

Dress code policy: too sudden or not sudden enough?

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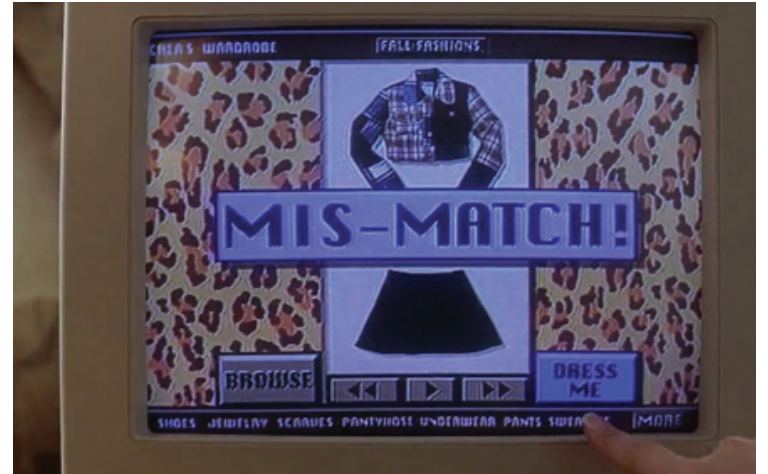
Thornton Fractional South has made many changes since the start of the 2023-24 school year and it has caused quite a stir amongst the school. In the beginning days of this school year, TFS hosted a school-wide assembly to discuss these new changes. There were some boos and critiques of these rules in the crowd during the assembly but it's been a couple of months since then. I was curious to see how these changes have held up so I spoke to students to see how they felt about the matter.

TFS senior, Jaliyah Bass, had a lot to say about these changes. She specifically addresses the dress code and how it prohibits exposed midriffs, stating "My body shouldn't be a problem... if I'm purposely trying to be provocative, that's [different]... but everybody had a belly button". This raises a lot of concern as to how we choose to dress affects our quality of education

or how it could prepare us for the real world. Bass claims "In the real world, I wear whatever I want, I walk out however I want, and I say whatever I want, and do whatever I want". Bass vocalizes "I'm a good student, straight As, good GPA [but] I'm wearing a crop top and all of a sudden I have to leave my class, leave my time, and go and get a gym shirt and look ridiculous when there's no point in that" and she feels "discriminated [against] for being a women... covering up natural things... that are on everyone's body".

TFS Junior, Hannah Fowler, comments "I feel really indifferent [about the rules] but I do feel like they affect the environment and make my peers around me more hostile". Fowler addresses some of her concerns with "students' hoodies being ripped off of their heads... and it's not a soft pull". However, Fowler states "I have never not felt welcome

so I think the rules don't change that". TF South Dean, Chelsea Taylor, felt differently about these rules. Taylor accredits the more consistent enforcement of the rules to getting new administrators but affirms that "the policies aren't new, just the enforcement of them". In the beginning, many students were concerned and irritated with this "sudden" change but months later, Taylor commented that "most [students] have been very respectful, I haven't had too much push back". It's been a couple of years since remote learning but Taylor adds that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, "a little bit of [the rules] got lost in the COVID era so it takes some time to undo". There was the question of if the change would cause hostility among students but Taylor responded that she "personally doesn't think [it creates any tension or hostility]... it's all



about the way you approach [students]".

Overall, it seems that the reinforcement of these rules hasn't affected students and staff as once anticipated since the assembly back in August. There are still some less-than-happy students who reject these rules but it's to be anticipated of any school around the world. TF South continues to work hard in maintaining a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all its students regardless of race, gender, or sexuality.

Seniors have a frightful good time

by Kyla Ward, EIC

Senior class club decided that the senior class should take a trip to a haunted house called 13th Floor on Friday, November 3. Personally I really enjoyed everything about the field trip, and this is coming from a person that hates scary things. I would rate this trip a 8.5 out of 10 only because after standing in line for so long you get used to looking at the people in their costumes and it is not that scary any more, but then when you get into the actual haunted house all of the thrill and jump scares really bring back all of the fun. Next year around this time I would recommend going to The 13th Floors if you like that type of thing. Not only do they have the haunted house, they

also have an escape room, but we did not get a chance to do it. I got a chance to talk to one of my fellow

enjoyed myself. I wouldn't go back because I feel like it is a one time thing, but I would recommend oth-

event it was a huge success I am very proud of the senior class because we behaved very well, and I

as a part of the Senior class club we have more activities planned throughout the year and I hope that everyone can attend them, enjoy them, and not ruin them for anybody else. Any senior activities that we plan I think they are a good idea to bring us together as a class for at least a couple of hours and allow us to have fun and possibly make new friends. I hope the class of 2024 enjoy all of their last activities as high schoolers and make the best out of them.



classmates Lenai Griffin about the field trip, wondering if she liked it and if she usually likes scary things and she responded "No I am a very scary person, and I don't think it was worth the \$30, but I

ers to go" Then I asked her what other trips would she like to do as a senior class and her response was "I really want to do an escape room, but I cannot find one that takes big groups". For this to be our first senior

know that is what people would expect from young adults, but sometimes it can get very hectic and things can get out of control because everyone cannot always control themselves and act accordingly. Now

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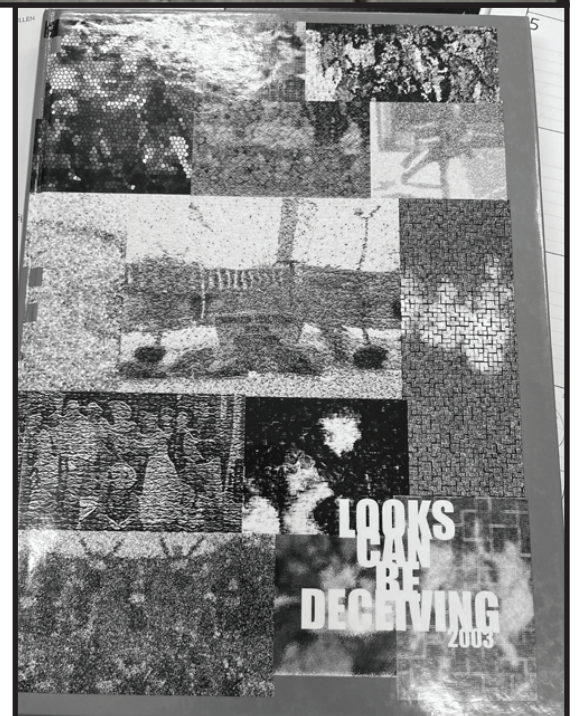
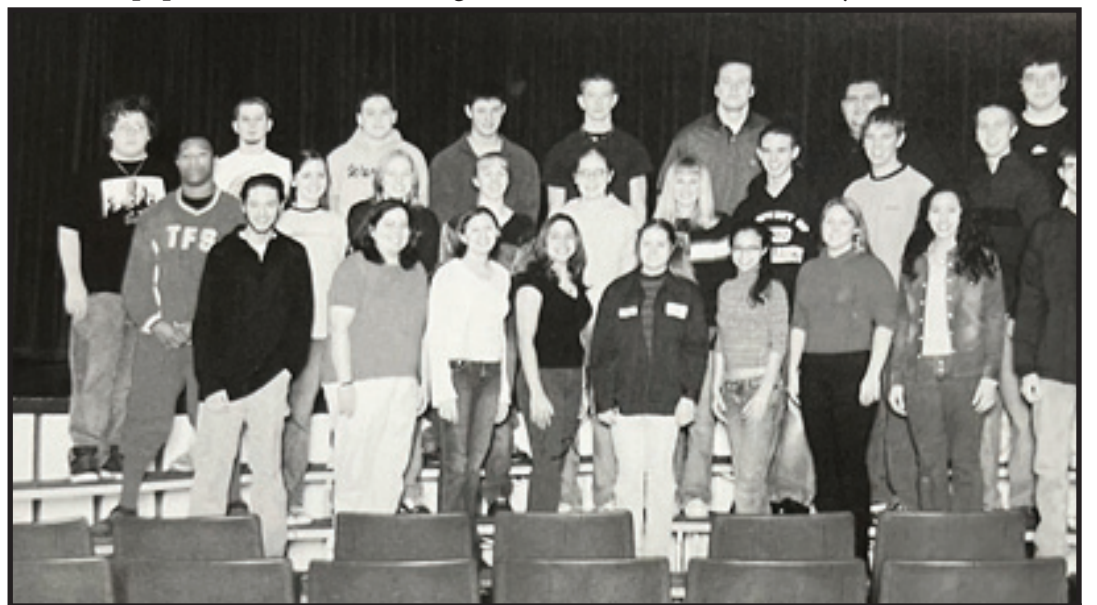
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No totes allowed: A Look at TFS Bag Policy

by Annika Biegel, Staff Writer

Laptops, multiple books, pens, ID, water, and other essentials you may need throughout the school day. Carrying everything you need for a school day is not very convenient. These past few years, tote bags made carrying everything way more accessible and easier for students. Recently, the school has become stricter and less lenient on allowing students to carry around totes. Many people who relied on tote bags to help keep them organized find this rule to be unnecessary.

I personally carry around a tote bag everyday. It helped so much last year with keeping all my things organized and convenient to me. We have a lot to carry around and I find it difficult to try and handle all of my essentials. As well as school supplies, I also carry other things like water, snacks, or personal necessities with me, that I can't just keep in my hands or run to my locker. I talked to a few people I know that also find it more useful to be able to carry around tote

bags and how the new rule restricting them has made it more difficult. Senior, Emily Dominiak, mentions how carrying around her tote is "beneficial because not only does it reduce locker time, but also reduces tardiness". Using a tote bag lets students bring everything they need with them, without the need to run to their locker, because not everyone has time too. Senior, Natalie Mendez, also spoke about the important fact of how totes allow females to "carry all my personal hygiene and female products without fear of it being seen and helps provide me privacy for them". "Tote bags allow students to go anywhere without needing to run anywhere else because I have everything I need with me", Senior, Natalie Mendez. Many students who rely on tote bags know how much easier a day is being able to carry them around with 7 different classes in multiple locations.

The opposing argument that is often brought up is the safety risk that comes

with allowing students to carry tote bags, which is a rising concern. Many students have taken advantage of being able to carry around tote bags. Carrying around tote bags has caused safety concerns about what students also bring into the classroom that may not exactly be necessary or allowed in school. But there are ways to work around that, finding a way to allow students to carry tote bags along with all of their school and personal necessities, while being cautious and keeping safety a priority. Majority of the students who use tote bags make carrying all of their school materials easier. I believe that allowing tote bags provides many necessary benefits to students, especially women, and making their day more convenient and comfortable.



Team Building

On October 27th, 2023, the Newspaper and yearbook club went to a Journalism workshop/ Yearbook Outlook hosted at Tinley Park highschool. Working on Team Building, Photography, Canva, Videography. As we switch from each activity we learn new things. Recently I have interviewed the people who are a part of the yearbook to share their experiences of the workshop. Rassie Lewis IV, one of the members of the yearbook states that "I think it was a great experience for team building and it gave great knowledge as far as yearbook and journalism doing it again would be helpful throughout the year."

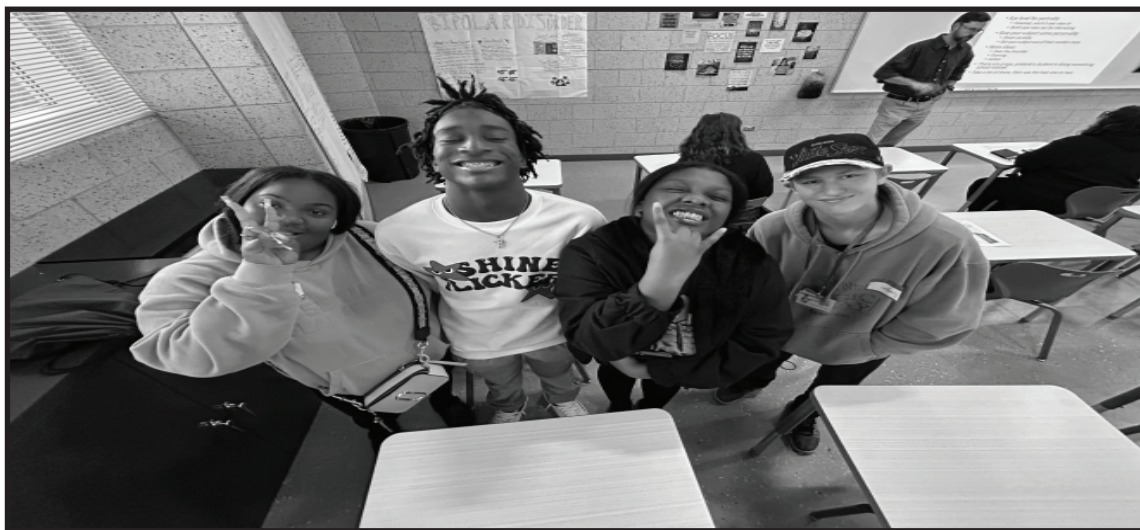
I proceeded to ask what specifically he learned about the workshops he states "We learned about different angles as far as photos and also with

the things he has learned from the workshop within the yearbook he states "I'll definitely be using everything especially as far as photos because i am the

patience it takes. I've also learned the social environment matters the most at our school." next was Herbert Gillett he states "My experience was nice

Tacori Jennings ; News Reporter

begin to learn new things and settle in for our new creations. Everyone who was involved in this workshop was able to grasp a hold of new inspirations and great team building skills to be able to work together to provide our school with an amazing Yearbook and Newspaper.



team building we learned it takes everyone, if one person doesn't put their all in it makes everyone else's job harder" I continued to ask has he been able to use

main photographer for the yearbook". Next was Breon Anderson-Brown he expresses "I've learned how much work goes into the yearbook and how much

it was really fun meeting new people and getting to know new people, i was able to receive great ideas and new inspiration for the yearbook". As we all

Dominating the Mat: Thornton Fractional South's Wrestling Team Shows True Grit

by Britney Olaley, Managing Editor

When it comes to the world of high school wrestling, few teams can match the skill of Thornton Fractional South's Wrestling Team. With their underlying determination and relentless work ethic, these athletes have established themselves as a force to be reckoned with in the wrestling community. Under the guidance of Coaches Andre and Aaron Richmond and Timothy Cocco, the Thornton Fractional South's Wrestling Team have been steadily building a legacy of excellence. With a focus on discipline, technique, and mental fortitude, these coaches have instilled in their wrestlers the belief that hard work and dedication are the keys to success. This philosophy has been the driving force behind the team's impressive achievements over the years. One of the defining characteristics of the Thornton Fractional South's Wrestling Team is their determina-

tion. From the moment they step onto the mat, these athletes give it their all, leaving absolutely nothing behind. Their relentless pursuit of victory is evident in every match, as they push themselves to their limits and beyond. It is this spirit that sets them apart and propels them to greatness. The team's success is not solely attributed to their determination but also to their exceptional skill and technique. Thornton Fractional South's wrestlers have honed their craft through countless hours of practice and training. From mastering takedowns and escapes to perfecting their pinning combinations, these athletes exhibit a level of technical prowess. Their ability to execute complex moves with precision and finesse is a testament to their dedication and the guidance of their coaches. While wrestling may be an individual sport, the sense of teamwork within the



Thornton Fractional South's Wrestling Team is undeniable. The athletes support and push each other to reach new heights, creating an environment that brings growth and success. Whether it's cheering on a

teammate during a match or providing constructive feedback during practice, this team understands the importance of unity and collaboration. I believe the Thornton Fractional South's Wrestling Team have the

ability to go far this season.

UPCOMING BOY'S WRESTLING SCHEDULE:

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DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	H/A	BUS	LOCATION	RESULT	SCORE	
Tue	11/21/2023	5:00 PM	Leo Catholic High School	Home	-	Gray Gym	-	-	
Thu	11/30/2023	5:00 PM	Hillcrest/Oak Forest	Home	-	Gray Gym	-	-	
Fri	12/01/2023	5:00 PM	Evergreen Park/Lemont	Away	-	Evergreen Park High School	-	-	
Wed	12/06/2023	5:00 PM	Reavis High School	Home	-	Gray Gym	-	-	
Thu	12/07/2023	5:00 PM	Tinley Park/T. F. North	Away	-	Tinley Park High School	-	-	
Fri	12/08/2023	5:00 PM	Oak Lawn Community High School	Away	-	Oak Lawn Community High School	-	-	

Sports

Diving into the new track season

Morgan Scott; Sports Writer

The TF South track team is finally returning from the long off season. This year they are back and better than ever. Last year the boys won their Conference and one key person went to state last year. Karelle Harvest went down state for the boys side of the track team. While talking to the head girl coach Ellie Belli she stated that, "I'm very excited for this upcoming season with the new girls that are coming in and we have good senior leaders this year." She also talked about going for the win when the conference comes back up. Unfortunately the girls lost the conference last year but it's always room to do better. Janiya Lucas, one of the fastest runners on the girls team, went

down to state last year. While interviewing her she stated that, "I look forward to this upcoming season, this is my last year running high school level track and I want to make it the best year. Work harder, think smarter and train my mindset to be better." To get in the zone to run, Janiya stretches and listens to feel good music to pump herself up. Most girls in the track team like to visualize their race then execute based off of what they envisioned. I also spoke to the assistant girls track coach Jazmin Gardner. She is now also going to be coaching a new event which is pole vault. Coach G says that she is both excited and nervous to see what this track season brings. Her main focus also is us working as a

team. She stated that, I will try to come up with activities for the team to do to get to know each other. Just being more as a unit and less separated". The first track condition day was Thursday November 9th. A good amount of new people showed up to start conditioning with coaches. The first thing that they started doing was getting the Maxes for Deadlifting. The purpose of that was to see how much you can hold and it betters your ability to snap your legs down while running. It also strengthens your calves. Not a lot of people knew about conditioning yesterday which according to Coach G was okay because the more days

we have it the more known it is going to be. This track season is very promising and is going to be great.



Contenders on top

Aaliyah Harb; Sports Writer

It's that time again, girls basketball is back in action. With the first game and home game of the season being on November 13th, 2023 against Hyde Park Academy. Both varsity and junior varsity are entering the season with expectations of winning conference yet again. Varsity head coach Eric Bryce says, "So far the team is bonding well between the older girls and younger girls. I think being in the weight room and doing a lot of other activities together is helping to create friendships". When asked how he thinks the team will perform throughout the season with so many new faces he responded by saying, "I think the team is going to play very well. I think our depth on the bench is really going to help us this year and having girls who have experience from last year will help the newer players". Returning sophomore Gianna

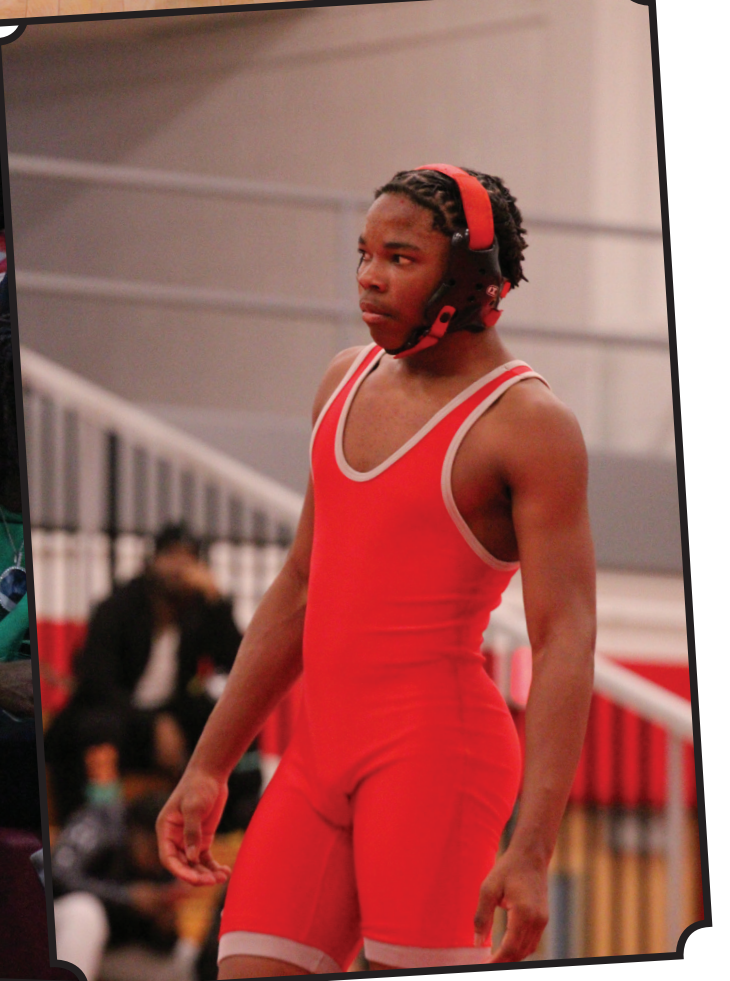
Dillon, when asked about the current team chemistry, says, "I feel like we're getting used to learning new things because we got new people". Dillon says she feels as though the team will have more overall wins this year than they did last year. Dillon states that she can personally improve on her dribbling skills before the games begin. Overall Dillon is confident that the team will for the third time in a row win the conference. Returning senior, Tiara Croft states, "I feel like the team chemistry is really good. We try to hangout more to build the chemistry and it has gotten way better than last year". When asked how she thinks the team will perform throughout the season, Croft says, "I feel like we will do a good job. We have a lot of talent this year and we can definitely make it to state". Croft says, "Me personally i got to improve my confidence

and communication" when asked what can personally be improved before the games begin. Croft, like Dillon, is confident that the team will for the third time in a row win the conference. New comer freshman, Aubrielle Hawthorne, says she feels that the team chemistry "is ok, it could be better. There's a lot of new freshmen and people this year but it'll get better". Hawthorne states "I think we'll go throughout the season. I haven't really watched and studied the other teams but the record was good last year and will be good this year too". When asked what she could personally improve on, Hawthorne says, "I think I can personally improve my basketball IQ, my ball handling because I'm a point guard, and knowing my players". Hawthorne is confident

that the team will win conference yet again.







Sports

New Team = New Era

Andrew Danehl; Sports Writer

When the word dynasty comes up in sports, it's hard not to think about the Chicago Blackhawks in the 2010's. Stars Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, Patrick Sharp, Duncan Keith, and Brent Seabrook lead the team to three Stanley Cups in 6 seasons (2010, 2013, and 2015). However, the last few years have been rough for the Blackhawks. They fired long time coach Joel Quenneville in 2018, Stan Bowman resigned in 2021, and the most difficult of them all, the Blackhawks parted ways with Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane. Aside from Jordan and Pippen, Kane and Toews were one of the most iconic Chicago sports duos of all time. With a new team and new front office, hope was regained in the 2023 NHL draft. The Blackhawks were awarded the number one pick in the draft. This would only be the second time the Hawks had the number one pick. The

last time the Blackhawks had the number one pick, they chose Patrick Kane in 2007. The Hawks chose Connor Bedard, who's regarded as the new face of the franchise. Before coming to the Blackhawks, Bedard played for

and now teammate Kevin Korchiński, would win the gold medal. Bedard isn't the only one giving the Blackhawks and the city of Chicago hope. Young guns like Kevin Korchiński, Lukas Reichel, and Alex Vlasic have a bright future

he talked about all of the hype and media attention being thrown his way. October 10th, 2023 marked Connor Bedard's debut. It was the most watched NHL regular season game on cable with 1.43 million viewers. It's safe to say that

and scored his first NHL goal in Boston against the Bruins. Bedard didn't disappoint the home crowd in the Blackhawks home opener as he scored the team's first goal on home ice. The future looks bright for Bedard and the Blackhawks in the team's new era.



WHL's Regina Pats where he tallied 71 goals and 72 assists for a total of 143 points. Bedard is praised for his sick dangles and strong wrist shot. Bedard would also shine in the World Juniors where he,

ahead of them. Not only is Bedard grabbing the attention of Chicagoans, but all of North America. Shortly before the Hawks first game of the season, Bedard appeared on The Pat McAfee Show where

Connor Bedard may not only be the new face of the Chicago Blackhawks, but the new face of the NHL. The pressure has not fazed the young 18 year old, as he recorded a point in his first three NHL games

The TF South chess teams dominate the competition

Benjamin Gresham, Lead Photographer

The TF South Red Wolves' chess team is doing an exceptionally good job in their competition doing the time of having a 3-1 record and they are now 2nd place in conference. They started their season in October and they have been talking about going to state this season I had an interview with Jesse Terrazas who is top 3 of the best of the chess team, and he said this "this season we really have the best opportunity to really place in state this year like last year but will definitely have a better chance to place state".

The chess team also just went to Breman, and they really cleared the board and gave them a 4-1 record in conference. Unfortunately,

them time though to relax their fingers and be able to rest and have fun with their family this season so they can be more prepared for

better change of placing this year. Of course, this year they say that they are better this year that last year and they say they have different

really might give them some trouble but until the meets come and they compete agents those teams. South can relax knowing that the chess team is top three in the conference so far and they will fight like a pack to the very end for the victory.



they will not have another meeting until December, so they will be practicing at the school for now. This does give

the state in February. in the meantime the chess team has a plan that they would like to take too state, so they have a

stargates for they must go agents this winter for this year but the still have to watch out for some teams in state that

Five Nights at Freddy's horror critique

by Coryannah Hearn, Review Writer

The new movie, *Five Nights at Freddy's*, is a good scary movie. This movie consists of the actors, Josh Hutcherson who plays the security guard, Mike, Elizabeth Lail who plays the police officer, Vanessa, and Piper Rubio who is Mike's younger sister, Abby. The movie is about a man named Mike Schmidt who is in need of a job due to him being fired from multiple companies. He tries his best to support his younger sister, Abby, but their relationship seems to not be the best like a typical sibling relationship. As Mike talks to his boss, he gets recommended to a pizzeria called Freddy's Faz-

bears Pizzeria. There's a dark past about this place which enhances the plot even more. In this pizzeria, his job is not easy to accomplish as a security guard for

portunity to learn more about the *Five Nights at Freddy's* game if you've never played it, like me. If you are looking for a movie to watch on a family night or at the

If you are a fan of the youtuber, coryxkenshin, I also recommend this movie to you because he plays in this film and it would get a great laugh out of you.

interested in this new movie, I would suggest that you also watch the movie, *M3GAN*, since it also uses a robot named Megan which is created to take care of a child named Katie. In a way, it connects to *Five Nights at Freddy's* (FNAF) because of the robotic features and the robots being portrayed as the antagonist. To conclude, the movie is different from a typical horror movie and is a good movie to watch whenever you have the time to relax.



If you've never watched his youtube videos, you should because they are funny and can help you relax if

the closed restaurant. This is a good horror movie especially for kids because it's funny and not too scary. I like how the movie explains the concept and it provides a great op-

movie theaters, this is perfect since it's not too gruesome, like some of the horror films coming out now, and it's a great movie to watch when with family or friends if you all want to bond.

you're feeling down. This movie overall is good and gives you the chance to learn more or investigate its history and the main characters of the actual game. If you're

The Exorcist: NON-believer

by Jayden Cain, Photographer

First coming to theaters in 1973, *The Exorcist* took the world by storm with a new, more realistic style of horror that had never been seen before in horror movies at that time. 50 years later, *The Exorcist: Believer* has been released and I took it upon myself to go watch it to see how the franchise is holding up. The movie is not enjoyable and kind of hard to pay attention to for me. It does not have the same spark as the original since there have been so many movies like it and it has had so many lackluster sequels. The visuals and aesthetic of the movie were great. However, one of the main issues I have with the movie is the amount of characters it has. There's a lot of them and there being this many of them does

not allow for each to develop properly. They all seem to be the same, which is valid in the case that they are all worried about their children. Unfortunately, it is a formula that does not seem to be working as well as it used to anymore. This formula also includes getting the possessed person in one room to surround them and just pray to release the devil. That is the path that all of these movies end up going down and you can tell that it is going to go that way. There are some things that old *Exorcist* fans

might find pleasing. That just seems like Nostalgia, unfortunately. Now going back to the characters, most of them

I think he's the only one that we found the big issue with in his life that he has to fix or come to terms with. He got



did not properly develop at all. The best we got was from the main character, Victor Fielding. At least I'm pretty sure he's the main character, it's a little hard to tell at times which should not be the case.

that, but no one else in the "main cast" got that at all. When it came to everyone else, it was difficult to pull out defining aspects of their character. Some of them were just characters there to contribute to the basic formula of a possession movie and popped up out of nowhere. I got to the climax of the movie and saw them thinking, "Wait,

who are they?". Compared to a movie like *The Conjuring*, where I knew each character very well, each one had defining characteristics and a proper conclusion at the end of the movie. Now because of all of the issues I had with the movie, I think it's a bad movie. Hopefully if there's another one they'll change it up and present us with something new.

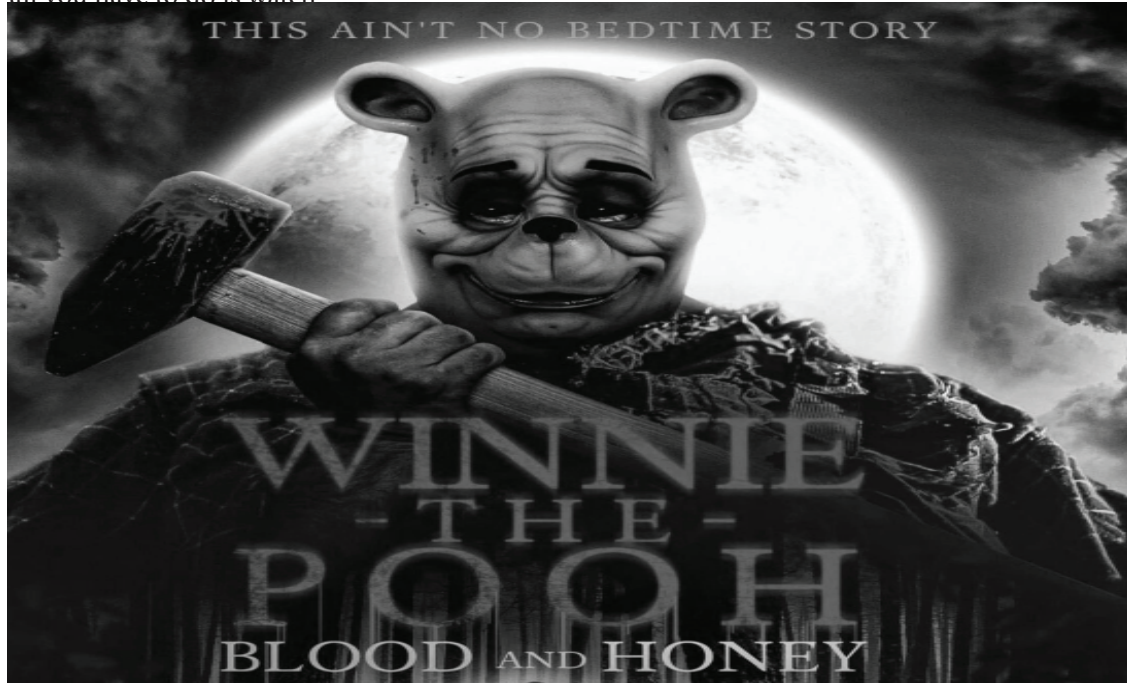
Review

Winnie The Pooh: Blood and Honey

Logan Daigre; Review Editor

The beginning of Winnie the Pooh: Blood & Honey truly is the start of the flaws littered into every scene in this movie. This movie could've burned the entire \$100,000 budget and there would be no change in the quality presented in this film. This movie rids itself of any sense of suspense within the first 3 minutes of the film. Not only giving away the antagonists motive, but also telling the consumer the aftermath of Christopher Robin's decision. If they didn't reveal all of this in the laziest way possible, it could've been a half-way decent build up. It would've shown Winnie becoming the heartless monster he is portrayed as in this movie. Even if they did try to do it correctly, I can guarantee it still wouldn't be good. Not due to a lack of creativity, but it would be a result of a lack of passion from everyone working on the film. A Hallmark Christmas movie would have you on the edge of your seat more than this "horror" movie. I can't imagine what they invested the \$100,000 budget into. It didn't go to the emotionless actors, based off of skill level alone, and it didn't go toward writers, as this movie has the laziest, and

least passionate writers of any movie I have ever watched. The movie is way too fast-paced. Within the first 10 minutes all sense of mystery that was possible was ripped away. If you want to know Winnie's motive, Winnie's costume, which Winnie the Pooh characters are in this movie, all you have to do is watch



the first 10 minutes. By the 10 minute mark, of this hour and a half movie, Mary & Christopher Robin have not only met Winnie and the gang, but they are already hiding from them. This film is not only a disgrace to all of the characters within

the beloved Winnie the Pooh show, but it is a disgrace to the horror genre as a whole. I think the latter is extremely impressive. Modern horror is already a genre with crappy stories that rely on generic jump scares. You only have to do the bare minimum for a horror film, and somehow

with only a \$60,000 budget, that not only is considered one of the greatest horror movies ever, but it created its own subgenre of horror. It even got praised by the king of horror, Stephen King. Blair Witch Project had a smaller budget, but it had more settings, better writing, better

between sitting through this movie or clawing my eyes out, I would claw my eyes out. This movie is more insufferable than listening to the Gummi Bear Song on repeat for 24 hours straight. I have never been more appalled by a film. I'd rather make and sleep on a bed of rusty nails than sit through this movie. Morbius was so bad that it was funny, the same can not be said for Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey. It is so bad that you will question the point of your existence. In conclusion, Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey can only be described as a scary movie that is a horror to watch for all the wrong reasons.

Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey still misses the bar by a disgusting amount. Even with the small budget, this movie had the potential to be a cult classic. There is no better example of this than the Blair Witch Project. A horror movie

actors and fantastic camera work. Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey with \$40,000 more couldn't make a movie that was possible to sit through. This movie is so unbelievably boring, and unwatchable that if Jigsaw gave me the option

Boo! or Boos?— Is new Goosebumps any good?

Zoe Pitts, Review Writer

Goosebumps a classic among classics. Famously known as a horror storybook for kids. with chilling stories and memorable tales. The author R.L. Stine is a genius who's works will remain in many people's hearts. So I went into the new series episode one with medium expectations for the storyline. But Also had high expectations for the horror aspect. Starring Justin Long from the iconic Jeepers Creepers and other main characters like Zack Morris playing Isaiah, a football star in his hometown. And Rachael Harris from the Diary of the Wimpy kid playing Nora a mother and a diner owner trying to live in a strange town and raise her dare devil son. The first opening scene already starts with a great song, and you know what they say with a great soundtrack comes a bad movie. So I was lowering my standards by the minute. Then things went down they weren't holding back on the classic eeriness that Goosebumps has. Then the title card starts and then the main characters are introduced. And a not so decent song that doesn't fit the vibe starts playing so I

reiterate my statement about it having a good soundtrack. We get introduced to Isaiah and his best friend James going to a diner but luck wasn't on their side so they ditch the diner and head to school where we meet Isaiah's girlfriend. Who we then find out is throwing a halloween party. Now what's not spooky about

haunted house since a spontaneous tragic death occurred there. Mr. Bratt is a character on his own who you can't decide if he is bad or good because of the way he acts with his good attitude even though just moving into a creepy house. We then go back to the school and find out Isaiah's girlfriend is gonna throw the

even when the acting wasn't at its best and the story had me seated for more. Okay now for the main points. The horror. At first I wasn't scared which got me disappointed but later in the episode I was cowering under my covers and covering my eyes by how the horror was slowly building up throughout the run time

me paraphrase, "Horror without Humor is boring" and he's one hundred percent right. It made me enjoy the series much more. The things I didn't enjoy though were perhaps Isaiha bestfriend and that's a whole other story and how the acting was kinda dull in some parts but Isa Briones who plays Margot Stokes Isaiah's neighbor was acting to her fullest every scene she was in she took the plate and really brought emotion to her character. That brings me to one thing I didn't like, and that was the script which sometimes falls flat on the characters and makes them do things that seemed out of character or didn't match up with the story sometimes. Like when Margot was arguing to Isaiah later in the episode It just didn't seem right or make sense. I know what the directors and writer were trying to do but I feel like they could have gone a better route. But so far episode one was good and I am gonna have to rate it 7.8 out of 10.



that. But trouble arises with Isaiah and seeks help from his neighbor. Then we go to a different scene and get introduced to Justin Long's character Mr. Bratt who inherited a famously known

party at Mr.Bratt's house and after that things go down and the horror goes from 0 to 100. From my honest opinion I enjoyed the first episode more than I thought I would. I like the characters

of the episode. I also enjoyed the Humor of the show surprisingly. Every joke and punchline I had to release a chuckle. They know how to get humor right and Like R.L. Stine himself said, well let

Reviews

Sonic steps into the 2D plain once again!

Antoine Morgan; Review Editor

Sonic steps into the 2D plane with his latest entry into the Sonic franchise Sonic Superstars. Sonic Superstars is a 2D platformer developed by Sega, Arzest, and Sonic Team. The game is available for PS4, PS5, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S, Nintendo Switch and PC. Sonic Superstars stars Sonic and his friends, Tails, Knuckles and Amy as they face Dr. Eggman and Fang the Sniper to stop them and their goal of world domination. The game consists of 11 unique zones all containing between 1-2 acts per zone. The stages being Bridge Island zone, Speed Jungle zone, Sky Temple zone, Pinball Carnival zone, Lagoon City zone, Sand Sanctuary zone, Press Factory zone, Golden Capital zone, Cyber

Station Zone, Frozen Base Zone, and Egg Fortress zone. Although the game seems like a pretty easy game, the game can prove to be difficult at times, as I struggled on some parts

controls are pretty terrible as it can be very difficult to control and move around in order to get the chaos emeralds in time. Also in this game, each chaos emerald gives you a

take many shortcuts in the levels, although I found myself not using it often unless I needed to reach a special stage entrance. From the zones, I believe the stage design is amazing,

what underwhelming as most of the bosses were pretty easy to defeat excluding the final boss. This game also introduces a newcomer to the sonic franchise, Trip the Sungazer. Her character is unlocked after completing the main story of the game. She provides a game-play combined with abilities from Knuckles, Amy and Sonic. Overall, Sonic Superstars is an exceptional 2D sonic game. Although some aspects of the game could've used more innovation, I believe this to be a solid entry into the franchise and a right step in where they should take sonic in the future.



of the game. One of the parts being the new special stages they've implemented into this game. Although the concept of the special stage is simple, the

certain power. Those powers being Avatar, Bullet, Water, Ivy, Vision, Slow, and Extra. These powers can be useful for newcomers as it provides ways to

as each stage provides aA unique scenery with different gimmicks to surprise you every zone you travel. Although, I found the bosses at the end of each stage some-

School lunches are stepping up their taste

Zoe Bell, Staff Reporter

School Lunch, notorious for it being dissatisfactory but is that really true? I reviewed school lunch for four days with an opinionated taste and determined a rating of 1-10 to find out if school lunch was as bad as some make it out to be. I've eaten school lunch ever since I entered school and I can say I had my fair share of great tasting meals and meals that could be better, way better. Monday's lunch was unexpected with its delicious Burrito Bowl with the choice of either beef or chicken. When I tell you I devoured the burrito bowl in mere seconds, that's how good it was. But of course it wasn't without imperfections so I rated at least a 7.7, yes it was good but it wasn't amazing, the flavor was lacking and without its additives of meat, sour cream, and cheese it would have been plain. Tuesday was a Pasta that was well seasoned and delish But it had minor problems that even my friend couldn't even finish hers. When I said it was well seasoned it depended on what you got. mine was seasoned well while my friend was so salty

she was afraid of getting a heart attack. And then there's the oil, there was so much olive oil in the pasta that the lunchroom floor was littered with oil spills. I was afraid of taking a fall just walking back to my table. And the oil also affected the taste of the pasta. So I rated it a 6.8. It was good like I

nal rating was a 5 out of 10 and that was because it was just by itself; the meat and the mayo, but then I added the doritos chips that also came with the sandwich and of course I added it onto my sandwich and when I say it changed my whole opinion it did. The flavor was now enhanced

7.9. I encourage people to experiment with their food to change the experience. Thursday was Broccoli Soup with crackers and breadsticks. The soup was nice and HOT. TFS school soup is well known for its extremely high Fahrenheit temperature but that didn't mean

coli soup just wasn't so striking to me, it didn't take me to flavor town as I was hoping it would. After All that food I can proudly say that TFS highschool lunch is a strong 6 out of 10. There are many hits or misses with the lunch here but the food is good with many amazing meals that take me out of the idea that this is school lunch.



said but it depends on what plate you got. Wednesday was a Spicy Chicken Sandwich with Fries. It was good and plain but not as bad as people complain about. My origi-

with a cheesiness and the texture with a new crunch. It was mind blowing on how a couple of doritos chips can make something from "eh" to "mm That's good". The rating hiked up from a 5 to a

it was nasty. It was yummy and I emptied the soup bowl but it wasn't so show stopping that it was memorable it just felt plain like it needed more seasoning so I rated it a 6.6, the classic Broc-

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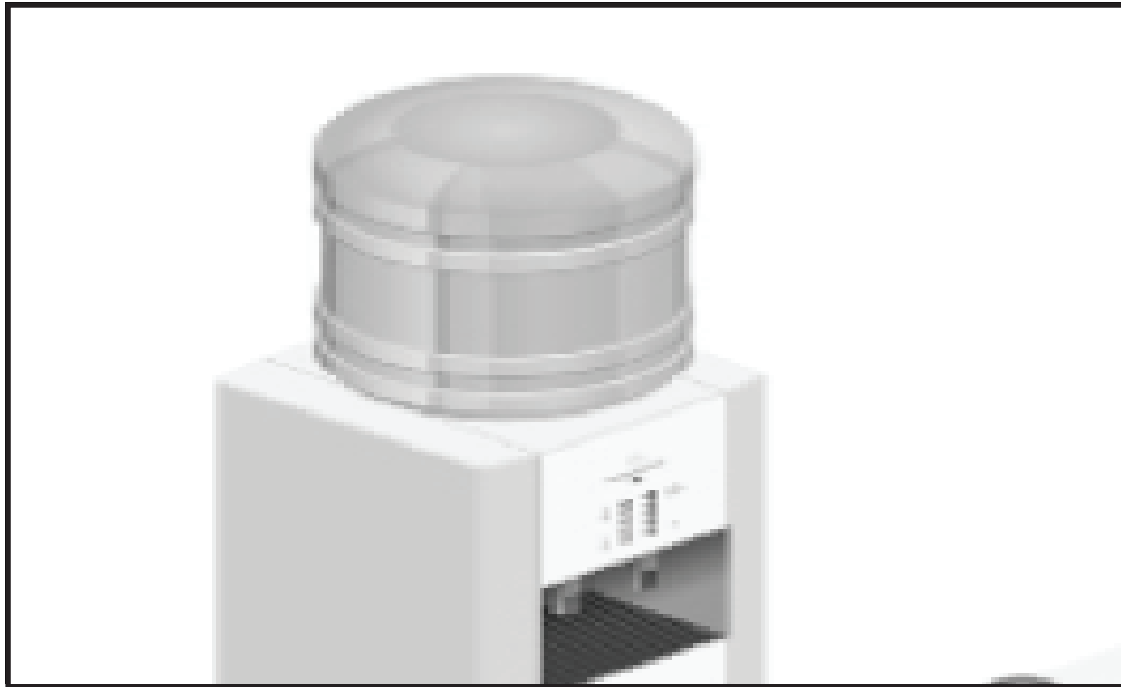
In T.F South, there are many things that should be changed for the better, changes that should return and of course changes that should die off. But with the lack of interest, the amount of people paying attention to change, and the idea of change itself, how would someone know what should be changed? This article focuses on these few changes. Starting with the one many can agree with, water accessibility. At some time during last year, the school decided to establish a place where a student could get a drink of water from a water dispenser in the lunchroom. Apart from this, the only way to get water in the lunch room was to look for a water fountain and or have money to buy a water bottle, which were scarce and not always available due to some students not having money. A small change but a big step. What can be done? Simply put, if water bottles or the water dispenser was provided at lunch again, students would have more access to water. This seems like a no-brainer considering the fact that not all students drink 3 different flavors of milk, but many don't drink milk at all. I reached out to a personal friend of mine, who remains nameless. This is what he had to say; "You see, I'm lactose intolerant and I

don't like lactose free milk. So water is my go to drink, Water in the lunchroom just makes sense!"(Anonymous). Other matters concern the prices of things in school, though not many cases many students have found themselves unable to enjoy school activities due to racking up a form of debt. Many things in the school are

should not drop to 10 dollars or even 13, but 30 dollars to replace a chromebook charger is very grueling considering the amount of students that own a chromebook but not a chromebook charger. After reaching out to IT, the reason chromebook chargers cost so much is due to being official DELL chargers. I'd urge students to buy

could help out a ton with making sure that students know to check how much money they owe. This could prevent them from missing a game or other student activities that are prohibited to people with debts. On a different note: Students can find school, like many children, boring. Now parties and confectionaries aren't a defini-

issues and other taxing conditions. This leads to a decrease in kids trying rather than an increase. However last year we saw a premature disposition to this problem. Grad-nite as we know has had conditions to the point of which were easily accessible. Such as the raffle awarded to those who had their Wolf tickets drawn during the time. It wouldn't be hard to implement contests or such things of this nature. However it would be hard to implement into our student body due to it's condition. Paul Massat had this to say; "We try to bridge the gap for kids to get the complete high school experience, the dean's office tries to help and redirect students to reduce kids from getting in trouble. Sadly, certain kids get banned from doing things and they need to be held accountable. Ultimately the goal is to help improve a student's life."As much fun that could be had at TF South it's important to remember that we cannot as a student body rely on only teachers or teachers rely on only students. Much like the real life state of the world, reaching a compromise or equilibrium would be the prime benefactor in helping improve the TF South community, while having fun.



also expensive such as chromebook chargers being \$30. What can be done? To start, items such as chromebook chargers should drop the price. The retail price for a casual USB-C Chromebook charger from Walmart costs \$13 to \$15 dollars. Maybe the chargers

cheaper chargers, or buy USB-C chargers which work on school chromebooks. As for student debts, reminders should be sent to students depending on surname grouping and on different weeks. Putting a reminder for students to check their debt in the announcements already

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Kool Kicks

T.F. South has students who indulge in different varieties of styles as they like: designer brands, sportage brands, futuristic brands, and popular styles. Influentiality flies through our school from popular music artists, stylists, iconic role models, and even from students themselves. For example, the most popular brand for shoes students love are Air Jordan's. Michael Jordan was introduced to us in the sneaker world from NIKE in 1984 as they used him to issue the Air Jordan 1. Since the introduction of the Jordan brand, they've signed countless icons to their brand for more exposure. Iconic rappers and music artists such as Eminem, Drake, DJ Khaled, Travis Scott, and J.Balvin., NBA Superstars like Dak Prescott, Deebo Samuels, Bryce Young, Chris Paul, Carmelo Anthony, and Russell Westbrook. All of these people influenced the

majority of our school and the world and showed us versatile styles and looks. Jordan became revolutionary as we wear them with our regular outfits, special occasion outfits, formal wear, team outfits, and sports attire. Another brand

We wear Nike Air Force's, Nike Dunks, Air Maxes, 270's, VaporMaxes, Foamposites, Blazers, and Nike Airs. These shoes offer comfortability and fashionability as you can wear a lot of styles with these shoes. On the more comfort-

want to be able to relax their feet as they spend their day walking around a huge building. Expensive brands like Balenciaga, Alexander McQueens, Amiris, Off-White, Llanvins, and Burberry's are what kids wear in our school.

Taisen Jimerson; Editor in Chief

have to spend that much on clothes. New Balances, Asics, Converse, and Vans also flood and flourish through our school. Most of these brands are common because of a new wave of bandwagon. Shoes like New Balances, Asics, and Dunks would've gotten you talked about, but because role models in the industry advertised it and promoted it, now a lot of people want to be on the wave or wagon. Shoes at T.F. South are either influenced or promoted by celebrities and stylists. We need originality in style and in kicks too.



that students in our school wear often is Nike. Nike is the most common brand in our school because it is most accessible to common people.

able side we have shoes like Uggs, Crocs, Yeezy slides, and Nike slides. Being comfortable is the most essential perk in high school. Somedays kids

Some students love to be more flashy than others. Students love to have that lavish rapper or expensive influencer look, when they don't personally