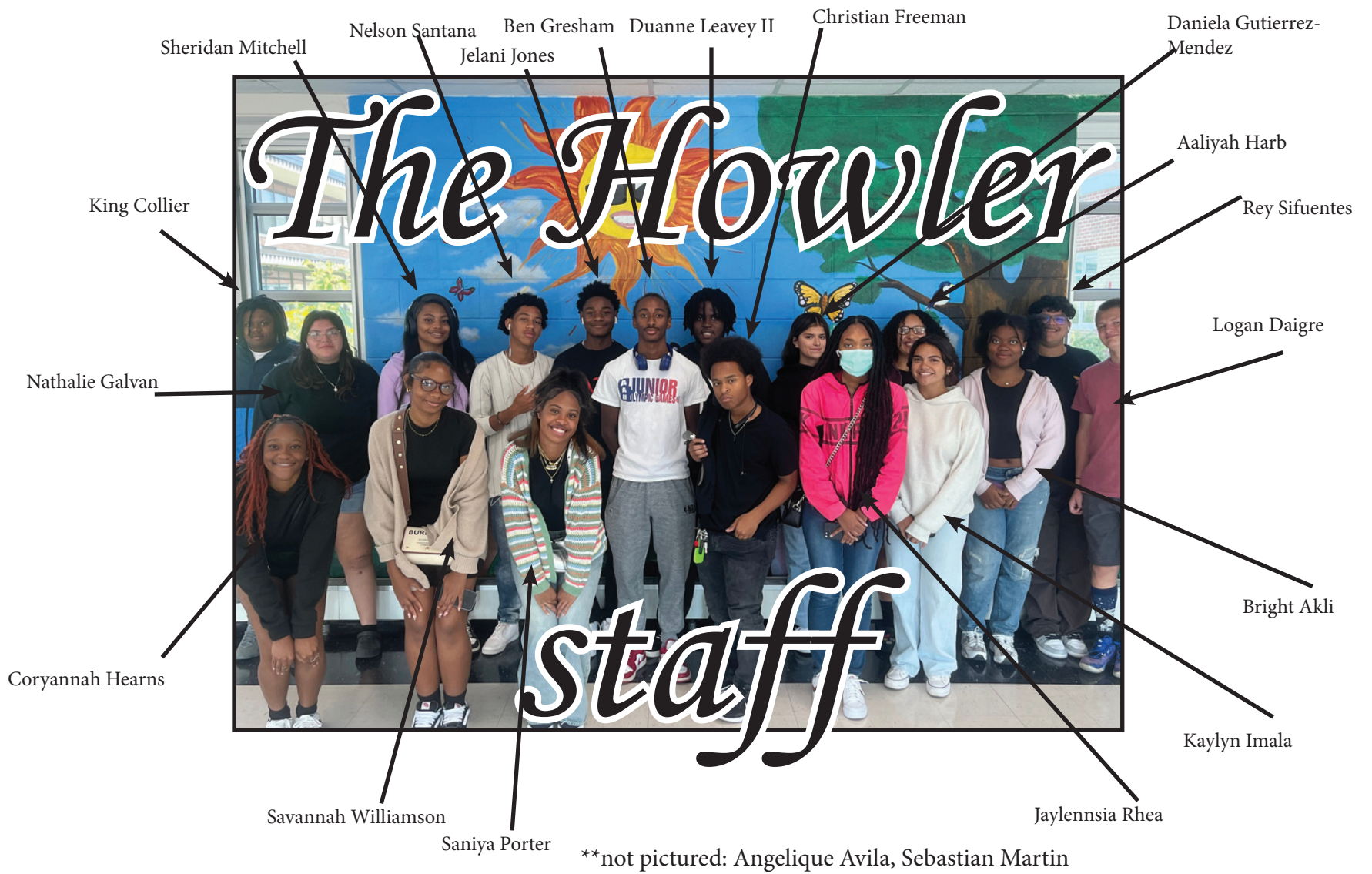


Thornton Fractional South High School desires for more opportunities for both students from local areas to international students to gain access to different cultures. Lansing, IL, gives a perfect amount of opportunities and experiences to students with school activities, restaurants, and much more. "I think the proximity to Chicago, Michigan, and Indiana is amazing. The city life is nearby but not too close. I think in the winter, it will be shocking but overall the community is welcoming and the students will really get the American experience. The diversity is also a huge factor, it is something that is very important for exchange students. All they see is "Hollywood", however, their perspective completely changes when they live here", according to Benson. Jazz adds on, "I do think students of TFS should host more because not only are you

providing a new experience for yourself but you're giving another person a chance to come to America and study English." As for students of TFS, teachers and guidance counselors have been pushing more information out to allow children access with different resources. "Every American must go see other places and explore. I think the best age to do it is when you're young because you're forming who you are and going to see other ways to live your life. Also, you learn the language so much faster in high school rather than later in life. Doing it as early as you can is extremely beneficial.", "Exposing our students to high-school abroad is never heard of, so I think it's amazing," Benson and Nicole Burk state.



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Who are the TF South Dance Team?

Saniya Porter, Sports Writer

Did you know that TF South had a dance team? If you didn't let me tell you more about them, The TF South dance team is a very energetic and skilled team they participated in various things such as competition, pep rallies and half time this team really works hard throughout the year practicing routines and perfecting their craft. Our dance team has some very hard working athletes making sure that their grades

are in check and paying attention in class. Although they don't get the recognition that they deserve, like most teams at TF South, they keep their heads up high and keep going. In 2019, the dance team went to state at the IHSA state series. In 2024 the dance team competed at IHSA again, but this time they won the state championship. They worked hard to do what they have to every year. I asked the Dance Team

how they felt about they recognition they got after they



won state. In the interview they said that they felt really upset and hurt. No

one really shows the dance team any gratitude or any support. This interview pushed me to write this story, making sure they get the recognition they deserve this season, and rectifying how they got treated last year. The team members are disappointed and hurt feeling looked over or lesser-than compared to other teams. I feel like we owe the dance team a little more support than what we have given them these past years. These girls really

have heart for this sport and they love doing what they do they have practice almost every day and they create these creative and entertaining dance but it upset them that they do all of this and they are not seen. Come on Red Wolves, let's show the Dance Team the love they deserve.

Collegiate players put soccer ball- and HW- in goal

How can you handle being a student and athlete at the same time?

As I am preparing myself to graduate high school, I find myself wondering if I am going to be able to handle going to school full time and being an athlete. College is not for everyone because most schools are expensive. Many students are lucky to get an athletic scholarship to pay for it. But are they really that lucky? Many students are now responsible for making sure they are 100% committed to school and sport. I will probably be playing soccer during college, so I wanted to ask people on the team how do they do it.

I think life as a student can be stressful with homework and projects and adding a sport can

add to the daily stress. I wanted to see how many college students balance their life as a student and athlete, so I searched out some local individuals attending college and asked them some questions to get a better understanding of how they manage their lives during the season. I asked three different people about their experiences. The first person that I asked was Berenice Zepeda. She plays with the South Suburban College Bulldogs. Then I went to ask Carmen Valadez who also plays with the Bulldogs. Then finally Gema Garibay plays for Trinity College. One of the first questions I asked them was how do they handle all the responsibilities of soccer with daily schoolwork? Carmen said she plans a specific time for both, and she tries to balance out her time and prioritize. She

said that having a written schedule has helped her manage her time. Berenice agreed, she said that "having the syllabus ahead of time helps me plan my homework out on game days." Gema stated, "the professors understand that we are at times on the road, so they give us an extension to due dates." They also added that soccer comes first because that's what is paying for school. The next question was, how do you manage having late games and early classes? All three girls said, "it's just having the discipline and that's the hard part". They said that if they don't get good grades their scholarship is taken away and they will have to pay for school out of our pockets. The last question I asked was, is it all worth it? Berenice response was, "yes, I gained many friends this year." Carmen said,

"yes, you meet new friends, and they become your soccer sisters." Gema said, yes, even though I miss my family because of my busy schedule, at time my soccer sisters seem like my close family."

To conclude, I was hesitant to go into college full time and become an athlete in fear that I would not be able to handle it. After talking to some college girls that are in school full time and playing soccer, they were able to share their thoughts on the experience. They can handle it well and even gave me ideas on how to do it.

by: Nathalie Galvan, Sports Writer





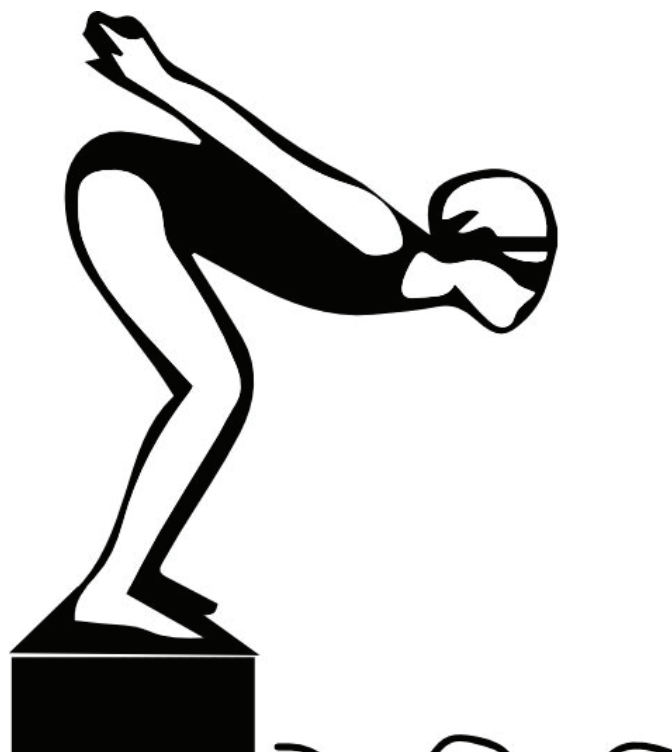
Lady swimmers put up United front

by: Aaliyah Harb, Managing Editor

As the school year continues so does the TF United ladies swim team season. With an all time high of 13 swimmers the varsity team is made up of Aaliyah Harb, senior, Bibianna Harb, sophomore, Coryannah Hearn, senior, Jamya White, junior, and Allana McWilliams, junior, and Kennedy Hawkins, junior. The junior varsity team is made up of Alexiah Fields, sophomore, Savanna Ikner, junior, Lisi Klein, sophomore, Italia Miranda, Quincy Onyiaorah, senior, and

Daisy Vazquez, senior. Second year returning varsity swimmer Bibianna Harb says that her goal this season is to get faster and work on her relay exchanges. Harb also stated that her favorite part about swimming for the TF United swim team is the team bonding and overall just having fun. Third year varsity swimmer Jamya White said that she hopes to improve her technique and hopefully can make it to the next level in her swimming career. She also stated that her motivation is that

constant progress she is seeing everytime she enters the water. White also states that she has high expectations for the team this season and thinks that they will do good. Second year swimmer Kennedy Hawkins says that some of her goals this year are to improve her times and get better at butterfly. Italia Miranda, a first year swimmer said that she was introduced to the idea by fellow swimmers and is so far having a lot of fun. Miranda stated that one of her main goals this year



is to be able to swim with her head down. As the season continues the next home meet for the TF United ladies swim team is September 19th, 2024 with the following away meet being on September 28th at Homewood Flossmoor.

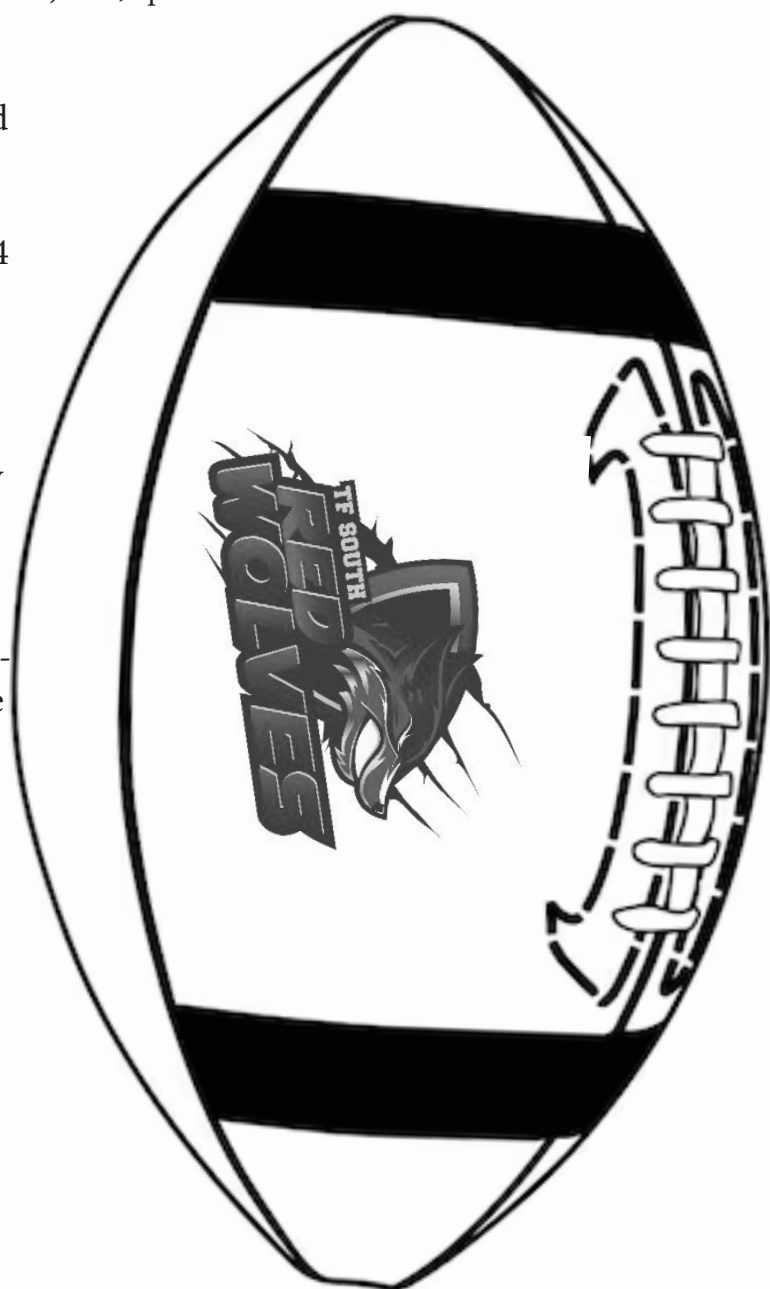
TF South Football 24-25

by: Jelani Jones, Sports Writer

As of today, September 10, 2024, the TF South football team enters week three of the season. After gaining a 1-1 record after defeating Hammond Central high school 20-7 in week one on August 30, 2024, and losing to Lane Tech high school 21-20 in week two on September 6, 2024. This week, the Red Wolves will be facing their rivals the TF North meteors. The school will also be holding a pep rally centered around the rivalry game. September 13, 2024, the Red Wolves varsity football team suited up and were on the field with their opponents, the TFN Meteors at 5:30 for the kick off of a highly anticipated match up between the two rivaling teams,

which was the start of a long lasting game between the two teams which eventually resulted in a 24-14 win for the Meteors against the Red Wolves. Heading into week 4, stats have been updated for the team and for individual players. Senior running back Christian Streeter leads all players in the south suburban (SSC), Southwest Prairie (SP), Southwest Valley (SWV), and the Southland (SL) conferences in yards gained with a total of 349 yards plus 4 touchdowns. Senior quarterback Nick Ford ranks 6th among qbs throughout the conference in yards gained with a total of 296 yards plus 4 touchdowns with only one interception thrown. Behind them is senior wide receiver

Tariq W. with 2 touchdowns scored. The Red Wolves currently have a 1-2 record heading into week 4 of the 2024 football season. Many students of TF South aren't very fond of the record the Red Wolves have, nor are they very fond of the loss the Red Wolves took to the rivaling Meteors, considering the predictions of students of the school supporting the Red Wolves.





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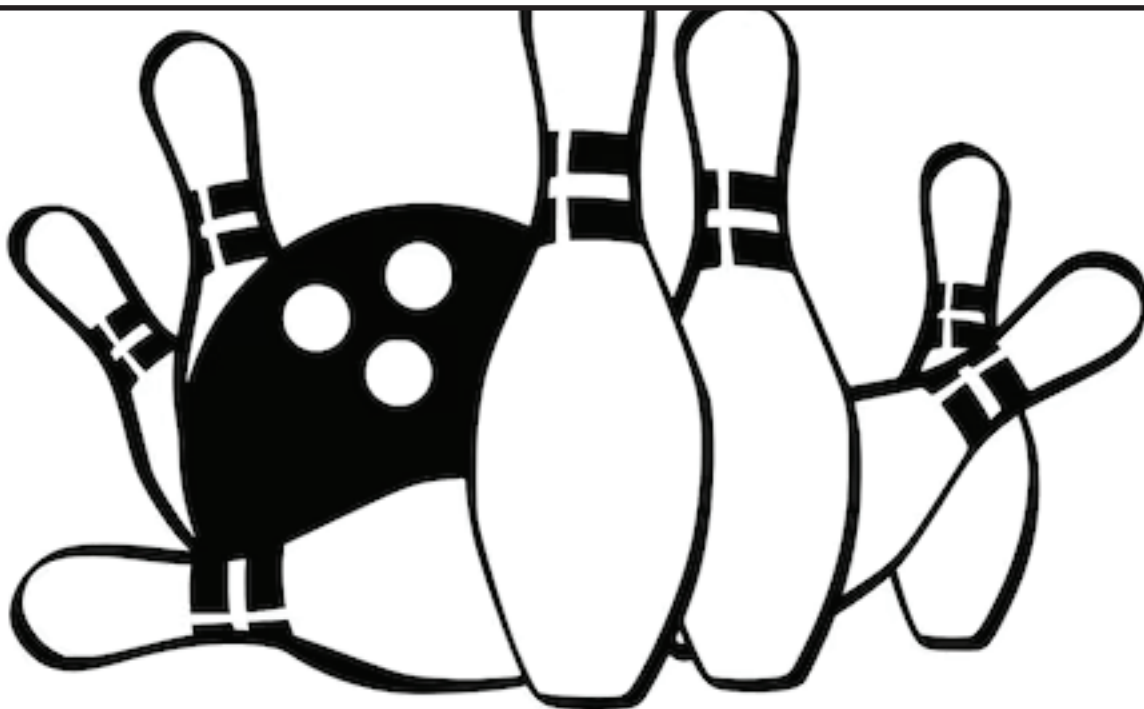
Upcoming Home Sports Schedule

FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	OPPONENT	H/A	BUS	LOCATION	RESULT	SCORE
Thu	10/24/2024	4:30 PM	Boys F/S - Football vs Tinley Park High School	Tinley Park High School	Home	-	Padjen Field	-	-
Fri	10/25/2024	6:00 PM	Boys V - Football vs Tinley Park High School	Tinley Park High School	Home	-	Padjen Field	-	-

BOWLING

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	OPPONENT	H/A	BUS	LOCATION	RESULT	SCORE
Wed	11/13/2024	4:30 PM	Boys JV - Bowling vs Lincoln-way Central High School	Lincoln-way Central High School	Home	-	Lynwood Lanes	-	-
Wed	11/13/2024	4:30 PM	Boys V - Bowling vs Lincoln-way Central High School	Lincoln-way Central High School	Home	-	Lynwood Lanes	-	-
Thu	11/14/2024	4:30 PM	Boys V - Bowling vs Argo Community High School	Argo Community High School	Home	-	Lynwood Lanes	-	-
Thu	11/14/2024	4:30 PM	Boys JV - Bowling vs Argo Community High School	Argo Community High School	Home	-	Lynwood Lanes	-	-
Mon	11/18/2024	4:30 PM	Boys V - Bowling vs Rich Township High School	Rich Township High School	Home	-	Lynwood Lanes	-	-





Red Wolf Pride Shown at Pep Rally

by: Duanne Leavey, Staff Reporter

TF South had a pep rally that happened last Friday which was held during 7th period. During the pep rally there was a “Battle of the Classes” which was held between Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes where students showed their school spirit. After that was a “Battle of the Principals” between Principal Boulter of T.F. South and Principal Rucinski of T.F. North, and the loser had to wear the other school’s team jersey at the football game that night. After that was a South vs North tug- o-war between teachers from T.F. South and T.F.

North. For the pep rally on Friday students wore red or gray to show their Red Wolf Pride. The Red Wolves school spirit was shown throughout the entire rally. This pep rally showed how much the principal and the staff are engaged with the students. It also showed that T.F. South is a community. This also shows that more pep rallies can be held later on with even more fun games and events. Overall last Friday’s pep rally was a huge success, and there might be more to come later on in the future



TFN Principal Rucinski being greeted by rival crowd

Get involved in a club near you

by: Savannah Williamson, Features Writer

Interested in Fresh/Soph Club?

The Fresh/Soph club is a student club aimed at freshmen and sophomores who want to make positive changes in student life and create a more enjoyable environment. Sophomore Arianna Mogorga, shared that her experience working at concessions last year was very memorable. She advises incoming students to come prepared with ideas for activities and initiatives that could enhance student life. Ms. Senter, the club advisor, mentioned that last year’s

Gym Jams event was particularly memorable. This event held in the gym was focused on providing a fun day for students, featuring board games, music, basketball, dance, and more. If you want to learn more, feel free to reach out to Ms. Senter directly

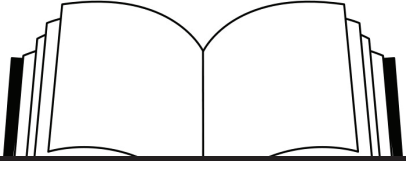
Interested in Spanish Honors Society?

Mr. Oliva, the club leader at South says that, “Spanish Honor Society (SHS) was established during the 2023-2024 school year as a way to honor student achievement in Spanish. Students in the SHS exhibit a

passion for continuing to learn more about the Spanish Language & Culture. Some requirements to join SHS include being enrolled in a 5th semester of Spanish and maintaining a 3.5 GPA in their Spanish courses”. He remembered their induction ceremony as something memorable. About 30 students attended. It was a thank you and congratulations to the students, followed by dinner in the lobby. John Gutierrez, a senior student, said that he really enjoys the meetings because they consist of people who wanted to learn more about Spanish

culture. He also liked how personally, he learned more and became more passionate about Spanish culture.





Melissa Marr *Wicked Lovely Series*

by: Jaylensia Rhea, Staff Reporter

The Wicked Lovely Series is a young adult/urban fantasy novel; what I love about this series so much is the romance and the fantasy aspect containing fairies. The Wicked Lovely series contains eight books I have finished one and two so far. Here's some background knowledge in Wicked Lovely: there is a human world and fairy world in which no normal people can see but, Aslinn could see as she was passed down of the power of paranormal sight for generations.

Keenan the Summer King relentlessly pursues Aslinn to save his fairy court but Aslinn doesn't give in as she was told by her grandmother for years how dangerous it is to interact with the fairy world. I was left on the edge of my seat reading Wicked Lovely; it was suspenseful and thrilling and I loved the chemistry between the two main characters Aslinn and Seth; though I felt for Keenan as their was a love triangle for awhile. The ending for Wicked Lovely was

truly unexpected and it had me wanting more. As a result I read the next book Ink Exchange following Aslinn friend Lesile reading Ink Exchange I was in for a rude awakening comparing it to Wicked Lovely. For some context Leslie was fierce and in my opinion but also reckless so I wasn't much surprised when she captured the attention of dark fairy king Irail. Irail's decision to get a tattoo; a evil plan formed by Irail



and an unexpected accomplice. The romance following Irail, Nail was spicy but left dry I thought it would be like Aslinn love triangle but was mistaken.

Furthermore Lesile overcame her difficulties but I was still not satisfied with as she

was nothing like Aslinn she didn't have a stable foundation to maintain a romantic relationship or withstand the new physical changes happening to her. The story might not have went my way but it had a poetic ending. What I love so much about the writing of the Wicked

Lovely series is the power of the fairies and their mystical power and their beauty, as

well as never knowing of trick play when the heroine will persevere. As such I believe Fragile Eternity will be a good read.

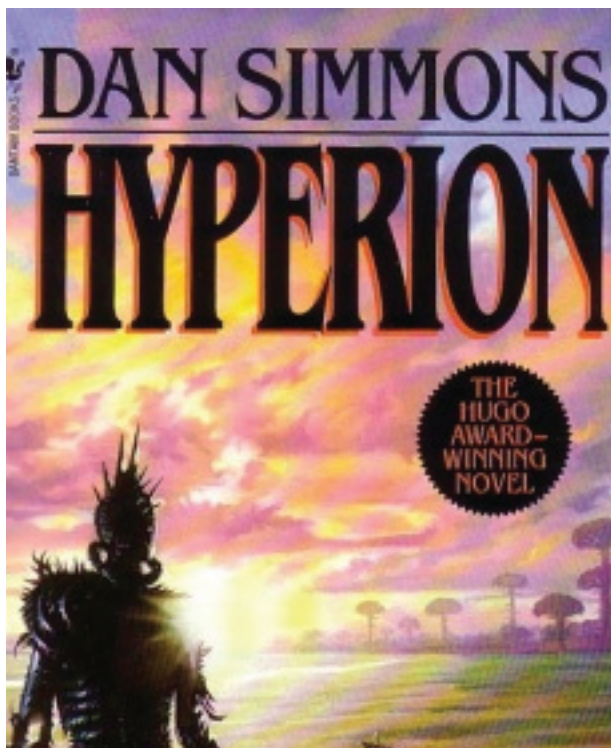
Hyperion has everything with a twist

by: Logan Daigre, Lead Designer

Hyperion by Dan Simmons is not only the greatest science fiction book I have ever read, it is THE greatest book I have ever read. Hyperion follows 7 pilgrims, chosen by the Church of the Shrike, on their journey to meet the Shrike on his world called Hyperion before the end of the universe. On their journey, the pilgrims share their story connecting them to the Shrike. Right off the bat, I was hooked. The prologue had an intensity that I have never felt in a book. Once I started reading the first tale, I couldn't put the book down. Reading this book, it felt like Dan Simmons took my physical body and transported me to this distant future. Hyperion has everything you could ask for in a book! An

interesting plot that keeps you engaged, plenty of romance, a mystery, humor for everyone, a developed cast of characters that you are sure to love, and most of all, A TWIST AT THE END!

While it is the best book that I have ever read, it is far from perfect. Not every tale is quite as attention-grabbing as



the others. A few felt drawn-out and sloppy. The ending is also very sudden. While I understand that there is a second book, Hyperion completely lacks an ending of any kind. Nothing to tie the story up for now, no cliffhanger. You're reading the story,

then it ends. Overall, Hyperion is a fantastic book that I think everyone can enjoy. There is something in there for everyone to take an interest in, Simmons' writing style is captivating, and it

is sure to grab your attention. If you enjoy Hyperion (and I can assure you that you will), I can not recommend The Fall of Hyperion enough. It is one of the few sequels in any medium that is arguably better than its predecessor. Though there are 2 more books in the Hyperion series, (Endyrion, and The Rise of Endyrion) I can not in good faith tell you that you will enjoy those books. The writing style is drastically different, and there are a lot of questionable parts spanning across the final 2 books. Overall, I give Hyperion 9/10 Howls.

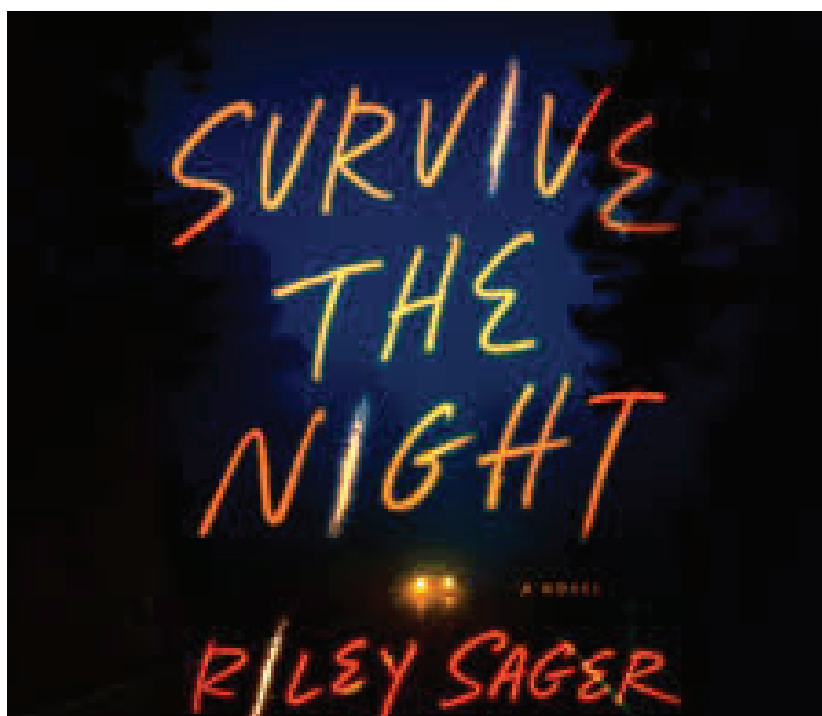


Plenty of suspense in *Survive the Night*

by Coryannah Hearn, EIC

The book, *Survive the Night* by Riley Sager is a great book. This book is about a college student named Charlie who goes to a college named Olyphant University and has faced a traumatic event that has caused her to leave. Although she wants to leave campus and travel to Ohio to stay with her grandma for the rest of the semester, she doesn't have a ride. A man named Josh comes to her rescue and offers her a ride for the long drive they have ahead of them. During this semester, killings have started to occur repeatedly by the Campus Killer, instilling fear into Charlie who is in a lengthy drive with a stranger. Throughout the night drive, Josh becomes more suspicious and Charlie starts to question if he may be dangerous to her or if he is perhaps the infamous Campus Killer. I really liked this book because the scenes were suspenseful and left me on the edge of my seat. This is the type of book that will have you definitely wanting to

read more even though you want to stop. The genres are thriller and murder mystery which might be interesting to anyone who likes books that will keep you on your toes. At first, the beginning of



the book moved a little slow which may be a setback for those who want a fast paced book but it adds to the plot and enhances the characters emotions throughout the

story. There are many plot twists and ups and downs that are exciting so it feels like you are actually in the car with the two while they are on the drive. Though this was my first Riley Sager book

I have read, I can tell that she is a very talented author and I would like to read more of her works. If you are interested in this genre or books

similar to this one, I would recommend the book, "Run, Hide, Fight back" by April Henry which is about a group of teenagers who have to survive in the mall of a

shooting and *One of Us is Lying* by Karen McManus which is about a group of teens who are gossiped about in an app called About That and the creator dies from an asthma attack during detention with those four teens, leading them to become suspects. Though the recommended books branch out into other genres, they are still interesting and contain thrilling plots that have suspense and give you the thrill you need to keep reading. To conclude, I rate this book 10/10 howls!

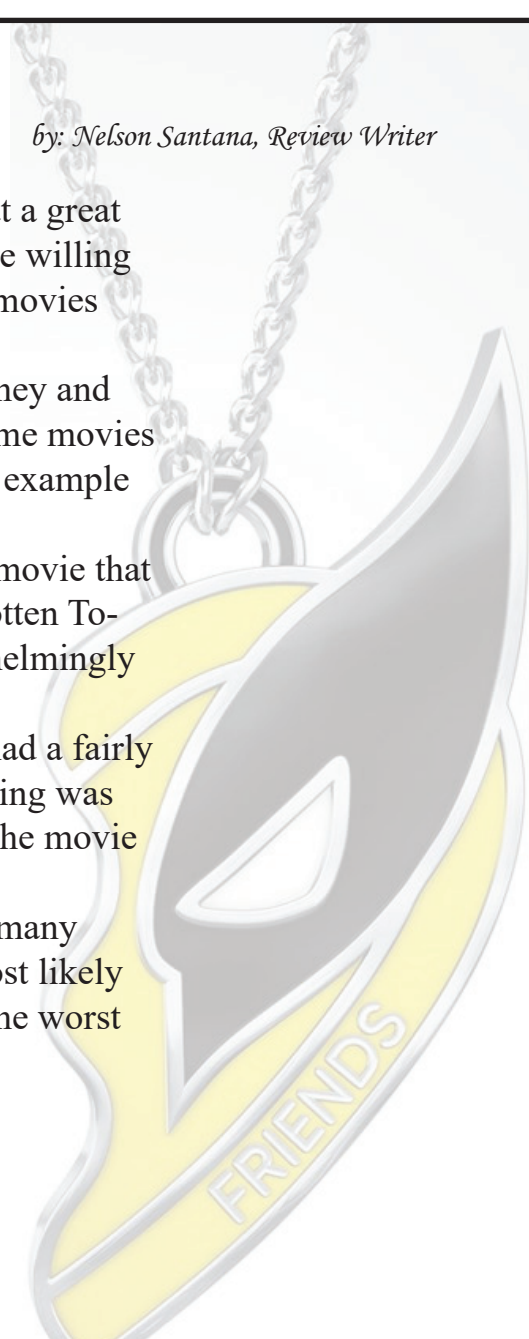
The hottest movies out now

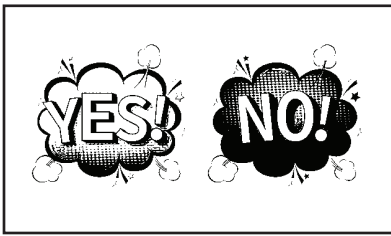
by: Nelson Santana, Review Writer

This year many movies had been released but only a few had become so popular that they caused so much attention and recognition that everybody could agree on how good it was. One movie that caught the attention of millions was Marvel's recent movie *Deadpool* and *Wolverine* becoming the highest grossing R-rated film ever bringing in over \$1,086 billion in over just 23 days which makes it the highest grossing r-rated film of all time in the global box office right now. This movie had taken social media over the very day it was released causing a lot of hype over the movie. Everyone was talking about it and how good it was, leaving almost no negative reviews at all.

On top of this another popular movie that had as much hype the day it released was *Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes*, which gained over \$397 million worldwide with generally positive reviews. Though it didn't gain as much revenue as *Deadpool* and *Wolverine* did, this movie became very popular over the course of a few months after it was released. Though it's not fair to compare it to the success of *Deadpool* and *Wolverine*, it was still as popular across the internet and well known as *Deadpool* and *Wolverine* was the following days of its release. Movies this year have made a great amount of money since most of them are continuations from

previous movies that a great amount of people are willing to see. While these movies had made such a great amount of money and fame, there were some movies that did horribly, an example would be the recent *Borderlands* movie that gained a 10% on Rotten Tomatoes with overwhelmingly negative reviews. Though the movie had a fairly decent cast, the writing was what mainly broke the movie and made it such a terrible watch for many viewers and will most likely go down as one of the worst movies ever made.





Free-range vs. factory farms by: Rey Sifuentes, Staff Reporter

Much of the meat we eat is factory-farmed, and many people don't think twice about how it's produced and how it can affect the environment and the human body. A factory farm condenses animals together in cages with little to no room to even walk. This can lead to contamination in the human food supply, which can cause diseases such as gastroenteritis, E. coli, and Salmonella. Factory farms use this system because it is the quickest way to produce meat. Still, they do not consider the bacteria and possible diseases these animals could carry due to them being immobilized in cages. Factory farm workers were seen hitting, decapitating, and beating animals because they wouldn't follow orders. These farms are leading climate change because they release methane and nitrous oxide,

which are up to 300 times more damaging as greenhouse gases than carbon dioxide. Many companies support these farms because they are cheap, quick, and efficient, but this can cause long-term environmental problems. Free-range farms are different from factory farms because the animals on a free-range farm can reside freely without a cage holding them back. These animals fulfill a natural and healthy lifestyle while also helping the environment. Free-range farms require less land and resources, and their waste is unlikely to cause pollution. Animals in factory farms are induced with chemicals to make them more healthy artificially. On the other hand, animals in free-range farms are not induced with any chemicals to enhance them. Humans consume these chemicals when they eat factory-farmed meat.



Free range is more expensive to produce than factories because the animals need shelter. Taking the easy way to make the meat humans consume daily is not the way to go. There have been many casualties caused by the cheaper factory farming option. Free-range farms offer care for animals and humans, with the workers being more mindful and kind. These differences between them are crucial. There is so

much more that goes to producing meat than the population realizes. Free range farms offer meat that is better for the environment and the human body itself. The dangers the animals go through while being distributed matter, they can affect your health. With factory farms they use antibiotics and chemicals to artificially develop the animal. With free-range the animals are naturally raised

in a healthy environment. So, next time you decide to have a barbecue keep in mind what you are eating.

The TFS College Fair was better than fair

by: Christian Freeman, Review Writer

The TF South College fair event is an event within TF South that can dictate where students spend the continuing years of their education years past high school. At a eye glance, this event seems to be just a little meeting for some people to come and talk to officials from college in order to get a sense for what they're in for. However, this event has proved interesting due to hosting more than just colleges, and more than just future planning. The College fair also hosts, On-Spot-Tuition, Trade Schools and of course, Law Enforcement and Military services. The first program I found most interesting is Revolution workshop. Revolution workshop is an in-person, three month program that can train you in trades such as construction or woodworking. The most interesting part about this is that the company is a non-profit FREE program. That's right, free. I had to clarify with the man and make sure I was hearing the truth, no hidden fees and no money up front. I'm amazed. This program is basically one of the best safety nets in modern history, if someone applies themselves for three months they are also able to be connected to

a network of jobs. High paying jobs even. This was one program in a fair full of programs, So I kept moving to see what else was in store. Carroll and LaneCollege for example were doing on the spot admissions, which surprised me a great deal. Part of the anxieties of life after high school is biding time waiting to see if the college of your choice is going to accept you. To just be accepted on the spot seems like something out of a Disney movie. Due to the insane traffic moving around, I couldn't ask the workers directly about the admission, but I looked up the schools. Both are out of state, private university, four year colleges with their own meticulously designed campuses. That's a really good deal even though tuition is still high compared to other schools. Not too high however, these schools are often priced very similarly in the ranges of \$20,000-\$40,000. As I kept moving I ran across recruitment tables for the Marines, Navy and Air Force. Sadly however, I was only able to talk to the Police department. This was not a fruitless endeavor though, because he was a really nice man! The application

process seemed too easy, sign up, go to the academy and you're in. I got a bit worried, but the officer clarified a lot of extensive background checks and information is handled before considering anyone for the academy alone, along with physical fitness, background checks of the person and any criminal records. Overall, the experience of a college fair to someone focused on finding alternative routes would definitely not be the best person to take answers from, so I decided to interview a student who will stay anonymous by my discretion. Asking the student what they liked about the fair, yielded pretty basic information. Skipping classes and finding colleges they liked. Pretty typical answers through the entire school. However, I decided to pry as to how someone else viewed the fair. The student replied: "I would say the fair was extremely packed. Some people didn't get to see all the colleges or even the ones they wanted to personally. But I'm happy I at least got to see the ones I like". Unfortunately, this would be the case. Even with my small and dodgy stature, I had trouble navigating the crowd. Even with this



circumstance, my most pressing question was what would their advice be to someone who hasn't gone to a college fair? Not just for upcoming classmen, but for everyone. The response I received from the student was as follows: "My best piece of advice for anyone going to college fairs, look up what colleges are going to be there. This way you're not wasting time, you can see what you want to see, and still have time to have fun". This is the best piece of advice to have. Being prepared is better than being unprepared, as such it's imperative to always have a plan for events such as this because on the spot admission does not happen often. Hopefully, many students are happy with their choice of a college or a

career, and may we hope for a college fair as eventful as this for the upcoming students.

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Red Wolves Summer Vacation

By: Benjamin Gresham, Managing Editor

Hellooooo TF south students I hope that your summer was a very eventful one because the clubs and the events at TF south over the summer and over the city of Lansing was sure eventful for a lot of people. We had fairs, games to play, family to see and so much more. The TF south clubs especially have given a great opportunity for other newcomers or freshmen that just arrived there a new experience of the school and make sure that everyone was welcomed and appreciated. For example the basketball team had their camp over the summer to oversee new players and their gifts for basketball. Also giving them a chance to introduce themselves to the coaches and making new friends along the way to make the grind even sweeter. Another cool sport that was going on was the swim team and the volleyball team showing the same appreciation for basketball for them as well. As the village of Lansing continues to hit the summer of with special things going on around town for

example the means of the car show that happened this year was incredible as it is every year, and having some exciting new clubs around in the park district for the little kids to play with and have fun with their friends and giving the adults a break to spend some time to themselves. Showing that the people of Lansing and the students of TF south can band together to make this place a fun and amazing environment for all of the people that have been here for a very long time. Making sure that this is the best community for them to grow up in. But also unfortunately for the TF south students this summer break for them was cut short due to many different reasons. I believe that they should have started later than planned so that they can enjoy their summers more and their activities. To make sure that this can happen from it and to make a very good impact for the school as well. But other than that this summer has been really impactful for some and also really educational for others



but over all we got through it and we were able to see each other again TF south students we are blessed to have made it back to the school year and make sure

you have a great school year and
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New district policy allows wearing a hat-- for a price

by Sheridan Mitchell, Editorial Writer

In the past years at Thornton Fractional South High School hats (beanies, trucker caps), hoodies, skimasks, or any head coverings have been prohibited due to security reasons according to the school. This rule was heavily enforced which caused heavy enforcement on students who didn't follow the policy. However, a new rule was implemented during the 2024-2025 school year that students can only wear hats in school and the hat is purchased for six dollars, from the school's bookstore. Students also were told that they could not add anything to these hats. Many students feel that this is a way for the district to get money out of students. Many students have expressed this and continue to wear and add to their beanies. Since it has always been a school rule that school administrators claim they have no control over, implementing this new rule has students thinking that their goal is to seek revenue from students in the "sneakiest" ways possible. Many students have expressed their concerns about the school's dress code

policy which has been deemed unfair to students. "It's pointless because it's no different than wearing a regular hat, it just has the Thornton Fractional South logo on it," student Amiyah Hart states. Many other students agree and have other opinions "I feel that it doesn't make any sense to pay to wear a hat when it was previously not allowed to now you have to buy a hat to wear one." Student Devine Johnson states. Students are encouraged to bring their opinions to school board meetings and have talks with administrators and the principal as well but if students feel that their voices are not heard, they will do anything in their power to voice their opinions. Students feel that school is a place where they should be able to express themselves and learn more about themselves as a person. Hats shouldn't stop students from expressing themselves especially if a school is allowing students to wear them but not their own. This strips the right away from students and is believed to hide the identity; and conceal one as a

person. Dress codes are implemented in schools apparently to promote safety, learning, and image but dress codes also make students feel they're limited when it comes to choosing their appearance. In the past years at Thornton Fractional South, the dress code was not enforced for some time but this new change of enforcement of the dress code has students trying to navigate the changes in the rules.



*Photo not of an actual TFS beanie