

Hispanic Heritage!

by Alondra Dionicio, Staff Reporter

Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated from September 15th to October 15th, emphasizes the importance of celebrating the contributions Hispanics and Latinos have made to the United States of America. It was first introduced as Hispanic Heritage Week by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968. It would later be changed into Hispanic Heritage Month and enacted as law by President Ronald Reagan in 1988. The start of Hispanic Heritage Month connects to Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua gained their independence from Spain in the early 1800s. Thornton Fractional South has taken the initiative to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by dedicating a part of its morning announcements to discuss one Hispanic or Latino person and their accomplishments and contributions to society. The Spanish department's students have also taken it

upon themselves to make tissue paper flowers that now decorate the hallways. The Latin Dance Crew hosted the Hispanic Heritage Month fiesta on September 29th, from 4 to 7 PM in the South-Main hallway. There was live music, food for sale, crafts, and games for everyone to enjoy. Many students and families came to the fiesta, enjoying the celebration while honoring all Hispanics and Latinos around the world. The Dreamers Club is hosting an Axolotl bracelet workshop where students can learn about Axolotl and make their own

Axolotl bracelet. Samantha Vasquez, senior and president of Dreamers Club at TF South, comments "I think the events hosted at TFS are great. I

Hispanic Heritage Month is a great opportunity to celebrate the Hispanic body which only makes up about 22 percent of the school's demographic. However,

translators and even if there is one, they are not easily accessible. Having easy accessibility to a translator can help TFS become a more welcoming environment to the Spanish Speaking community and parents as a whole. While TF South has made admirable strides in creating a welcoming community for all, there are still some ways to go. Hispanic Heritage Month is a great way to start tackling these issues and honoring the Hispanic community, even beyond the walls of TF South.



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think both LDC and Dreamers do a great job making these events happen. Both clubs put in a lot of hard work and time into these events. Having these events helps welcome the Spanish speaking community and helps reassure them that we appreciate their culture".

there's a lack of resources that cater to Hispanic students and families at TF South. When asked about this, Vasquez states she doesn't believe "the Spanish Speaking community is accurately and fairly represented at TFS" and notes that "the biggest problem with TFS [is] accurately showcasing the Spanish speaking community at TFS [and] the lack of

Lights, camera, action!, TF South has a new and improved theater

by Tacori Jennings, reporter

Last spring the auditorium officially started their renovations. Throughout the summer the construction company worked really hard to have it done before our new musical, *Mamma Mia!*. They have been rehearsing and working their hardest to put on an amazing performance. Director, Ann Wolpert, expressed that before the renovations "That everything was old and the seats were falling apart and broken and dirty and the facility itself was not functioning the way it should for a program of this caliber." I proceeded to ask her about the new benefits of the new theater overall. She revealed that "Well, first we have flooring that is beautiful and we don't trip over, we have seats that

are comfortable and don't break, we don't have those desks anymore because people hardly used them, we have brand new lights so you can actually see what going on in the room, which is nice. We have a brand new lighting system that I'm sure is [going] to be spectacular considering it is all new instruments instead of the 50-60 year old ones". I continued to ask how you think the new theater will benefit the children for the upcoming show *Mamma Mia*. She states "I absolutely cannot wait to do a show in here because with the new lighting that is [going] to make a whole huge difference it is [going to] make things so professional. They have adjusted the sound sys-

tem so it works better, but that is what these students deserve professionalism in the school, because they work professionally they need a facility that is just as professional". Last question: how do you feel about your upcoming show this November? She exclaimed, "I am so excited for this play and I can't wait to see all of my students prosper in this production. It's going to be so good." I am super excited to see what is to come from the theater club. Look for my review of *Mamma Mia* Starring Zamayah Holmes playing Donna Sheridan, Yantzi Alba as Sophie Sheridan, Jimmy Cuellar as Sam Carmichael, and Fabian Cain as Harry Bright. Director Ann Wolpert wants the musical performance to

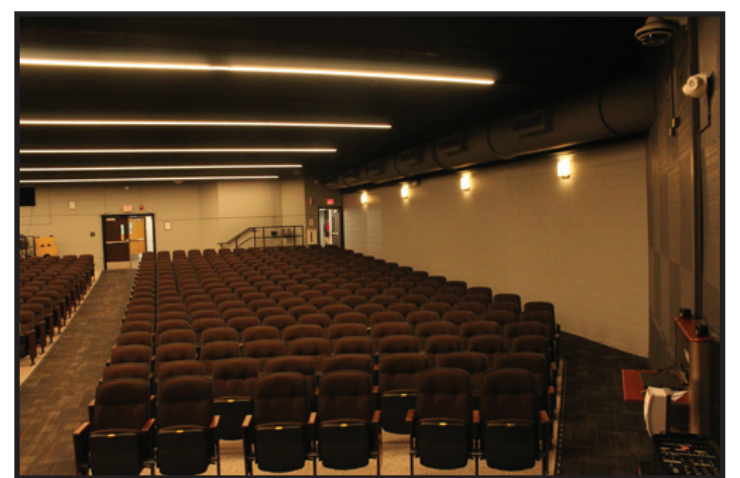


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be pushed and driven harder due to the fact that the city of Lansing invested so much into T.F. South's theater. The student's and staff of the musical have been putting in quality work and time. Be sure to come and support the drama club on Nov.10 2023.

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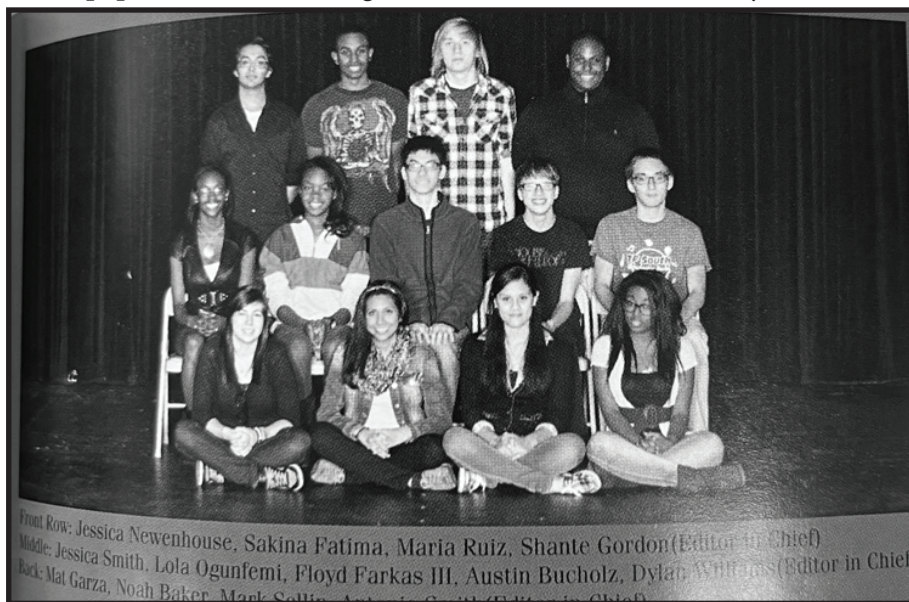
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New Rules, Actually not so new

Kylia Ward ; Editor in Chief

Here at Thornton Fractional South people seem to think that we have gotten new rules, but these rules are not new they are just really enforced this year. Especially the dress code. In previous years the rules would be said throughout the hallway and we would be reminded about them, but these rules this school year have been reminded and acted on. I spoke to Cassandra Brackenridge about the rules that have been enforced this year, but before I got into the interview Brackenridge reiterated that “Mrs. Brackenridge did not make these rules. These rules have been here since the beginning of time”. I wanted to know what prompted the rules to be enforced this year and I was told that “The numbers show that there are a lot of things going on that need to be decreased and addressed”. I completely understand because there would be a lot of activity in the hallways, people would be skipping classes, and hiding in the bathroom.

The next topic I talked about was if Brackenridge has seen any improvements in the school and with a lot of enthusiasm she said “Yes! Do yall see how quiet the hallways are now compared to last year? [There has] been a decrease in fights,

safer”. She also wanted me to make sure that she stated that “these rules have been in place for ten plus years; they just were not enforced by the previous administration so the rules have always been there, and the expectation is that you guys

to understand the rules and not be in shock when students get in trouble for not following the rules. Now that the rules are more enforced I would say the atmosphere is a little different and I think it’s a little quieter, but I wanted

extends not just from this building but outward into the community”. That response was really good because some schools do not really care about their atmosphere, they just care about if the students are following the rules which is important, but the atmosphere is just as important.



Pictured: Classroom enforcement of policies; clear hallways during class time

there has been a decrease in behaviors and people being late to class. Our tardies were ridiculous. The hallways are clearer, the kids are getting to class on time, and people feel

and your family members read the student handbook because it has always been online”. Personally, I have never read the student handbook [before this year] but it might help people

to get Brackenridge goals for the atmosphere, and she gave a really good response. Brackenridge stated that her goal for the atmosphere is “To create a positive culture enclinement that

Editorial: Is there bullying at T.F. South?

Christian Freeman; News Writer

Within recent years, T.F South has had an immense problem with bullying, mass harassment and multiple exploitives within its walls. Such issues arise from the constant approval for appraise the students here seek. The student body is formed of various cliques and groups who operate differently and as such spark conflict for little to no reason, some cases instigated by fellow students just to be evil. Some of the worst fights at South, such as the recent fights have been instigated, recorded, and broadcasted amongst the student body not just as an individual party, but as the facility in general. which is what high schools like our own are supposed to ensure never happen. Issues such as bullying have no place

in T.F South. But what are ways to avoid school fights? From a student perspective; The best way to avoid fights is to never find yourself in a position where you needlessly conflict with someone. This could include ignoring insults, keeping to yourself or just walking away simply put. Bullying however is less commonplace in the school. Rather it is more common to find students acting upon: Action V. Reaction. Whereas conflicts are less about bullying a target and more or so antagonism and the retaliation against it. This leads into spiraling problems of violence and aggression, a conflict that is constantly hovering over T.F South. However, with continued support from students; our school could

lower its bullying issues and even find a way to peacefully resolve its problems amongst the students.



FEATURE

FORMER STUDENT HONORS TEACHER WITH TEACHER OF THE MONTH AWARD

During the month of September, Chicago's very own WGN decided on Mr. Jones as the teacher of the month after a former student of his, Christian Williams-Clark, nominated him for the award. On September 18th, the news station came to film Mr. Jones's teaching, including many of his students in this as well. They also rewarded him with a thousand dollar check to add on to all of the praise he received. As a student of his in two different classes, I can say that his method of teaching is clear-cut, fun, and engaging for me. He allows students to lead discussions, which allows for a very fluid and actually meaningful conversation about whatever we are doing. I get to know my classmates better, and I learn pretty well from this method of teaching he uses. Another student of Mr. Jones's this year, Tailen Gosa, shares the same thoughts as I do. He is an English 12 student who was actually on WGN when they came to record footage on the 18th. He said that the experience of being on TV was fun and enjoyable for him. During an interview with Tailen he said that Mr. Jones' teaching style is engaging, fun and overall better for the students in general. Student lead discussions are one of his favorite things about having Mr. Jones as a teacher. He leans back and lets the students learn from each others

ideas. Another thing that Tailen likes about Jones is that he gives everybody multiple opportunities to get their work done, even if it is a little late. He will accept work from them. On the 28th, WGN broadcasted the footage and interviews they did at the school. A good amount of focus was put on to Jones' Journalism class, where students work with each other writing the school newspaper, "The Howler". Which you are reading right now. He was interviewed, along with the newspapers Editor in Taisen Jimerson. He has been with Mr. Jones for well over a year now and was apart of the newspaper last year.



Sports

TF United Motivated to Stay Undefeated!

Coryannah Hearn; Sports Writer

The boys soccer team has done it again! The growth of the TF United soccer team has them looking strong with an undefeated record. The players and coaches had various opinions on what their goals are for the season and their motivations. Demetri, Senior Forward, stated, "Just the fact that I'm going to play motivates me". The boys have put in a lot of work into their practices to win the games that they have played so far. Due to the season starting off strong, Giovanni Melgoza, Senior Midfielder, Giovanni Melgoza was asked "how do you think the season is going so far?" and he responded with, "It's going great, we were missing a few players in the beginning of

the season where we took the only 2 losses we have this season but when everyone returned, we have been undefeated for a couple of weeks." His words of motivation were

the season. Melgoza states, "I would say Reavis is one of the stronger opponents this season, they've been doing great and that game is going to be one of the deciding factors

conference this season. The chance to interview the only freshman on Varsity came up and it was taken. Miguel, Freshman Center Back, stated, "The best game was Oak Forest and

undefeated and the championship game is on Sunday for the tournament. We're playing the third game." With the coach wanting nothing but the best for the team, they continue to win the games and work hard in practices and games. The boys seem to have a challenge this season but they're doing well at the moment if they stay strong and united.



"the goals that I set for myself which is to play at the highest level I can." The boys' goals this year is to improve and move forward positively throughout

for who could end up winning conference." With the practices going and the games going undefeated so far by TF United, their main focus is to win the

Eisenhower". With the rivals of the season, they all are working hard to reach their goal of winning. Coach Lagunas said, "The team is doing good. We're

CAN RED WOLVES FOOTBALL SHAKE CONFERENCE

Benjamin Gresham; Sports Writer

South football team started out slow coming to their games their record is 1-4 and their last game against the rivals the team was going into the game 3-0 but they still had hope and their game was smart, but the team just could not stand-up against North and they lost the throne that they had for 6 years of winning against them. Also, there were games before the rival game where no better they went against Lane Tech and Hammond, but the football team also finally broke their losing streak by beating against Bremen 19-14. On September 21st the game against Bremen VS South high school it was a very exciting and mind-blowing game that South had 7 in the first quarter as well as Bremen with the same score as well but South scored another touchdown from a passing play from Christian Streeter to let them take the

lead for South and the game was in their favor from there they started to take over and bring another rushing touchdown for South in the 3rd quarter and the rest was history and the South Red Wolves had their first victory

what they had to say Christian Streeter said "hopefully the first win wakes us up and we can keep going and try to make it to the playoffs this season." I also interviewed Seneca Smith and asked what was different about this game

got the dub". There is a lot of people that have a different opinion about the Red Wolves football team some people say it's no use, but others say they can say they have a comeback. I believe that there is always hope for their team. And can

after those games they learn from those mistakes and it helps with the players morale. Another sense of great news is that our turf will be finished very soon to have their first TF South football game of the season on the new turf.

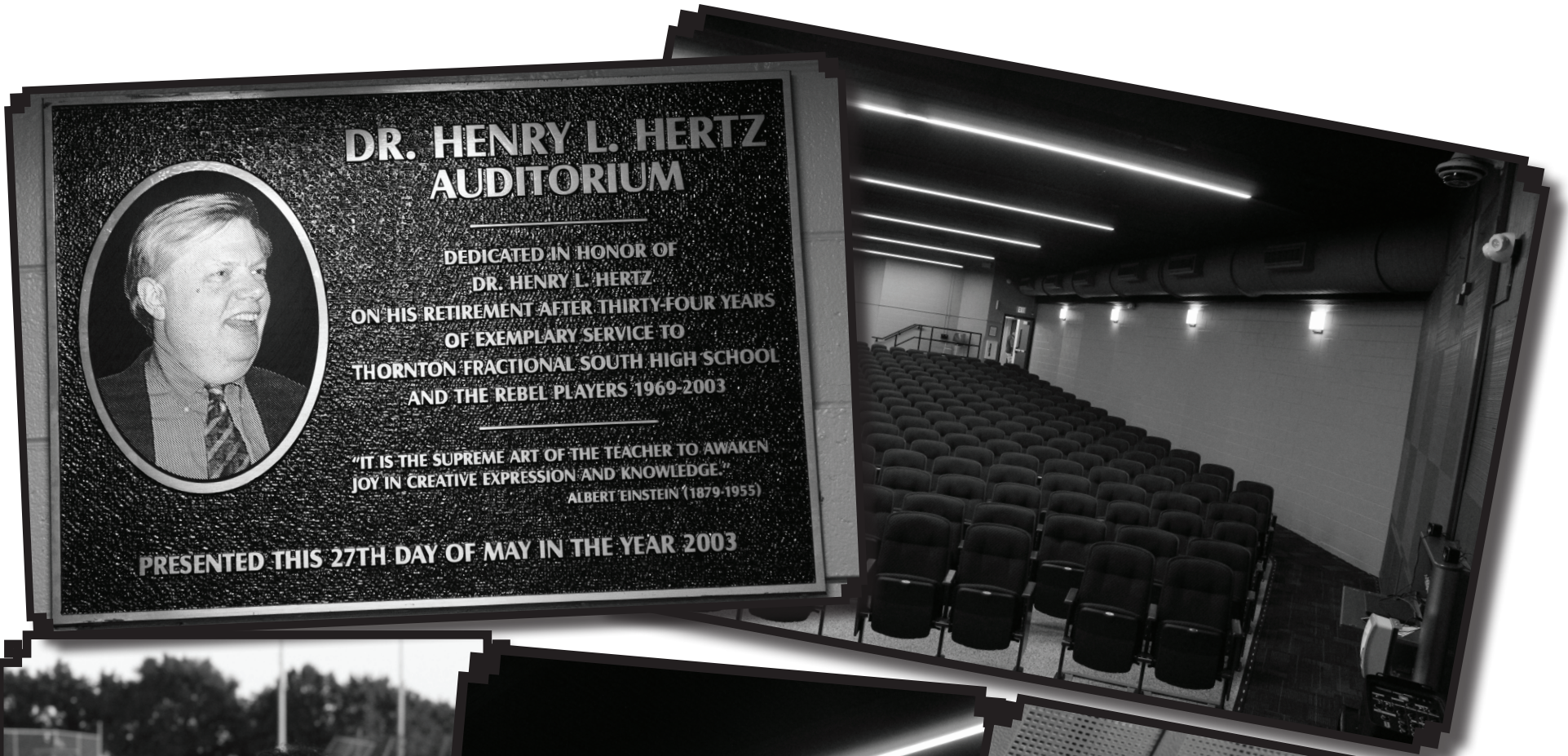


of the season as well. I went out and found some of the football players of the team and interviewed some people in the football team and this is

that led you all to victory and he said "the last games we had penalties and a lot of mistakes along the way but this game we executed perfectly and

make a comeback before the season is over. Anything could happen because it is the start of the season whatever they had to do before the season or





Sports

Lady Red Wolves coast through season

Aaliyah Harb; Sports Writer

The TF United ladies swim team has been moving swiftly as the 2023-2024 season has progressed. The team has a record of 2 wins for varsity and 4 wins for junior varsity. The varsity team is made up of Apollonia Villalpando, senior, Aaliyah Harb, junior, Jamya White, sophomore, and Bibianna Harb, freshman. The JV team is made up of Camayah Hilton, senior, Alanna McWilliams, sophomore, Kennedy Hawkins, sophomore, Jael Tatum, sophomore, and Sarah Perry, freshman. Returning varsity captain Apollonia Villalpando says she thinks so far the season is going very well. Villalpando shared that her motivation to continue swimming comes from her being pas-

sionate about this sport from such a young age. When asked if she would continue swimming post high school Villalpando responded with “possibly if I get a scholarship”. New-

my technique if I want to improve to a better level. When asked if she would continue her swimming career throughout college she responded with “probably not because I want

has been going good and that the team has a decent amount of wins so far. White states that this has been her best season so far in her career. White states that she thinks her tech-

motivation to continue swimming is due to her starting the sport when she became 4 years-old. When asked if she would continue swimming White responded with “probably to see how much i can improve and maybe in the future I can get an olympic time”. The season is coming to an end with conference for both varsity and JV on Oct. 28, 2023 and sectionals for just varsity on Nov. 6, 2023.



comer Bibianna Harb says that so far the team is doing pretty good and she has been having a lot of fun. Harb states that personally I think I need to improve

to focus on my career and instead probably dedicate more of my time to basketball”. Second year swimmer Jamya White says that she thinks the season

can be improved with more practice. She also states that swimming helps you meet new people and it is a nice extra activity to do. Jamya says that her

Marnell and Gianoli lead golf to a successful season

Andrew Danehl; Sports Writer

As the Red Wolves golf season wrapped up, they headed into playoffs over the past week looking to finish the season strong. Varsity golf was highlighted by junior Ryan Marnell and Sophomore Anthony Gianoli. Gianoli, who was South's number three golfer last year, was bumped up to South's number one golfer this year. When asked about the bump up, Gianoli said “It's pretty crazy how good I got over the year and that I can play number one confidently knowing that I can go out and shoot my best”. Marnell, who was South's number one golfer last season and to start the season this year, has had his struggles this season. The last two matches have been rough for Marnell as he shot a 51 against Shepard and Evergreen park, and a 53 against Reavis. When asked about his struggles, Marnell said “I come through when

it's least important and choke when it's important. Simple as that”. Although, with his recent struggles, Marnell looks to keep a positive mindset and end strong. TFS golf cannot overlook newcomer Jacob Lindsey. Lindsey, a junior,

Modjeski, And senior Nick Rincon, South golf needed to gain reinforcements and Lindsey was the one to get the nod. However, he has big shoes to fill as Modjeski won all conference in 2021 and Avanetti won all conference in

The Red Wolves haven't had a golfer advance to sectionals since Vincent Jabczynski did in 2019. However, that would not be the case anymore. With it being a close finish to the end for the top 10 individuals, It would be Ryan Marnell and

said, “It accomplishes a goal I have set for myself back in freshman year and will build on it for this round and the next year”. The two stars competed at Lick Creek Golf Course in Pekin, IL. With the momentum behind him, Gianoli shot a personal best 85. Just missing state.



was a JV golfer last season and brought up to varsity to start the year. With the Departure of Senior all conference golfers Ryan Avanetti, Ethan

2022. With a new team and a new season, the Red Wolves headed into regionals at Ravisloe Country Club to attempt to qualify for regionals.

Anthony Gianoli edging into sectionals. Marnell shot a 98 and Gianoli shot a 101. When asked about the hard fought accomplishment, Marnell

Sports

Order on the Court

Annika Biegel; Sports Writer

This August was the beginning of an optimistic season for the Red Wolves girls' tennis team. As the end of the season approaches, I had the opportunity to talk with a couple of the three year returning varsity players on the team, going over the progress of the team and key moments though the season.

Senior Varsity player, Elizabeth Alvarez expresses "The best accomplishment this season has been honestly realizing that tennis is a mental game and it's all about being able to relax yourself in any situation throughout the game". As well as developing a stronger mindset throughout the season, the girls on the team have become more than just teammates to each other,

Junior, Varsity player, Kaylyn Imala highlighted how "Every person within our team brings in a beautiful aspect, we influence each other to become better and to support each other every step of the way". As the girls continue their season, we wish them the best with these last upcoming matches against other competitive schools and moving forward to conference and playing their tournaments. The girls season ends Oct. 14. Even though the girls' tennis team is doing well this season, there is an issue that they face, the lack of tennis courts. The girls have only 4 courts to practice and play matches on. This greatly disadvantages the team and the amount of time it takes for both JV and Varsity tennis to play home matches against other

schools. "At practice, there are at least 6 girls to a court, which does not allow the girls to get the practice they need to help benefit them to help improve their technique, especially those in singles" says Kaylyn Imala. I think with the money the school has been putting in to improve and benefit other teams like football and the theater, the amount if tennis courts should also be prioritized. Elizabeth Alvarez's view on this issue of not enough tennis courts is like the other girls on the team. "We would benefit so much from putting in more courts because that would mean better practice due to having the efficient space for everyone instead of having 6 girls on one court. Having 4 courts makes having home matches

dreadful because there's about 30 girls who must play but only a limited number of courts which make everyone stay for double time than we usually have to". This is an issue that the school should take into consideration, in hopes of them expanding the tennis courts for the benefit of the tennis team.

T.F South Boys Basketball trying to get a fast break on their up coming season

Morgan Scott, Sports Writer

T.F. South Boys Basketball capped last year's season with major faults as they went 17-14 with an 0.55% win average. Todd Gillespie's team was an undersized, driven, and skilled group of athletes. Unfortunately their season was filled with ups and downs on and off the court which brung them short-handed. This past offseason the Red Wolves have been working diligently to bring themselves back bigger and stronger. As they've had their Seniors leave, the past Juniors and Sophomores have stepped up to the plate hungry and wanting more. Talking to Joe Napier, one of the basketball coaches expressed that he was looking forward to this upcoming season but yet also a little nervous. One of many of our seniors that is stepping up is Andy Ochiabutor. Andy says that he is looking forward to supporting his teammates this upcoming season. Unfor-

tunately he will not be playing but he's going to be a good teammate and support and encourage his teammates during this season. I asked a leading question that I as a spectator might wanna know and that is ... What do you think that can be changed in this season? Andy replied, "I feel we can close up our loose end, in other words fix little things in our game. Try to have less slip ups . Make the plays and transitions more clean." It seems that this upcoming season is promising . The open gyms for the upcoming season starts in October . The dates would be either released this or next week. We will enjoy seeing and supporting our Basketball Red Wolves while they have a good season . The upcoming season starts on these dates.

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Sports

Red Wolves' Cross Country rises above expectations.

Antoine Morgan; Sports Writer

The Red Wolves' Cross Country program has been underperforming the past decade. The program itself has been struggling until this year, where the program seems to be on the uprise currently. According to some background research, the boys cross country program at our school hasn't reached top 3 in conference in the past decade of its program. As of now though, they seem to have a shot of securing a top 3 spot in conference for their 2023 season. Their runners, Jesse Terrazas (Captain), Antoine Morgan (Co-Captain), Rodrigo Cortez, Brandon Chavez, Benjamin Gresham, Carlos Cervantes, Aaron Major, Josue Delgado, Evan Kruger, Eric Talbert Jr and Lamont Hayes have been showing exponential potential this season. The two Senior runners Jesse and Antoine have been the unexpected of the program. They both came into cross country this

year after both running track the previous season as their first and last year. So far they both have been showing amazing progress, as they both consistently stay neck and neck each race and continue to lead the team."Personally,

gain us more reputation in the area." Says Antoine. Another person that has joined them is sophomore Brandon Chavez. Just like Jesse and Antoine, he also joined cross country this year after falling in love with track and field and

The three runners have shown much potential this season, pushing each other to go beyond their own limits each race. Although they lack experience, they make up with it with spirit. The experienced runners on the team have also

tial this season. I believe if this keeps up we'll be able to hit the top 3 this season." The Red Wolves cross country team is looking very promising this season for sure.



I believe I can get top 10 individually but as a team I believe we can come out as top 3" Says Jesse. "I seen that we've had a rough history in this program and I want to be the one to change it and

wanting to continue to get better. He also thinks that they'll be able to reach top 3 for conference this year. "I believe that as a team we can get top 3 but individually I believe I can get top 20". Says Brandon.

been able to push themselves thanks to their new found teammates in order to form a well-rounded team. The red wolves boys coach, Coach Seibel says "These boys have shown much growth and poten-

Girls Volleyball Team: A Force to be Reckoned With!

Thornton Fractional South's girl volleyball team is a force to be reckoned with. With their dedication, skill, and teamwork, they have made a name for themselves in the world of high school sports. Led by their coaches and supported by their fan base, these young athletes have demonstrated their commitment to excellence both on and off the court. The team's success can be attributed to their hard work and determination. They spend countless hours practicing, honing their skills, and perfecting their technique. Their training routine, which includes strength and conditioning exercises, drills, and strategic gameplay, has helped them become a unit that operates seamlessly on the court. One of the team's standout qualities is their teamwork. They understand the importance of communication, trust, and support in

achieving their goals. Whether it's setting up a perfect spike or executing a flawless block, they rely on each other's strengths and work together to overcome any challenges they face. This sportsmanship is obvious in their seamless

every match with a positive attitude and respect for their opponents. Win or lose, they display grace and humility, always striving to learn and improve. Their commitment to fair play and respect for the game sets an example for

contribute to their school and community. Many of them are involved in various extracurricular activities, demonstrating their well-roundedness and dedication to personal growth. The support they receive is crucial. The coaches

Britney Olaley; Sports Writer

of encouragement. This support system fuels the team's motivation and inspires them to push harder and achieve greatness. Thornton Fractional South's Girl Volleyball team is a shining example of what can be accomplished through hard work, dedication, and teamwork. They have proven that with passion and determination, dreams can become a reality. As they continue to compete and represent their school, they inspire others to pursue their own passions and strive for excellence. We eagerly await their future successes and are curious to see how far the TF South's Girls Volleyball team can go.



photo by Benjamin Gresham

coordination and the way they celebrate each other's successes. The team's competitive spirit is matched only by their sportsmanship. They approach

everyone. Off the court, the team members are not just exceptional athletes but also outstanding individuals. They excel academically and actively

provide guidance, helping the team reach their full potential. The families and fans cheer them on, attending games and providing a constant source

Review

“ONE OF US IS LYING” WILL HAVE YOU ON THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT

Logan Daigre; Review Writer

“One of Us Is Lying” by Karen M. McManus is a fantastic young adult thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat from start to finish. With its complex characters, amazing plot, and unexpected twists, this novel is a must-read for fans of suspenseful mysteries. The story takes place in Bayview High, where five students from different social cliques find themselves in detention. Each character represents a high school stereotype – the brain, the athlete, the princess, the criminal, and the out-cast. However, their lives completely change when one of them dies during detention, and the other four become suspects. McManus writes from multiple points of view, giving readers a glimpse into the minds of each of the main characters. This style of writing allows readers to better understand the characters. It also allows for deeper character evolution, giving readers a

much better pay-off. The thing that sets “One of Us Is Lying” apart is its fantastic pacing. The author keeps readers guessing, dropping clues and red herrings along the way. The suspense builds at a great pace, and just when

plot holes and giving readers a reason to reread the book. The characters in the novel are very complex and relatable, each struggling with their own insecurities and secrets. As the story goes on, you watch as the characters grow,

The writing style is engaging and easy to read. Making sure all readers can immerse themselves in the story. McManus captures the essence of high school life, with its cliques, rivalries, and teenage drama extremely well. She also

mystery, romance, and drama. All of this mixed together makes for quite an amazing read. As a reader, you’ll find yourself invested in solving the murder and cheering the characters on, even while you believe that they killed a person. In conclusion, Karen M. McManus’s “One of Us Is Lying” is a amazing thriller that will live up to the hype. With its well-crafted storylines, complex characters, and relevant messages, it’s a book that will leave you excited and ready to read the sequel. If you’re a fan of mysteries and suspense, this book deserves a spot on your reading list.



you think you’ve figured out whodunit, McManus throws in a twist that will leave you second guessing everything you thought you knew. The final reveal is both shocking and satisfying, clearing up most

and change, making them even more interesting, and lovable. McManus tackles important issues such as bullying, mental health, and the consequences of one’s actions, adding depth and relevance to the story.

tackles the darker aspects of secrets and betrayal. “One of Us Is Lying” is a thought-provoking novel that keeps you guessing until the very end. It’s a rollercoaster of emotions. The book has it all. It has

Vallak Defeated & banished Forever

Taisen Jimerson; Editor In Chief

The Nun’s sequel exceeded the standards that I held it to be. It was met with a lot of suspense and jumpscars that made the movie very eerie. Character and development wasn’t needed due to the fact of the original but directors did a great job adding in brief summaries of characters that were newly introduced. The movie kicks off with a Chapel in Tarascana, France where the priest was burned down and executed in the church by the demon and we’re left on a cliffhanger as its ending scene is a man walking away. Main character, Sister Irene, is brought upon this issue and sent on a mission to find out where the demon is headed and what its goal is. She takes another Nun with her on this mission and they uncover disturbing news about the demon’s agenda. They first find out that the demon, Vallak, has possessed the French-

Canadian Farmer, Maurice Theriault. Maurice travels to a boarding school to be a handy-man without knowing that he’s there to search for what the Demon wants. Sister Irene finds the sole purpose of why the demon wants higher

demon. After a long struggle of battling the demon’s powers combined with angelic powers, Vallak is defeated permanently and sent to hell. The sequel exceeded my expectations beyond the original because in the movie

would gaslight the scenes with suspense. The plot and storyline of the movie were better this time around because it was a little bit of a slow build up with the main objective to the movie. Horror movies aren’t good with a fast pace in

great job adding monologues with characters such as Debra, Kate, and Sophie. At the end of the Movie there’s a special after credit that adds to the Conjuring universe. The after credit Shows the Warren family(Ed and Lorraine Warren) receiving a phone call and then the scene ends up cutting. Director’s leaving us on a major cliffhanger is exciting because so many theories can come from it. This could mean we’re getting another Conjuring or maybe we’re getting another Nun movie or it could mean we’ll be introduced to another evil spirit in the Conjuring series.



power but is unfortunately too late. The movie goes into the climax where Sister Irene and Debra head to the boarding school to heal and defeat the

it explains how the demon always acted and explains the Vallak furthermore. Jumpscars were frequent but always were effective because they

the story. Character Development wasn’t really needed since it was the same cast besides other side characters introduced. They still did a

Hispanic Heritage!

by Alondra Dionicio, Reporter

El Mes de la Herencia Hispana, celebrado entre el 15 de septiembre hasta el 15 de octubre, enfatiza la importancia de celebrar las contribuciones que los hispanos y latinos han hecho a los Estados Unidos de América. Fue presentado por primera vez como Semana de la Herencia Hispana por el presidente Lyndon B. Johnson en 1968. Se convertiría en el Mes de la Herencia Hispana y promulgado como ley por el presidente Ronald Reagan en 1988. El Mes de la Herencia Hispana se conecta con Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México y Nicaragua ganando su independencia de España a principios del siglo XIX.

Thornton Fractional South ha tomado la iniciativa de celebrar el Mes de la Herencia Hispana, dedicando una parte de sus anuncios de la mañana hablando sobre una persona hispana o latina y sus logros y contribuciones a la sociedad. Los alumnos del departamento de español también se han encargado de hacer flores de

papel que ahora decoran los pasillos de la escuela. El Latin Dance Crew tuvieron una fiesta para el Mes de la Herencia Hispana el 29 de septiembre, de 4 a 7 p.m. en el pasillo

El Dreamers Club organizaron un taller de pulseras de Axolotl, donde los estudiantes pueden aprender sobre el ajolote y hacer su propia pulsera de ajolote.

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sur-principal. Había música en vivo, venta de comida, artesanías y juegos para que todos disfruten. Muchos estudiantes y familias vinieron a la fiesta, disfrutando las festividades mientras honrando a todos los hispanos y latinos del mundo.

Samantha Vásquez, senior y presidenta de Dreamers Club en TF South, comenta “Creo que los eventos organizados en TFS son geniales. Creo que [ambos clubes], LDC y Dreamers hacen un gran

trabajo para que estos eventos sucedan. Ambos clubes dedicaron mucho trabajo y tiempo a estos eventos. Estos eventos ayudan a dar la bienvenida a la comunidad de hispanohablantes y les ayuda a asegurarles que apreciamos su cultura”.

El Mes de la Herencia Hispana es una buena oportunidad para celebrar los estudiantes hispano que sólo representa alrededor de 22% del grupo demográfico de la escuela. Sin embargo, faltan recursos que ayudan a los estudiantes y familias hispanas en TF South. Cuando le preguntamos sobre esto, Vásquez confirma que no cree que “la comunidad de hispanohablantes esta representada de manera precisa y justa en TFS” y informa que “el mayor

problema con TFS [es] precisamente mostrando a la comunidad de habla hispana en TFS [y] la falta de traductores y, aunque los hubiera, no son fácilmente accesibles. Tener fácil acceso a un traductor puede ayudar a TFS a convertirse en un ambiente más acogedor para la comunidad hispanohablante y para los padres en general”. Si es cierto que TF South ha logrado avances admirables para crear una comunidad acogedora para todos pero aun si, todavía queda muchos cambios para de verdad ayudar a los hispanos y latinos de TF South. El Mes de la Herencia Hispana es una excelente manera de comenzar a reconocer estos problemas y hacer los cambios necesarios para honrar a la comunidad hispana, que se extienden más allá de las paredes de TF South.

Luces, CAMARA, ACCION!, TF South has a new and improved theater

by Tacori Jennings, reporter

La primavera pasada, el auditorio de TF South oficialmente empezó sus renovaciones. Durante todo el verano, el equipo de construcción trabajaron muy duro para terminar las renovaciones a tiempo para el nuevo musical, Mama Mia. Han estado ensayando y trabajando al máximo para realizar una actuación increíble. La directora, Ann Wolpert, expresó que antes de las renovaciones “todo era viejo y los asientos se estaban cayendo a pedazos, rotos y sucios y las instalaciones en sí no funcionaban como deberían para un programa de este calibre”. Procedió a preguntarle sobre los nuevos beneficios del nuevo teatro en general. Ella reveló que “Bueno, primero tenemos pisos que son hermosos y no nos hace tropezar,

tenemos asientos que son cómodos y no se rompen, ya no tenemos esos escritorios porque la gente casi no los usaba, tenemos luces nuevas para que puedas ver lo que sucede en el auditorio, lo cual es agradable. Tenemos un sistema de iluminación completamente nuevo que estoy seguro que será espectacular teniendo en cuenta que todos los instrumentos son nuevos en lugar en vez de los que son entre 50 y 60 años viejos”. Seguí preguntando cómo crees que el nuevo teatro beneficiará a los niños para el próximo espectáculo, Mama Mia. Ella afirma, “No puedo esperar para hacer un espectáculo aquí porque con la nueva iluminación, que haría una gran diferencia, hará que las cosas se parecen muy profesionales. Han ajustado el sistema de sonido para que

funcione mejor, pero eso es lo que estos alumnos merecen, profesionalismo en esta escuela, porque trabajan profesionalmente necesitan unas instalaciones igual de profesionales”. Última pregunta: ¿cómo te sientes de el show que es en noviembre? Ella exclama, “Estoy muy emocionada por este show y no puedo esperar a ver a todos mis alumnos prosperar en esta producción. Va a ser muy bueno”. Estoy súper emocionado de ver lo que vendrá del club de teatro. Busque mi reseña de Mama Mia que incluye Zamayah Holmes como Donna Sheridan, Yantzi Aalba como Sophie Sheridan, Jimmy Cuellar como Sam Carmichael y Fabian Cain como Harry Bright. La directora Ann Wolpert quiere que la actuación musical se impulse con más fuerza debido al

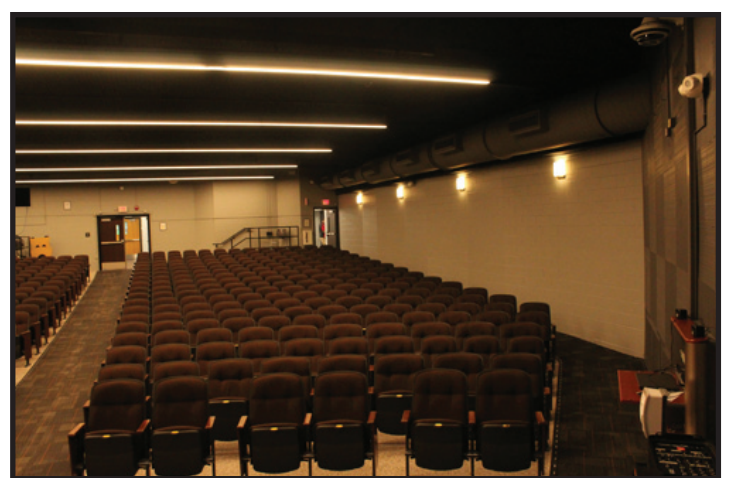


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hecho de que la ciudad de Lansing invirtió tanto en el teatro del TF South. Los estudiantes y el personal del musical han dedicado tiempo y trabajo de calidad. Asegúrate de venir y apoyar al club de teatro el 10 de noviembre de 2023.