

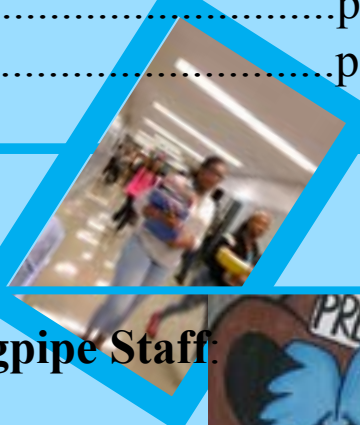
# The Bagpipe

*Welcome Back Students of TR!!!*



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## Meet the New Bagpipe Staff:

- Kashleigh Redd - Junior
- Elizabeth Blanco - Sophomore
- Fernando Hernandez - Sophomore
- Aaron Cole - Senior
- Litzy Melchor - Sophomore

## Returning Staff:

Trinity Simmons - Junior

## Journalism 101 Members:

- Germal Brown - Senior
- Nautica Flowers - Junior
- Daron Jones - Freshman
- Ashley Taylor - Senior
- Nakya Ferrell - Junior
- Jessica McBride - Junior
- Akil Jones - Sophomore



# New Thornridge Staffers



**Ms. Wooten**  
Reading Teacher

Ms. Wooten attended Andrew High School and graduated from EIU with her undergraduate degree. She received her Masters degree from Lewis University. Ms. Wooten has been teaching for ten years.

She has experience teaching secondary, elementary, and junior high. The subjects taught include science, English, math, and now reading. Her knowledge base is extensive.

The new reading specialist loves both the students and the staff. She especially loves her new teaching assignment.

Her parting words of wisdom are "Doing what is right isn't always popular and doing what is popular is not always right, but doing the right thing is right no matter what."



**Mrs. Varmatos**  
Physics Teacher

Mrs. Varmatos is from Chicago and graduated from Currie High School. Some of her junior students describe her as funny, silly, and well, quite interesting. She is married and has two amazing little girls. In order to maximize her family, she has an Oscar fish, Plicosomas fish, and a tiny Chihuahua.

One of her hobbies is hunting, though normally it's a man's activity. But, to know that a lady like her does this kind of hobby is overall amazing.

A random fact about her is that she is an embalmer, which means that she is a mortician. She holds a funeral director license in the state of Illinois. Some words that she lives by and wants other people to do the same " Be true to yourself."



Where do I find...

Counselors:  
**C102A & C114**

- Mrs. Sabbat
- Mr. Thomas
- Mrs. Perry
- Mrs. Ferguson
- Mr. Gomez
- Admin--Mr. Beilfuss

Deans:  
**E108**

- Ms. Gill
- Mr. Morgan
- Mr. Cox-Bey
- Mrs. McGee
- Admin--Mr. Valant
- SRO--Officer Moore



**Mr. Bivens**  
Mathematics Teacher

Mr. Bivens is originally from Naperville and attended Naperville North High School.

He attended Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. He teaches pre-algebra and geometry.

Mr. Bivens searched for quite awhile or a full-time teaching position. Thorn-ton Township High School District 205 was one of the first to offer him a full-time position.

He has been teaching on and off for four years. Most of that time was spent substitute teaching and not full-time instruction.



**Officer Moore**  
Student Resources Officer

Officer Moore is a graduate of Thornton High School and he is extremely proud to be a Wildcat. He studied at South Suburban College.

He concludes that he did not pick his area of study, his area of study picked him! He has been a member of the military since the age of 19 and continues to be a part of the armed services. Officer Moore started as a MP (Military Policeman), and then changed jobs. He did not find his area of interest until the opportunity opened up to work at Thornridge. He just ran with it and loves it.

His temperament is a great fit for TR. He likes kids and enjoys talking to people. He feels that TR is a community within a community and he is familiar with many of the students.

## Welcome to the Thornridge Bagpipe Newspaper Volume 56 Issue 1!

Dear Thornridge Students: Clubs and activities at Thornridge are available for you to enjoy, partake, and thrive. We encourage all to try out as many clubs and activities as one can handle. Find the club that is best for you, that will promote and foster your growth academically and personally. You will find that you will grow and become friends with like-minded individuals who have nothing but your best interest at heart. The teacher/sponsors will help you learn your craft so that you can take those skills with you beyond your high school years. Check them out! Herein you will find a brief biography, the sponsor name, meeting date, time and place! Welcome to TR Falcon-land!

### Journalism 101 Club

Sponsors: Mrs. L. Joseph & Ms. E. Zachery  
Meetings: Thursdays 3-5 (except holidays, early dismissals, or staff meetings)  
Place: B220

Information:  
Being a part of the Journalism 101 Class and club students will enjoy, learn, and create Newspapers, Magazines, and pamphlets. You will have access to all sporting events, plays, activities away and home for the purposes of reporting on the circumstances and outcomes

Under the supervision of the journalism teacher and sponsor, club students have an opportunity to write, photograph and/or design for the school newspaper. The teacher also trains members in the journalistic style of writing; provides organizational structure for distributing story assignments and teaches students the value of a free and open press in our society. The journalism instructor coordinates the efforts of both class and club members with an emphasis on leadership within the club.

**ATTENTION, YOU ARE WANTED:**

- Writers
- Photographers
- Graphic Designers
- Cartoonists
- Sports Analysts
- Field Reporters
- Editors
- Research Analysts

**Mission:**

*The mission of Thornridge High School Journalism 101 is to provide information that is objective, well written, entertaining, enlightening, challenging, and useful. Information printed will be of substance, integrity, and honest unbiased news reporting.*

**Join the Award Winning Bagpipe Newspaper Staff!!**

**The 2014-2015 SWSC Journalism Conference**  
**2nd Place winner for BEST EDITORIAL:**

**A'Mor Taylor c/o 2015**

***"Are you kidding me?"* Volume 55 Issue 2**



**September Events:**

9/26--Thornridge Band @ Chicago Classic at Soldier Field  
 9/28- 10/3--Homecoming Week "The Great Gatsby"

**October Events:**

10/2--Homecoming Game vs. LWC @7:30pm  
 10/3--Homecoming Dance 7-10pm  
 --SAVE Purple Hose & Heels Community Service  
 10/9--ABC 7 Flyover Shirley Track @ 5:30am  
 10/13--D205 Student Board Meeting  
 10/26-29--SAVE Red Ribbon Awareness Week

**November Events:**

11/18--SAVE Gun Violence Awareness Day  
 11/18-21--Fall Play  
 11/19--Taste of TR in Student Cafeteria

**December Events:**

12/1-18--SAVE Toy Drive  
 12/1-12--NHS Holiday Food Drive  
 12/1-5--Santa Gram Sale  
 12/2--SCOT Blood Drive  
 12/5--Speech Tree Tourney  
 12/9--Preschool Holiday Show in Auditorium  
 12/11--Theater Production Show  
 12/13--TR Band Winter Concert

**Yearbook Club**

**Sponsor: Mr. K. LeCompte**

The Yearbook Club's primary focus is on coming up with ideas and creating this year's yearbook. Students will spend time learning about photography, iphoto, image editing, the writing process and book publishing. Students will be expected to take pictures of their assigned clubs, activities, and sports while also getting information to be included in this year's book. **The Yearbook club meets after school on Tuesdays in room A201.**

**Audio/Visual Club**

**Sponsor: Mr. K. LeCompte**

The main purpose of this club is to record school events throughout the school year. Our goal is to create a video archive for the school and make copies of dvds for certain events. Students will be expected to record at least one event before downloading and editing the video footage. Some of the events we record are the fall play, band concerts, fashion show, Speech II and Theater Arts performances as well as many other events throughout the school year. This year, there may be a few occasions where we record sporting events with our new cameras before editing on our macbook computers using imovie software! **The Audio/Visual Club meets after school on Thursdays in room A201.** Students will analyze film, practice using video cameras, be introduced to imovie and learn how to burn dvds.

**National Honors Society**



**Sponsor: Ms. Pietraszewski**  
**Place: B103**

- BENEFITS:**
- ~Distinguished Scholar
  - ~Great on college applications
  - ~You will build character
  - ~Graduate with Honors
  - ~You are known in the community
  - ~Leadership skills are fine tuned
  - ~Scholarship opportunities
  - ~Highly respected

**THORNTRIDGE SCIENCE CLUB**



The Thornridge Science Club works to encourage an interest in science at TR and at our feeder schools. We compete against the other schools at the SWSC Science Competition, and have won Gold and Bronze medals (weird, no silvers yet!) In events ranging from building competitions to academic contests. Beyond the famous Biology Bowl and Physics Phest events, we also do outreach days directly at our

feeder schools. On these days, we have science demonstrations and discuss what it takes to be successful in science and at TR in general.

We host Science Week, a science-themed spirit week usually held in May. Finally, at our meetings we often discuss interesting scientific phenomena and news!

**Meetings are every Thursday after CP in Mr. Hedden's room, D209.**

**Thornridge Scholastic Bowl**

Scholastic Bowl is a game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, sports, and popular culture. Our team plays against other schools in our conference and uses a "buzzer system" that lets players interrupt the reading of a question when they know the answer. These "tossup" questions are answered individually, but doing so earns one's team a chance at a multipart "bonus" question. Bonus questions are worth more points and allow teams to work together to defeat their opponents! If you think you are up for the academic challenge, see Coach Bell or Coach Skawinski to join later this fall!

**FCCLA**

**Sponsor: Mrs. A. Mitrovich**

FCCLA's mission is To promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education. We do a lot of fun activities including but not limited to character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation. Our biggest event is competition. For the last five years we have taken our projects and activities on the road and have gone to National Convention. Last year was in Washington D.C. Next year our goal is San Diego! Be a part of the 'Ultimate Leadership Experience!' Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 3PM in D100. New members are always welcome. See you there!

**The Art Club**



Art Club is an after school program where students of all drawing abilities are welcome to learn new drawing skills and meet new people with whom they have a shared interest. Not only will students have the opportunity to become better artists, but they also have the chance to participate in local art shows. We will be revamping things this year so we welcome any interested students to stop by and see what new and exciting things we have planned!

**Black History Committee**

**Sponsor: Mrs. Udu**

It is our desire that our students not only enjoy Black History all year, but learn about the heritage and culture of African American people. We collaborate with our student committee to offer activities throughout the year with a focus on Black History month. Through exposure to the struggles and victories we plan to highlight, we hope the students will learn to better appreciate one another and the rights and privileges they have received because of the efforts of many. To be a part of this WONDERFUL committee, come to **C102 Tuesday at 2:30.**

**Class of 2018 – Sophomore SCOT**

**Sponsor: Ms. Hortsman**  
**Meeting Time: Every other Monday @ 3:00 -4:00**  
**Location: B101**

The Class of 2018 Student Council is a representative section of Student Council for Sophomore students only, through which you can become involved in the affairs of the school, working in partnership with peers and staff for the benefit of the school and its students. We are a part of the Student Council of Thornridge and are working to plan fun events for sophomore students as well as fundraise for field trips.

**TR Foreign Language Club**

**Sponsors: Mrs. Franco & Ms. Hortsman**

**Meeting Times: Every other Monday 3:00-4:00**

**Location: B102**

Are you taking Spanish or French? Yes, great! No? That's ok... if you just like languages or culture and want to join a fun club, this a good place to learn about other countries and your own. Join us in...

- Enhancing your language learning
- Celebrating holidays all over the world
- Learning about various traditions
- Studying various cultures
- Making crafts from different cultures
- Eating food from new cultures

Come meet new people and make new friends while learning interesting facts.

**Freshman Student Council**

**Sponsor: Mr. M. Potacki**  
**Meeting Time: Thursdays @ 2:35pm in C100**

Freshman please come out and join the Freshman Student Council. I am excited to begin this new club with you guys.

**Unplugged Games**

Come play board games in the library. Bring your own or play with ours!

Sponsor: Mrs. Joseph  
 Tuesdays in the Library from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

# Athletics at Thornridge

## Volleyball Schedule

F/S/V	LWE	Thurs-	9/17/2015	4:30/6:00pm	HOME
Var.	HILLCRST	Sat-	9/19/2015	8:00am	AWAY
F/S/V	LOCKPORT	Tues-	9/22/2015	4:30/6:00pm	AWAY
F/S/V	HF	Thurs-	9/24/2015	4:30/6:00pm	HOME
F/S/V	STAGG	Tues-	9/29/2015	4:30/6:00pm	AWAY
F/S/V	ANDREW	Thurs-	10/01/2015	4:30/6:00pm	HOME
FRSH	TF NORTH	SAT-	10/3/2015	9:00am	AWAY
F/S/V	BRADLEY	Tues-	10/06/2015	4:30/6:00pm	AWAY
F/S/V	LWN	Thurs-	10/08/2015	4:30/6:00pm	HOME
Soph	BLOOM	Sat-	10/10/2015	9:00am	AWAY
F/S/V	LWC	Tues-	10/13/2015	4:30/6:00pm	AWAY
F/S/V	TW	Thurs-	10/15/2015	4:30/6:00pm	HOME
F/S/V	LWW	Tues-	10/20/2015	4:30/6:00pm	HOME



## Thornridge Varsity Rallies to Beat Joliet 12-6



## Blue Smoke Track Dedicated to Former Coach, T. J. Shirley



Friends, family, athletes, fellow Falcons, and alumni came out for the fall football scrimmage and track dedication.



The inscription on the memorial reads in part:

*"TJ...found a home at Thornridge High School. He was a dedicated PE teacher, a legendary cross country and track coach, and a devoted Athletic Director. TJ inspired many lives in his 29 years of service to his students, athletes, and colleagues, and blessed us as a father-figure, family man, and friend."*

Coach Shirley passed away suddenly on May 6, 2012.

## Football Schedule

Fresh A	LWN	Thurs-Sept 17, 2015	4:30pm	Home
S/V	LWN	Fri-Sept 18, 2015	5:00/7:00pm	Away
Fresh A	ANDRW	Thurs-Sept 24, 2015	4:30pm	Home
S/V	ANDREW	Fri-Sept 25, 2015	5:00/7:15pm	Away
S/V	<b>LWC (Homecoming)</b>	<b>Fri- Oct 02, 2015</b>	<b>5:00/7pm</b>	<b>Home</b>
Fresh A	LWC	Sat- Oct 03, 2015	9:00am	Away
Fresh A	LWW	Wed, Oct. 07, 2015	4:30pm	Home
S/V	LWW	Fri-October 09, 2015	5:00/7:30pm	Away
Fresh A	TT	Thurs- Oct 15, 2015	5:00PM	Away
S/V	<b>TT (SR NIGHT)</b>	<b>Fri- Oct 16, 2015</b>	<b>5:00/7:00PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
Fresh A	TW	Thurs-Oct 22, 2015	4:30PM	Home
S/V	TW	Friday-Oct 22, 2015	5:00/7:00pm	Away

## Who are we?... FALCONS



Varsity Cheerleaders revving up the crowd and cheering the boys on to victory.

Activites at TR continued...

### Senior Class Committee

Sponsor: Mrs. Udu  
Place: C102  
Time: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month after school

This year is about making unforgettable memories for the seniors. The purpose of Sr Class Committee is to ensure that all senior voices are heard. It is here that people can bring ideas to help make our last year our best year. Come to all the meetings so that your voice can be heard. We are asking that everyone keep an open and creative mind during the meetings. By doing so, we can guarantee that we will be able to listen and consider the creative ideas being brought to the table.

### Mathletes

Sponsor: Mr. Biesiada  
Place: C217

The TR Mathletes has experienced amazing growth over the past 3 seasons. With more members than ever before and scores quickly rising, the TR Mathletes are quickly becoming a team to beat! Mathletes work with their teammates and travel to other schools to compete each month against rival schools, including Thornwood, Thornton, and many others. Join us today to become part of our success!



• Are you the next model student? Get caught having integrity, great character, and/or being an upstanding person in our community to become the Bagpipe Student of the Quarter!

• Past winners include: David Salami (Gates Millennium Scholar), Zhivan Robinson, and Ariana Byrd

Staff, are you dedicated while doing what's right when no one is watching? If so, great job! You too can be caught being a model teacher, leader, and Falcon staff member to become the Bagpipe Most Valuable Teacher (You can also be honored as Teacher of the month).

Past winners include: Mrs. Perkins-Udu, Mr. Thomas, and Ms. Brogger