

TF South's Very Own Recognized

by: Bright Akli, Managing Editor

TF South High School Librarian Gail Meyer was nominated and won the Illinois School Librarian of the Year, and will be recognized by the Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE). I had the pleasure of interviewing her this week to give TF South students and Staff a better understanding of who she is as a person and a librarian. Ms. Meyer received her undergraduate degree from the University of St. Francis and her Masters from Dominican University. She has been working at TF South for 17 years now but previously worked at the Lansing Public Library. She enjoys recommending students books/ authors based on their interests, or books they've read and are looking for something similar. She's usually spot-on with her recommendations because she has great intuition when it comes to knowing what will appeal to people's

interests. It's rewarding to her when a student comes back and tells her that they enjoyed the book. When I asked her what her goals for the future were, she said she would like for all schools to have a librarian. Currently, she is also working with a lobbyist to get librarians in all schools in Illinois. Meyer says "I want to create awareness to other district administrators and school boards to see the importance of school librarians." When I asked Meyer whether she was surprised to win the Librarian of the Year award she said she didn't even know she was nominated and was amazed that she was chosen from such an expansive pool of people. A question I'm sure most readers and librarians get is "What is your favorite book/author?" She found this question quite difficult; understandably so. She says "I read a 100 books every year, so it varies" However she tells

me some of her favorite genres are True Crime & Thriller. Personally, Meyer's has impacted me in such a positive way and I'm sure others share that same sentiment. I encourage all staff and students to go down to the library and congratulate Meyer for her astounding achievement.



An Interview with Miss Alcantar

by: Jaylensia Rhea

Introduction: Former TFS Valedictorian and new Spanish teacher Blanca Alcantar likes to be energetic, loves teaching and for her it is the best job ever. She really loves coming to work and loves her students. Alcantar knew from a young age that she wanted to be a teacher. She was heavily influenced by her teachers who helped her make the decision. She admired them and thought "I want to be like them one day." Shout out to the teachers who inspired her Mr. Tiffy, Mr. Berridge, Mr. Jones, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Shell. During her time as a student here she really enjoyed the school environment, there were great teachers and her friends were good people, which she really liked hanging out with in high school. Alcantar homecoming had dancing and she had a good time with her friends and her prom's theme was a starlight night and her prom t-shirt had such a sick design she wore it throughout

her college days every now and then. Overall her attendance at Thornton Fractional South was one with a big impact and respects the school a lot. Further more Alcantar came back to T.F.S because of her positive influences her old teachers were very interactive and encouraged her mindset, she would like to give back to the school that had did so much for her as a student and what better way is that then becoming a teacher at her old school! Teaching here at Thornton Fractional was everything she thought it would be. She surely enjoys it and goes on to say "everyday is a new beginning." During the first year of teaching Alcantar says everyone thinks "am I ready to teach" but in the end as a teacher she learns everyday in her profession and wouldn't have it any other way.

Interview Questions

Question: What is one thing you like about teaching?

An: Something new happens everyday, relieving for a fresh start, and she learns a lot from her students as well.

Questions: What do you not like about teaching?

An: Having a lot of students and six periods it is constant grading.

Question: What is your goal for this school year?

An: Being involved in the school, establishing herself and further growing her teaching style and enjoying what she loves.

Question: is there a curriculum for teaching?

An: They have a lot of flexibility and liberties when it comes to activities, or the style they would like to teach it in, they also share activities they do which is cool for teachers and the curriculum



gives good guidance.

Question: What do you think teachers like most about teaching?

An: I believe what teachers like most about teaching is the students.

Question: What was it like working hard to become Valedictorian?

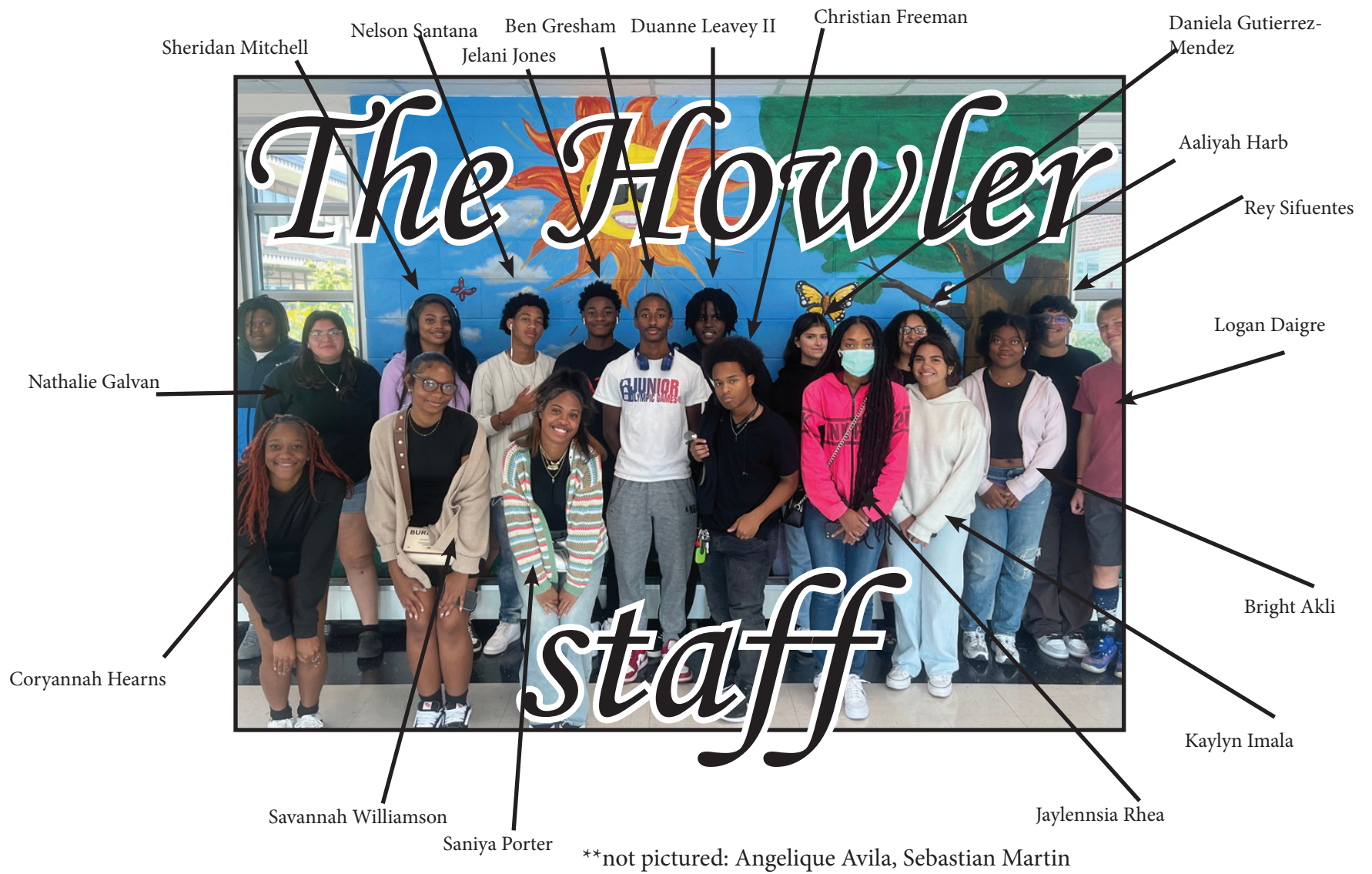
An: It was hard but it was good work, I had to stay well rounded so I was involved in clubs and kept my grades up.

Question: What would you say to other students that wanted to become Valedictorian?

An: You should be involved in clubs and have a good balance with school activities and friends. When I was working to become Valedictorian in high school, I was very obsessed with the idea and it took over my life. One thing I regretted was not being more involved with my friends and being more of a teenager, though I believe I tried my best at the time.



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Final Exam Schedule

Day 1 – Wednesday, Dec. 18th

- Period 1 8:25 – 9:35 am
- Period 2 9:40 – 10:50 am
- Period 0 (EB) 10: 55 – 12:05 pm
- Make-Up 12:10 – 1:10 pm (Students must arrange own transportation.)

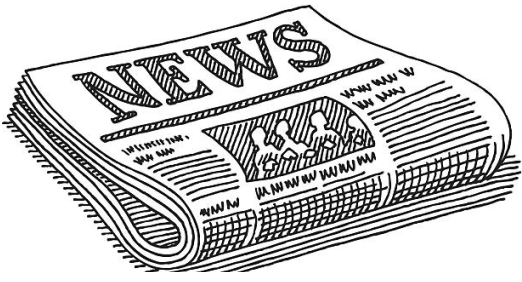
Day 2 – Thursday, Dec. 19th

- Period 5 8:25 – 9:35 am
- Period 7 9:40 – 10:50 am
- Period 6 10:55 – 12:05 pm
- Make-Up 12:10 – 1:10 pm (Students must arrange own transportation.)

Day 3 – Friday, Dec. 20th

- Period 3 8:25 – 9:35 am
- Period 4 9:40 – 10:50 am
- Make-Up 10:55 – 11:55 pm (Students must arrange own transportation.)
- Make-Up 12:00 – 1:00 pm (Students must arrange own transportation.)

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A frightening field trip

by: Jelani Jones, News Writer

On October 1, the TF South senior student council released details for this year's senior class Fright Fest field trip. They did so by uploading a post on their public instagram page. Considering it's a senior class trip, the event is for seniors only. In the post, there's information about the trip. This includes the date of the trip, the time of departure from the school, the time of the return, the price of the admission and haunted attractions, where and when seniors must pay. The event will take place at Six Flags

Great America theme park in Gurnee, Illinois on Saturday of October 12. The bus(es) will be leaving TF South at 2pm and will be returning at 10pm. The price of admission and haunted attractions is 78 dollars and must be paid on GoFan by October 10th, or else seniors won't be able to go.

On October 12th, seniors of TF South finally came together for the awaited event. They all met up in the lobby of the front entrance area of the school. As students kept arriving at the

school, they were expected to download an app while on the trip. The name of the app was groupme, an app where students could stay in touch with each other and the chaperones that also attended the trip. The students split into groups, based on which of the three buses they took with a certain chaperone. They left the school at 2 pm and didn't arrive at the theme park until 4 pm. After finally finding a parking space for the buses, the students and chaperones entered the park, where students began

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and chaperones entered the park, where students began going their separate ways throughout the park. While expecting to get on rides and have fun, those hopes were short lived as it began pouring down rain for 20-30 minutes, resulting in the park shutting down all rides until further notice. Some students continued waiting in line, others left to find something else to keep themselves occupied. After the rain ceased, the park began running only certain rides again. As time went on, more rides

opened up until eventually, almost every ride was up and running again. Also considering the trip is for the park's Fright fest, when it got dark outside later on, workers dressed as horrifying figures such as zombies, clowns, vampires, demons, and other monsters with fake weapons and fake chainsaws started walking around the park, as fake fog was sprayed and spread around the area. These figures walked amongst the crowded areas of people scaring them, making them scream and run away.

While some students had a lot of fun, others weren't able to have as much. This was due to an inconvenience that left some students with flash passes and others without them, even though they were all supposed to receive them. Students were also supposed to receive wristbands so that they may be able to attend the haunted attractions the theme park had to offer, but due to some students not getting that either, they weren't able to attend. When the time came to leave, many stu-

dents complained about not being able to do or get on that many rides. Some students even complained about not being able to get on any rides at all. Also due to the weather conditions and waiting because of rides closing, not all students enjoyed themselves as much as others. Overall, only some students somewhat enjoyed their time at the park.



Senior Trip to Six Flags Fright Fest was ruined by Rain and Ride Closures

The eagerly awaited senior trip to Six Flags Fright Fest for TF South was supposed to be an fun and exciting evening, but it sadly fell short of expectations due to rain and ride closures. Instead of the thrilling experiences they had hoped for, the students faced rainy weather that dampened their spirits.

Arriving at Six Flags, the air was filled with the enticing aromas of funnel cake and popcorn, along with distant sounds of laughter and joyful screams. However, their excitement quickly turned to disappointment as they encountered closed attractions and hard rain. Many of the rides that were meant to be the highlights of their night stood idle, drenched and

deserted, while the few indoor options were met with long lines that seemed never-ending. Seeking refuge from the rain, many seniors gathered under restaurant roofs, trying to find comfort in each other's company, but the eerie atmosphere of the park only amplified their frustration. The spooky decorations and haunting music, which typically hinted at thrilling adventures, became reminders of the fun they were missing out on. What was meant to be a memorable night transformed into a bittersweet moment in their senior year, filled with reflections on missed chances amidst the downpour. According to Bright Akli, a senior who attended the trip, she described it as "fun but disappointing". Her and her friends went, but her friend Aaliyah Harb unfortunately had to pay

for two tickets due to her ticket not working upon arrival. She emailed Ms. Palmer-Reed, the leader of the event, and she did not respond. Aaliyah unfortunately has not received any type of refund or accommodation around the \$150 she spent in total. Saniya Porter, another senior who attended the trip, said that she would not recommend the experience to anyone. She explained how the rain ruined the trip and hopes that the next trip, at Top Golf, is better.

- Savannah Williamson



Sour candy good and bad side effects

by: Nathalie Galvan, Staff Writer

Personally, I love sour candy, it tastes really good. These are the top 4 favorite sour candies that people like to eat. One is toxic water ultra sour candy which is number one. The reason it is number one is because it is super sour, and they were pleasantly surprised by how much it made them stamp their feet. However, they also said that it burned their mouth and that the black cherry flavor had a chemical aftertaste. The second favorite is warheads. The flavors are good and sour, and they taste great. However, they also said that it kills your throat and tongue after you have like ¾'s of a bottle. The third favorite sour patch

kid. It is a perfect balance of sour and sweet flavors. Each gummy starts with a burst of tangy sourness that quickly transitions into a sweet, fruity finish, creating a taste experience that is both exciting and satisfying. But it has tooth enamel and gum health with that. The four favorite is sour strips, they can provide a quick energy boost, useful athletes or during intense physical activity. The bad effect for sour strips is it can consume too much sugar and can lead to weight gain, tooth decay, and increased risk of chronic diseases like diabetes. some sour strips hold artificial colors, flavors, and preservatives that may cause allergic reactions in sensitive individuals.

Some people report that sour candy can help distract them from anxious thoughts, but there is no scientific evidence to support this. Relying on sour candy to relieve anxiety can also lead to other issues, such as consuming too much sugar or masking the root cause of anxiety. Sour candy can be appealing because it comes in bright colors and a variety of fruit flavors. The tooth damage they have is acids in sour candy can damage tooth enamel which can lead to tooth sensitivity, discoloration, decay, and other



issues. Tongue damage with sour candy can damage the top layer of skin on your tongue, causing it to feel raw and sensitive. In extreme cases, it can also cause mouth blisters and damage your taste buds. Sour candies can help with

nausea because they have citric acid and vitamin B, which can soothe the stomach. Sour candies may hold amino acids that can help with digestion.

Halloween is cool!

by: Saniya Porter, Features Writer

Halloween is coming up and you what that means!! One of the most enjoyable aspects is the opportunity to dress up in many different costumes such as Cartoon characters and more. Halloween is celebrated on October 31st. This holiday is very rich in history and traditions it happens in one of the most beautiful months. Fall, who doesn't love fall with the leaves falling and changing leaf colors you can dress really comfy I just love it. Halloween is a good way to hang out with friends and family and the activities that goes on during this month are so fun like going to a haunted house, fall festival, carving pump-

kins going apple picking and more. If you love scary movies this is the season for you this is a great time to invite your friends or family or to have a movie night with different halloween snacks. Halloween is a time of a year that brings out creativity and fun people of all ages this tradition allows people to express themselves in unique ways and often lead to lively costume parties and contest the thrill of transforming into something or someone else even if it's just for a night adds layers of excitement and anticipation of the festivities. Another fun element of Halloween is the tradition of trick or treating children

and adults alike take the streets going door to door in their neighborhood to collect candy and treats. The sense of community that this activity fosters is heartwarming as neighbors to decorate their homes and welcome trick or treaters with smiles and sweet treats. Additionally many communities host haunted house, pumpkin carving contests and halloween themed events that brings people together to celebrate these activities not only provide entertainment but also creates long lasting memories I feel as if halloween is a really fun and interesting holiday that you would



remember forever did you know that halloween was found over 2,000 years ago in Ireland. The Celts marked November 1st as the beginning of a new year and they believed after that the night after boundary between the living and the dead so don't be scared let's go trick or treat and have fun.



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BEETLEJUICE vs. BEETLEJUICE 2: Revisiting The Ghost With The Most by: Aaliyah Harb, Managing Editor

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice is sequel or reboot of the original Beetlejuice movie made in 1988. Three generations of the Deetz family return home to Winter River after an unexpected family tragedy. Still haunted by Beetlejuice, Lydia's life soon gets turned upside down when her rebellious teenage daughter discovers a mysterious portal to the afterlife. Like in the original when someone says Beetlejuice's name three times, he returns gleefully ready to unleash his very own brand of mayhem. This modern take on the cult classic would need to live up to the quirky, gothic charm of Tim Burton's original while introducing new twists for today's audience. A key element of any Beetlejuice reboot would be maintaining the dark

humor that defined the original. The irrelevant tone and Beetlejuice's chaotic personality, played by Michael Keaton, would need to be preserved in which it was. I do feel like the addition of a more modern theme and or story line made the movie sort of boring and a little childish. I did not have the same experience and or reaction watching this movie as I did watching the original. One thing I really liked was that most of the main characters stayed



in this film being Lydia

Deetz, played by Winona Ryder, Deila Deetz, played by Catherine O'Hara,

and of course Beetlejuice, played by Michael Keaton. Something I was not expecting though was the amount of French spoken within this movie as there was little to no French in the original. Beetlejuice, the 1988 classic directed by Tim Burton, is a darkly comedic piece that has cemented itself in pop culture for its quirky characters, gothic visuals, and memorable performances. Micheal Keaton stars as the "bio-exorcist" Beetlejuice, a chaotic and eccentric ghost summoned by a recently deceased couple, Adam and Barbra, played by Alec Baldwin and Geena Davis, to rid their house of its new human inhabitants. Burton's signature style shines

through in the macabre yet whimsical tones, blending horror elements with humor in a way that was both refreshing and innovative at the time. Most remakes and or continuations of older films are not always good but Beetlejuice Beetlejuice makes an exception to this. Although I enjoyed both films I personally prefer to just stick to the original film because I feel like no matter what they add or who they cast they can never take away the effect the original film had on me when I first watched it.



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7 PM to 9 PM (Friday and Sat.)

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Cost: \$5 adults; \$2 students or seniors

Calendar: South-Main

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A Book That Bites Back

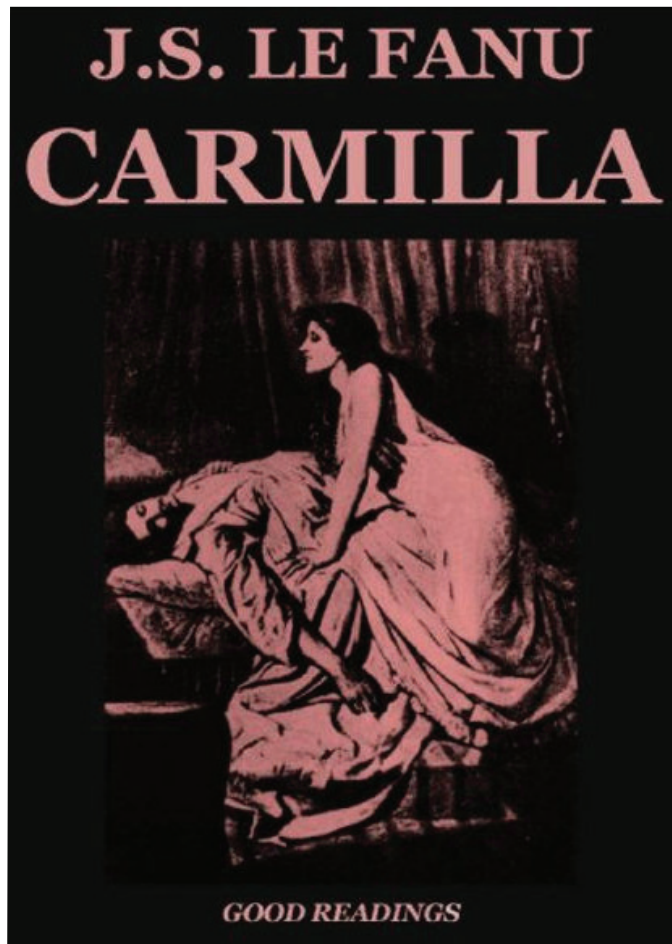
by: Angelique Avila, Review Writer

Carmilla is an under-rated gothic classic that I would claim is essential for all book lovers to read. As the days get colder and we near the turning point in the season, Carmilla is one of those books that I always seem to find myself picking up. A gothic vampire novella by Sherdian le Fanu published in (1872). The story follows a young Laura. A beautiful strong willed young woman that lives isolated with her father in a desolate castle in the austrian moors .When on a seemingly quite night a horse drawn carriage crashes near the castle carrying the tantalizing mysterious Carmilla. Without a warning Laura's life is invaded by Carmilla. As Carmilla stays with the family laura's health begins to decline quite rapidly. Claiming to hear the voice of her long gone mother and visions of a large black cat creeping in at night. While Laura grows

more ill so does the surrounding town. Many towns people have come up dead or have fallen under some strange sickness Could this strange visitor be the cause? Are Carmilla and Laura really in love?. Why is laura so drawn to Carmilla? have they met before? Published approximately 25 years prior to the more notable Bram Stoker's Dracula. Carmilla is a grim tragedy riddled with beautiful detailing and quite the progressive book for the time. Although greatly adore this book I will be taking a point off for being a product of its time. with strange and question-

able circumstances and wording by Le Fanu. I also don't believe Le Fanu was a

Fanu has truly created an iconic feminist classic. As you may know (1872) was



not the best time for women and, especially same-sex romance in any regard. So Carmilla has stood the test of time. and has gained quite the cult following. with only spanning about 160 pages Carmilla is definitely a book that bites back. Now if the short read leaves you wanting more well I have come prepared. Interview With a Vampire by Anne Rice is another on my list. A modern take on the toxic queer

movie starring Brad Pitt and a very young Kirsten dunst. And lastly if you are looking for more of that scary thrill Ghost by Edith Warren a collection of short stories that you won't regret picking up. The first story in particular will leave you with a cold chill down your spine. Overall carmilla is a book I will never not rave about And I truly believe you will enjoy it as much as I did. And lucky for you Carmilla is considered public domain so you can access the story 100% free with a quick google search. And who doesn't like a free read? I will be giving Carmilla a solid four out of five howls! Definitely one you can sink your teeth into this fall!

feminist or an advocate for LGBTQ rights in any sense. Even if unintentionally, Le

love that Carmilla seems to have going on. While also being accompanied by a

A Horror To Watch: The BEARable Sequel.

by: Logan Daigre, Head Designer

My arch nemesis, of Winnie the Pooh from Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey got a very unwanted sequel, and as I was watching it, I found myself paying attention to the film. It wasn't as awful as its predecessor. It follows Pooh's gang as they decide they no longer want to live in the forest. The killing is no longer good there. Instead, they go to Ashdown, Christopher Robin's childhood town. Now for the plot, Christopher Robin returned to Ashdown because he's stupid and thought it would be safe, and he could find help. He thinks this DESPITE it being the only place that Winnie the Pooh would know where to find him. Also, a big improvement is that the movie includes

Tigger. Tigger was absent last year due to not being in the public domain. The budget has quintupled the budget of the original, and the quality of the movie shows it. A lot of the same actors return for their roles, and now they can show their pretty decent acting chops. The writing is still corny, but it is a massive improvement compared to the 2023 film. Though all of this is true, I still wouldn't

recommend this movie.



tremely low. All I can say about this film is that it is watchable with a few pretty decent scenes. The first movie was unwatchable, and its sequel is barely passable. The film is hard to take seriously because of the prosthetics used for the animals. While the masks look fantastic, seeing human eyes on a pig's face is unsettling and removes the suspension of belief. More often than not it is distracting and takes me out of a movie that already lacks every sort of immersion. If you want to watch an actual

scary slasher film, watch the Terrifier films. Do not waste your time on either of the awful Winnie the Pooh films, or any of the movies in the Poohverse. That's right! They think these awful movies deserve their own film universe. Some upcoming movies are Pinocchio, Peter Pan, and Bambi, before colliding them all, making the Poohniverse movie, the equivalent of the Avengers. I have hope for these movies though, as it seems like they will use these movies to be the Kick-*** of horror. A satirical comedy about the state of the horror genre. Overall, I would give Winnie the Pooh: Blood and Honey 2 a 3/10 Howls.

While it is an improvement, the bar was ex-



Crashbox: Innovative and Creative

by: Christian Freeman, Managing Editor

Crashbox was an educational children's TV show released on HBO Family in February 1999. Eamon Harrington and John Watkin Created the second show on HBO Family that would be focused on educational skits, with the first being called "Brain Games". This show has inspired many creative children to work on their own projects. Crashbox is responsible for making some kids better at adaptive problem solving, visual pattern recognition, math and many more subjects. This gem of the past is and should have been an undeniable staple of television for children. Given it the right treatment and attention it could have made a breakthrough in how children learned. Watching this show growing up felt like a fever dream, embedding itself into my subconscious and giving me a knack for riddles, problem solving and many other skills. Infact, one of the seg-

ments on this show, Detective Verity, made me fall in love with the detective style of storytelling and various noirs. Along with a variety of "games" consisting of educational properties, the show constantly switched art styles, some to puppet, dolls to jumpy animation and even live action. However, the most used style of the series is stop motion robotic figures. With the segment called "Professor rocket" and the entire show's background theme, these robots are made from various forms of scrap and models to look rustic but still functional. The main colors of the show consisted of Computer Green and Rustic Orange, they blended together to make a great visual experience, even outside of the game. There isn't quite lore to Crashbox, but rather the entire plot centers around a steampunk computer landing on top of a sleeping brain. The robots play the

"edutainment" games that are the skits of the show. For a very simple and fun premise, the symbolism of the intro is a respectable statement. The brain sleeping represents that during those times and times before people believed that television was rotting people's brains, even worse that people just weren't using them. Crashbox decided to put the statement on shout by announcing themselves as the solution, and all within the span of a few seconds. The added "Realism" to the show is the fact that in between games, the robots continue to work, have breaks and even fix malfunctions. Finally at the end of every episode, a robot is there to close the "Facility". Making this show feel relatable to a 9-5 job, while still being wacky and fun. Various segments include Professor Rocket's rockin' math, which follows the player trying to figure out a math equation, but

the numbers will be a group of things. Like double the amount of kittens in a litter times the amount of baseplates a baseball field has. Captain Bob's sub, where you have to find something in common with three different objects, like a bride, a telephone and jupiter. Which would be Ring. They all have rings. Other games like Paige and Sage: Which is a spot the difference game, Sketch-pad which would have the story end in a crazy way, such as twins with one committing a crime, both of them going to court, and neither of them being sent to jail. The reason for this would be because they were conjoined twins. Haunted house parties which would make silhouettes have talks about a ghost's former life, which would give clues in clever conversation as to who they were, such as the great houdini. Many more games on crashbox were shown, and some were very

challenging, but TV shows like this surely would have some kind of inverse affect to children's attention span right? Incorrect. The show actually had a segment dedicated to this called "Distraction news". Where the news anchor would talk about a subject such as tornadoes, make details in her report, but distractions would come in the filming set in order to try and distract the player/ viewer from what they learned. Crashbox held the attention of me and any other kid who watched it and to this day is a very good tool to teach children and just a fun game show all together. Children who've watched it once keep asking for it when they realize it's like a video game, and are unknowingly building up skills with their minds. A product of its time, Crashbox was innovated, especially for TV standards.

Speak No Evil showcases great performance

by: Duanne Leavey II, Review Writer

I watched Speak No Evil and it was chilling. Speak No Evil is a movie set in the world of today.

The main protagonists of the movie are an American couple Louise and Ben played by (Scoot McNairy) and (Makenzie Davis) and their daughter Agnes who is played by (Alix West Lefler) who go on vacation and meet an interesting couple Paddy and Ciara who are played by (James Mcavoy) and (Aisling Franciosi) and their son Ant (Dan Hough). While on va-

cation Louise and Ben befriend Paddy and Ciara, and they have a fun time together. After their vacation is over Louise, Ben, and Agnes head back to London to lead their normal lives. One night when Ben and Louise are talking they get a letter in the mail from Paddy and Ciara who invites them to spend the holiday with them at their house. They agree and drive to Paddy and Ciara's house where they greet each other with open arms. During their time there Louise starts to feel uncomfortable

around the couple, and tries telling Ben but he reassures her that there's nothing to worry about.

Little do they know that there's a secret that Paddy and Ciara are hiding from them. I really enjoyed this, down to the great performance from James Mcavoy, and everyone else in this movie. This movie also makes you uncomfortable as you get further into the story. If you enjoy "Speak No Evil" then I would recommend "Get Out" a horror movie directed by Jordan Peele which also will make



you uncomfortable, and leave you shocked.

Rating: 8.5/10



Classic Fight Jon Jones vs Dominick Reyes

by: Sebastian Martin, Sports Writer

This fight took place in 2019 a year before covid. Even though Jon Jones was my favorite UFC fighter at this time I have to admit he lost this fight with Dominick. Jon is an amazing fighter but during this fight it's like he was pressured the whole time. Dominick constantly pressures Jon and keeps him guessing. The 2nd round starts and Jon starts to understand how to attack Reyes and continue to fight. Reyes mixes his attacks up with feints, punches, and leg kicks. The key that almost every fighter and spectator understands is that in order to break Jon down is to attack his lower body, in other words his legs.

Jon has great kicks and uses his range very well. He is also a fantastic wrestler so if his opponents progressively attack his legs they have more of a chance to damage him and even win the fight. Jon also understands this tactic and also attacks Reyes's legs as well and sets them up with follow up attacks. From the 2nd round on both Jones and Reyes use leg kicks to follow them up with punches, head kicks, and other attacks. Reyes does a great job keeping Jones on defense learning from his experience and learning how Jon fights, this fight was the toughest fight Jones had. When the 4th round starts Jones starts to wrestle Reyes but Reyes was able to get back up with ease using his skills and being explosive even being tired.

Reyes starts to get tired at the start of the 4th round not being used to champion rounds and from Jones using his grappling skills on Reyes. Jones is used to these rounds and paces himself to continue to break Reyes down. Jones keeps going for double legs on Reyes and gets them but Reyes stays strong and escapes. Jones sticks to kicking Reyes who is tired and drained from the last few rounds. Jones goes for the body trying to put Reyes out knowing that he's tired. With the experience that Jon has from his fights and defending his belt being in champion rounds he knows what he needs to do in order to last and win his fights and you know it when seeing him fight in later rounds. The last round ends and ends with a split decision, "And still!"

Jon had the scores of 12, 21, 19, 19, and 25. Reyes had scores of 21, 27, 23, 14, and 18. Many believe that the fight was rigged for Jones to win and that Reyes should have won because of his performance and scores. Even though Jones was my favorite fighter at the time I believed them thinking that it wasn't right that Reyes didn't win. Other than all of that I think it was a good fight giving Jon a real challenge and seeing him on the defense. This would be his last fight before covid and taking a few years off in order to move up to heavyweight.



DragonBall Sparking Zero

by: Nelson Santana, Review Writer

A new game has hit the market and has caught the attention of thousands, if not millions, of DragonBall fans.

The game is called DragonBall: Sparking Zero made by a Japanese game development company called Spike Chunsoft. This game was on the radar of many fans of the DragonBall manga and anime series and have been waiting for this game for many years until October 11th, the day it was finally released. This game was all over social media such as tik tok, twitter, instagram, and you-

tube, completely taking over many people's timelines.

Upon its release, the game managed to get over 91,005 players over 24 hours of the game's release, selling over 3 million copies of the game. It is currently out on Playstation 5, Xbox X|S, and Pc via steam with the price currently being at \$70.

This game's popularity was expected due to such high hopes and desires for it and it surely did not disappoint with its engaging story and great

gameplay. Some believe that Sparking Zero has a chance to win game of the year but there are many other games that



could claim that title, games such as Black Myth Wukong, Sonic X Shadow Generations, Silent Hill 2 remake, and many more games that have been released this year that gained a good amount of popularity.

Created by Akira Toriyama in 1984, inspired by the Chinese literary figure Sun Wukong, DragonBall

became overwhelmingly popular across the world and became very iconic with its characters and the very things they do in the manga and the show. This popularity over the years increased and is no wonder why so many

people have been waiting for this game to be released after hearing so much hype about it. Over 70+ DragonBall games were released before this and with Sparking Zero's success, leaves room for many more to be made in the future and to be enjoyed by millions.



Kicking out the season with Goals in Mind

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As the TF United Boys Soccer season is coming to an end, the boys have begun to reflect on their sportsmanship and their accomplishments throughout the season. The soccer team is united with players on Junior Varsity and Varsity from TF South and TF North. With the transition of summer to fall, the boys have completed many games and went through practices that they were able to reminisce on. Now that it is the end of the season, I have interviewed three players of the Varsity team which are senior Daniel Gonzalez, junior Joaquin Terrazas, and senior Alex Sempungu. When asked, "what is something you learned this season?" Daniel replied with "I think teamwork was something big that we got to learn and working with sophomores since most of our team is full of the younger group of sophomores this year. Joaquin stated that he learned to "accept change and to

evolve as a player on and off the field. Alex said that he learned "the full meaning of putting in the extra work to go 100 percent and going beyond his mental and physical capacities. When on a sports team, we learn that we end up growing as a person when we don't even realize it because of the connections that we make and the fact that we have people to bond with. Because playing on a team can be beneficial to our development, a meaningful question that was asked was "As the season is coming to an end, how have you improved as a person and as a player?" The response from Daniel was "leadership was something big and since I'm a senior, I had to learn how to contribute to the leadership role to help my team. Alex said "as a person, I learned to acquire certain habits that make me a better player like going to bed on time for my health and as a player, I have become more comfortable with my teammates

and I used to fear of making mistakes like a bad past but now I don't fear that because it's okay to make mistakes." Although it may seem easy from the outside, balancing school and sports as a student-athlete takes patience and time to do. A lot of people learn to adjust their schedules and try to find time to complete their homework before going to practice or games but it is still something that may be difficult to adjust to. Since the three boys are upperclassmen, I asked, "What strategies do you use to balance school and sports?" Alex said "I work ahead so I have more time if I know this practice is going to be long or this game is going to end late." Daniel said that he "mostly does his work at school instead of at home". Joaquin stated that "Athletes just need that little boost to get them ready for their game and a certain mood they want to be in and most of the time, it's music. The boys were asked what type of music or song

they listen to so they can lock in and get in the mood and what was their favorite memory this entire season. Alex responded with, "I usually listen to Brazilian funk since a lot of soccer players are connected with that and I'd say doing rondos together at practice and just seeing everybody smile and having fun together". Joaquin said "it really depends on the games. For big playoff games, I like to listen to calm music like Beatles, but just for other games, Hollywood by Estevan Plazola and Peso Pluma" one of his favorite memories this season "had to be the Marist game in the playoffs, and scoring 3 with a comeback felt really good". Daniel stated that he listens to "mostly rap, specifically Fein by Travis Scott and Playboi Carti" and his favorite memory is "making it to regional finals". To conclude, the team really showed out this season and although there may be downfalls, getting back up

is what is most important as a team and as a person



Football Senior Night: Not a goodbye but a celebration

The example of a beautiful senior night was the example of an amazing experience for other people as well with the football team the dance team and the cheerleaders having an amazing senior night showing the support of all the friends and family being there. Having them being an opportunity for having one of the last nights for our seniors sending them off with a bag and letting them have the best of memories of their family and also having a big impact from it as well. The start of the senior night was the introduction of all of the seniors of all of the sports. Starting off with Christian Streeter and his beloved family following along with the rest of

the athletes going to it as well. Then the games begins starts off with the Red Wolves having a battle with Reavis in the first half with both teams scoring back to back in the first half. Also hitting a field goal with the first half as well to bring the score to 10-7 then in the next half the red wolves taking over as the score 2 more touchdowns to extend the lead to 22-7 Reavis continued to push forward but it wasn't enough as the Red Wolves held the lead to 22-17. Over all the game was amazing but the performance from the cheerleaders and the dance teams were very unique as they both had a special performance from both senior teams to make more

memories with their friends on the team and with their families getting to see them grow. Over all this was a very exciting and insuring experience to all of the family, athletes and even the coaches feel some type of way seeing the seniors that were just freshmen on the team that didn't know any better to the amazing seniors showing their growth and passion for the sport and with each moment and time with it their connection grows and helps with them along the way to go in college and do what they want to do for collage. Seeing everyone leave and having the love for the sport. It can be shown from the tears that were shown and having an amazing season for the of course this will never be

the end for them because it is not the end of the school year but the opportunity for everyone and the experience that they will have will be amazing. Thank you once again Red Wolves and always stay amazing.



Senior Sunrise

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On September 25, 2024, the senior class of TF South joined together to watch the sunrise. The weather was chilly, however, perfect to get cozy in the blankets and have conversations with classmates. The Senior Class sponsored this event, giving out snacks, beverages, and fun activities to do with each other. Gianna Murabito and Ayana Haynes, seniors of TF South, state, "Super fun activities to do with my friends!" and "It was very nice, a great way for the class to connect with each other with pictures and being in each other's company." This year, TF South has experienced more school spirit regarding participation in events, dressing up for spirit weeks, and cheering on the TF South Football Team. Many clubs such as, Student Council, Pep Club, Senior Class,

and Senior Ambassadors, are uniting to make each year improve with spirit and happiness among the classes. Benjamin Gresham, a senior, expresses his feeling towards the effort the clubs have put in towards the Senior Class, "It connected the class a lot more and made us grow stronger as a class." As well as, Murabito, states, "There's people I have talked to during senior sunrise that I hadn't before. It brought everyone together!" During the last year of the high school experience, students tend to want to open their circle of friends and meet other students, with these events, it allows that to happen. Many seniors gave recommendations for upcoming events such as a senior sunset. Murabito and Haynes say, "We should definitely continue

to do senior sunrises as a tradition" adding, "I think it would be really cute to end the year with a senior sunset. A bittersweet way to close our senior year!" This event positively impacted students of TF South and allowed bonding time among all of the different friend groups. The seniors are excited for graduation and following their dreams; however, they're truly excited to close their year with exciting events that they will never forget.



Senioritis in 2024-2025

Each year there is a new class of seniors which also means another class of senioritis. Senioritis is said to be decreased motivation for education felt by students who are usually in their last year of high school or college career. Senioritis is caused by something, but something is causing this. Your trying to figure out what you want to do after high school is very hard and overwhelming and not knowing what you want to do can stress you out. You are almost at the finish line and then there's a sudden drop in grades, procrastination with completing assignments, and loss of interest in studies. It also includes having trouble getting out the bed for school, and skipping/missing school.

It's also said that senioritis will also affect the quality of your work, which will be poor. The ideal start time for senioritis is after spring break in the months of April and May which are months near the end of the school year. Students now are feeling the heat and we are only in October. Students were asked about their feelings on senioritis and how they are already being affected by it. "Not yet, but I do feel it coming because I am starting to lose motivation I just want to be done." said Senior Nyrobi Moore. Since school is going into it's second month this is where things begin to get serious and the assignments begin to triple. The quarter ends and the next thing you know it's time to take your final ex-

ams. But students aren't the only ones who will experience senioritis. Students are feeling the heat of the moment with how difficult the work is becoming and what needs to get done. Teachers are also feeling the same way, noticing changes within their students referring to their work ethic and noticing more increases in missing assignments. Teachers are also helping students prepare for this ultimate transition from high school to college. This can create a disconnect between the student and teacher because it can begin affecting the teacher's way of teaching. Students are recommended to take breaks and enjoy themselves. Senior year isn't just about school work this year is supposed to be your last year and enjoying your-

self, but making sure your school work is handled is also a main responsibility. Identifying your goals is also important, it will give you something to work for and also give you something to motivate you to start completing your work so you can finish and be done with high school.

