

Aidan Jordan, Editor-in-Chief

Last second victory for Class of 2026

The annual Powder Puff game was held on October 2, 2024 during 7th period on Wilbur Petree Football Field. This event was organized by the Junior and Senior Boards. The juniors won the coin toss, and Diamond Dean scored a 20-yard touchdown on the fourth play of the game to take a 6-0 lead. On the next possession, senior quarterback Sammie King scored on a fumble in the backfield on 4th down tying the score at 6-6. During the juniors' following possession, senior Jadyn Gashay had a 4th down tackle for a loss on the 1-yard line for a turnover on downs. The seniors failed to score on their next possession. The turnover on downs left the score 6-6. On the next play Dean scored another 20-yard touchdown on a reverse for the juniors. The juniors were up 12-6. During the next possession Gashay scored a 15-yard touchdown tying the score 12-12. "It felt good. I had an amazing experience playing," said Gashay. On the next possession Aaliyah Baylor scored on a 20-yard rushing touchdown. The juniors were up 18-12. With 45 seconds left Gashay scored on a 20-yard rushing touchdown tying the score 18-18. In the last seconds of the game while the seniors were still celebrating, Baylor scored the game winning touchdown ending the game 24-18. "It felt great. They said that we were going to lose, but we showed them." said Baylor. "I was a little nervous, but I believed in our players and my coaching style, and they brought it home for us," added coach Derrick Sparkman. The victory was controversial. Senior Joseph Merritt did not like the ending but had fun. "I enjoyed the experience. I like that the girls had a chance to get out and play regardless of the outcome, and I can surely say I had a blast coaching them," said Merritt.



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Student council hosted Hoco and replaced last year's Reigning Royals with Royal Families in 2024.

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Story by Luis Pelayo and Lilly Krueger, Thorntonian Staff Reporters

Thee Fine Four named Hoco 2024's Royal Family Congratulations to Gunn, Jackson, Jacobs, and King

On October 5, 2024 the Homecoming dance was held in the Purple Gym from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. It was organized by the Student Council which is sponsored by Ms. Stramaglia. Tickets were \$15 for the first 100, \$20 if bought before the dance, and \$30 at the door. "More people paid at the door than ever before," said Stramaglia. 360 tickets were sold, and all the Royal Families got in for free. This year's Homecoming theme was "A Night in Hollywood." The gym was decorated in black and yellow along with some red. There also were stars along the walls with the names of the students who bought tickets to the Homecoming dance. If students got tired of dancing or wanted to relax and talk with friends, the south side of the gym was used as a seating area. "It was fun, you know, working for the school. It makes you feel good that you're helping around, but also to see what you did. It makes you feel appreciated," said Yaritza Alvarez of the Student Council. Students danced to music like "Dreams and Nightmares" by Meek Mill, "Wobble" by V.I.C., and "Poison" by Bell Biv DeVoe played by DJ Dion Williams. Students were also able to take pictures in a regular photo booth or a 360 photo booth at the dance. If they got hungry or thirsty, there was water and popcorn provided by the Student

Council. The Royal Families were present which included: "Thee Fine 4" with Sammie King, Josiah Jackson, Zaria Jacobs, and Dionna Gunn; "Ja'Jaz Monarchs" with Ja'Lisa Adigun and Jasmine Holman; "The Royalettes" with Kayla Warren, Essence Boatner, and Jayla Redman; "3 Queens & The Dutchess" with Makiyah White, Savannah McMullen, Janiyah Mason, and Le'Anna Smith; "The House of Pink Matter" with Keniyah Stephenson, Airraina Franklin, Aerin Booker, and Jolie Spencer; and "Queens of the Court" with Tianna Bowen, Jadyn Goshay, Nia White, and Antanise Williams. "Thee Fine 4" were crowned the winners. "Homecoming, as a whole, was pretty fun. I don't know if it's because I'm a senior and it is my last year or what, but it was very entertaining. I walked into Hoco greeting everyone, looking for my group, and then the next thing you know I'm dancing and sweating. I got so many compliments on my outfit and so many congratulations on the win, and it made me smile on the inside." said Jackson. Many students had a good night. "I think that a lot of people enjoyed Homecoming and enjoyed hanging out with friends, but I do wish the music had more diversity. Other than that, I was glad to see people have fun with others," added Alvarez.

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Dress Your Type Day

Freshman Board picks first day of Homecoming Spirit Week

On Monday, September 30, T.F. North's Homecoming Spirit Week began with "Dress Your Type Day." Student Council made the unanimous decision to allow each class board to pick a theme for the school's spirit week, except Friday. The freshmen board selected "Dress Your Type Day." All throughout the school, students dressed up showcasing their unique creativity through their outfits. Many students dressed up as their partner to display their loyalty and love for one another. One couple who demonstrated this are junior Remberto Cortes and sophomore Jocelyn Gonzalez. It was originally Gonzalez's idea, and with no hesitation Cortes agreed. "We thought it would be fun," Gonzalez said. The success of "Dress Your Type Day" highlighted students' excitement, promising an enjoyable Homecoming Spirit Week for the school.



Junior Remberto Cortes and Sophomore Jocelyn Gonzalez
Photo credit: Lizbeth Solorio

HHM Assembly set for Oct. 18

Story by Anahi Martinez and Gaby Barraza, Staff Reporters

There will be a Hispanic Heritage Month assembly on Friday, October 18th during second and sixth periods. Here's a little preview. The assembly is being planned by Ms. Galvan, Jennifer Serrano, Jasmin Ramirez, Natalie Gonzalez, Alexa Cervantes, Nadia Malagon, Evelin Ulloa, and Valeria Meraz. "I'm looking forward to finally being able to represent more Hispanic culture," said Gonzalez. The theme for the assembly is "Forever En Nuestros Corazones." They plan to have clips from the movie Coco to explain the theme. There will be a memorial to honor loved ones and celebrate their lives. Students and staff can scan the QR code (to the right) to fill out the Google Form and add a loved one. The Talento de Varió will also be performing. Their choreographer is Rolando Alonso. The TFN Gospel Choir will be singing at the assembly as well as the Advanced Choir. "I think having a Hispanic Heritage assembly is powerful and also gives more of a voice to the Hispanic students," said Ulloa.



Scan QR code to honor your loved ones at the Hispanic Heritage Month assembly.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 8 Loteria por Libros
- Oct. 9 Being a 1st Gen. Latina
- Oct. 10 HHM Fiesta
- Oct. 10 Soccer Boys Senior Night
- Oct. 11 HHM Art Contest
- Oct. 15 Tamale Tuesday
- Oct. 15 Radical, a movie
- Oct. 15 End of Quarter 1
- Oct. 16 Making Flor de Cempasúchil
- Oct. 18 HHM Assembly
- Oct. 23 Boo Night
- Oct. 31 Halloween

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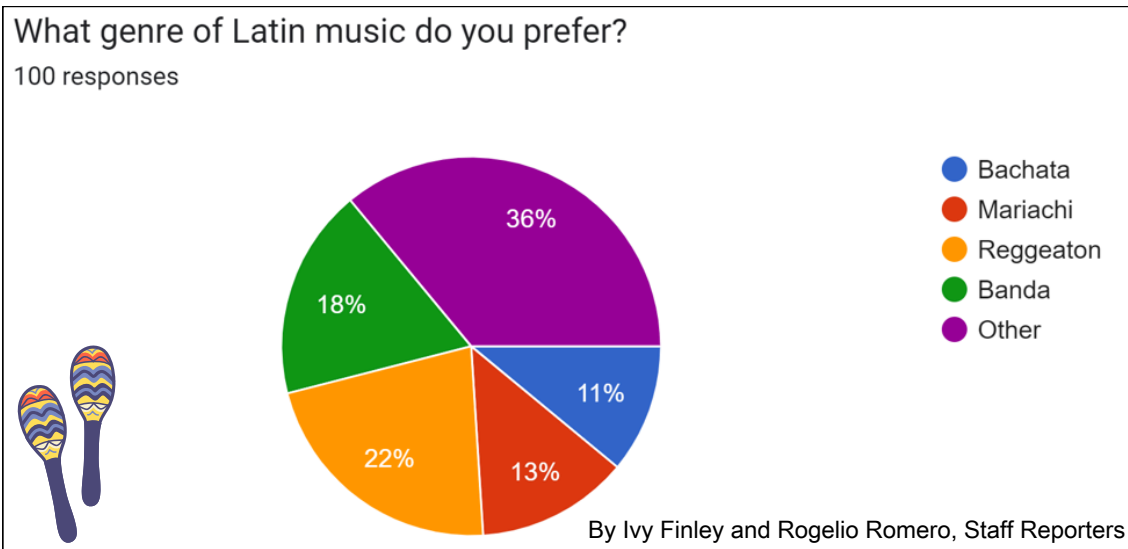
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WEEKEND GUIDE

Ideas for an awesome weekend!

Arts and crafts projects like...

- Carve and paint pumpkins
- Collage with leaves
- Fall wreaths
- Collect leaves
- Fingerprint flower pot
- Paper plate sunflower

FALL WEEKEND

EDITION

Jasmine Pastrana & Emily Sanchez

Places to go:

Fall Fest at Lincoln Park Zoo
(40-minute drive)

2001 N. Clark St, Chicago, IL 60614
Monday - Sunday 10:30 am - 8:30 pm

Fall Festival at Sonny Acres Farm
(1 hour 6 minute drive)

Whiting, IN, 46394
Monday-Sunday 10 am - 6 pm

Six Flags - Fright Fest
(1 hour 37 minutes drive)

1 Great America Pkwy Gurnee, IL 60031
Friday 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Saturday 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Sunday 11:00 am - 10:00 pm

Lang's Orchard
(1 hour drive)

17411 Secor Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098
Saturday - Sunday 11 am - 4pm

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

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Snack Ideas for the fall:

- Apple pie
- Candy corn
- Pumpkin
- Sweet Potatoes
- Candy Apple
- Caramel Popcorn
- Pumpkin Truffles



Order your
Hispanic Heritage Month
T-shirt for only \$10.
See Sra. Galvan in room 141.

Meteors take a tough loss at Hoco game

Story by
Marisol Nicasio, Staff Reporter

On Friday, October 5th, the Meteors played their annual Homecoming game on the Wilbur Petree Football Field against the Oak Forest Bengals. The first quarter was filled with errors by both teams, starting with the Bengals returning the opening kickoff for a 75-yard touchdown followed by an extra point that started the night off with a score of 7-0. Throughout the 1st quarter, the Meteors played very good defense by recovering multiple fumbles by the Bengals, but the score was still 7-0. Starting off the 2nd quarter, the Meteors still held their own on defense, but the Bengals were able to score a 1-yard touchdown and an extra point, followed by a field goal with just 4 minutes and 29 seconds left in the 2nd quarter, making the score 17-0. The Meteors were able to make a comeback, with Joseph Merritt breaking 2 tackles then scoring a 61-yard touchdown with just 3 minutes and 14 seconds left. Carlos Roa kicked the extra point, ending the first half with a score of 17-7. Although the Meteors were down, during halftime the crowd remained excited with performances from the Mighty Marching Meteors band and color guard, the cheerleading team, and dance team. Coming back for the 3rd quarter, the Meteors had possession of the ball, but turned over the ball on downs. Fortunately the Bengals fumbled, and Geremiah Williams recovered the ball and scored a 3-yard touchdown. Roa again made the extra point. The 3rd quarter ended with a score of 17-14. With just 5 minutes left in the game, the Bengals scored another touchdown with an extra point that made the score 24-14. After another fumble by the Bengals, the Meteors gained possession of the ball, but turned it over on downs, and the Bengals scored a field goal making it 27-14. With just 50 seconds left, Trevon Conner scored a 75-yard touchdown on the following kickoff. Roa made the extra point, but it was not enough. The game ended with a score of 27-21.

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Alex Brooks-Phillips, Chronoscope Staff

Top: Rayna Franklin, Natalia Garcia, & Jessica Roa of the volleyball team; Middle: Angel Quiroga and Joselyn Cervantes of the cross country team; Bottom: William Jacome of the cross country team.