

Ximena Gutierrez, Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Show appreciation this Thanksgiving

EDITORIAL

As we approach Thanksgiving, everyone's thoughts are on what they're going to eat during their Thanksgiving meal. To me, Thanksgiving is about showing gratefulness to those who have been there for you. I want to take a moment to reflect on my high school journey. High school has been an amazing opportunity for me. It is a huge part of growing and shaping a young adult. Throughout these years, I've had many different learning experiences. I am 17 years old, and thanks to all my peers and teachers, I am ready for a new chapter in my life. I am thankful to have teachers like Mr Stephan that have helped me believe in myself. Because of his support, I have the opportunity to use my voice in editorials like these, to make my voice heard, and to represent those who are too afraid to speak. I don't want to make this reflection just about me. It's about all of us who are on this journey together. We all have teachers and friends who have believed in us when no one else did. It is important to take a moment to be grateful for these people, and thank them for the great impact they have had on our lives. As we gather with family this Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to reflect on our own experiences and journeys we are grateful for. Let's be thankful for all the lessons we have learned, and the growth we have experienced, as well as all of the people who have helped us become who we are. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for all the good things in our lives. This has been a great help to me. Expressing how you feel towards those who you appreciate, gives one a sense of maturity. So please, thank those who have helped shape who you are today. This holiday is about making people feel appreciated, as well as making it known that they make amazing food!



Sophomore Ikeoluwani Grace Apata starred as the lead role of Celie in The Color Purple.

Story by Aidan Jordan, Editor-in-Chief

T.F. North Theatre Department presents The Color Purple

This year's fall play was The Color Purple. Based on the novel written by Alice Walker, this dramatic musical portrays the early 20th-century plight of African Americans in the southern United States. The musical was performed on November 21-24 in the A.C. Jaacks Auditorium by the members of T. F. North's Theatre Department and directed by Ms. Sade May. "The goal of this production is to highlight the voices of black women that are typically silenced and to show the resilience and ultimately the joy of black women and what they bring into the world. To show that our voices and stories matter," said May. "This summer I was directing in New York, and I thought about the way we attack and approach musicals and how we need to be a little bit more professional and up our skills. So this production involves tap, shadow work, and all of these things that are new elements of performance to these actors...The goal is to bring that professionalism to North," added May. Sophomore Ikeoluwani Grace Apata starred as Celie. "Getting the starring role has been such an honor. At first, it was a very unbelievable experience, I would underestimate myself a little bit, so I was surprised that I got the role. But it was very interesting and exciting to get on this new journey of seeing who Celie is and understanding her and actually knowing how I'm going to give my perspective of her. It

was also a revealing experience to see how relatable I am to her in different ways," said Apata. Senior Dionna Gunn starred as Shug Avery. "The preparations for The Color Purple have been exciting. I'm glad I got to do the summer program because it prepared for a lot of the work that goes into the musical," said Gunn. Senior John McBeth III starred as Mister. "I feel that playing Mister is really deep because he has a very contrasting character. He has a redemption arc toward the end. I have to be able to show that evilness in the beginning and then smoothly change into that 'oh I've changed, I'm useful now' act. So it's very holistic," said McBeth III. Other members of the cast included sophomore Victoria Jolie as Sofie, senior Amonis Overstreet as Harpo, senior Tianna Bowen as Nettie, and junior T'Niya Hampton as Squeak. The Church Ladies were played by junior Keniyah Stephenson, senior Zaria Jacobs, and junior Ini Ogunyemi. The talented ensemble included seniors Joseph Merritt, Jamareon Mann and Tammy Ogundeyi, and sophomores Duran Alex, Chuck King, and Quentin Hall, and freshman Kaitlyn Harris. The musical was a success. "I think the play and the singing were good. It was almost like movie quality," said sophomore Patrick Starling. "The singing was really good, and the play was really good as well," added sophomore Cristian Flores.

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor can be sent to our social media handles or thorntonian@tfd215.org.

Gracias a todos los que nos enviaron una carta de respuesta al artículo de Lilly Krueger "Un Apellido Asesino" de nuestra edición de Halloween que se publicó el 31 de octubre. Ojalá tuviéramos más espacio para publicarlas todas, pero aquí están unas de nuestras favoritas:

Estimada Lilly,
Entiendo de donde vienes porque a veces es como me siento porque mi apellido "Saavedra" no es tan común aquí y tan poco de donde viene mis papas y a veces mi siento afuera de lugar pero mayoría del tiempo tomo mi apellido como ser único aunque muchos no saben pronunciar mi apellido.
Kassandra Saavedra

Querida Lili,
Tu artículo me dio una perspectiva nueva. Nunca pense en como tu apellido puede afectar tanto a tu identidad. Me alegra que aprendiste a amar tu apellido. Creo que eres muy fuerte y valiente para poder tomar la decisión a no dejar que las opiniones de los demás afecte tu identidad y tu cultura. Muy buen trabajo!
Jasmin Ramirez

Thank you to everyone who sent us a letter in response to Lilly Krueger's article "Having a Killer Last Name" from our Halloween issue that was published on October 31. We wish we had more space to publish them all, but here are some of our favorite ones:

Dear Lilly,
I understand where you're coming from because sometimes that's how I feel about my last name, "Savvedra". It isn't that common here or where my parents are from and sometimes I feel out of place, but most of the time I take my last name to be unique although many can't pronounce my last name.
Kassandra Saavedra

Dear Lili,
Your article gave me a new perspective. I never thought how a last name could affect someone's identity. I'm so happy that you learned to love your last name. I think you are very strong and brave to be able to decide to not let the opinions of others affect your identity and your culture. Great job!
Jasmin Ramirez

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 6 Open Mic/Contemp. Concert
- Dec. 7 Power lifting Competition
- Dec. 10 PuzzlePalooza #1, LRC
- Dec. 12 Holiday Concert
- Dec. 13 Books with Santa
- Dec. 18-20 Semester 1 Final Exams



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The NHS Induction Ceremony was held on November 20. Photo credit: Lilly Krueger

Story by
Lilly Krueger, Staff Reporter

NHS inducts 14 new members

The 2024 Fall Induction for the National Honor Society was held at T.F. North in the LRC on Wednesday, November 20th at 3:30 pm. The National Honor Society inducted 14 students who have displayed the four pillars of NHS: leadership, community service, scholarship, and character. The ceremony was attended by their family and friends. The NHS ceremony was hosted by NHS sponsor Ms. Isberg and the NHS Executive Board members: President Jennifer Serrano, Vice President Michelle Corral, Secretary Tammy Ogundeyi, and Treasurer Amonis Overstreet. The NHS Executive Board gave a speech about the four pillars of NHS and lit a candle. The flame was passed to the new members who lit their candles as they said the NHS pledge, promising they would continue to demonstrate the four pillars. This was an exciting event for many of the incoming members. Alexandria Brooks-Phillips said, "The ceremony was delightful. The process itself had me a nervous wreck, but Ms. Isberg and the other faculty members had a way of making you feel comfortable and accepted." Natalia Garcia also said, "Being inducted into NHS was an amazing moment. The ceremony really showed me what I was getting myself into. It feels great to be part of a group that pushes for excellence, and I'm excited for what's next!" The turnout at the event was very impressive. "It was very nice to see all the new inductees. I can't wait to see how they add to the club and community," said Corral.

Story by Luis Pelayo, Staff Reporter

TFN hosts CTE Showcase

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) showcase will take place today (Tuesday, November 26th). "It's a great event. The teachers do an awesome job of showcasing their programs, and we're excited to do this again this year," said Ms. Bivins, the CTE Coordinator. This showcase is organized by Ms. Bivins to display all available CTE classes to freshmen during first period and to sophomores during second period in the purple gym. "I like the fact that it offers exposure to all of the options students can choose from CTE in one location. It's much more effective to meet the teachers and meet students who have been in the class versus reading a description in a curriculum guide book. I think that is the most effective tool especially when they can see things in action," said Ms. Donovan, the CTE Division Leader. Students who miss the opportunity to attend the showcase can learn more about CTE classes by using this QR code to the right.

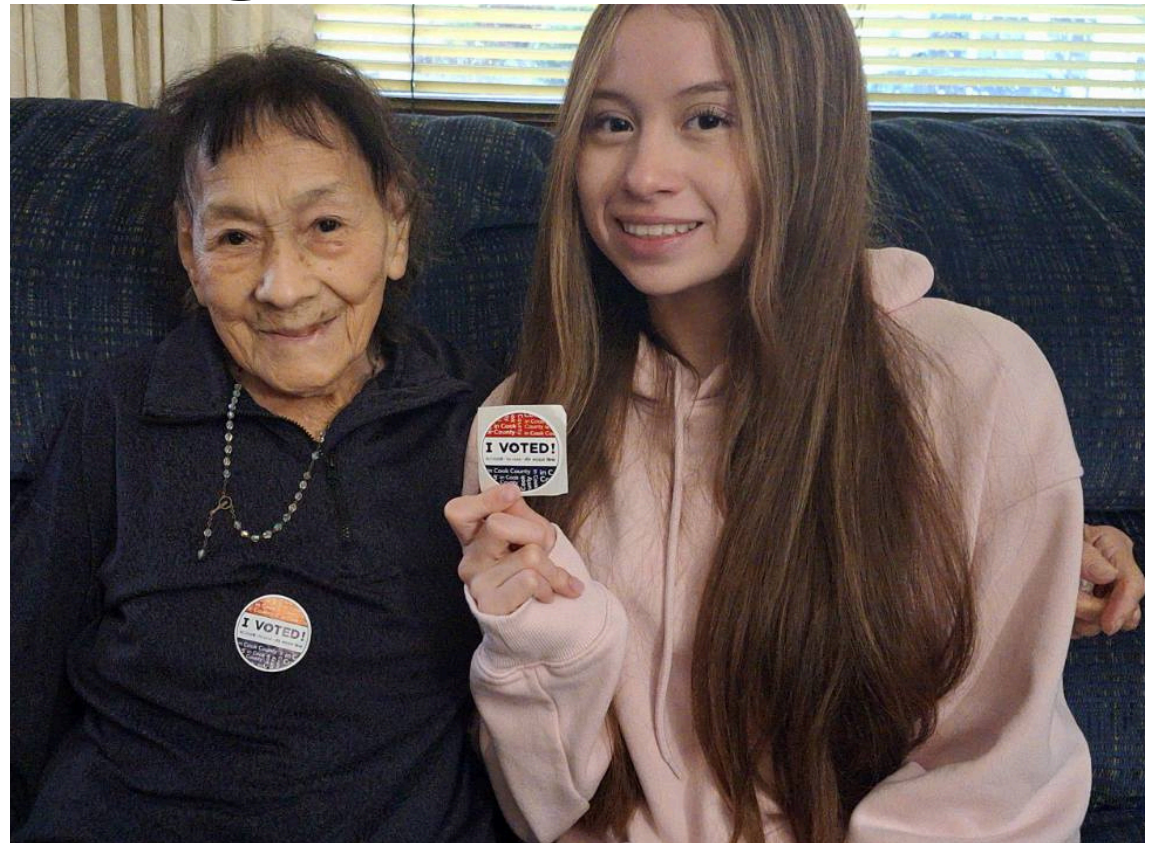


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OPINION

Marisol Nicaso, Staff Reporter

Being a first time voter



I turned 18 two days before the November 5th Presidential Election. As an 18-year-old in the United States, one of your newly gained responsibilities is to vote. By voicing your opinion through the presidential election, or any election in general, you're standing up for what you believe in. It is important to allow your voice to be heard, and although your vote may be small, it could still make an impact on not only yourself but those around you as well. I vividly remember being in the 4th grade, experiencing my first ever election, counting down the years to when I could be the one to voice my opinion with my ballot. I had the

privilege to partake in this year's election with my 96-year-old grandmother who was born just 8 years after women were given the right to vote. It felt very special for both of us to vote together. My grandmother Anne Gonzales said, "It feels amazing to know that I have lived long enough to see a woman of color on the ballot. I remember being freshly 18 and feeling like my vote wouldn't matter just because I was a woman of color, so for our society to have progressed this far is absolutely amazing." Although the candidate we voted for did not win, the experience of voting with my grandmother was unlike any other.

Action Team hosts annual Thanksgiving dinner



Story and photos by
Jasmine Pastrana, Staff Reporter

The Action Team had its annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 2, 2024 in the upper cafeteria. They served over 200 people at this event. There were about 45 students and staff who helped serve the guests. Some of the students were from T.F. South, and there were some ICE students there volunteering, too. They served turkey, stuffing, mac & cheese, gravy, and peas. They also had dessert. They served pumpkin cheesecake and pumpkin pie made by Chef Parker's Culinary Arts students at the T.F. Center for Academics & Technology. Ms. Bartlet of T.F. North also helped make the dessert. Additionally, the CTE Department made signs for the Action Team. The NHS, teachers from T.F. North, members of the Calumet City Police and Fire Departments, and people from the community also donated money to help with the Thanksgiving dinner. Together the volunteers made sure that everyone felt welcomed since this event was for families who cannot afford to have a Thanksgiving dinner or might not be able to see their loved ones. "I feel like our student board, my leaders, are amazing ...They did a really good job jumping in, all hands on deck. They helped to organize all of it. They had all great ideas. I just have a great group of leaders and workers," said the Action Team's sponsor, Ms. Dowd. "I think Ms. Bivins [the new Action Team co-sponsor] did a great job as well."

Story by
Anahi Martinez, Staff Reporter

Seniors worry over College Applications

Friday, November 1st, marked the due date for most early-action college applications. This was a stressful time for many seniors, with many doing it at the last minute. College applications are considered by many to be the most stressful time of a student's high school career. Ashley Zaragoza said, "They made me cry. They were so stressful especially with counselors pressuring you about the deadlines." However, others have had a seemingly much more positive experience. "It was really hard to start it, but I feel like what got me into it was like accepting the idea that I get to choose an environment and education I wanted to be in, so that got me a little excited and more open to the process. I tried really hard to do it as early as I could for the advantages," said Daisy Rodriguez. Michelle Corral added, "College applications have been a bit stressful, especially in the beginning since I didn't know where to start but they get better once you get the hang of it."

Story by
Marisol Nicasio, Staff Reporter

Dates set for fall final exams

As semester 1 comes to an end, final exams are right around the corner. Here is the updated information and what to expect:

- Exam periods are 70 minutes in length.
- Breakfast and grab & go lunch both will be provided on all exam days.
- Regular morning bus routes will remain consistent.
- Students will be allotted approximately 5 minutes at the start of each period to study.

Day 1 - Wednesday, Dec 18th

- Period 1 8:25 - 9:35 am
- Period 2 9:40 - 10:50 am
- Period 0 (EB) 10:55 am - 12:05 pm

Day 2 - Thursday, Dec 19th

- Period 5 8:25 - 9:35 am
- Period 7 9:40 - 10:50 am
- Period 6 10:55 am - 12:05 pm

Day 3 - Friday, Dec 20th

- Period 3 8:25 - 9:35 am
- Period 4 9:40 - 10:50 am



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Story and artwork by
Emily Sanchez, Art Director

The Death of Black Friday?

Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving. It marks the start of intense shopping with sales at discounted prices. The discounts attract a large number of shoppers and create an atmosphere of both excitement and thrill. It is often considered “chaotic” because of large crowds, competition to be the first to purchase an item, and overall aggressiveness from shoppers. In Valley Stream, New York in 2006, a mob of shoppers broke down the doors and a worker got trampled and two shoppers died. It was common during this time for people to set up tents outside a store the night before it was going to open. This usually does not happen today, as most people resort to online shopping, but malls will still usually be crowded during this day. Not only that but the people that Black Friday may also attract are called resellers. If you are unfamiliar with the term, they are the people who buy items and resell them for higher prices so they can benefit from it. A way to spot them may be that their cart is full of more than one of the same item. As Black Friday nears, you may notice more and more commercials advertising the day. However, due to the massive increase in online shopping, some people find it easier to shop online instead of going in person. This is called “Cyber Monday,” the Monday following Black Friday. It consists of a huge shopping event online. This may still cause some difficulties such as websites crashing, items selling out, and waiting in queues. The reason why shoppers go crazy during Cyber Monday may be because it helps with getting early Christmas gifts for cheaper prices. This saves time, money, and stress when Christmas day is nearing. “I prefer Cyber Monday because shopping online is easier to me, and it’s something that I already do. I think shopping in stores for Black Friday can be hectic and unsafe. I just think that Black Friday could be organized better or have better planning so everything can be fine. So everyone isn’t so crazy during that day,” said senior Trenyha Love. If you participate in Black Friday shopping this year, be prepared for a chaotic day.

Story by Liz Solorio, Staff Reporter

My Mexican Thanksgiving

Since I was little I’ve noticed that the traditions and cultural customs that my Mexican family has does not always align with the ones of my friends and classmates. Every year returning from Thanksgiving break, the halls and classrooms are filled with the same recurring question: “What did you and your family do for Thanksgiving?” Listening to my American classmates tell others that they celebrated in a typical way in which they followed the norm makes me reflect on how different my family and other Mexican families celebrate. In the United States, Thanksgiving is a holiday where families come together to show their gratitude and appreciation for one another. To accompany their gratitude a large meal is cooked: Turkey, with sides of varieties from macaroni and cheese to sweet potatoes, and finished with pumpkin pie. Afterwards, most American families participate in Black

Friday celebrations. Although Thanksgiving is not celebrated in Mexico, Mexican families living in the United States, as my mother said, “adapt to the customs of the country in which they live, but with the culture and traditions of their home country.” Mexican families living in the United States, like American families, also get together to show and acknowledge their gratitude. Instead of having an intimate dinner with close family, they celebrate in a big way with music and games such as *lotería*. Mexican dishes are cooked such as *pozole*, *mole*, and *tamales*, with *guacamole* or rice as sides. To finish off the dinner, there are a variety of desserts to choose from such as *flan*, strawberries with cream, *jellies*, and *empanadas*. Like this, my family and other Mexican families manage to combine the best of both cultures in a celebration full of love and gratitude.



What upstages the turkey at your table?

Story by Ivy Finley, Staff Reporter

Every year on the fourth Thursday of November, people across the country gather with their family and friends to share gratitude and good food. But the turkey isn’t the main character of the meal. The sides are the real stars, and everyone has their personal favorite. Anyone that eats a special meal for Thanksgiving can pick their favorite side dish for many reasons such as cultural significance, a pleasant memory attached to the dish, or a simple love of food. TFN students and staff feel this way as well. Ms. Lindsay said that her favorite side dish is mac and cheese because she “has the best recipe.” Ms. R. Cook’s favorite side is collard greens because they’re a traditional soul food dish with all the same nutrients of other leafy green dishes. Ms. Olson’s favorite side dish is *tamales*. “My family makes them,” said Olson. Ms. Bartlett said that her favorite side dish is sweet potato casserole because it’s different, and she doesn’t have it often. TFN students all have

their own opinions on what side dish completes their Thanksgiving meal, but one dish seems to reign over the rest. Mac and cheese is the absolute favorite dish of multiple TFN students. Freshmen Brooklinn Curry and Dontonio Wells said that it’s the best dish. Domink Rodriguez gave a heartwarming perspective on how his favorite dish shapes his holiday. “When you go to your family’s house and the whole family is there on holiday and you see warm mac and cheese on the table with bacon bits on top of the mac and cheese, it makes you love spending time with your whole family.” Surprisingly, there is also a love of the bread options at Thanksgiving meals. Kamsi Anene’s favorite side dish is *cornbread* because “it’s sweet and savory.” Zack Wagner loves Hawaiian rolls the most, saying they are good when they’re warm. No matter what your favorite side dish is, don’t be afraid to load up on it this Thanksgiving, just leave some for your family to try too.

Ximena Gutierrez, Jefe de redacción

Muestra tu agradecimiento en este Día de Acción de Gracias Editorial

A medida que se acerca el Día de Acción de Gracias, todos pensamos en lo que vamos a comer durante la cena de Acción de Gracias. Para mí, el Día de Acción de Gracias se trata de mostrar agradecimiento a quienes han estado ahí para ti. Quiero tomarme un momento para reflexionar sobre mi recorrido en la escuela secundaria. La escuela secundaria ha sido una oportunidad increíble para mí. Es una parte enorme del crecimiento y la formación de un adulto joven. A lo largo de estos años, he tenido muchas experiencias de aprendizaje diferentes. Tengo 17 años y, gracias a todos mis compañeros y maestros, estoy lista para un nuevo capítulo en mi vida. Estoy agradecida de tener maestros como el Sr. Stephan que me ha ayudado a creer en mí misma. Gracias a su apoyo, tengo la oportunidad de usar mi voz en editoriales como estos, de hacer que mi voz se escuche y de representar a aquellos que tienen demasiado miedo de hablar. No quiero que esta reflexión se refiera solo a mí. Se trata de todos los que estamos en este viaje juntos. Todos tenemos maestros y amigos que han creído en nosotros cuando nadie más lo hizo. Es importante tomarnos un momento para agradecerles a estas personas por el gran impacto que han tenido en nuestras vidas. Al reunirnos con la familia este Día de Acción de Gracias, tomémonos un momento para reflexionar sobre nuestras propias experiencias y experiencias por las que estamos agradecidos. Seamos agradecidos por todas las lecciones que hemos aprendido y el crecimiento que hemos experimentado, así como por todas las personas que nos han ayudado a convertirnos en quienes somos. El Día de Acción de Gracias es un momento para dar gracias por todas las cosas buenas de nuestras vidas. Esto ha sido una gran ayuda para mí. Expresar cómo te sientes hacia aquellos a quienes aprecias, nos da una sensación de madurez. Así que, por favor, agradece a quienes te han ayudado a formar quién eres hoy. Esta festividad se trata de hacer que las personas se sientan apreciadas, así como de hacer saber que preparan comida increíble!

Historia de
Lizbeth Solorio, Editora

Mi Acción de Gracias Mexicana

Desde pequeña he notado que las tradiciones y costumbres que tiene mi familia mexicana no siempre coinciden con las de mis amigos y compañeros de la escuela. Cada año regresando de las vacaciones del día de acción de gracias, los pasillos y salones están llenos de la misma pregunta: "¿Qué hicieron tú y tu familia para el día de acción de gracias?" Escuchando a mis compañeros americanos contarle a los demás que celebraron en la manera más típica, y que siguen la norma me hace reflexionar en cómo mi familia y otras familias mexicanas celebran. En los Estados Unidos, el Día de Acción de Gracias es un día festivo en el que las familias se reúnen para demostrar su gratitud. Al acompañar su gratitud se cocina un gran plato de pavo asado, con acompañamiento de variedades de macarrones, hasta camotes, y se termina con pasteles de calabaza. Después, la mayoría de las familias americanas participan en las celebraciones de el viernes negro. Aunque el día de acción de gracias no es celebrado en México, las familias mexicanas que viven en los Estados Unidos, como dijo mi mamá, "Se adaptan a las costumbres del país en el que viven, pero con la cultura y tradiciones de su país".

Las familias mexicanas que viven en los Estados Unidos, como las familias americanas, también se reúnen para demostrar y reconocer su gratitud. En vez de tener una cena íntima con familia cercana, se celebra en grande con música y rondas de lotería. Se cocinan platos mexicanos como; pozole, mole, y tamales, con acompañamiento de guacamole o arroz. Para terminar la cena, hay para escoger de una variedad de postres como el flan, fresas con crema, gelatina, y empanadas. Así, mi familia y otras familias mexicanas logran combinar lo mejor de ambas culturas en una celebración llena de amor y gratitud.

Historia de
Marisol Nicasio, Editora
Traducida por
Lilly Krueger, Editora

Siendo una Votante Primeriza

Cumplí 18 años antes de las elecciones presidenciales del 5 de noviembre. Como joven de 18 años en los Estados Unidos, unas de las responsabilidades recién es votar. Al expresar tu opinión a través de las elecciones presidenciales, o cualquier elección en general, estás defendiendo lo que crees. Es importante permitir que tu voz sea escuchada, y aunque tu voto puede ser pequeño, aún podría tener un impacto no solo en ti, sino también en aquellos alrededor. Recuerdo vívidamente estar en cuarto grado experimentando mi primera elección, contando los años hasta que pudiera ser yo quien expresara mi opinión con mi papeleta. Tuve el privilegio de participar en las elecciones de este año con mi abuela de 96 años, que nació 8 años después que las mujeres tuvieron el derecho de votar. Fue un sentimiento muy especial para las dos votar juntas. Mi abuela Anne Gonzales dijo, "Se siente increíble saber que he vivido lo suficiente como para ver a una mujer de color en la papeleta. Recuerdo que tenía 18 años y sentía que mi voto no importaría solo porque era una mujer de color, así que para nuestra sociedad haber progresado tan lejos es absolutamente increíble." Aunque el candidato por el que nosotros votamos no ganó, la experiencia de votar con mi abuela fue diferente a cualquier otra.



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Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen only
All CAT/CAL English students are welcome**

Ramirez named all-conference

Story by
Gaby Barraza, Staff Reporter

The T.F. North girls varsity volleyball team ended the season with a record of 13-19 and placed 12th in the conference. They won in the first round of regionals, but sadly lost in the second round. "The season didn't go the way we wanted, and I hoped to have more wins but I'm happy about the team and how we bonded," said senior Lilly Krueger. Senior Jasmin Ramirez was named to the all-conference team. "I'm proud that time, hard work, and commitment were able to pay off and be proven by making...all-conference," said Ramirez.

McDaniel named Coach of the Year

Story by
Gaby Barraza, Staff Reporter

While the girls of the T.F. North tennis team did not win as many matches as they had hoped to, they made a lot of memories. "Tennis...was fun. I liked making new connections with new people and learning something new as I've never played tennis before," said sophomore Michelle Zaragoza. There were some individual highlights this year. At sectionals, senior Precious Agwu won the first match but sadly lost the second match. "It felt great making it [past] the first tennis round, especially with it being my first year playing singles. I really saw the improvement I made pre-season and over the past four years," said Agwu. At the end of the season, Head Coach McDaniel was recognized for his hard work and was named the SSC Coach of the Year.

Allwell leads golf team to regionals

Story by Staff Reporters
Rogelio Romero & Gaby Barraza

The T.F. North golf team had an excellent match this season against Hillcrest, winning 238-218. The team also placed 5th in their division. At the end of the season, senior Destiny Allwell placed 25th at regionals with a score of 108. Allwell also won the team's Most Valuable Player Award. Junior Christopher Lopez won the Most Improved Player Award. "When I won the most improved on the golf team, I felt relieved and sad. As knowing I improved so much is reassuring for next year, but at the same time the friends I had [who] helped me improve myself won't be able to see their hard work pay off," said Lopez. Overall they had a fun season this year. Coach Weber said, "We had a great time this season. I saw a lot of improvement, lots of laughs that will last a lifetime. It's sad that we will be losing seven seniors to graduation. We are looking to rebuild with new players. Anyone interested can see me."

Football team wins first playoff game in 22 years

Story by
Rogelio Romero, Staff Reporter

The T.F. North football team ended its season with a 7-4 record and placed fourth in conference. Winning the first-round playoff game was a historic milestone for the team. Unfortunately, they lost in the second round to Peoria. However, the loss does not detract from the great season they had. "This season is one that our players, specifically our seniors, and coaching staff should be very proud of. Not many people outside our program were expecting us to do much this season, and we proved that hard work, works! The seniors 'raised the bar' for the program moving forward. We look forward to continuing our process this offseason and will continue to work to be a program our school can be proud of. Stay North!" said Head Coach Pignatiello. The all-conference players included: seniors Jamirh Jolly, Carlos Roa, Trevon Conner, Joseph Merritt, and Derrick Sparkmen. "It's a beautiful thing. I told my father this was my season, then proved it," said Merritt. "I was shocked at first, but as time went by I felt relieved a little. This has been a goal of mine since freshman year. I am honored to have been awarded this but the job is not done. As much as I love to see my hard work pay off, there is still much more to come and much more to do. I would like to thank my coaches and my teammates for making and putting me in this position to show my greatest on the field," said Sparkman.

Boys soccer ends season at regional finals

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The boys' soccer team ended its season with an 11-5 record and placed second in the conference. The team made it to the regional finals but lost to Lincoln-Way East High School. But that doesn't take away from the good season the boys had. Assistant Coach Julian Lagunas said, "Overall we were very satisfied with the effort that the students put forth. We're excited about next year because we have a young group and young nucleus that could hopefully get over the top for the following season." The all-conference players included: seniors Oswaldo Mendoza and Omar Reyes and sophomores Angel Delgado and David Lopez. "I don't mind people hating me, because it pushes me," said Reyes. "Behind every save, there's a prayer and a promise. Every save is a step closer to my dream," added Mendoza who played goalie.

Upcoming Home Games:

November 26
Boys Bowling
T.F. North v. Argo
4:30 pm

December 3
Girl Bowling
T.F. North v. Eisenhower
4:30 pm

December 5
Boys Bowling
T.F. North v. T.F. South
4:30 pm
Girls Basketball
T.F. North v. Argo
6:45 pm

December 7
Boys Bowling Tournament
Meteor Bowling Bonanza
9:00 am

December 9
Girls Bowling
T.F. North v. Oak Forest
4:30 pm

December 10
Boys Bowling
T.F. North v. Hillcrest
4:30 pm
Boys Basketball
T. F. North v. Reavis
6:00 pm

December 12
Girls Bowling
T.F. North v. Evergreen Park
4:30 pm
Boys Basketball
T.F. North v. Evergreen Park
6:00 pm

December 13
Westling SSC Tri Meet
T.F. North v. Argo & Oak Forest
5:00 pm

December 17
Girls Bowling
T.F. North v. Lemont
4:30 pm

