

Last ride for Coach Padjen

by: Ben Gresham, Managing Editor

This last game of the football season we celebrate and we mourn the retirement of head coach of the TF South football team Bob Padjen. He has been a coach at TF South for so very long he has been coaching for 44 years and everyone was very emotional and very sad that Coach Padjen is retiring. With a record of 234-160 and having 21 appearances in the playoffs, Padjen has produced a stellar career. A lot of the athletes that were under him say he was an amazing coach and a really amazing teacher for some of the students at South, showing how to be a role model and leading the future role models of South

to a great education. I asked Robert Shell, the offensive coordinator for the team and also a former player under coach Padjen said, "there were a lot of highs and lows of seeing him retire and how he impacted this team. Of course it was a matter of time but in all that time he has inspired a lot of talented players to strive and be the best that they can be on and off the field." His experience that led his team to so many playoffs inspired athletes and inspired them to do bigger and better things. Him leaving the league, like his brother did, will leave an impact on South as a school during the times of losing. It is amazing

how he impacted the whole TF South Community. And it was shown during his last game, the game was emotional and it was impactful for the team. TFS celebrated all of the past players that did amazing things for TF South as well and adding some of them to the wall of fame. During the celebration of Coach Padjen's career-players were emotional and the coaches were as well. After all of his hard work, Padjen will be able to sit and rest from the game after 44 years of coaching and playing football. Padjen summed up his feelings in his post-game speech, as he said "I love coaching for this team and thank you for



the memories," showing the love, compassion, and the many years he has dedicated to the sport.

Meet our New Principal,

by: Savannah Williamson, News Writer

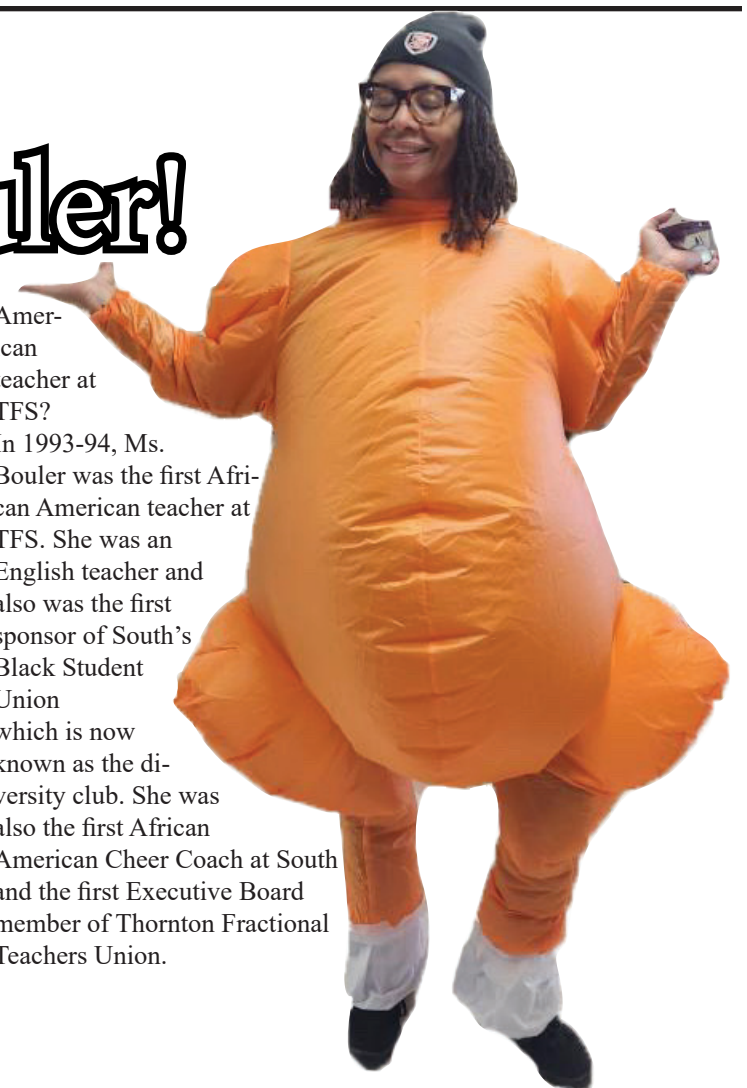
Recently, I interviewed TFS's new principal, and as a student of TFS my experience was amazing meeting her! To give a bit of a background, she explained how she was at TFN for two years and how she worked in education for over 30 years. As she was deciding to end her career and was already one step out the door of doing so, she received a special offer... to be a principal at TFS! She described it as being an offer she could not decline as she knew it would be a great way to end her career. She said that she was excited as her vision is to change the perception and reputation of TF South's pride of being a Red Wolf. She explained how school spirit is very important in high school, as it gives another reason why students would be excited to come to school. Her vision includes having yard signs for parents, an updated mascot, to bring back old school pep rallies, and more. I am a senior, and I have personally noticed a huge boost in school spirit from

any other year I've spent at TFS. To boost school spirit, it is heavily encouraged to wear our school color red on Fridays, to wear free TFS temporary tattoos, and I've noticed that there is a lot more school merch available! We recently had two pep rallies, they were like none I've experienced before. There was music, games, performances, and more! Earlier this school year, our football team played our rival, TF North. We had a pep rally the day of and it was so much fun! My personal highlight of the rally was when the principal of TF North, Mr. Rucinski came to visit. Both principals of TFS and TFN competed in a contest which included basketball, jump rope, and more. It was a very funny and creative way to bring friendly yet competitive school pride and excitement! Another pep rally we had, was an old fashioned style battle of the classes. Everyone came to the Red Gym, where each class was split up into four. A few

Ms. Boulter!

people from each class competed in different contests, such as a free throw contest, a football throwing contest, a hula hoop contest, and more! There were also karaoke and dancing contests where everyone was able to participate from their seats. In the end, Ms. Boulter believes that "High school is a place to make positive memories, to become successful academically, and socially." She noted that positive feedback from students, especially seniors, has boosted school spirit during their final year of high school and motivates her to continue. Also, she's inspired by hearing feedback from staff members who were former students, who've said that school spirit has not been like this in 10 years. I am beyond grateful for Ms. Boulter and I am excited to see how else school will change for my last year. When I graduate, my experiences this year will definitely be unforgettable. Did you know, that Ms. Boulter was the first African

American teacher at TFS? In 1993-94, Ms. Boulter was the first African American teacher at TFS. She was an English teacher and also was the first sponsor of South's Black Student Union which is now known as the diversity club. She was also the first African American Cheer Coach at South and the first Executive Board member of Thornton Fractional Teachers Union.



TFS takes a bite out of the Big Apple

by:Kaylyn Imala, Feature Writer

On October 26th, 2024, the Red Wolves came together to celebrate Homecoming. The theme, A Night in New York, was selected in a poll that Student Council made. The student body voted out of the 3 most exciting themes; Old Hollywood, A Night in New York, and Once Upon A Time. The night was filled with music, dancing, and socializing. "Payaso de Rodeo", by Caballo Dorado, and "Baby", by Justin Bieber, were

two songs out of many that students became very involved in. The Student Council organization created many photoshoot opportunities for students, such as the NYC backdrop and paparazzi display. Saniya Porter stated, "I liked Homecoming because I'm a senior. The crowd was fun and very hype." Adding on, Carlos Chavez said, "Homecoming this year was very fun because I spent it with a great group of people and the decorations were

very cute." Every year, Student Council tries to improve their displays and planning with the student's feedback. TF South principal, Mrs. Bouler stated, "I believe they should bring back the "Kiss the Pig" tradition." This tradition was a game where the most voted teacher had to kiss a living pig or cow. The last time the game was used in TF South was when Mr. Padjen got voted. As well as, Chavez stating, "One thing I think should be changed is

adding a formal dress code. Students coming to homecoming in jeans and hoodies dull the experience in my opinion." At the end of the night, every student that attended received a customized Homecoming shirt. Benjamin Gresham expressed his feelings towards the design, "I think they're very nice, the design of it was very presentable and I liked how you can choose between white and black." Student Council got extremely positive feedback from

the dance, many students believed it was the best dance within their 4 years and hopefully it will continue to become better.



TFS Powder Puff Game

by Saniya Porter, Staff Writer

Powder Puff is an often tradition in American high schools and college where female students participate in flag football games typically during homecoming week. These games with seniors vs juniors are usually played with a lighter, more fun and less competitive spirit compared to regular football at TF South Powder Puff was a tough game and more competitive than it has ever been any year the seniors and juniors both played a good game but the juniors won with 6 points and the seniors were left with 0. I asked some of the seniors how they thought the game went and they said

"the game was unfair and they felt like they got cheated like last year" they were unhappy with the results after the game not only because they lost but because they got hurt while playing. The game was rushed for time as they were running the clock when time outs were called the clock stopped at the last minute and time was running out. As they were playing, people got hurt, ripped shirts and bleeding and no flags were thrown by the referee. The seniors were really upset that some of their teammates got hurt over a friendly power puff game. It was a a fun and exciting game especially for the seniors since it's their last year.

Overall all both the seniors and junior did a great job everyone had a fun time playing winning or losing it was a really interesting experience. This game really brought the school spirit seeing the girls play flag football and the football players be the cheerleaders this brought some students together and even though most girls didn't participate they had a fun time in the crowd this game females the participate in a traditionally male-dominated sport, fostering inclusivity and empowerment inconclusive powder puff games are more than just a fun event they are a celebration of school spirit!



A Trip To Oak Lawn

by: Rey Sifuentes, Features Writer

Students of The Howlers newspaper team went on a field trip to the Oak View Community Center for a workshop to learn more about Journalism & Yearbook work. I was selected to go on this trip as part of the newspaper staff along with Bright Akli, Logan Daigre, Christian Freeman, Benjamin Gresham, Coryannah Hearn, and Angelique Avila. A few of the yearbook staff also came along, as well as the newspaper & yearbook staff from other schools joined. When we arrived at the Oak View Community Center, we waited in the Erica Heilmann theatre, Heilmann was a teacher at T.F. South for 20 years, she devastatingly passed on September 30, 2018, after an eight-year battle with cancer.

We heard from Pat Disabato, the speaker who is a sports journalist and he shared his journey with us. Next, they dismissed us to go view the workshops available which vary from, "How To Make Your Yearbook Shine," Interviewing and Caption Writing, Canva and Yearbook Design, Inspiration and Trends, Careers In Journalism, and Feature Writing. They hosted the workshops in sessions so different people could see the presentations. They had three sessions in total. The first session I decided to attend was Careers in Journalism hosted by a journalism teacher from Moraine Valley, Lisa Couch. She talked about the difference in types of careers in journalism such as web design, reporter for the news, etc. She then revealed that her entire family has a career in journalism, her daughter,

son, and even husband. Her class has their own website, <https://mvc-cvelocity.com/>, which contains access to their newspaper stories that vary from genre to genre.

The next session I went to was called Feature Writing hosted by Keith Carlson. He shared lots of interesting facts about being a staff member of a high school newspaper. The main fact that stood out to me was that there is a legal law specified to be ICLS80 passed to protect the speech of high school students' articles. He also talked about how to successfully write a feature. The key is to have a great introduction and



at the end of your article always circle back to the beginning, overall his session was very informative. The last session was called Inspiration and Trends, this was a more hands-on lecture with it starting with us playing rock paper scissors until the end and whoever's school wins their newspaper staff would get a donut party. Afterward, they presented the differ-

ent colors, templates, and designs that can be used in the yearbook, we made friendship bracelets. At the very end they handed us our Grab & Go lunches which were Jimmy Johns sandwiches with chips and a bottle of water. I greatly appreciated that they had veggie sandwiches for me as a vegetarian option. This trip was informative and a fun experience!

What is your favorite food or dessert you like on Thanksgiving?

by Nathalie Galvan, Features Writer

What is your favorite food or dessert you like on Thanksgiving?

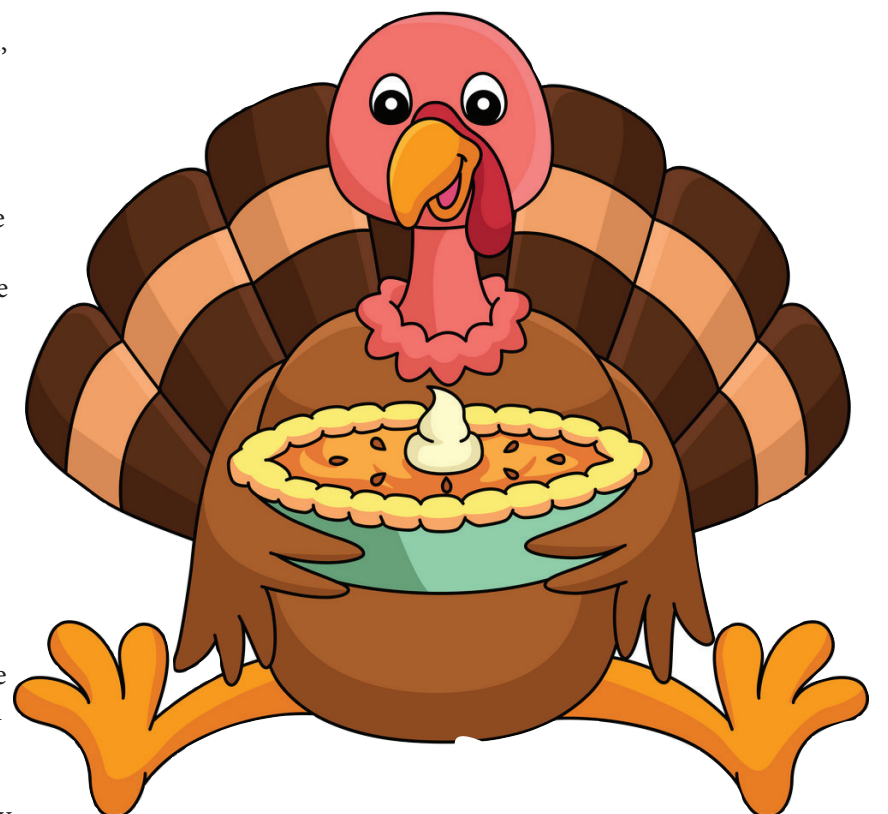
Thanksgiving is a time for family, gratitude, and, of course, indulgence in delicious food. For many, the holiday meal is incomplete without certain beloved dishes that hold a special place in their hearts. For four people in my family, Thanksgiving is marked by their favorite foods and desserts. My older cousin Alanis, her favorite food is tangy cranberry sauce but not just any cranberry sauce it must be homemade with whole cranberries, orange zest, and a touch of cinnamon. The tart, taste of the cranberries balances out the richness of the turkey and mashed potatoes. She is always the first to ask for a serving. For Alanis, cranberry sauce is not just a condiment it is a bright, tangy burst of flavor that makes the entire meal feel more complete. Growing up,

our grandmother always made cranberry sauce from scratch, and it became a tradition she holds dear. My older brother Miguel, his favorite food is stuffing. It is always the dish he talks about and looks forward to the most. He prefers his stuffing to be made with crusty bread, savory sausage, sage, and plenty of butter. The texture is key for him, it must be crispy on the edges and soft in the center. For years, he has overseen making the stuffing for Thanksgiving, and it has become his signature dish. There is always a little friendly debate about whether the stuffing should be cooked inside the turkey or in a separate dish but insists that cooking it separately allows the flavors to shine. My little sister Ruby, her favorite dessert is pumpkin pie. Every Thanksgiving, my mom must bake a lot of pies, making sure to use the perfect blend of spices cinnamon, nutmeg, and clove. The filling is silky smooth, and

the crust, golden and flaky, is her secret pride. It is not just about the pie for my little sister, it is the nostalgia that comes with it. My dad's favorite food is mashed potatoes. They are his ultimate comfort food smooth, buttery, and with just the right number of garlic. Dad insists on using russet potatoes for the perfect texture and always adds a touch of cream cheese to make them extra velvety. He believes that mashed potatoes are the unsung hero of the Thanksgiving meal, bringing everything together. Every year, he makes enough to feed an army, and there is never a bite left by the end of the meal. Each of these favorites, from Alanis tangy cranberry sauce to My older brother Miguel

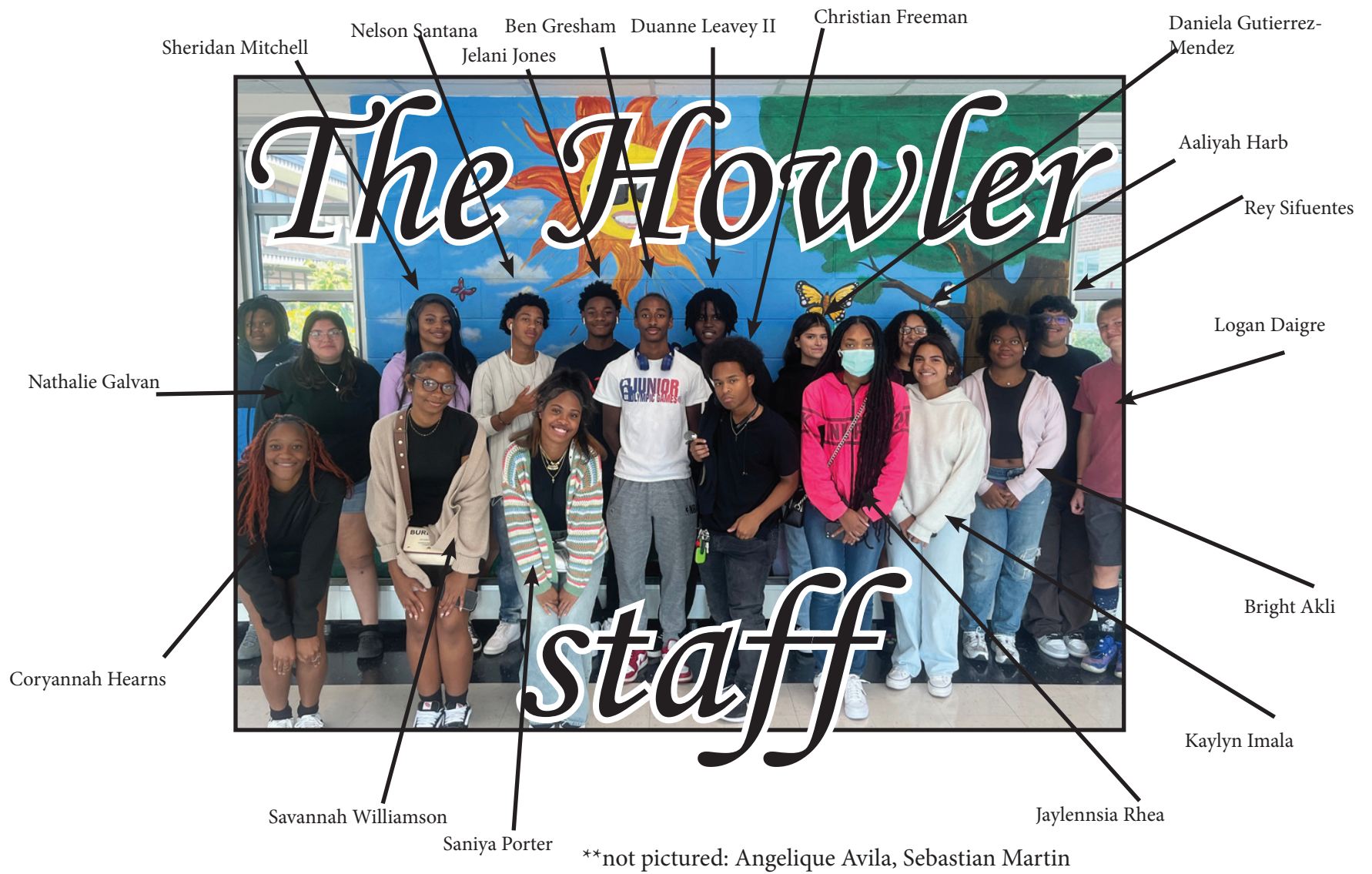
savory stuffing, my little sister pumpkin pie, and my dad creamy mashed potatoes reflect the personal connections they have with the holiday. These dishes are more

than just food, they carry with them the warmth of tradition, family, and the joy of sharing a meal together.





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REVIEWS

Arden's series will leave you thrilled

by: Jaylennsia Rhea, Review Writer

Small Spaces Four Quarter

Have you ever wanted to pick up a cool fantastic pg 13 thriller spooky book Small Spaces Four Quarter is definitely the series for you. The first book of the series Small Spaces begins with Ollie telling her dad about how she was nervous to go on a field trip with a bunch of students as she didn't know anyone but her dad Mr. Alder tells a bad joke "that's kind of his thing terrible jokes" and tells her she will be ok. Then she goes on her trip and she is a little depressed because her mom had just died and all she has left is her mothers watch. She then gets on the bus with the other students and they drive to a misty barn and cornfield with scarecrows. In addition the bus breaks down and as it gets darks a timer and a warning pop up on Ollie's watch and she gets the feeling that she should try to encourage the other students to leave and a girl named Coco and Brian believe her and try to convince the other students as well and no one believes them and the other stu-

dents on the bus say that they would rather wait until a tow truck comes to pick up the bus. As the timer goes down the three kids leave the bus and as it starts to get dark and the mist gets thicker they hear a bunch of kids screaming from the bus one of the girls takes a look back and she thinks she sees scare crows all three of them pick up the pace and run faster. Furthermore the next book **Dead Voices** Ollie, Coco and Brian traveling to a old Inn for snowboarding this winter and Mr. Alder was telling bad jokes driving in a snowstorm; Ollie falls asleep during the long car ride and dreams of a long red carpet dark in dark narrow hallway and here's a little girl voice breathing and the girl comes towards Ollie in a white dress dead sunken black eyes bone thin limbs asks Ollie "has she seen her bones?"; and all of sudden a woman voice speaks in the dark hallway and the little boney girl tells the girl to "hurry up and leave!" Ollie wakes up frightened; Brian and

Coco then asks her what's up with her. Ollie talked to the others about her dream and how she thinks they probably shouldn't go to the Inn. They both dismissed her and both adults told her it would be fine and not to worry. Once again the storm picked up and Ollie screamed out they hit a man in a blue puffer jacket, Mr. Alder swerved in the snow and almost hit a tree as they all got out and looked for the man they found nothing. Mr. Alder was a little confused and told Ollie she should just get some rest. Ollie got upset and told the others how she was not crazy but as both of her bestfriends didn't believe her she started to believe she was. Book three **Dark Waters** Brian's parents and Ollie's dad and Coco's mom all went to another Inn owned by Brian's parents. Ollie and Coco go over to Brian's estate while their parents get pizza for dinner. Ollie had barricaded all mirrors after the mirror incident and Coco and Brian checked for weird

stuffed animals. After their minds were at ease one of the girls started reading a book about ghost stories to prepare for the smiling man and Brian was reading a book about his favorite boats. While Coco layed sitting in front of the fireplace cuddling with a big blanket. All of the lights started to flicker on and off then the lights shut off, they start to hear wet footsteps approach them from outside in the hard rain then a knock on the door three times all three pre teens sit together hugging each other tightly, then it stops they are relieved for a moment to hear the back door knob turn slowly. One of them notices a car lights through the window then the lights flash back on. The adults come through with their raincoats and begin to say you guys all look like you have seen a ghost. They then ask who left a black paper circle on the door walk. Ollie, Brian and Coco look at each other worriedly and one of the girls says they did and thanks them. Then the Adults ask them to wash

up for dinner Coco Brian and Ollie read the circle paper and see it's a riddle they are having difficulty solving for the only thing they figured out is that it was signed by the letter S meaning Seth. In addition the last final book **Empty Smiles** takes place at a evil clown carnival Ollie has been kidnaped by the Smiling Man and is haunting the attraction Brian and Coco also try desperately to save her without getting caught and turned into dolls or killed. Will they make it out alive or lose the Smiling man game and end up stuck in the carnival forever.





The balance of books and buckets and its importance

by: Sheridan Mitchell, Sports Writer

Why is doing sports in High school important? A sport is an activity involving physical movement and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others. Sports are played by many young children all over the world but many have been playing sports like basketball, football, soccer, etc before high school younger years but in high school, it's very important. Playing sports in high school can help students gain and retain very important knowledge or everyday skills. Most teenagers who play sports have been playing since they were small kids so sports can also develop you as a person too. Sports are also im-

portant to play in high school because it also teaches teamwork and leadership skills that you can use in your daily life. Playing sports has also been said to make students' grades better by allowing them to focus more in school so they can participate in sports. Playing sports in high school also teaches you empathy, clear communication, and an understanding of goals. I began playing sports in seventh grade and each year I evolved and got better at playing sports also allowed me to work with many different instructors who are experienced basketball coaches who have played the sport. This creates more opportu-

nities for yourself by making new connections with adults who can introduce you to even better opportunities. Playing sports has also helped me identify myself and find something that was specifically for me. Although playing sports is fun it also has its downsides. Since high school sports start in fall many students have jobs, which means they sometimes have to let one go depending on how flexible their job is with their schedule. Also, some players may have hardships with coaches which may change their feelings towards the sport and or their participation. This seemingly is overlooked

on how players feel about being mistreated which is why some people stop playing sports. This is very unfortunate because there is a lot of overlooked talent that goes to waste because of that. As you get older you begin to become interested in new things, and sports may not be your thing anymore which is what I realized but playing sports in high school and trying your hand at something new is great. High school is only four years and those four years will go by very quickly. I am now a senior and my freshman year was my first year back in school recovering from the Covid-19 school shut-

down and I can say I have felt a change. For the first three years, I was very interested in doing sports, I felt it was very important since my time is almost over but now that I am a senior, I feel that I am maturing, and making that departure from sports would be the best thing for me to focus on new opportunities which will prepare me for adult

TF South Boys Wrestling

by: Sebastian Martin, Sports Editor

During the wrestling season which started today wrestlers have to go through some of the toughest training and conditioning they will go through in their athletic journey. I know this from personal experience, wrestling for 3 years from freshman to junior year. Wrestling is not only physically challenging but mentally and emotionally. The matches between schools can be set up as duo's, tri

meets, and quads. Duo's are two schools going against each other. Tri meets are three schools and Quads are four schools and that's the limit. All of these can happen any day of the week after school except tournaments which are obviously on the weekends. The following questions were asked of the Boys Wrestling team Captain Jayden Scott. What do you expect to gain this season? How do you plan to evolve your skills? How do you plan to make the

team better? What school or tournament do you think will be the toughest to beat? " 1: To get better and get medals. 2: I plan to evolve my skills by practicing. 3: Leading the team intensely during practice and during matches. 4: Mount Carmel or Marist ". This gives us insight on what to expect from the captain and the If there is a decent amount of new wrestlers who are willing to give their all into this sport and maintain the work ethic and mindset of a Tf South Red Wolf

this year's wrestling team could have state qualifiers and even win state. I myself wrestled since freshman year and was captain here at South last. From my personal experience with the Coaches, other Captains, and the team I can say there is a lot of potential in what the wrestling team can accomplish. Last year the team did great with more wrestlers winning matches and tournaments. Some of last years wrestlers are wrestling this year so they'll

With this years Coaching and leaders I think Souths wrestlers will do great this year. Best of luck to them and the coaches go Red wolves



Bowling their way to a strikeout season

by: Coryannah Hearn, Editor-in-Chief

With the season for winter coming soon, the girls have begun to prepare greatly for their upcoming season. Because of this, pre-season questions were asked to see how they plan to progress for the 24-25 school year in their sport. I interviewed three girls, senior Trinity Kimmons, senior Dazani Holmes, and senior Khia Wilson. The first question that I asked the players was “how do you plan to improve your skills for this upcoming season?” and Trinity responded by saying, “I plan to be more focused and less silly this year. I’m planning to take things more seriously and stand on business.” Dazani stated “I plan to work on my consistency when bowling this season” while Khia mentioned that she was going to “put a lot of effort into my practices and make sure I keep up with scoring and stuff”. As we moved on to the next question which was “what are some things you look forward to this season?” They were excited

to answer because of the sportsmanship of the team and the hope of seeing improvement from last year. Trinity said “I’m excited that we have a new coach. I’m super excited to work with her because she seems like she knows what she’s talking about. I’m looking forward to spending my last season with my teammates.” Dazani stated “I look forward to seeing us make it to state because unfortunately we didn’t make it to state, we only made it to conference so I’m really looking forward to making it to state.” and Khia said “definitely my team and hopefully making it to state.” in response to the question. As we participate in sports, we may always have that one team that we look forward to competing against, whether it be because of the experience, the competition, or even the bond that has been formed. The three were asked, “What team are you looking forward to competing against this season?” Trinity said that she looks forward to

really competing against “TF North. Our old coach is now coaching at TF North and I’m just excited to go against them.” while Dazani responded with “Honestly, I don’t know if we’ll make it up there since Richards is a good school but Richards hopefully.” Khia mentioned “we get along with a lot of the teams so I would say Hillcrest. I’m definitely excited to play against Hillcrest because we have a lot of fun with them. They’re super cool.” I then asked the girls more questions about their likes of the sport with the question, “what do you like the most about bowling?” and Khia stated “The people. It’s always a fun time, like they have great energy and we keep each other up and stuff. It’s just really nice to be around them.” Trinity expressed that she loves “the energy, like when we have tournaments and stuff. The energy of the girls and everybody is so nice so everybody gets along pretty well.” Dazani described “I’ve always bowled since I

was younger so like you know bowling has just been fun overall.” Last but not least, the question asked at the end of the interview was “what do you want the student body to know about bowling?” Trin said that “People just think of it as fun, but this is really serious to the people that do it and I wish that more people would find it as a sport instead of a hobby or a little fun.”

Dazani similarly explained that she feels “like a lot of people don’t really take bowling seriously. Like they’ll say “oh you bowl” like it’s not a serious sport. I want people to know that it is something that a lot of people do.” and lastly, Khia responded to the question with “It’s super chill and people should join since it’s fun. Bowling is indeed a fun sport as the girl explained and if you are interested in joining the team, tryouts are soon coming up this November so be on the lookout for information in the hallways, announcements, or even the players!



Lady Red Wolves seek fourth straight title

by: Aaliyah Harb, Managing Editor

It’s that time again for the Lady Red Wolves to get back in action on the court. As teams across the conference gear up for the start of the new season, one thing is for certain this year promises excitement and entertainment. For the Lady Red Wolves, this season is more than just another campaign, it’s a chance to prove their grit and to show off more talent. The Lady Red Wolves are coming off of a third conference championship in a row with expectations for this year being even higher. Third year varsity returning junior Gigi Dillon states that “it feels good to be back playing and back in the gym” after

coming back from an injury last season. Dillon says some of her goals are to get all conference personally and make it past the first round of playoffs. Second year varsity returning sophomore, Asia Haynes states some of her goals for this season are to score more and execute on defense. When asked about being a starter for this upcoming season Haynes stated “it’s going to be different having the responsibility of running the offense”. Third year varsity returning junior, Tolu Babalola states that some goals for this season are “to stay eligible because I wasn’t eligible last year and to expand my game more

beyond just catch and shooting”. Third year varsity returning junior, Gyah Capers, now the 2024-2025 season captain states that “It feels good to be captain and that my teammates trust me to step up and be their leader”. Capers says some personal goals for this season are to be all conference again this year and for the team to win regionals. First year freshman varsity player Deyani Ambrose states that the transition from middle school basketball to high school



basketball is “a little difficult but fun”. Ambrose says some goals for this season are to acquire a good amount of playing time and hopefully a conference championship. When asked what advice she would give an incoming freshman about playing their first year of high school varsity basketball, Ambrose states “To stay humble”. With all the

teams in the conference the teams that might give the Lady Red Wolves the biggest challenge are Shepard, Oak Lawn, and maybe North. The first home game of the season is on December 2, 2024 against Whiting High School at 7:00pm.



2024's Best Run Yet

by: Christian Freeman, Editor

Cross Country is a sport in which runners from various teams traverse a variety of terrain with the idea of getting to the goal line running as fast as possible. The Boys Cross Country team is run by our very own, Fred Seibel. Starting in June 2024, before the school year Seibel had seven runners on the team. A fresh start to the season. The first practice took place in August and had fourteen runners, and all the players trying out made it with no one quitting. With

this line up and fourteen meetings from August 31st-October 26th. The season is described as one of the better ones, comparable to last year. From the beginning of the season, it was clear that this time that things would be better, and no doubt were. In order to begin conditioning, The team will run four to six miles around the entire town including Lansing and a small part of Lynwood. Along with speed work done in the school fields. Seibel has described the team

as so advanced that he can't even run alongside them anymore, showing the improvements made to the team. The first win that the team took this season was North V. South on September 25th. From there the highlights of the season came to Varsity finishing third at Oak Forest, and then JV scoring second at the same meet on October 12th. Along with this, on October 19th, the team scored fifth in conference. Finally at regionals, there was no decisive winner, but

Cross country scored 7th out of ten teams. This is not the only thing that cross country does, but they also promote good health, keeping their runners in good shape. Seibel also aims to take care of the team, Inviting them to pasta night, where the entire team was able to eat pasta and have a good time. Trips are also taken on the Cross Country team. Including a trip to Buffalo Wild Wings our team took, a Sled hill trip and even Raising Cane's. The team isn't just run,

run, run, and then go home. The coaches are shown to care for their team, Seibel showcases these traits most when he has opted to run alongside the boys during their runs around town, and in other facets that only members on the team can describe. Even though the season was a pretty general one, all things considered it was a good season with good placements in events. Along with the most heartwarming season I'm sure many have heard of in a while.

Chicago Bears vs. New England Patriots review

by: Jelani Jones, Sports Writer

On November 12, 2024, My parents and I went to Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois for week 10 of the current NFL season, where the Chicago Bears faced the visiting New England Patriots. Arriving at the stadium in the city was very interesting. I was able to see many different buildings and structures in the area, people all over the place matching in navy blue and orange, and the different shops that were selling all types of Chicago Bears merchandise. To avoid the long walk to the stadium that would make us late to the kickoff, my parents paid for a small bicycle ride that could carry multiple people from our parking spot. The ride was fun considering we listened to music, got to look around the city some more, and make it to the stadium quicker.

After making it to the stadium, we had to make our way upstairs, where we would find our seats. Despite the good experience I was having so far, one thing that wasn't so great was making

our way to our seats. Because the kickoff was starting, everyone was in a rush, walking, running, and pushing through others just to make it to their seats. Because of this, we decided to get food instead and I only got a pretzel and pizza. As we made it to our seats, the game just started which meant we still made it in time. We sat higher up but not too high, lined up with the goal post which allowed us to see the entire field and everyone on it. I was enjoying the view of the game, taking pictures and recording the jumbotron, the Bears mascot, and the players going over plays in their huddles and actually playing until people began passing me almost every time I attempted to get a recording.

In the game itself, the patriots had no trouble advancing down the field and scoring. In the beginning of the game, the Bears played good defense and managed to hold the Patriots to only a field goal that put New England up three points

to none until the Bears scored a field goal of their own in the second quarter, tying the game. The score remained the same until the Patriots scored another field goal after the



Bears, along with a touchdown, heading into halftime with a 13-3 lead over Chicago. There wasn't much that happened in the third quarter. No one scored and both teams went back and forth, gaining and losing possession of the ball. Almost five minutes into the quarter, the Bears managed to slow down the Patriots, forcing them to settle for

a field goal. The field goal was good as the Patriots added another three points to their score, and a final field goal later in the quarter towards the end of the game giving them a 19-3 lead. Many Bears fans at the game booed because of the loss the Bears took and the disadvantage of starting quarter-

back and number one draft pick Caleb Williams, had to deal with basically all game long. After hiking the ball, he didn't have much time to throw due to the offensive lineman failing to block and cover for him, unlike Patriots quarterback Drake Maye who had time to throw to his receivers and make decisions all game.

Other than that, I enjoyed watching the players play in the game, the different advertisements during every time out, matching in Bears clothing with my parents, capturing pictures and recordings, and chanting with other Bears fans. Even though the Bears unfortunately lost the game 19-3, I still enjoyed my time at the game.



Smile 2 worth smiling over

by: Nelson Santana, Review Writer

Smile 2, a movie released October 18th 2024 with overwhelmingly positive reviews. With an 85% on Rotten Tomatoes, a 7.1/10 on IMDb and a 66% on metacritic, Smile 2 managed to win over the audience with its great plot and suspenseful horror. The movie is a great upgrade compared to the first one with better quality recording and a much better plot laid out. The ending

shocked many fans and had clearly teased at there being a third movie to come in the future of which fans are excited about. The movie follows a popstar named Skye Riley who watches the death of a friend and ends up being cursed with the demon that caused her friend to die. The demon makes Skye see hallucinations and plays with her psychologically by

making her see people smile at her creepily, similar to the first movie and how that plot played out. Smile 2 has a lot of easter eggs, foreshadowing, and many plot twists that will make the viewer gasp in awe. Interestingly enough the original concept for the Smile franchise actually came from a short horror film called Laura hasn't slept directed by Parker Finn. the short film has



a similar concept to Smile and was eventually picked up by Paramount Pictures to make into a full length movie. Smile and Smile 2 are great movies that I highly recom-

mend watching if you want a good horror movie that isn't packed with cheap jumpscars and has good plot with great plot twists.

Arcane is a perfect ten

by: Duanne Leavey II, Review Writer

Arcane season 2 pt.1 released on November 9th, and I loved it. Season 2 picks up right where the first season left off on a cliffhanger. In the start of this season Vi voiced by (Hailee Steinfeld) and Caitlyn voiced by (Katie Leung) come up with a plan to go to the underground after an attack on Piltover. Jinx voiced by (Ella Purnell) was nowhere to be seen after the attack she launched on the council. Cait comes up with the idea to create an elite squad to go through Zaun,

and hunt down Jinx. I really loved season 2 of Arcane. The animation was amazing, and I loved the arcs all of the characters went through. Season 2 is good to the point where the entire series is re-watchable. Overall Arcane is a masterpiece of a show. This season will have you leaving with a series of emotions, and epic moments. If you enjoyed Arcane, I would recommend "Spider-Man :Into the Spider-verse, and Spider-Man :Across the Spider-verse which both star Hailee Steinfeld as Gwenn

Stacy". These movies both have a captivating storyline, and amazing animation that will leave you wanting more. If you want to see more of Katie Leung you can watch her performance in the Harry Potter series. If you loved Ella Purnell's performance as Jinx in Arcane, you can watch her as one of the main characters in Fallout. Which is

ARCANE
LEAGUE OF LEGENDS



based off of a video game

Review: 10/10 Howls



Chromakopia is a hit at TFS

by: Bright Akli, Managing Editor

TYLER THE CREATOR, or Tyler Gregory Okonma had been in the music scene since the late 2000's . Raised in L.A, Inglewood. In his adolescence he drew inspiration from artists such as Kanye West, Faith Evans, Mary J. Blige. One of his biggest inspirations ended up mentoring him; Pharrell Williams. Chromakopia is Tyler's eighth studio album, and was first teased on October 16th with St. Chroma featuring Daniel Caesar. St. Chroma was the lead single from Chromokopia released on October 28, 2024, along with the album that consisted of 14 tracks, featuring some big names like Childish Gambino, Lil Wayne, Schoolboy Q,

Sexy Red, and more. The release of the album was heavily discussed by the media, because of the quick but concise rollout, and the fact that he released on a Monday, rather than the usual Friday that other artists decided on. Tyler explains this in an interview, he says, "People on the weekends, they just want to chill and hang out. So they're not really listening." I can't speak to whether or not his decision was the "better one" but many TF south students were discussing his album on Monday and encouraging others

to listen. My decision to review and rank this album was influenced by my peers



who enjoyed his music and the uproar the album caused to the general public and on social media. My ranking of individual songs:

1. Hey Jane
2. Noid
3. St. Chroma

4. I Killed You
5. Like Him
6. Ballon (feat. Docheii)
7. I Hope You Find Your Way Home
8. Take Your Mask Off (feat. Daniel Caesar, Latoiya

- Williams)
9. Darling, I (feat. Teezo Touchdown)
10. Sticky (feat. GloRilla, Lil Wayne, & Sexy Red)
11. Thought I Was Dead (feat. Santigold & ScHool-

boy Q)
 12. Judge Judy
 13. Rah Tah Tah
 14. Tomorrow
 Overall Album Ranking :
 8.9/10 Howls
 If you liked Chromokopia or Tyler, The Creator I suggest artists like Docheii, and Kanye West.

TFS Guidance steps up for Thanksgiving

by: Logan Daigre, Review Editor

Turkey Thyme is a cherished annual tradition hosted by the Guidance Office at TF South High School, dedicated to providing meals and support for less fortunate families in the community during the holiday season. The fundraiser, which has been running for several years, plays a crucial role in ensuring that 25 local families can enjoy a warm Thanksgiving meal despite financial hardships. This effort reflects the spirit of generosity and compassion that is deeply ingrained in the TF South community. Each year, teachers and staff members are asked to contribute a variety of food

items, with a particular emphasis on canned goods, to make up the Thanksgiving meal kits. The goal is to gather enough donations to create complete meals for each family, which typically includes canned turkeys, stuffing, vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy, and other holiday staples. These donations are then packaged into baskets and delivered to the families, giving them the opportunity to enjoy a festive and nourishing meal during a time when they may otherwise

struggle to afford such luxuries. However, this year has posed a unique



challenge for the Turkey Thyme fundraiser. Organizers faced difficulties securing enough canned turkeys, a key component of the meal packages. Despite the

best efforts of the staff, the drive struggled to meet the specific goal of 25 canned turkeys, which put more pressure on the staff as they worked to meet the goal. Turkey Thyme highlights the collective

impact of small acts of kindness and generosity. The event not only provides tangible support to families in need, but also fosters a sense of unity and compas-

sion within the school community. It serves as a reminder that, even in times of difficulty, the TF South family can come together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. As the holiday season approaches, the success of this year's Turkey Thyme fundraiser proves that, the spirit of giving remains alive and strong in the TF South community. It is a tradition that continues to grow and inspire, ensuring that every family has the chance to celebrate Thanksgiving with the warmth and joy that comes from sharing a meal with loved ones.