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Aidan Jordan, Editor-in-Chief

Editor-In-Chief welcomes us back for a new school year EDITORIAL

Welcome back. This 2024-2025 school year is going to be the best one yet. Whether you are a senior and excited to graduate or you're a freshman and nervous about being in a new school, we plan on bringing you high-quality stories and information in this year's newspaper. We are going to have a more artistic appeal thanks to our creative team as well as more social media content thanks to our content creators. As for our stories, our staff writers will bring you the most up-to-date news within our building. I want more student voices in our stories because the school newspaper should represent all the amazing and talented students of T. F. North. So if anyone has any ideas of what they would like to see be represented in the school's paper, feel free to reach out to me via email at thorntonian@tfd215.org, and we will do our best to see it through. Our goal for this year is to have even more issues than we had last year. We set the bar high and now we will raise it this year. I have the utmost confidence in our brilliant staff to make it happen. As we enter the new school year any challenges that we might face will be beaten because nothing is impossible. As students of T. F. North nothing is ever too hard and with patience and resilience, we can persevere. I hope you all have a fantastic school year in 2024-2025.



Photo credit: Emily Sanchez, Thorntonian Art Director



The 2024-25 TFN Thorntonian Staff is comprised of volunteers and members of the 3rd period Advanced Journalism - Newspaper class taught by Mr. Stephan.

Story by Marisol Nicasio, Staff Reporter

Mr. Stephan appoints new editorial board

Jordan, Gutierrez, Sanchez, and Romero lead the new staff

The Thorntonian's Faculty Advisor, Mr. Joseph Stephan, appointed a brand new editorial board. "As I begin my second year as the advisor, I am very excited to be working with my returning seniors," said Stephan. This school year's Editor-In-Chief is senior Aidan Jordan. "I'm excited to be the new Editor-in-chief. It's something I would have never guessed would happen. But I would be lying if I said I wasn't nervous because I don't exactly know what this year has in store for me, but I'm sure everything is going to be great," said Jordan. As the head of the Thorntonian, Jordan is a developing writer who aspires to further the newspaper's quality both objectively and creatively. As the executive of the entire staff Jordan is a leader. He is very hardworking and puts forth all his effort to improve the newspaper. The new Assistant Editor-in-Chief is senior Ximena Gutierrez. "I look forward to including a diverse voice in our newspaper. I can't wait to see how much success this brings us as a whole," said Gutierrez. As the Assistant Editor-in-chief, Gutierrez is a very inspiring, opinionated writer who uses the Thorntonian as an outlet

for her own ideas. For the new year, Gutierrez will refine, plan, and generate new ideas all while coordinating with the other reporters and editors. The new Social Media Director is senior Rogelio Romero. Romero said, "Being the Social Media Director is pretty cool. I can have creative freedom over the videos me and my team make, and I have many ideas that I want to put out. I hope this year we will be able to increase our followers and content output. I want to do more videos and live reports on the school, games, and events." As the head of the Thorntonian's media presence, Romero, a very technical person with a great understanding of the press, will further the expansion of the Thorntonian. Lastly, the new Art Director is senior Emily Sanchez. Sanchez is an aspiring and talented artist. With her skills the Thorntonian will expand its content both artistically and creatively. As the Art Director, the Thorntonian allows Sanchez to dictate and create a platform to showcase many Meteors' craft, along with hers. "I look forward to continuing my work, and am super proud of myself," said Sanchez.

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Bell Schedules

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS

Period 1	8:25 – 9:20 am
Period 2	9:25 – 10:25 am
Period 3	10:30 – 11:25 am
Period 4	11:30 – 12:25 pm
Period 5	12:30 – 1:25 pm
Period 6	1:30 – 2:25 pm
Period 7	2:30– 3:25 pm

WEDNESDAYS (EARLY RELEASE)

Period 1	8:25 – 9:05 am
Period 2	9:10 – 9:55 am
Period 3	10:00 – 10:40 am
Period 4	10:45 – 11:25 am
Period 5	11:30 – 12:10 pm
Period 6	12:15 – 12:55 pm
Period 7	1:00– 1:40 pm

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 13 North-South Game at TFS
- Sept. 26 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 4 Homecoming Game
- Oct. 5 Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 15 End of Quarter 1

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2024-25

Thorntonian Staff

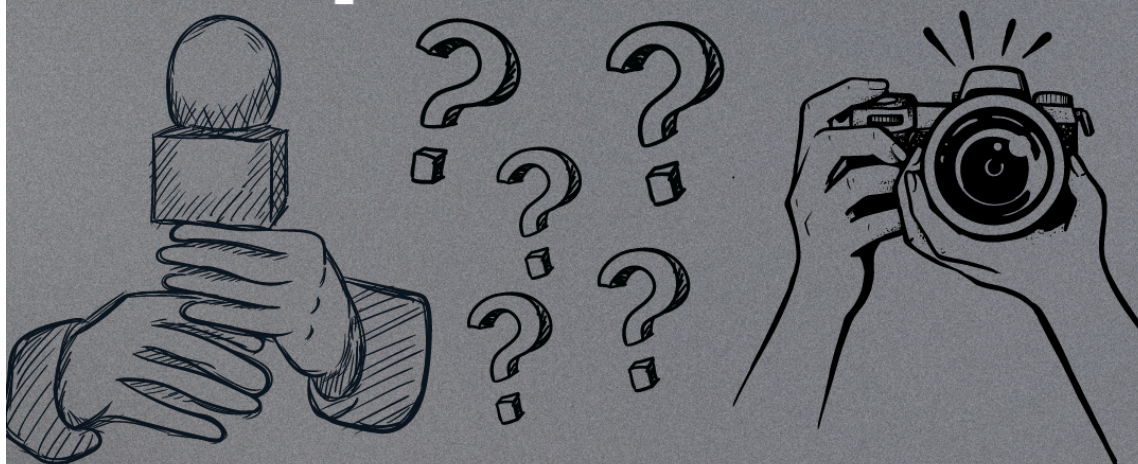
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Marisol Nicasio
Jasmine Pastrana
Gaby Barraza
Liliana Krueger
Luis Pelayo
Anahi Maritnez
T'niya Hampton

Editorial Board:
Emily Sanchez, Art Director
Rogelio Romero, Social Media Director
Ximena Gutierrez, Asst. Editor-in-Chief
Aidan Jordan, Editor-in-Chief

Faculty Advisor:
Mr. Joseph Stephan

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Are You Interested In Being A Reporter Or Photographer For The Thorntonian? See Mr. Stephan In Room 142.






Senior Portrait Make-up Dates:
 September 24, 25, 26, 30 October 1
 Go to page 7 for more info.

Meet the 2024-25 Thorntonian Staff

Aidan Jordan is a senior and a returning staff member of the Thorntonian Staff. He is a very hardworking student and plays three sports for T.F. North: golf, bowling, and tennis. In his spare time Aidan likes to hang out and play video games with his friends. He is an animal lover and has three pets (two cats and a dog). This year he is the new Editor-In-Chief for the Thorntonian. His goals as Editor-In-Chief are to produce more issues than last year and to get more eyes on the newspaper. His goal for the school year is to graduate with a high honor roll.

Ximena Gutierrez is a senior at T.F. North. She is the new Assistant Editor in Chief of the Thorntonian. Ximena is a friendly person who is open to having a conversation with anyone. She loves helping people in any way that she can. She cannot wait to see what positive things this new school year brings us!

Emily Sanchez is a senior and proud member of the Visual Arts Club and is now Art Director of the Thorntonian thanks to Mr. Stephan. Designing artwork for previous issues has been her favorite thing to do as art is simple for her, and she loves the overall look. She is nervous, yet thrilled, to return for her last year as a senior at TFN. She has no doubt in her mind that 2025 will be the best year yet.

Anahi Martinez is a junior and new staff reporter. She is involved in clubs such as Action Team and Art Club. She watches movies in her free time and is really open to making new friends. Anahi also always misses school to attend concerts and often dyes her hair any chance she gets.

Rogelio Romero is an active senior at T.F. North. He can be seen all around the school looking for people to interview for newspaper or taking videos or pictures for Meteor Productions. This year his second year on the Thorntonian Staff. Rogelio is now the Thorntonian's Social Media Director. His job is to create content that will be posted on the Thorntonian's Instagram account.

Jasmine Pastrana is a returning student and is going to start her senior year of high school. She is involved in newspaper, T.F. United girls soccer team, Student Action Team, Dreamers, e-sports, and the girls basketball team. She is very kind and outgoing. She talks a lot. Jasmine is also always absent and barely comes to school because she always has to babysit or stay home because she is sick. She has a best friend named Emily, and they always do the same story together.

Luis Pelayo is a senior. He is a new staff reporter. He is a golf, NHS, Scholastic Bowl, and chess member as well. He hopes to be the co-president of History Club. He has a cat named Aurora. He hopes to be an aerospace engineer one day.

Liliana Krueger is a senior at T.F. North. She is a new staff reporter on the Thorntonian Staff. She is a proud member of the girls varsity volleyball team and has been playing for all four years. She loves to be involved with school whether it is the Dreamers Club, Senior Board, or Action Team. Liliana is an outgoing person who loves to help everyone and cannot wait to meet new people for her senior year.

Gabriella Barraza is a junior, and a new member of the Thorntonian Staff. Gaby is involved with band and softball. In her free time, she loves to play with her two dogs. She also likes to hang out with her friends and family and go out a lot. One of Gaby's favorite features about herself is her hair, and she loves to style it and leave it natural. Gaby is a very outgoing person and is very sociable.

Tianna Bowen is a senior and is making her return as the Asst. Social Media Director. She is the Vice President of the Drama Club and has done theatre since her freshman year. Tianna plans on going to college in Chicago for musical theatre and dreams of one day becoming a familiar face on the stage and TV screens. She has also shown much excitement as she has joined Advanced Choir for new bonds and hopes that it helps develop her voice. Tianna is a very nice and creative person. She is dedicated to her craft and makes sure to take time for herself and her friends.

Marisol Nicasio is a senior and a new staff reporter for the Thorntonian. Not only is she a part of the newspaper, but she is also the Editor-in-Chief of the Chronoscope. Marisol is a very outgoing scholar and is super hardworking. She is a competitive dancer and has been dancing since the age of 3. Marisol is looking forward to her senior year and spending time with all her friends. She can't wait to experience all the senior activities coming up along with all the Thorntonian activities!



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Story and Photos by Rogelio Romero & Tianna Bowen

Are you embarrassed about not knowing how to use a combination lock?

Easy to understand instructions on how to open your locker

As it is the beginning of a new school year, we are here to teach incoming freshmen how to open a lock. The rest of the student body (and maybe some teachers) might learn from this, too. Don't worry, it's extremely easy.



Step 1:

Make sure you are at the right locker. This is very important.



Step 2:

To start, set your lock to zero by turning it to the right.



Step 3:

From 0, turn your lock to the right and stop on your first number.

Ximena Gutierrez

Happy to be back at school!

UNPOPULAR OPINION

I don't know if it's just me, but I'm so happy to be back at school! It feels so nice to finally change the daily routine up a bit. I couldn't wait to come back and see my friends again. Seeing my peers and how they've changed over the summer has to be one of my favorite parts. It is always exciting to see everyone come back with more confidence than the year before. Yes, summer break is exciting and all, but I feel like you would be lying if you said you didn't miss being at school even a bit. I can't wait to meet the new staff and new students at T.F. North!



Step 4:

Turn your lock to the left, pass your second number once, and then stop on it.



Step 5:

Turn your lock back to the right and stop on the last number.



Use this QR Code to contact the Deans Office if you are having a problem with your locker.



Step 6:
You did it.
Hurray!



Step 7:
Now pull your lock down to open it and slide it off your locker to get inside.

GUEST PLAYLISTS

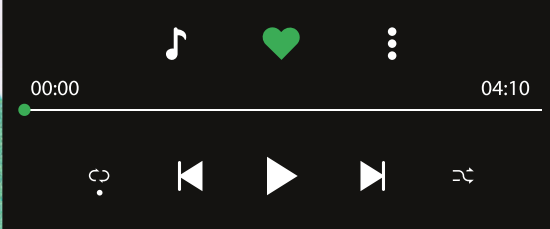
Curated by
Tianna Bowen & Marisol Nicasio

It's the second day of school and even though break is over summer isn't. These are our summer songs playlist.

Do you have a song you would like to add to our next playlist? Email your suggestions for Hispanic Heritage Month Playlist to thorntonian@tfd215.org. Be sure to use your school email address and include your first and last names and your grade. Only school-appropriate suggestions will be accepted. Please limit your suggestions to 5 songs per playlist. The deadline for submissions is 3:30 pm on August 31, 2024.

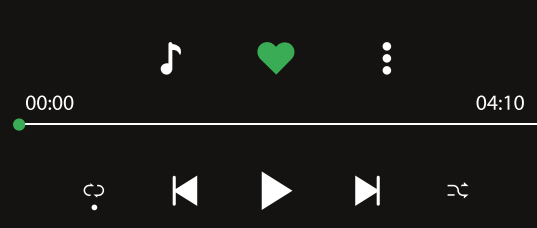
Thorntonian Staff's Picks:

- "Supercut" by Lorde
- "A Bit of Both" by Allen Stone
- "Ojitos Lindos" by Bad Bunny ft. Bomba Estéreo



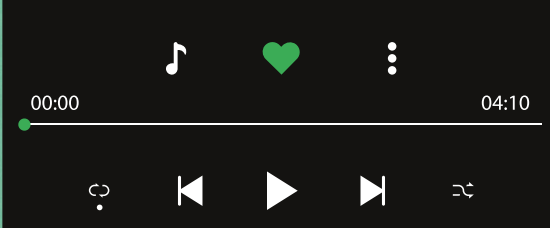
Silverio Mendoza's Picks:

- "Runaway Baby" by Bruna Mars
- "Waves-Tame Impala Remix" by Miguel
- "Brazil" by Declan McKenna



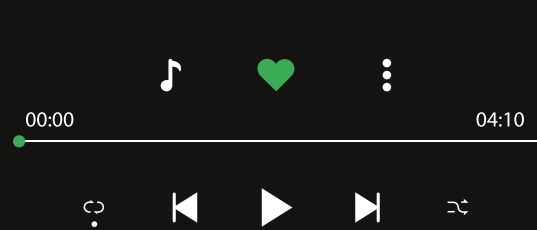
Amari Crawford Picks:

- "Latch" by Disclosure & Sam Smith
- "Murder on the Dancefloor" by Sophie Ellis-Bextor
- "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen



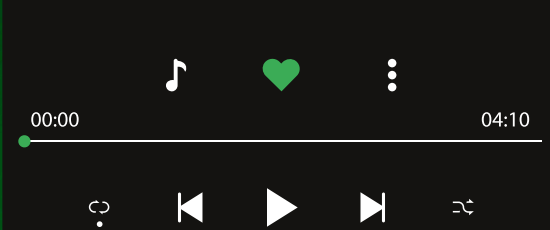
Amonis Overstreet's Picks:

- "Freedom" by Pharrell Williams
- "I Am Woman" by Emmy Meli
- "Same Mistake?" by Destin Conrad & Alex Isley



Kelvin Mendoza's Picks:

- "This Old Dog" by Mac Demarco
- "Please, Please, Please Let me Get What I Want" by Deftones
- "La Ultima Vez" by Ivan Cornejo





WEEKEND GUIDE

Ideas for an awesome summer weekend!

Arts and crafts projects like...

- Canvas with sand hand print
- Sandcastles
- Painted rocks
- Sidewalk chalk
- Fingerprint flower pot
- DIY dreamcatchers with plates
- Decorate popsicle sticks with googly eyes and more decorations

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

EDITION

Jasmine Pastrana & Emily Sanchez



Places to go:

Paleteria Y Neveria La Original De Michoacan
(10-minute walk)
768 Burnham Ave, Calumet City, IL 60409
Monday-Sunday 10:30 am - 8:30 pm

Whihala beach
(22-minute drive)
Whiting, IN, 46394
10 am-6 pm

Deep River Waterpark
(42-minute drive)
9001 E Lincoln Hwy, Crown Point, In 46307
Friday-Monday 10 AM-5 PM

Toronto Blue Jays vs. Chicago Cubs
(26-minute drive)
Wrigley Field, 1060 W Addison St, Chicago, IL
Sunday 1:20 pm

If you have any ideas for the weekend guide and you would like it to be in the newspaper, please email us!

Jasmine: 1000800@students.tfd215.org

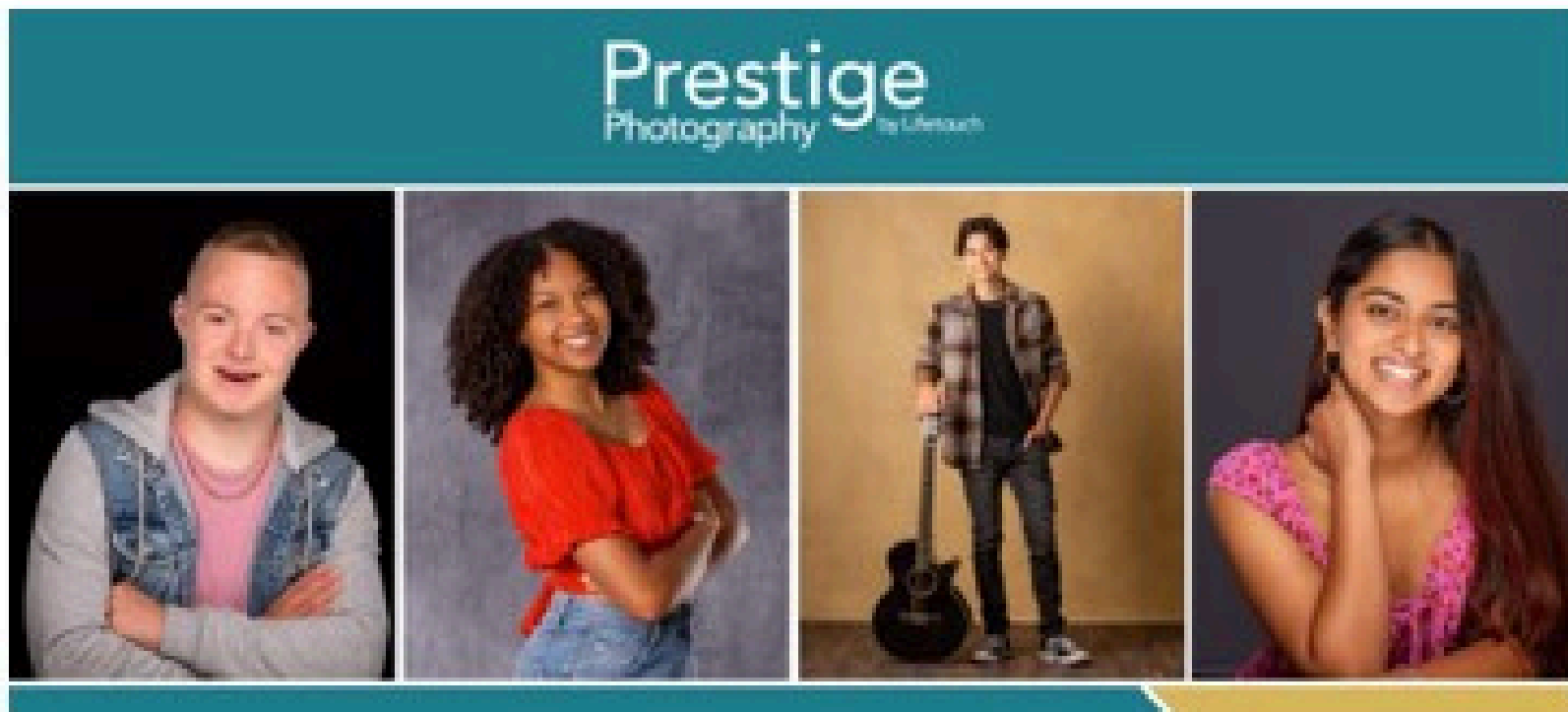
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Snack Ideas for the beach:

- Sundaes
- Dried Fruits
- Frozen Yogurt
- Ice Cream
- Smoothies
- Cheese Bits
- Fruit salads



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