

# The Howler

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## National Honors Society Induction Ceremony

by: Coryannah Hearn, Features Writer

With the upcoming second semester, the National Honors Society Club prepared to induct new members to join the club on Jan. 23! The club currently consists of juniors and seniors who are looking to introduce the new inductees who have been accepted for the year of 2024. As the ceremony crept around the corner, the president, treasurer, and vice president of service were interviewed so people could learn more about the club and what they do. When Senior Treasurer, Zamyah Holmes, was asked how she felt about the induction ceremony coming up, she stated, "I'm really excited. I love that so many people are willing to be in the NHS and it feels like a big family. I love that people can join it and support the community." Furthermore, Senior President, Ainsley, replied with "I'm looking forward to it. It's important to welcome new members and organizations

for high achieving high school students. I want to help them feel welcomed." The members of the club have been planning on how to welcome the new inductees with positive energy and attitude. Some events that the club participates in are community service, collaborations with other clubs, and aiming to make an impact for the better for the community, school, and everyone. When Senior Vice President of Service, Valery, was asked how National Honors Society impacted her through the years, she said, "I've been in this club for one year, and I always did service work but having the opportunity to branch out for the community has been an eye opening experience. There are a lot of things that go on and people don't even know about it. Community service can teach you how to be humble and it's a big part of life". Due to community service having



a major impact on what the group does, it's important to help the community out in the best way you can and participate in a variety of activities to join the club. In order to get recruited, some things you want to aim for is maintaining a 3.5 or higher GPA, participating in extracurricular activities, and more. The induction ceremony was yet again a success and everyone was able to have a great time and truly enjoy themselves with their new accomplish-

ment. With some of the inductees returning from previous years and most being new inductees, the students, their families, and special guests had a great momental time. There were different types of food at the buffet after the ceremony which allowed everyone to interact and learn more about this club. Although it may be challenging and maybe frightening, trying your hardest is the best and if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish any-

thing you set your mind to. With the positive mindsets of the inductees and goals for the future of National Honors Society, the club has a lot to look forward to especially with different ideas being brought to the table by everyone!

## Students look to future at TFD CTE Showcase

by Tacori Jennings, News Writer

On Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 was the CTE showcase for the freshman and sophomores. Where they were able to decide classes that can start a career path during your high school experience. There were many classes to choose from such as Culinary, Electrical, Entrepreneurship, Accounting, Architecture, Communications and many more. It was such a big turnout with many students who were excited to join classes to help with their future careers. Many of the

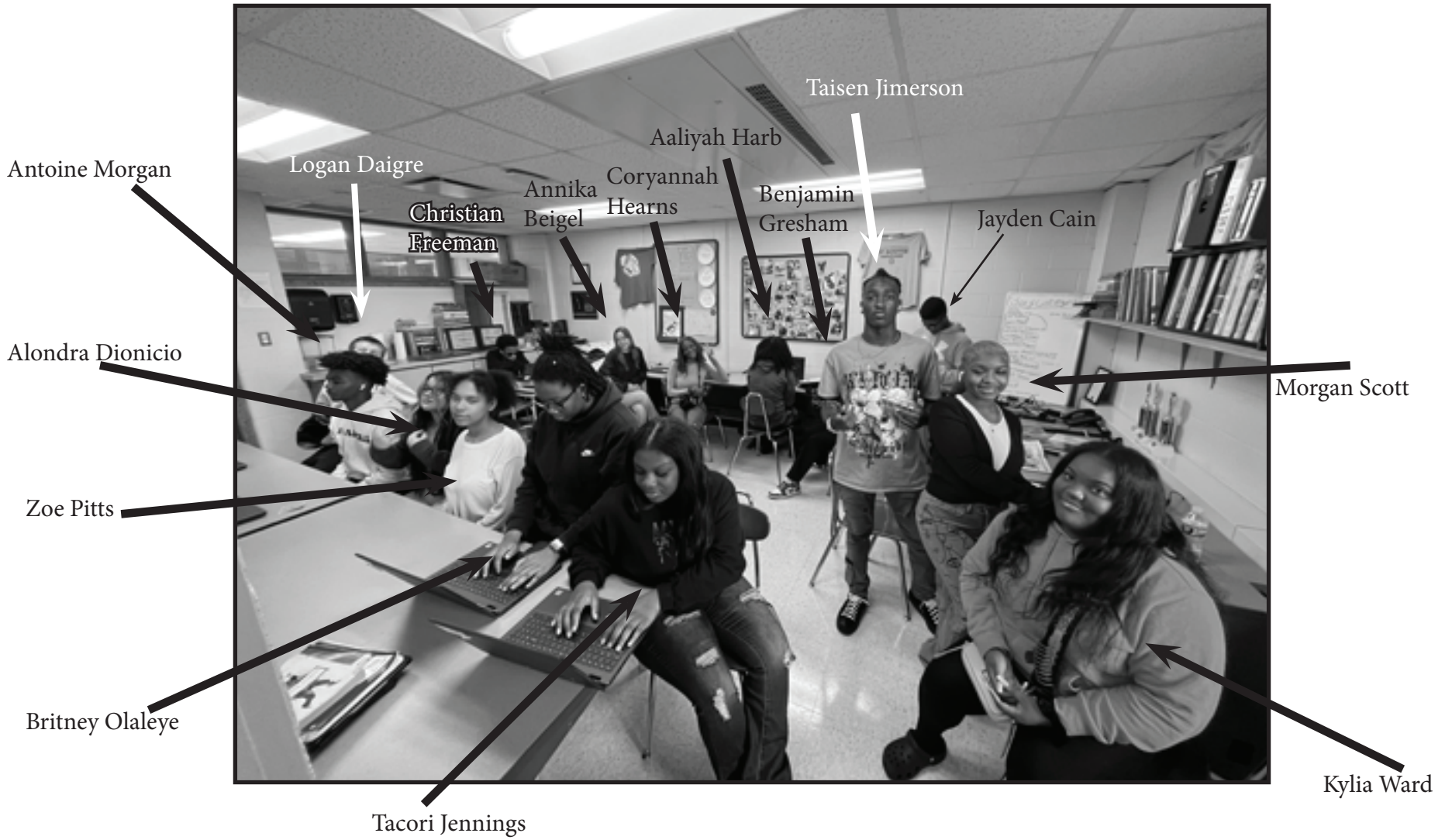
classes are able to give the student Dual-credit which allows students to earn college credits for classes that you take during your highschool experience. Having classes like this makes it easier to find people who are interested in the same things. Allowing an environment with like minded individuals that can build a connection within the community. I have interviewed freshman Alex Bouck to express how his experience was at the showcase he states, "It was great so many different opportunities and classes

to be chosen from. The ones that peaked my interest the most were Engineering, Building and Construction, Automotive Technology, and Culinary. The class that shocked me the most was the Child Care. I wasn't aware that we provided that class. Overall I'd say I had an amazing experience and I just received a lot of information about the classes." Many students were able to choose from a number of classes that allow them to have a successful career after graduation.





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Newspaper Staff a decade ago and the cover of the school yearbook in 1984

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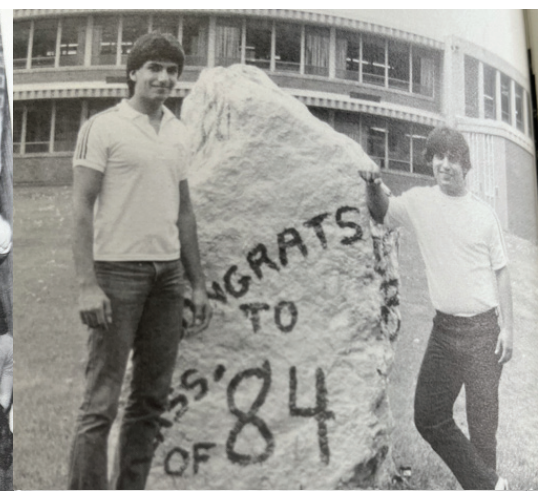
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## Shutting Off The Valve On The School To Prison Pipeline

by: Britney Olaley, Managing Editor

The school-to-prison pipeline is a major concern that affects many students across the United States. It's a troubling trend where students, particularly those from marginalized communities, are pushed

creating a nurturing and supportive atmosphere, schools frequently turn to punitive actions that unfairly impact specific student groups, such as students of color, those with disabilities, and those from low-income

dress code violations or disruptive behavior. As a result, students are more likely to be suspended, expelled, or referred to law enforcement, rather than being given the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and grow. Having police officers in schools, meant to keep things safe, can actually cause more students to get in trouble. Instead of trying to solve problems and make things right, the focus

left out. Addressing the school-to-prison pipeline requires a multifaceted approach. Schools should prioritize restorative justice practices, focusing on healing, understanding, and growth. This means using alternative

why there are so many police officers in schools and pushing for changes that focus more on restorative justice. In conclusion, dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline demands a shift towards restorative justice practices, policy reforms at all levels, and a commitment to creating a supportive educational environment for every student.



out of schools and into the criminal justice system. The school-to-prison pipeline refers to the policies and practices that contribute to the criminalization of students. Rather than

backgrounds. One of the main causes of the school-to-prison pipeline is the implementation of zero-tolerance policies. These policies mandate severe consequences for even minor infractions, such as

becomes punishment. This school-to-prison pipeline is really bad for students. When they're kicked out of school, they miss out on good education and support. This makes it more likely for them to quit school, have fewer job options, and end up in trouble with the law. It keeps a cycle going of poverty, inequality, and feeling

disciplinary actions like counseling, mediation, and community service instead of resorting to harsh punishments that exclude students. Additionally, it's essential to address the systemic issues that contribute to the pipeline. This means working to change policies in our community, state, and country. It's about asking

## Are breaks really the breaks we need?

by Benjamin Gresham, lead photographer

Some people might say that winter or spring breaks are a good break but a majority of people really feel like these breaks aren't there long enough or they really don't benefit for their health and to really react to it well. So to help get with this point I will be asked two students and two teachers and we will really get the opinion on whether our last break-- winter break-- was really needed for everyone and do we need a longer break or do we need it to be shorter also to see if it helps while coming back and with their mental health as well. The first person I interviewed was Mr. Mosel and Mrs. Germeraad and I asked them a variety of ques-

tions and the first questions is that "How do you feel about the break and did it help you out mentally?" Mr. Mosel said, "my break was ok and it was really needed to my mental health and it helped me see my family." Mrs. Germeraad said, "my break was good and bad but it was still needed for my mental health and let me caught up on sleep." It sounds like Mr. Mosel and Mrs Germeraad and very good breaks indeed and really help there mental health. Now for the student that I interviewed one of my classmates Antione Morgan, a senior at TF South and I asked him about his break. He said: "my break was good I hang out with friends and I spent a good

time resting my body for track season." I also asked him if the days need to be longer on the break and this is what he said. "The break was perfect and it was nice and long enough for me to get everything together and make sure I didn't have everything." It seems like everything is very good and pleased with the break right now for everyone experience that I interviewed. But it's up to you red wolves what do you think do you believe that the break was long enough or do you think finals should be after break so everyone can have time to study. Everyone has their own break and even if they had a bad experience on break or a good its seems as tho we all needed a relaxation on their break

and everything will be now it needs to be welcome back Red Wolves.



## Diss Tracks - A Different Kind of Poetry

Alondra Dioniico, Review writer

An interesting development in the music industry has been the creation of “diss tracks,” where artists address their feud and insult one another in their music. Diss tracks were especially popularized during the East Coast-West Coast hip-hop rivalry in the mid-90s. Though there wasn’t always a term for it, these tracks go back a few decades like former Beatles member John Lennon’s “How Do You Sleep?” (1971), directed toward ex-bandmate, Paul McCartney. There’s not an exact rubric for what makes a good diss track but typically, a good diss track emphasizes their enemy’s flaws and weaknesses, has a good beat, witty and comedic lyrics/insults, and exposes a secret or lie if possible. The ultimate goal of a diss track is to publicly

humiliate their enemy and destroy their credibility with their audience. I asked around to see what people thought was the best diss track of all time and compiled their responses into a list:  
 No Vaseline - Ice Cube  
 Hit Em’ Up - 2Pac  
 Ether - Nas  
 Little Boy - KSI  
 Killshot - Eminem  
 How Do You Sleep? - John Lennon  
 Who Shot Ya’ - The Notorious B.I.G.  
 Fall - Eminem  
 Barbie Dreams - Nicki Minaj  
 With careful consideration, I concluded that the best diss track of all time is Ice Cube’s infamous track, “No Vaseline”. For much-needed context,

Ice Cube was part of a hip-hop group with Dr. Dre, Eazy-E, DJ Yella, MC Ren, and they were known as N.W.A. The group found themselves with a lot of success but in December of 1989, Ice Cube left the group over royalty disputes and creative differences. In



their 1991 album without Ice Cube, Efil4zaggin, N.W.A. released “Message to B.A.,” which directly targeted Ice Cube. In turn, Ice Cube samples their song to create the intro to “No Vaseline.” In the five-minute and 14-second song, not a single moment was wasted with constant and clever insults thrown toward his former members and friends. I was impressed with the level of detail that went into the track, attacking each member personally. In the end, left everyone speechless., to the point that N.W.A didn’t even respond with another diss track, insinuating they “lost”. The general consensus is that 2pac’s “Hit Em’ Up” is the best diss track of all time, often being compared to other tracks like “No Vaseline”. I can’t argue that 2Pac’s iconic track had an everlasting effect on hip-hop but I feel that Ice Cube’s track was lyrically more cold, calculated, insulting,

and overall disrespectful which is the goal of a good diss track. In the end, all of these diss tracks were compelling and each has influenced hip-hop and music in their own way. Listening to these tracks helped me to appreciate the level of creativity and dedication these artists have toward their craft, unwilling to take any kind of disrespect. Music is subjective, you may not agree with my stance but that’s okay. You’re more than welcome to listen to these tracks and decide what you think is the best diss track of all time.

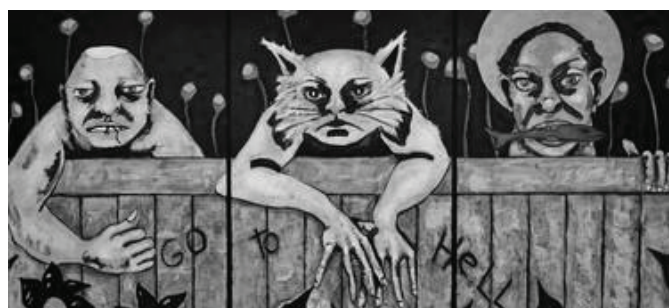
## David DeCesaris and the will to create

by Christian Freeman, features writer

David DeCesaris is currently an artist whose art I’ve seen at the Zhou B. Art Center in Chicago. The first thing I noticed about his artstyle is how scary it looked from a glance, however the second thing I noticed was how religious or surreal it was. To move a few steps back, David DeCesaris started sculpting at a young age with a dream and a chainsaw. As stated by DeCesaris: “At age 18, I took a painting class as a freshman at a small college in North Carolina. As a result, I didn’t so much decide to become an artist as I came to realize that this was what I was and would always be. Making art came naturally. While not the most talented draftsman, I realized an instinctive ability to see and understand shapes and forms in relation to one another. I have also come to realize that growing up around Washington DC in the midst of some of the greatest museums in the country provided an important early exposure to great art”. Reading this for myself after meeting Mr. DeCesaris

I was amazed at the sheer determination in his work, and found out why I was so drawn to it. Compared to how I saw the determined force behind this work, he began to see something within as well. DeCesaris would state: “What emerged was a growing understanding of nonobjective forms, and I began to see, without hesitation, shapes, lines and forms as feeling, forms that took on an expression without depending on any recognizable image. I began to see the relationship between our human feeling and how these forms took on an expression without depending on any recognizable image. My work became increasingly nonobjective”. DeCesaris Cont.: “My focus became increasingly philosophical, and I discovered a great kinship between my own thoughts and the writ-

ings of Susanne K Langer. I began to comprehend reasoning for making art that was beyond talent and skill; most importantly I was forming a tighter bond of understanding between my self and the work I was creating. My reading of Langer confirmed my growing understanding of art as an arrangement of forms, shapes, colors and lines that were elements that had the power to exude feeling”. To put it into a perspective of my own, what I believe happened to Mr.DeCesaris’ perception was that he began to see things within life or dreams that either had an unrecognizable meaning with a familiar face, or something philosophical that could be debated for greater meaning. I believe this



is well reflected in his multiple piece art dubbed “Stations of the Cross”. Depicting the Crucifixion of a man. Looking at Stations of the Cross compared to non-objective Sculptures it is clear to see that while there was a direction and headspace made when creating these pieces, it isn’t confined to the thoughts of one man. Just like many could talk about the Stations of the Cross as a collective of objective religious pieces, people could debate his non objective pieces. As said by DeCesaris: He’s a figurative artist. DeCesaris states: “I concluded my MFA in 1985 by confounding my professors with my thesis exhibit, which consisted entirely of life size figurative sculpture and large-scale self-portrait charcoal drawings. To this point, faculty had only known me as a welding, wood carving sculptor. It was apparent that I was inherently a figurative artist; the human form played a vital role in my work.

Graduate school was the last time I would be able to focus all my energy on making art. I continued to live in spaces that would allow me to make large figurative sculpture while I also continued to draw with a preference for large charcoal drawings on Kraft paper, not considering them finished pieces”. David DeCesaris is an artist, like every artist, with a story. But what compelled me to write his journey onto a document or to try to explain his methods is a simple reason. DeCesaris’ art spoke to me, and for the smallest time I felt like I related to him like no one else. David Decesaris’ work is still on show at the Zhou B. Art Center in Chicago along with many others. I encourage anyone, even if you don’t like art, to go down there and give it a shot. Truly, someone’s piece will speak to you.



## Expectations against Simeon

by Taisen Jimerson, EIC

Thornton Fractional South's women's basketball team faced Simeon Career Academy Wolverine's on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024. Simeon's Illinois fame has been well documented. To now see our girls have a chance to prove what they're capable of when it comes to the pure sport of basketball is an amazing opportunity. Coming off of a successful 26-5 season last year, Head Coach Eric Bryce, has been making a more competitive schedule for the 23-24 season. He's scheduled teams in better divisions and has done a great job recruiting scouts to look at our lady Red Wolves this year. Opening the start of this year's season with Hyde Park was a huge game changer for our lady Red Wolves. Coming off a crushing 17-point loss, that game

opened the team's eyes of what's to be expected with their game schedule. Nevertheless, they have picked themselves up and kept striving leading to a current record of 12-9. Simeon Wolverines have had a rough start to their season as they are 6-7 overall and 2-3 in their conference. Having a .460 win percentage means that they have difficulty winning in a more competitive bracket. Still, our lady Red Wolves are always willing to put up a fight and play with school pride. Our potential is unmatched, we have great size, we can rebound, make efficient and consistent shots, and we can overcome clutch moments. Our team has a positive consistency overall in the game of basketball. The Lady Red Wolves may be unknown in other areas of the Chicago-land, but they are on the come-up. Each one of the players

on our team has no fear in them whatsoever. The Lady Red Wolves are all dawgs in their own way as they contribute to the team. Jaiden Thompson has great shooting as well with confidence, Gigi Dillon is very physical in the paint and can finish around the rim, Rayvan Rush is great at contested shots and is a leader on the court, and Asia Haynes is a fierce freshman coming off the bench with great IQ and finishing. We have what it takes to take down Simeon, and we will watch our red wolves handle business.



## Lady Red Wolves Basketball

Aaliyah Harb, Sports Writer

In the intense matchup of Thornton Fractional South vs Lemont, the Red Wolves started the quarter on a 15-0 run. On a shooting drought, Lemont was able to get their first 2 points mid first quarter. At the end of the first quarter, the Red Wolves were up 24-10 due to many defensive stops and 3 point opportunities. In the second quarter Lemont was able to hold the Red Wolves to a 12-10 run resulting in the score at half time being 36-20. The Red Wolves success not only come from just the offensive side but also the defensive side. For Lemont, their main offensive contributor was junior forward Jessica Windstrup, with 6 points

in the first half. For the Red Wolves their main offensive contributor so far in the game is senior guard, Cherish Boothe, who scored 12 points. In the second half of the matchup, the Red Wolves came out very defensively strong, recording 11 points from 7 steals in just the third quarter. Due to a lot of turnovers and fouls the Red Wolves went on their highest scoring quarter of 23-14. By the end of the third quarter the Red Wolves were up 59-34. At the start of the fourth quarter the defense by the Red Wolves decreased but was just enough to cause Lemont to have a challenge offensively. For the final quarter, Lemont was able to hold the Red Wolves to their lowest scoring quarter

of just 11-11, but it wasn't enough. The final score of the game was 70-45 and the Red Wolves took home the victory. The top performers of the game for the Red Wolves were senior guard Rayvan Rush with 17 points, 4 assists, and 8 steals, senior guard Cherish Boothe with 14 points, 9 rebounds, 5 assist, and 4 steals, and senior forward Jaiden Thompson with 11 points, 6 rebounds, and 2 blocks. For Lemont, their top performers were junior guard Alexandra Reyna with 15 points, sophomore guard Magdalene Mikroulis with 10 points, and junior forward Jessica Windstrup with 12 points. The Red Wolves are



now 3-1 for conference and Lemont is 1-2 in conference so far. The Red Wolves next conference matchup is the Evergreen Mustangs on January 18th. For Lemont, their next conference matchup will be against Oak Lawn also on January 18th.



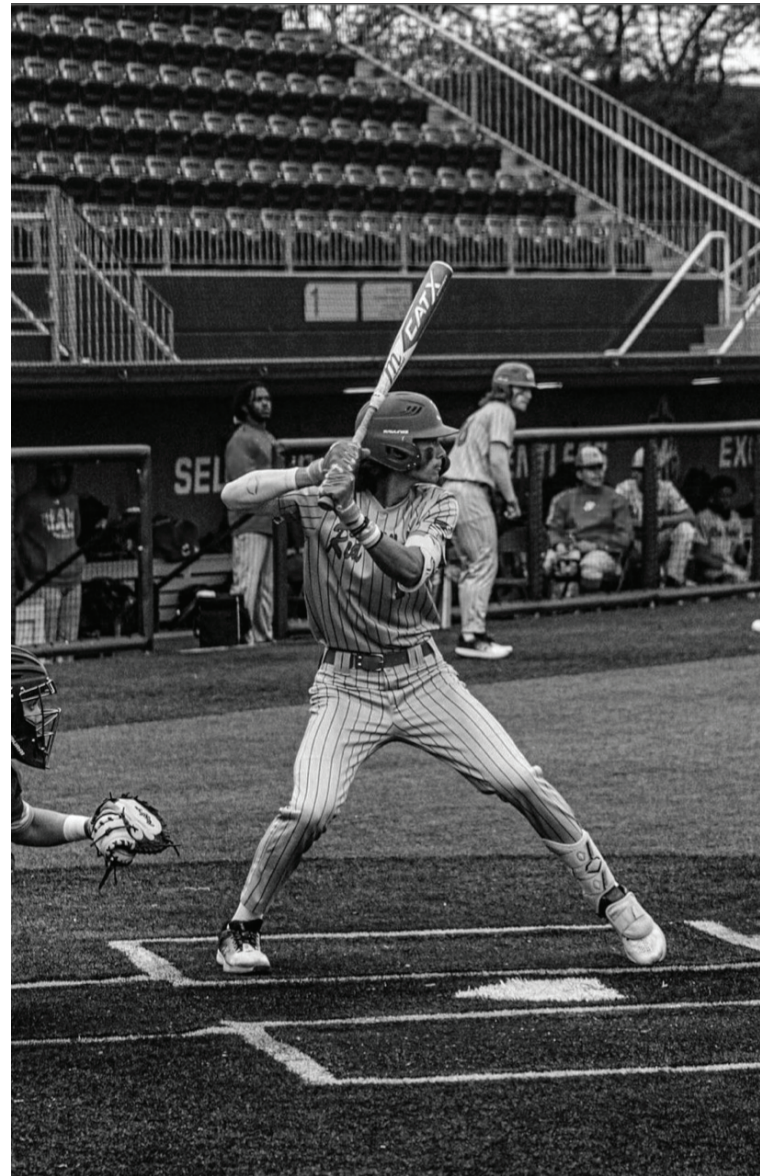
## The Last Dance: a look at TFS baseball

by Andrew Danehl, Sports Writer

In the last two years T.F. South baseball has proven to be contenders for conference and playoffs. The last two seasons have been some of the best seasons for South in the past 5 years. In the 2022 season South went 19-11 and finished third in conference. With South being the underdogs, head coach Matt Tiffy won the SSC Coach Of The Year award. 2022 was also a rough year as South lost key seniors at the end of the season. They lost seniors like Caden Podgorski, Jayden Clark, Hector Galvan, James Muth, Marquise Sims, and Dylan Modjeski. Hector Galvan took charge on the bump in 2022 as he won all-conference and was one vote shy of winning all-conference player of the year. 2023 was just as successful given the young group South had.

A 23 win season backed up by the hot bats and pitching of now senior Tyler Earmsmuth and now junior Jayden Spann is just what South baseball needs going forward into the 2024 season. South baseball has a lot to look forward to, given that they are heavy on returning seniors. Notables are catcher/OF Jake Stachelski, pitcher/OF Tyler Earmsuth, pitcher/1B Jack Starcevich, pitcher/3B Moises Mata, pitcher Rodrigo Arceo Jr, and outfielder Josh Moss. Senior Tyler Earmsuth has certainly proven to be South baseball's star and captain as the senior won all-conference and team MVP for both pitching and hitting. The senior slugged for a whopping .496 BA, 3 HR, 47 RBI's, 52 runs, and 18 stolen bags while also posting a 4.84 ERA in 31 IP on the hill. With nothing but a bright future

heading into the 2024 baseball season, T.F. South looks to win conference for the first time since 2009 and take home a regional title. Their biggest challenges are Lemont and Oak Forest. Back in 2022, South baseball pulled off one of the biggest upsets and swept Lemont by winning both games by the final scores of 4-3 and 5-3. 2023 was a battle in the two games South and Oak Forest played each other as South was victorious in the first game by winning 8-4. However, South would lose in their second matchup by a score of 9-10 despite a late comeback. For the seniors, it will be their version of the Last Dance given it will be their last season ever stepping onto a high school diamond. For now, the question will be, can they go out with a bang?



### TF SOUTH RED WOLVES BASEBALL UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wed	03/13/2024	4:30 PM	George Washington High School	Home	-	Bill Anderson Field	-	-
Thu	03/14/2024	4:30 PM	Andrew High School	Home	-	Bill Anderson Field	-	-
Mon	03/18/2024	4:30 PM	Romeoville High School	Home	-	Bill Anderson Field	-	-
Tue	03/19/2024	4:30 PM	Peotone High School	Home	-	Bill Anderson Field	-	-
Wed	03/20/2024	4:30 PM	Bloom Township High School	Away	-	Bloom Township High School	-	-
Thu	03/21/2024	4:30 PM	Lincoln-way West High School	Away	-	Lincoln-way West High School	-	-
Tue	03/26/2024	4:30 PM	Richards High School	Home	-	Bill Anderson Field	-	-
Thu	03/28/2024	4:30 PM	Reavis High School	Away	-	Reavis High School	-	-
Mon	04/01/2024	4:00 PM	Knox Central High School	Away	-	Myrtle Beach Trip	-	-
Mon	04/01/2024	6:30 PM	Raceland-Worthington High School	Away	-	Raceland-Worthington High School	-	-



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## Honey Berry is berry good!

by: Annika Biegel, Review Writer

I recently visited the new breakfast place, Honey Berry, that opened on the 15th of April this past year. The new brunch hot spot in Lansing has a very welcoming and appealing atmosphere. Honey Berry's menu is filled with a variety of assorted options to enjoy for breakfast and lunch. They offer a variety of pancakes with flavors such as cinnamon roll, red velvet, creamy Nutella, and their signature Honey Berry pancakes. As well as pancakes, they have crepes, waffles, skillet, yogurt bowls, and various drinks like fresh juices, coffee and lattes, and sweet smoothies. When

I went there, I decided to try their smoothie bowl that they have with an iced vanilla



latte. I have gone there a couple of times before and their food was fairly good, but I was not a fan of the smoothie bowl that I gave a try this time. I love smoothie bowls, but the

smoothie bowl from Honey Berry was too liquidy and had a soup like texture to

it, not a thick smoothie consistency that smoothie bowls often have. They top their smoothie bowls with granola and sliced strawberries, which added a fresh flavor and a crunch

to the smoothie bowl. Even though I was not a fan of the smoothie bowl I ordered, I really liked the iced vanilla latte on the side. Their coffee is rich, and the vanilla flavoring in the latte had the perfect amount of sweetness to it. Overall, I would say Honey Berry is a pleasant brunch spot to try. The other times I have tried Honey Berry I really enjoyed it, my favorite being the creamy Nutella crepes with coconut flakes sprinkled on top. Honey Berry has many options offered for breakfast and lunch that

Logan Daigre; Position in Staff range from vegetarian to gluten-free and simple options for people who prefer their food more plain. The charming restaurant is the perfect place for brunch with your family or friends. The restaurant does tend to be on the busier side in the mornings on the weekends and customers might expect to have to wait a little. I would encourage people to go and try the new brunch spot because of their assorted options on the menu and appealing restaurant, I would just not recommend the smoothie bowl.

## Laying it on thick for decades: historic Beggars in Lansing

by Jayden Cain, Lead Photographer

Almost anyone can come together and enjoy a good slice of pizza. It's a universally enjoyed dish that I rarely see anyone say they don't like. If they don't like it, I might be inclined to think they just haven't had a good pizza. Somewhere that always delivers a good slice is Chicago's own Beggar's Pizza. I've been enjoying their food for many years, yet I had never actually been in one of their restaurants before. It was always delivery. One day I went there to pick up a pizza we ordered at Lansing, Illinois' very own Beggars on 3524 Ridge Rd. This Beggars was unique, as it was formerly known as the Lansing Theater. I decided to come back another time to see how the Pizzeria was to dine in. First, I'll say that the overall experience was good. My brother and I were attended to very

quickly, we were accompanied by a server within our first few minutes of being there and they got us drinks immediately. The drinks were a little watered down, but that's just how it is going to a fast paced restaurant who uses a combination of carbonated water and syrup in order to make their drinks. My pink lemonade was more like lemonade I'd try to make at home from eyeballing ingredients. My brother and I decided to start off with an appetizer of Beggars' fried onion rings and honey barbeque boneless wings after looking at their huge menu. Before



coming here I didn't realize how much food Beggars had. They had a wide range of things to try from a cod dinner, huge burgers and italian beef sandwiches. I wish I could've tried more of their menu items. It didn't take long for the food to come out and we didn't waste anytime digging in. Starting off with the onion rings- they were pretty bland. They were perfectly fried, just lacking in flavor

entirely. The only thing that saved them was the ranch dip that was given to us. It was definitely not bad, just flavorless. The boneless wings were pretty similar. Perfectly fried, sauce is good, but the actual wings were just lacking. It was like they hadn't bothered to season them. It's not like the food was cheap, either. The onion rings were \$8.99 on their own, boneless wings \$9.99 and the drinks were each around \$2. The price of a meal for two was already getting up there, especially for high school students on a budget. The amount of onion rings given to us was decent for an appetizer though. At this point, I was thinking "Is their food really not that good?" which was foolish of me. Beggars was known for their pizza, not everything else. We ordered a pizza with pepperoni and bacon. Just one topping or plain

cheese would've been a better option for the review, my brother and I just like some good toppings on our pizzas. The pizza was delicious, making most of our visit worth it. The highlight of my time at the establishment was the look of the place. It was huge and the decorations were beautiful. They even kept the organ that used to be played when the building was a theater used for the entertainment of Lansing residents. Like I said at the beginning, the overall experience was pretty good. I'm giving this Beggars Pizza restaurant a 4 star rating and I recommend going there and dining in for once.



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## Willy Wonka coats our hearts in chocolate once more!

Antoine Morgan, Review Writer

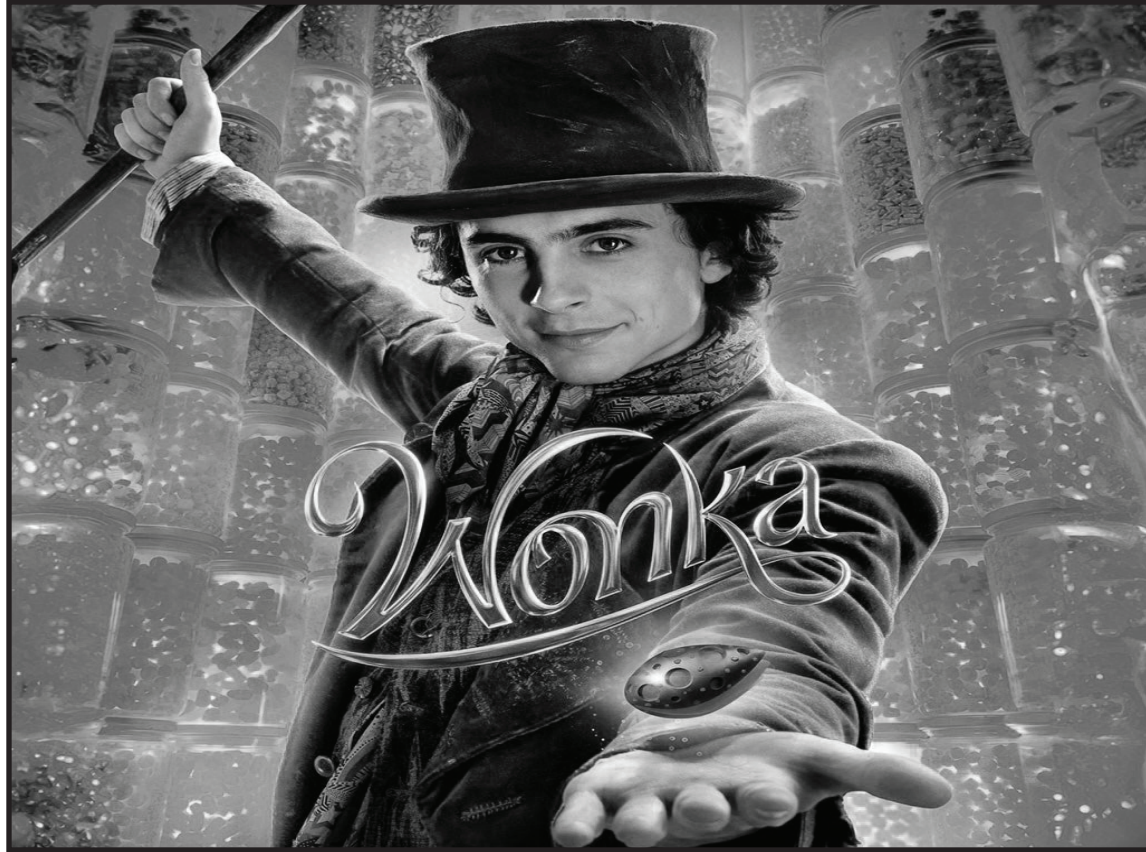
Willy Wonka coats our hearts with pure and decadent chocolate with the new movie *Wonka*. *Wonka* was released recently on December 15, 2023 in theaters nationwide. The movie was received fairly well in the box office, gaining 469.9 million in revenue. It has also received a 82% in rotten tomatoes, a fairly well score for a movie nowadays. The movie follows Willy Wonka, played by Timothee Chalamet, trying to start a new life in a small town located in England by making his very own chocolate store. Although is rejected by the three biggest store owners in the plaza. Soon after is scammed by the suspicious hotel he decided to stay at and has to work off what he owes to the hotel. That's when he meets a kid named Noodle. Wonka shows Noodle the possibilities he can make

with his chocolate and convinces her help him get out the hotel and start up his chocolate store. This

cast was amazing as I feel like they all fulfilled their roles pretty well within the movie. I also like how

feel that the animations and prop design was very impressive to me. Although I really enjoyed the

movie was very great. If I were to rate it, it would get a solid 8/10 into my book. If your looking for a nice movie to sit down and watch with your family, I'd definitely recommend this movie for sure.



movie overall was pretty good in my opinion. If you're a fan of musicals I would definitely recommend this movie as it has a ton of musical numbers that won't disappoint your ears in the slightest. The

they gave as a backstory to Williy Wonka instead of giving us a new version of Charlie and the chocolate factory. The visuals in this movies is also something that stood out to me as I

movie, I didn't really enjoy the ending of the movie as it kinda ended pretty abruptly. As much I would love to get into how the story ends, I rather have you experience the ending first hand. Overall, this

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on HBO MAX

## The Color Purple is a perfect 10

by Kylia Ward, co-EIC

On December 25, 2023 "The Color Purple" starring Fantasia as Celie, Taraji P. Henson as Shug Avery, and Danielle Brooks playing Sofia, was released in theaters, and I loved the movie. This movie is a representation of a young African American teenager named Celie growing up being mistreated by her father and being given away to marry an older man and take care of his kids and house and being mistreated by him also. Eventually Celie will learn how to stand up for herself and gain confidence. For me this was a very good movie to go see. It is not the happiest movie but it is entertaining and gives you some insight about

how women were treated in the early 1900s. I also love

had enough you will find the strength to leave. but

they sang and the way they performed them with their

is not a musical, but they both share the same plot, so if people would like to get a gist of what the movie is like but do not take an interest in musicals I would recommend watching this version of the movie. There are minor differences and the only major difference is that the newer version is a musical, but they both still have their iconic lines and moments in common. This was a well done job for a remake. Overall this movie was a 10/10 rating for me all the way from the cast, to the costume designs, to the execution of the scenes. Go see "The Color Purple" in theaters if you have not already because I would recommend.



how empowering the movie can get because she built up enough courage to leave the man that has mistreated her for years and she never looked back, which is hard to do, but when you have

the only thing is that if you do not like musicals then I would not recommend going to see this movie. My favorite thing about watching this movie would have to be all of the songs

dancing and their vocals. The older version of "The Color Purple" that came out in 1985 starring Whoopie Goldberg as Celine, Oprah Winfrey as Sofia, and Margaret Avery as Shug Avery



## Money, Power, Glory: The Iron Claw

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When I first saw the trailer of the movie I was intrigued and the actors looked so surreal to me. I had to watch it. I didn't know anything about the true story and when the movie finally came out I finally knew that it was based on one because I couldn't escape videos like "10 mind blowing facts about the Von Erich family that wasn't in the movie", and some people I asked if they were or already did watch it they always said something like "well I already know the story so it wasn't that mind-blowing" The other half of the people I asked had no clue what I was talking about but they seem invested in the storyline when I told them more about it. So in reality I was hyping myself up to see it with more opinions than my own. When I finally watched The Iron Claw I was shocked with the production and the actors themselves. It was a fantastic movie and I wouldn't

hesitate to recommend it to people I know. The actors consisted of Jeremy Allen white where you might

trilogy. Zac played what could be called the main character in the movie as the second oldest brother



know him from the "Bear" or the iconic television show "Shameless". In the movie he portrayed Kerry Von Erich, in which he did fantastically. Then we have Zac Efron who starred in the High School Musical

Kevin Von Erich. He looked the part but his acting was stiff most times but when it came to showing extreme emotions he didn't hesitate to show his great acting. The other brothers Kevin and David

played by Stanley Simmons and Harris Dickinson were phenomenal in their own way. They all played brothers who were deeply connected and close with each other and I think they did a great job. The movie really showcased how toxic masculinity and the desperate want of approval can really impact a family which I really liked with scenes at funerals where the family couldn't cry or show any weakness or when the father had a ranking with his kids on who's the favorite. The father who was played by Holt McCallany was amazing in the entire movie from beginning to end. I honestly would have thought they used Fritz, the real person he was based on just by how well he acted. It didn't just touch on the topic of this tragic story, they did behind the scenes on what the family was really going through at the time. Based on tragic events, yes it's not 100% accurate but they had most of it historically correct. When it came

to the production I loved it, I liked the way it was shot, the soundtrack, and the costume design. What I didn't like was how it changed from topic to topic so quickly when a tragic event happened they didn't delve into it but instead just do long scenes of the actors doing mundane things it felt they could have used their time more wisely. So yes, this movie was great and the rate I would give would be a 8.9 out of 10. It was such a well made film with of course its own imperfections but it deserves a watch at least once or twice so that maybe you'll be invested enough to look through the true events this movie takes place on.

## Don't LEAVE this movie BEHIND

by Logan Daigre, Review Writer

Leave the World Behind is a Netflix original. This movie shows the worst case scenario of what would happen if all technology got hacked. It follows a family stuck in an AirBNB, during a national emergency, when the owners of the house suddenly shows up. This movie quickly becomes a dystopia film. Following many tropes, such as a lack of a trust between characters, characters adventuring alone, and animals acting strangely. It stars Julia Roberts, Ethan Hawke,

Myha'la Herrold, and Mahershala Ali. It also

and stress can change people's judgement. It



features Kevin Bacon briefly. All of these actors play their role wonderfully. The writing of this movie is fantastic. It shows how panic

shows the poor decisions people may make in the face of emergency. Whether it be romantic tension, sibling rivalry, or the END

OF THE WORLD, this movie has no lack of drama. The

amount of drama in this film will keep you in your seat the entire time. Unfortunately, every great movie has its flaws. Leave The World

Behind's flaw came in the form of the final scene. For such an epic movie, you'd expect an amazing triumphant ending. You did not get that in Leave the World Behind. Other than the disappointing ending, overall "Leave The World Behind" is a great movie that I recommend to you. If you like Leave the World Behind, I suggest checking out 2012, and Nowhere and How It Ends.