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# LET'S MEET THE NEW THORNRIDGE STAFF











#### Ms. Pitts

From: Palos Hills, IL Attended: Amos Alonzo Stagg High School Graduate of: Lewis University Teaching Area: Biology

Co-Teaches with Mr. Hester

"I like knowing that I am going to educate students for themselves, and that I can help them pursue their dreams. The faculty has been very supportive and the students are very friendly."

#### Mr. Zachery

From: Rockford, IL Attended: Rockford Jefferson High School Graduate of: Illinois State University Teaching Area: Algebra and Geometry

"I like when the 'light bulb'--Aha moment; that 'Oh I got it now' feeling. Students who are willing to learn, who care about their grades, and those who have a lot of school spirit. The list can go on and on. It's nice."

#### Ms. Steward

From: Harvey, IL Attended: Hillcrest High School Graduate of: Trinity Christian College and Concordia University

Teaching Area: High School Reading and Reading Foundations

"Interacting with young adults, and seeing that light bulb go off when they finally get it. Everyone has been extremely friendly and helpful. The staff seems to enjoy what they do and I'm having a good time teaching and getting to know the students."

#### Mr. Gillespie

From: Harvey, IL Attended: Hillcrest High School Graduate of: Chicago State University Teaching Area: Math, Science, and African-American History

"If you don't know where you come from, you don't know where you are going."

#### Ms. Moyer

From: Chicago, IL Attended: Martin Luther King High School Graduate of: Governor State University, B.A and M.A. Teaching Area: Reading(ED), Personal Growth LVE, and English LVE

"A man is not material things, but your character carries your greatest wealth"

#### Mrs. Morgan

From: Chicago, IL Attended: Saint Francis High School Dubuque, IA Teaching Area: Algebra, Pre-Algebra, and Physics.

"I love teaching because I love kids of all ages. I have taught at every level. I just love it. I really want to see people succeed and it hurts me when they refuse. I like a lot of things about Thornridge. Overwhelmingly, the students are friendly. I like how the students want to better themselves. It's refreshing to see students want to try. Everyone is friendly and welcoming. They are very lovely

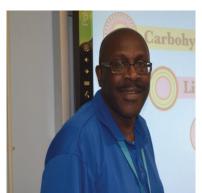
and I appreciate that."



#### Mr. Jennings

From: Chicago, IL Attended: Gordon Tech High School Graduate of: Clark College in Graduate of: North Eastern Illinois University-B.A. & M.S. and Chicago State University, certificate in Physical Teaching Area: Physical Education

"Its Time to Make the



#### Mr. Jones

From: Saginaw, MI Attended: South Shore High School Graduate of: Chicago State University, B.A., Ace American College of Educcation, M.A. in Education & Leadership and M.A. in Curriculum Instruction, and at International University studied Practical Theology. Teaching Area: Chemistry

"The journey of a thousand

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**Art Club Meets the first Monday** of the Month in Room B106 **Next Meeting: Novem-**

and Biology

# College Spotlight

# We are AVID and We are Here!

by Mr. A. Thomas

Welcome to AVID at Thornridge, we are looking forward to amazing experiences. The school year as begun wonderfully for us! Help us welcome the newest members of the TR Site Team: Mrs. Edgerton (AVID 9), Ms. Pietraszewski (AVID 10), Mrs. Adkins (English), Ms. Gillenwater-Catron (Health/PE), Mrs. Dixon (Special Programs), Mrs. Hosari (Special Programs), and Ms. Hortsman (Foreign Language). This year, we also congratulate the first class of AVID seniors!

One of AVID's goals is to expose our students to college and career experiences that will assist them in creating their postsecondary plans. During the first quarter, we have been busy! We hosted Mr. Mark Crawley, Recruiting Specialist from Governors State University.

He shared exciting information about the new freshmen classes and residence hall on campus! GSU is now a four year university, and freshmen students are able to stay on camps. Learn more about the new GSU at www.govst. edu

- Tuition: approximately \$10,000 (approximately)
- Room and Board: \$5,000 (approximately)

On October 1st, juniors and seniors visited Purdue University Calumet. The seniors who applied had the \$25 application fee waived. Here are a few facts about Purdue:

- Tuition: \$28,000 (approximately)
- Room and Board: \$10,000 (approximately)
- Average ACT score 25
   Freshmen and sophomore AVID students enjoyed a

trip to Chicago State University.

The students experienced a lecture hall setting while receiving pertinent information about CSU. For more information about CSU, visit www.csu.edu Here are a few facts about Chicago State University:

- Tuition: \$11,000 per year
- Room and Board: \$8,000 per year
- CSU offers the U-Pass for commuter students
  Kudos to Mrs. Martinez for participated in the Demonstration Classroom series.
  Mrs. Martinez welcomed faculty to observe Philosophical Chairs, Socratic Seminar and Team Building, all AVID strategies! Way to go Mrs.
  Martinez!



AVID Freshmen & Sophomores at Chicago State University



AVID Juniors & Seniors at Purdue University



## State University Spotlight

by Arianna Smith

As high school students, we are preparing for college during our four years of high school. College is an integral part of any student's life. One step towards high school graduation is determining what to do very soon thereafter. This article contain helpful information about various state schools. Falcons, do you have what it takes to be accepted? The only thing left to say is... Are you ready?



Illinois State University (ISU) Acceptance Rate: 69% (2013) School Colors: Red & White

Illinois State University, founded in 1857, which is one of the oldest public universities in Illinois. ISU grants a variety of doctoral degrees emphasizes teaching and conducts a moderate amount of research.

GPA requirement: 3.00 ACT Requirement: 22

Mascot- Reggie Redbird Enrollment: 18,714 (2014)

Sports:

Mens - Baseball, Basketball, Football, Track & Field, etc. Womens– Golf, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Track & Field, Tennis, etc.

Majors:

Illinois State has many majors such as, Art-Graphic Design, Arts Technology, Accounting, Business Teacher Education, Criminal Justice, Communication Studies, Dance Performance, Early Childhood Education, Geography, Social Work, Nursing, Media Mass, Secondary Education, and so much more.



Western Illinois University (WIU)

Acceptance Rate : 66% (2010) Colors: Purple & Gold Western was founded in 1899 as a western Illinois state normal school. As the normal school grew it became Western Illinois State Teacher College.

GPA requirement: 3.00 ACT Requirement: 21

Mascot: Western Bulldog Undergraduates: 11,300 Postgraduates: 2,300 Motto: Higher values in higher education.

Sports:

Mens- Baseball, Basketball, Track & Field, Swimming, etc.

Womens- Golf, Soccer, Volleyball, Softball, basketball, etc.

Majors: Western Illinois have hundreds of major such as Athletic Training, Physical Education, Marking, Broadcasting- New, Nursing, PreLaw, Social Work, Zoology, Journalism, Youth development, women studies, Health service management, Fire science and hundreds more.



Northern Illinois University (NIU)

Acceptance Rate: 56% (2013) Colors: Black & Cardinal Colors: Black & Cardinal

Northern Illinois University, founded in 1895, in also part of the expansion of the normal school program. NIU has seven degree-granting colleges that together offer more than 60 undergraduate majors, 70

minors, nine pre-professional programs, and 79 graduate programs, including a College of Law, and over 20 areas of study leading to doctoral degrees. NIU was ranked 177 out of 206 of national universities.

Mascot: Northern Illinois University Victor E. Huskie Enrollment: 21,138

Sports:

Mens - Baseball, basketball, Football, Soccer, Wrestling and Tennis Womens- Basketball, Cross

Womens- Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Gymnastics Soccer, Softball, Tennis and volleyball

Motto: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow



# Healthy Living

Eating Right...Feeling Better!

by Kyra Bontemps

ferent kinds of

#### **Exercising** Regularly

After school at TR you are able to go to the weight room and/or bike room if you'd like. Participating in P.E is also a good daily exercise. You should exercise regularly, depending on your age, and make sure to include a rest day. Never overdo yourself. If you are a little self-conscious you don't have to go to a gym or hire a personal trainer, many people like to work out in the comfort of their own home.

#### **Eating Right**

Eating right is a big part of healthy living. You should eat at least three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner). In the cafeteria here at TR you have the option of hot lunch or cold lunch. Cold lunch meaning difsalads and sandwiches, there are also veggie pizzas and chicken wraps. There are many recipes and tips online that will better

your eating habits. Drinking a lot of soda and caffeine is also very unhealthy for you. REMEM-BER, every cooked meal isn't a healthy

#### **Personal Hygiene**

Personal hygiene

meal.

is also a big part of healthy living. Washing your hands, washing your hair, brushing your teeth, and showering daily are very important. Everyday your body is being exposed to all types of germs that can seriously hurt your mental and physical wellbeing. TR also gives you the option of taking a shower after your P.E period.

The environment you put yourself in will play a big role in your healthy living. If you surround yourself with people who sit around all day, eating junk food, and not personally taking care of themselves then you too will start to form the same habits, whether you notice it or not. Surround yourself with people that you know will have a positive influence on you.

Also, consider signing up for Fitness & Nutrition here at TR next year. It will be fun and informative!

#### **Environment**

# why they are essen-

tials, duh! If you don't have them, consider purchasing them. **Black Denim** Now whether

Hello Fashion

Freaks! The top

essentials to have

in your closet are

items that everyone

should own .That's

these black jeans are high rise or mid-rise, never low-rise; this piece is timeless and can be paired with anything. You can achieve plenty of

**Urban Outfitters BDG** Twig Super High Rise Jeans-Black Ink \$64.00

looks with these

pants.



#### White Tee

This can be a loose fit tee, regular tee, or v-neck. This piece is timeless and can be worn when you really don't feel like dressing up. This can be thrown on just for a quick run or get an off-duty

model look.

**Urban Outfitters** Shrunken Pocket Tee- White \$18.00



cle Coat.

#### Leather Jacket

Everyone needs a leather jacket. You can wear this fall to spring. It's also another timeless essential. Opt for minimalist colors.



#### **Trainers**

Good trainers are Nike Air Maxs and Nike Roshes. There fashionable and can be worn everyday if need be. They aren't a lot, very affordable, cute and

### There are numer-

FASHION SPOTLIGHT!

ESSENTIAL TIME!!!!!!!

by Chelse Sims

Bombers, Poodle material coats, etc. This is essential because when it's freezing, cold and windy, it's nice to pick up and go.

Peacoats, Parkas,

Join **VOICES of TR** Tuesdays in the Cafeteria @ 3 pm

Any questions...see Mrs. Williams in D213

Try Forever 21's Shawl Collar Bou-



#### Cream Sweater/ **Blouse**

Cream is the way to go! If you do not like white, this is more of what you want.



#### Watch

When your phone is dead or your car clock is not working, and when no one is around you that has a phone; you have a watch. This is an essential, no need to ask why. Also, a watch just



#### **Moto Boots/Boots**

You don't have to own a pair of Dr. Martens to have some fashionable, fresh moto boots. There are all kinds of boots you don't have to limit yourself. Go buy some nice boots and not the off brand or spin off of a Dr. Marten, something with quality. With this added addition you'll be just fine.

BDG Ankle-Strap Leather Ankle Boot BDG Ankle-Strap Leather Ankle Boot \$99.00



#### Handbag

A handbag is needed because you can pair it with almost every article of clothing you put on. It is an everyday piece. Go for handbags that will fit your everyday need and look. Find Forever 21 Wrapped Faux Leather Crossbody.



Pictures courtesy of Urban Outfitters, Google Images and Pinterest.

# Dink **Ribbon Inc.**



Pink Ribbon Inc. is a New York registered, internationally operating charity organization aimed to create a global community to support breast cancer patients, survivors and their families all over the world. The Pink Ribbon website supports the community by facilitating forums and blogs where thoughts, experience and information can be shared. Pink Ribbon is dedicated to raising breast cancer awareness and funding for breast cancer research.

Find out more at www.pinkribbon.com

The Healthy High School Challenge ends on Friday, October 31st. There's still time to help our Student Council win the top prize of \$4,000. Earn points by purchasing combo meals in the cafeteria, healthy snacks or beverages on the challenge list. Better yet, double the points you earn by purchasing the "featured" healthy snack, beverage or entrée highlighted in the cafeteria. Now's the time to make our push and win the Healthy High School Challenge. For the latest results, check out the Healthy High School Challenge on Facebook.

sporty.



#### Coat

ous kinds of coats.

## I.C. News

#### **Imperturbable Conservatory News**



### Spotlight on the Most Valuable Teacher

by A'mor Taylor



of the Month, TR recognizes

Ms. Brogger.

In recognition of

the Most Valuable

Teacher/Teacher

Her motivation to become a teacher: She used to explain how to do math to her high school peers and she liked it.

Extra-Curricular: Co-Sponsor of Black History Month Committee, and Sponsor of Fellowship of Christian Athletes

She helps her students by breaking

Coming Soon..

Talk To Tiff..

Hey Falcons ,there is a new section in the paper, "Talk to Tiff..." Students and staff can "Talk to Tiff" about anything! She is going to keep it real! Math problems, girlfriend/boyfriend problems, or help to decide what color you should wear to prom. She can answer it all. This is anonymous so there is no need to sign your name, unless you really want to! The best letters will have a response in the school newspaper so if you submit one, MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE PAPER FOR YOUR RESPONSE! Drop your letters in the Bagpipe locker in the B2 hallway!!

down the material so that they can better understand it.

Her Advice: Be positive and don't give up".

Memorable Moment:
When she had a student that was in 3 homeless shelters, junior in college. but still came to school because of

her determination and now she is a junior in college. Ms. Brogger contributes a lot of time to her academic career. If you see her, thank her for her wonderful contributions to your learning environment.

### Place

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Join the Bagpipe Newspaper Staff!

# Calendar of Events

November 12 S.A.V.E. Gun Violence Awareness Day

November 15 IMEA Jazz Festival

November 18
FCCLA Career
Connection Event

November 19-21 Fall Play

November 22 IMEA Band Festival

November 25 SWSC Novice Speech Tournament @ TR

**November 27**Thanksgiving Day

**December 1**World AIDS Day

**December 3**Mathletes IV

**December 6**TR & ElkGrove
Speech Invitational

**December 9**D205 Student
Board Meeting

**December 10**Scholastic Bowl
III

December 14
TR Band Winter
Concert @ 3pm

**December 16-18** Final Exams

**December 18**Band Clinic College Night

**December 19**Make-up Final
Exams

End of the Semester 1

# Spotlight on the Most Valuable Student



by A'mor Taylor

This issue's student spotlight is in recognition of Ariana Byrd based on her many accomplishments through her academic career.

Her GPA: 3.9

Extra-Curricular: NHS, FCCLA, G-Wave, NTHS, Student Board (Secretary), Jefferson Awards (co-chairman), Marching Band (Jammers)

Ariana spends about 9-10 hours in school every day and also attends school on the weekends sometimes to partake in extra-curricular activities also.

Her Advice: She advises her peers to find the positivity in everything that they do in life. She says that this has helped her and can take anyone far in life.

The thing that makes Ariana a



leader is that she takes responsibility for her actions. She is passionate and joyous in everything she does. If you don't know Ariana introduce yourself because she is one person that can brighten someone's day in a second.





The Marching Falcons win 2nd place in the Show Style and Most Dynamic Band categories on October 18, 2014 at the Rich Central High School Band Festival Competition.



# BOO GRAMS



#### **Kiyanna Anderson**

Hey Bae, you should know who this is. I want you to know you're my everything and more. 9-26-13 Jessica Sanders

#### **Adonna Dawkins**

I know what you did last summer!!!! Dun , dun , Dunn Anonymous

#### Mrs. L. Joseph

You are my Boo because you are the best mother and you have done a great job with my now teenage daughter.

Mrs. S. Jackson

#### Shanika Williams

Hey Bae, just wanted to say I love you infinite times infinite times infinite XOXO Jasmine Parkerson

#### Journalism 101 Club & Staff

Keep working hard! Ms. Zachery

### Kenny OVE VOLLBA

I LOVE YOU BABY!!! E.

#### **Julius Smith**

Your mature and composed manner makes people want to listen.

Remember, people are always watching. Stay focused on the goal!

Ms. Brogger

#### Ms. Perkins- Udu

You are a great teacher. Keep up the good work! Ms. Brogger Imperturbable conservatory

#### **Aereeon Frederick**

You are capable of great things! Maintain focus on what you want to be and accomplish! Stay focused on the goal.

Ms.Brogger

#### Mr. Zachery

Hey Big Brother! Love ya! Ms. Zachery

#### Mrs. Chapman

You are my boo because you are the glue that holds it all together with a smile. You greet everyone with a wealth of warmth each day and brighten up our lunch.

Thanks!

#### **Paul Haritos**

You're really cool people and btw kinda been crushing;) AP Buddy



#### Ms. Gillenwater-Catron

You are my boo because you are my mini-me. Your are the most dependable person I know. I am blessed to have you on my team.

Love you!

Mrs. S. Jackson

#### Shazea Nathan

Your energy and aim for greatness makes you a leader by example! Keep striving for your dreams! Stay focused on the goal!

Ms. Brogger

### S.A.V.E Steppers and Committee

Keep up the good work Mrs.Robinson-Sabbat and Ms.Ousley

#### **Ameenah Salaam**

You have strong opinions and a great personality. Get the right platform and your voice will be heard! Stay focused on the goal!

Ms. Brogger

#### **Emily Akin**

Hey you're beautiful and I love you with all my heart. I did not expect meeting you all this happening to me.

Kenny

#### **Reilly Jackson**

Hey! I have a crush on you you're a good football player. I cheer for you and I spoke to you at the game, and you're very cute.



#### **DaJon Torrence**

DaJon,
You have been a great addition to AVID. You are a great role model for those around you. Keep up the good work!
Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### Samantha Posley

You are a good role model to those around you. You are smart, hardworking, and determined. I admire when you took your time to volunteer for the tornado victims.

Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### Madana Hyppolite

Thank you for checking on me. I appreciate it. You have a wonderful spirit. Don't let anyone take that away! Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### Umani(Yamoni) Wright

Your are well-spoken and future-minded. It is so exciting to watch you discover what you want to pursue next. Stay focused on the goal!

Ms.Brogger



#### **Student Council**

Thanks for all you do!! Erykah, Arianna, Tabitha, Alexis and Jayda you ladies rock!!! Ms.Ousley

#### Dawn Clark

Your determination and focus are obvious! Stay focused on the goal! Ms.Brogger

#### Shakria McCoy

You have so many great qualities, expound on them, because that will build you into a successful young woman. Thank you for worrying about me!

Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### Mrs. Stessl

I appreciate you! Mrs.Joseph



#### **Destinee Johnson**

Blondie!!!
You have always been a joy.
You have a great attitude
and wonderful work ethic.
Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### Adedayo Ogunsanya

Thank you for helping me out all the time. You are sweet and continue to be that way. I love that you are reliable and hardworking.

Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### Ms. Zachery

Thank you for being the best co-sponsor ever!!

Mrs. Joseph

#### Libasse Diop

You show growth and improvement every step. You have established yourself as a role model and leader. Stay focused on the goal!

Ms.Brogger

#### Rashaan Morris

Rashaan you are very smart, use that along with your ability to be a role model and you will go far.

Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### Jawan Roger

You display maturity and confidence, continue to develop those qualities. You are on the road to success.

Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### **Dae-Junique Depillars**

You lead by example! You are mature and well-spoken.
Stay focused on the goal!
Ms.Brogger

#### Alana Fisher-Carter

Thanks for being a reliable and trustworthy best friend, but I still don't like you.

A'mor Taylor

#### Mrs. Joseph

Thanks for being my right and left hand!

Ms. Zachery

#### Jalen Fisher

Your development is going to bring you success.
Good Job!
Mrs. Perkins-Udu



# BOO GRAM



#### **Rey Campos**

Hooooooooomes, I love you!!!! You are AMAZERFUL and the BEST, best friend anyone could ever ask for! You're my heart and SMILEEEE!

#### Ronaldo Wallace

Your hard work, discipline, and good communication skills have earned you respect. This next phase will be even greater. Stay focused on the goal! Ms. Brogger

#### Capt. Williams

You are my Boo, because you are the most considerate person I know. Please don't ever change; you are the best and most supportive. Ms. S. Jackson, Athletic Director

#### Terranesha Williams

I have always known how smart you are. Continue to stay dedicated to putting that in writing. You have grown so much when it comes to your attitude. I am proud of you! Mrs. Perkins-Udu

**Alex Lafrano** 

You are my Boo because I have known you the longest and you have been a great friend through thick and thin. You are the best at keeping our grounds beautiful and game ready! Mrs. S. Jackson

#### **Nadia Watkins**

Your willingness to communicate regularly with your teachers is encouraging. Your energy and positive spirit have won you the friendship of your peers. Stay focused on the goal! Ms. Brogger

#### Jayda Lewis

Your kindness and desire to improve yourself is inspirational. You are worthy of the compliments from your teachers. Stay focused on the goal! Ms. Brogger

try so very hard. I love your personality and smile. I am very proud to have you on board.

Ms. T. Waller

You are my Boo, because you

#### Kiera Newell

It has been so great having you in AVID. You came in strong. And have been a great addition. Thank you

#### **George Lee**

You're the apple of my eye, boy you are my baby. Anonymous

#### Karen Wilmore

**BEST SISTER!** Jasmine Wilmore

#### **Monique Norton**

You are AMAZINGGGG!!!! I LOVE YOU BABY MAMA!!!! Bree

#### **Tytianna Murray**

You are like the most awesome person ever. Love you new best friend. Anonymous

#### Lawyranna Gardener

You are my best friend in the whole wide world and I love youuuu!!! Arianna Smith

#### Trena Brown

Continue to stay involved in extra activities and you will continue to be a well-rounded student. Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### Janasha Jones

I love you Queen Jay. Tanasha Jones

#### **Antoine Jones**

You are my Boo, because you are a great addiction to my family. I love you son. You make me very proud to be Mom #2. Ms. Jackson

#### A'mor Taylor

You're my favorite pet! Anonymous

#### **Eric Price**

You are my Boo because you always have my back. I know I don't always express it; but, I do appreciate all that you do. You are a great friend and colleague.

Mrs. S. Jackson

#### **Destiny Wesley**

Determined! That is what you are! Keep pushing forward with all of your dreams. Stay focused on the goal!

#### **Jasmine Davis**

Through adversity you have continued to be a great student. Keep up the good work Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### **Tishauna Edwards**

Your kindness, energy, and enjoyment of life are obvious. I'm excited to see you keep coming out of your shell. Stay focused on the goal! Ms. Brogger

#### **Nicholas Gatlin**

Your wit is amazing! I laugh sometimes... Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### **Melody Johnson**

I appreciate your desire to improve yourself and move out of your comfort zone. You can do this! Stay focused on the goal! Ms. Brogger

#### Mr. Walton

You are my boo because we are starting over and rebuilding. You have been very consistent. I believe we make a great team and together we are going to make great things happen at TR. Mrs. S. Jackson



Ms. Zachery To My Boo--Ms. Zachery:

Congratulations on your new role as the Newspaper Sponsor. I know that you will take the Bagpipe to new heights. Much Success, Mrs. Stephens.

#### Victoria Edwards

Your positive spirit is enlightening. Stay that way! Thank you for always letting me know you appreciate me. Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### Erykah Williams

You have really shown pride in your work! Remember, you are capable of success; don't let anything hold you back. Stay focused on the goal! Ms. Brogger

#### **Ninti Smith-El**

You are the awesomest person on the planet! Bachir

#### **Adonna Dawkins**

You are a great young lady, and the sincerity you have shown over the past 3 years is sure to be a quality that helps you to be successful in the criminal justice field. Stay focused! Mrs. Perkins-Udu

#### Chavona Hall

You are so focused and dedicated to band and your academic success. Make your senior year the best. Stay focused on the goal! Ms. Brogger

#### **Kiana Williams**

Kiana, it is good to see you are starting on a positive note with your attitude and grades. Good job! Mrs. Perkins-Udu

# Opinions .....

# Please Join Us for Graduation

by Brianna Burge Editor-in-Chief

Every year there is an annual cycle; seniors graduate and freshmen enter into a new chapter of their lives. As a person speaking from experience, high school is a journey. Walking through the threshold and into this new world we experience a multitude of things. In the past four years I have grown from the meek and timid young girl into a mature young woman. The people we come across throughout our years in high school are all lessons within themselves. The teachers we have or even just converse with can help us surpass many hardships and help to mold us into the people we are meant to be. The people we encounter throughout our four years of high school leave an impression, especially the ones who taught us. As a senior it is important that the people who helped to get us across that stage be present at that special moment in our lives; thereby, all teachers should attend graduation.

Delving into this new chapter of our lives, we as students tend to cling and gravitate towards the people who support us. Being a part of an extra-curricular activity, we especially form strong bonds with the sponsor. As students we often see this sponsor as a second parent or a role model. It is important that these staff members,

# Day at the Dentist

By Brianna Burge & Sakihya Darden

On Friday September 5th, 2014, many Falcon students went to B108, the former art room, for a complimentary free teeth cleaning by Universal Dental Clinics, which they signed up for at registration. Twice a year Universal Dental Clinics makes a stop at many different schools throughout the Chicagoland area; some students are already on file with them. Led by Dr. Ahmed Ramaha and Dena Rasheed, a group of dental assistants began working on students. Sounds great and trustworthy right, but maybe you were too trusting

who we have grown to love, be there for the most important achievement in our lives.

So why is it that every year during graduation only a handful of staff members actually attend? These people who have been there to see us transform from the small freshmen we were into the mature young adults we are, are often absent for the most important day in a student's high school career. All teachers should attend graduation, especially since they are a big part of why the students are graduating. High school is a journey and honestly we all have that one teacher, whom without we would not have made it.

Every year at graduation the gymnasium is filled with the graduates' loved ones. Notice I said loved ones meaning not just parents and family, but friends as well. This large group of graduate supporters should include the teachers, who deserve some credit for getting us through the struggle. We are in school for 180 days, which means teachers work for 180 days right? WRONG! Teachers have vacations and sick days just like any other job, so why not come in on a day of celebration, paid or not. Graduation is not just a celebration of the students who are getting their diplomas, but also a day of celebration for the teachers who helped to make it possible. Teachers have a very important job, and that is to help shape the future. For that very reason graduation is also a day to celebrate them as well for a job well done.

with these strangers. Did you even ask if these dental assistants were licensed? Did you even ask if the tools they were using were sterilized? Do you even know what they were officially doing to your teeth?

Many questions swarmed around Universal Dental Clinics and the things the student body did not know. The Dr. Ramaha was asked simple questions such as, the company's name, what they do, who are the people operating on the students, how is the sanitation, is this voluntary program, and for what purpose did they choose Thornridge High School. Dr. Ramaha's response was that the government covers the majority of their school visits In every generation there are naysayers who only wish to spread negativity, and for some of us students those are the people closest to us. For some students their extra-curricular activity is the only escape from the real world. The relationship that students form with their teachers or sponsors is often a deep one. A lot of students don't have that moral support from those closest to them; so having that one teacher, who was there when they needed encouragement, at graduation would mean more to that student then anything. As young people we need the love and support from our elders, especially from the teachers who we spend a good majority of our days with. Graduation is only a few hours out of a teacher's day, and those few hours can mean the world to a student.

Teachers, graduation may seem like another day at work, an unpaid day at work, but think of the students who have grown close to your heart. Everyone needs that sense of support. In addition graduation is not just a day of celebration for the graduates, but also a day for teachers to feel pride in all of the hard work they put in. Teachers you should come to graduation, because it is a moment to reflect on the minds you helped to mold. It wasn't easy for both parties, but we did it together. You support sporting events, concerts, plays, and competitions, so why not support the finish line of what high school is all about; Gradua-

and that their overall goal is to help prevent oral diseases. The people who worked on the

students were licensed dental assistants whose duties were patient preparation, teeth cleaning, and instrument sterilization. If students need further assistance as far as oral care they will be instructed to visit their dentist or the Universal Dental Clinic office in Orland Park.

Of course the good doctor would tell two reporters that everything is clean and that the job he and his team are doing is great, but up[on closer inspection, everything is not what it seemed. As far as sanitation goes, all of the tools that were used on me were fresh and sanitized.

### Do You Care?

By A'mor Taylor

Do teachers actually care about their students or was getting a Bachelor's Degree in education just the easy way out? This may be a rhetorical question, but it leaves the boggled. It's hard to imagine a teacher that you have a close bond with missing something important to you, but in district 205 it's more than common. The most important event that is so casually missed is the high school graduation. It's appalling that a journey that was hard and time consuming can be missed in the blink of an eye with no question in a teachers mind. When it all comes to an end and a student's eyes travel the crowd, they hope to see the person that had a hand in their accomplishments. Teachers should be there!

There are a lot of benefits when it comes to being a teacher and even though salary doesn't make that list, changing someone's life should. The day of reckoning is when the hard work of teachers and students come together on graduation day. That day teachers benefit from their hard work because the students they pushed are making their last step in his high school career. Graduation is the last step in this journey, especially for senior teachers. Not only is graduation a celebration for students, but also a celebration for teachers. Teachers help students learn to make it in this crazy world; because without knowledge, everything is impossible. Teachers, if you don't feel like you have a certain student to celebrate, come and celebrate yourself and all

In all honesty, this school has a bad name. Thornridge has a bad name because we as a whole do not support it, including the teachers. Last year a picture of our school was posted on social media and mocked because of our low number of graduating students. Nobody said anything, nobody cared. That's how graduation is looked at, nobody cares. The teachers do not seem to want to be a part of it, and that just adds to our bad reputation. When it is all said and done we may not be everyone's favorite school, but we should be our favorite school and support it

In a simple moment loved ones can be taken away or someone's home life can be a story people don't even want to read about in the news, so they create a bond or a form a support system in school. Teachers become a form of a family just as friends or any other individual at school, who provides support. Students need those "family members" there just as a form of a support system. School has become a safe haven for students all around the world and teachers have become people that they can trust and look up to. As a teacher if you care about a student you should want to be there for support, especially the ones that you know need it. When it's all said and done school should be more than the dreadful place that students come to. It should be a home, somewhere that students feel safe and teachers are a big part of that. Once a teacher becomes such a big part of a student's life, the graduation shouldn't be a forced thing it should be an honor.

All teachers should come to the graduation period there's no other way to put it.

Letters to the editor and reader responses can be dropped off in the Bagpipe locker in the B2 hallway for review and possible publishing.

~Bagpipe Staff

Once the female dental assistant cleaned my teeth, Dr. Ramaha examined my teeth. The procedure that the dental assistant performed on me was a simple, 15 minute, subpar, teeth cleaning; they left the examination to Dr. Ramaha.

In an interview with a student; he was asked about his experience and if he questioned the people operating on him. The student replied that "I had a pretty good dental experience and the only thing I would change is the fact that I did not question the people who were working on my mouth."

All in all the Universal Dental Clinic was not a completely bad experience, but it should cause you to really question your decisions. The sanitation may have been up to par this time, but what about next time?

Remember no one can force you to do anything that you are not comfortable with. Question, observe, and be aware, just because it is offered by the school doesn't mean that it is 100 percent safe. Do not trust everything that everyone says, do your own investigating.

# Opinions.....

# Spanking: Discipline or Child Abuse?

By Brianna Burge Editor in Chief

On September 12, 2014, the Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson was indicted for spanking his 4-year-old son with a switch. This has been a hot news topic as it relates to many peoples' lives. Where is the line drawn between discipline and child abuse? This controversial story brings about an interesting questions, is spanking your child bad thing? As a person who was spanked from time to time as a child, I would say that spanking your child is not a bad thing because I turned out just fine, if not better. However, I do believe there is a line that needs to be drawn between discipline and child abuse.

Parents everywhere discipline their children, but

# To Be or Not to Be...Spanked

by A'mor Taylor

Spanking in the 21st century should come with a child care class, because that seems to be something adolescents need. In 2014, there were many crimes committed by reckless teenagers that could have been avoided by good discipline measures at home. In actuality, some of these crimes could have been avoided if these children had a parent in household instead of a friend. When it comes to decision making, spanking a child isn't always what a parent wants to do, but in this day and age it's what they need to do.

In the real world certain things will not be tolerated. Children need to learn from an early age in order to avoid the severe consequences that they will later have to endure if they miss this life lesson. Spanking a child may be too harmful in the eyes of some, but it curbed the bad behaviors of many. One such person who has been affected by this controversy is Adrian Peterson (an NFL receiver for Minnesota Vikings) who spanked his son in order to show him that

he spanked his 4-year-old son with a switch, which is a tree branch with all the leaves plucked off. Personally, I have never been hit with a switch, but I can only imagine the pain it causes to an older child yet alone a 4-year-old. Even though Peterson was unaware of the sharpness of the end of the switch, it is still no excuse for his actions. A switch is a spanking meant for an older child, and it is because of the boy's age that many are against Peterson's method of discipline.

I am a strong believer in the fact that a parent should be allowed to parent and discipline how they see fit, so long as it is not detrimental to the child's well-being. Therefore, I understand Adrian Peterson's anguish in the fact that the police are trying to tell him how to discipline his child; however Peterson crossed the line. There is a medium-sized line between discipline and child abuse. Small children should never be spanked with a switch no matter the offense. Peterson

certain behaviors are not allowed. Saying that Peterson is wrong for spanking his son is like saying our justice system is also wrong because in America there are punishments for every unacceptable behavior. If a child is not taught right from wrong at a young age then they will continue to do wrong because they do not know any better. Spanking a child is a stepping stone to having them know what behavior is okay versus not okay.

Spanking is a very popular way to instill discipline. Come to think about it, without discipline a person cannot have a stable life. Discipline sets off an alarm in a person's head that tells them what they're supposed to do. Discipline is the reason that this essay is being written instead of watching Twilight. It is the reason that in every grade there is a top ten. It's also the reason that Adrian Peterson spanked his son. At a young age discipline is first introduced to a child. This teaches them to do what they're supposed to do. This trait can be applied to every aspect of life whether its school or a job or anything for that matter. Discipline will always be needed throughout life and

forgot in that moment that his son is only 4-years-old, therefore a simple hand or belt would suffice. Spanking as a disciplinary method is not considered child abuse, but it is when you go too far and cause a lot more than a momentary pain where you are crossing the border to child abuse.

Adrian Peterson's defense for his methods is how he was brought up as a child and so that may be all he knows. As humans we are evolutionary creatures and capable of change. We do not always agree with our parents' methods, so we make the decision as future parents to not follow certain methods that were thrust upon us. Adrian Peterson is not an incompetent man and may have taken his anger out on his son improperly, but it does not excuse his actions. Adrian Peterson's defense for his methods is how he was brought up as a child and so that may be all he knows. As humans we are evolutionary creatures and capable of change. We do

spanking a child is the way to start this off.

Spanking a child can prevent so many of the things that are happening in this day and age. I'd be getting carried away to say that it could prevent cancer for all of the smart mouthed individuals reading this that always has a rhetorical question to ask , but it could improve the crime rates. Children that are not properly taught at a young age usually end up doing what they please. Most of the things that our youth are doing now are bad. Maybe, just maybe, if they were correctly punished as they were growing up they would know that consequences are always around when needed. Sometimes children need to be more than told to not do something. They need a little reminder of what could happen. In order to avoid jail and lower the crime rates, kids need to be spanked so that their common sense factor can be reestablished. Spanking is a lesson learned that can be helpful in the future

21st century children need a spanking. It can be the *end all be all* if people allow it to be. When it comes to disciplining a child, spanking is okay. Spanking not always agree with our parents' methods, so we make the decision as future parents to not follow certain methods that were thrust upon us. Adrian Peterson is not an incompetent man and may have taken his anger out on his son

The line between discipline and child abuse is visible. Many can argue that that is all they know and therefore they repeat the cycle, but as evolutionary creatures you can choose to go a different route. In Adrian Peterson's case he may have some remorse for the severity of his son's disciplinary punishment, but feeling bad about the act after it is committed is not sufficient. I do not believe Peterson should face jail time or lose his job, but I do believe he deserves to miss out on a few games. Spanking is a common parental disciplinary practice that straddles the fence between discipline and child abuse. I don't believe it to be wrong, but it is easy to cross the line.

and beating a child are two totally different things and spanking is definitely more acceptable. Therefore, to all the Adrian Peterson's in the word, continue to do your best, just do it in moderation.

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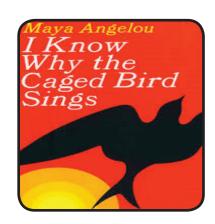
# **Book and Movie Reviews**

### "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings"

by Trinity Simmons

## "The Maze Runner"

by Trinity Simmons



Title: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings Published: 1969 Author: Maya Angelou Recommend: Yes Rating: 4.1

This autobiographical novel gives its readers a look into the life of the author, Maya Angelou. She takes a journey that spans her experiences as a child and as a young lady. Maya Angelou is known for writing great literary works such as Gather Together in My Name (1974), The Heart of a Woman (1981), And Still I Rise (1978) and I Shall Not Be Moved (1990).

The book starts off with the main character, Marguerite aka Maya and her older brother, Bailey. Their parents leave them at an early age, so they are sent to live in Stamps, Arkansas, with their grandmother (Momma) and Uncle Willie who is a crippled man.

Living in Stamps isn't easy for the children, specifically Maya. She struggles with multiple racial encounters. One example is when a white dentist refuses to help treat her rotting tooth, even when money was loaned to him by Maya's grandmother. Another example occurs when an employer insults Maya by calling her Mary on purpose. As the book continues, an unexpected visit occurs from the children's father takes the children to live with their mother in St. Louis, Missouri.

From then on, things become even more difficult for Maya. She encounters being sexually abused by her mother's boyfriend, Mr. Freeman, which eventually creates a court case where he is found guilty.

Reading further into the book, the reader begins to learn more about the author in her teen/young adult stage. She is sent to live in San Francisco, California, where she attends George Washington High School. Maya also becomes the first Black female streetcar conductor in San Francisco.

I recommend this book for all High School students. This book introduces multiple themes, such as racism, love, and identity. As a reader, I found identity to be the strongest theme. Part of the storyline deals with Maya being racially judged, and she must find a way to feel okay about being in her own skin.

What I liked most about this book is how relative in can be for readers. As youth, we sometimes deal with family issues or even issues with people we encounter with on a day to day basis. It can be a struggle, but in the end, the results most likely turn out positive. I find that Maya Angelou expresses this point very well in her book. Not only will you read about what struggles she had, but you will also read about how she overcame them, which helped her become a great writer.



The Maze Runner is a complete thriller, filled with sci-fi action and violence. The movie is originally based off of the best-selling book The Maze Runner written by James Dashner. This film is a 20th Century Fox motion picture. It was directed by Wes Ball, who has also directed Beginners (2010) and A Work in Progress (2002). The movie was released into theaters on September 19th, where it reached \$32,512,804 on its opening weekend. The movie stars Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario, and Will Poulter as the main characters.

Thomas, a teenage boy, is the main character in the movie. He is imported by an elevator into a place called the Glade, where he remembers nothing besides his name. The Glade is surrounded by a huge Maze, which contains mechanical creatures called Grievers that roam the Maze at night. Keep in mind that no one has ever escaped the Maze before.

He isn't alone when he arrives though. There are about 50 to 60 other teen

boys, who call themselves Gladers, when he arrives. There is a separate group called the Runners. This group of boys is responsible for going through the Maze whenever the doors open during the day. In order for Thomas and the Gladers to escape the Maze, they must work together to defeat the Grievers and find a way out through the Maze.

I enjoyed watching this movie mainly because of the action it contained. It keeps you guessing on what will occur next.

I highly recommend anyone to see this movie, especially if they're into sci-fi films. Another good option is to read the book before seeing the movie. Reading first may provide more info in detail about what happens in the story.



### **Movies To Look For:**

#### September Movies

No Good Deed (PG-13) September 12th Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) September 12th The Maze Runner (PG-13) September 19th The Box Trolls (PG) September 26th

#### October Movies

Dracula Untold (PG-13) October 10th Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG) October 10th The Book of Life (PG) October 17th

#### November Movies

Big Hero 6 (PG) November 7th Interstellar (PG-13)November 7th The Theory of Everything (NR) November 7th Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13) November 14th The Hunger Games: MockingJay (NR) November 21st

#### **December Movies**

The Hobbit: The Battle of The Five (PG-13) December 17th Annie (PG) December 19th Into The Woods (PG-13) December 25th

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# TR Athletics

### Restoring the Falcon Pride

by Marlon Buggs

Thornridge Falcon football is restoring the pride of the school. The Falcons have been on a 28 game losing streak, but that has all changed this year. The Thornridge Athletic Department has a staff of newly acquired coaches, who teaches the team necessary skills. The Thornridge football teams have definitely changed for the better. As a part of the new program, after every school day, Coach Jennings calls a team meeting to talk about goals and accomplishments. Each level freshman, sophomore, and varsity is getting off to a good start thanks to the new coaching staff.

The freshman team, who took on Joliet Central August 30th at home, started off their season the right way. They went on to beat Joliet 40-0 on August 30th; they played a great game obviously and came out with a win. They managed to keep Joliet Central off the board the entire game. The freshman boys of Joliet Central took home an L for their first game of the season. Our TR freshman boys brought home the first W of the season. Now it is time to finish even better than we started.

The sophomore team hosted by Joliet Central, on August 30th, started off good with the Falcons scoring the first points in the first 2 minutes of the game. Late in the 4th quarter, Thornridge went for the 2nd point conversion, but failed to score. The final score was 18-19 the Falcons lost by a single point to Joliet. It was an exciting game and Thornridge fought hard all the way through. Anyone who has watched them over the years could tell the team was getting better and fighting harder. You can really see how the game was changing.

Thornridge varsity team had the best starting record of all levels. The varsity team played Joliet Central at their main field. The Falcons kept Joliet off the scoreboard the whole game! As the Falcons were up 33 points they came out on top at their first game of the season. After a three year, twenty-eight game losing streak, Thornridge came out with a big W. CONGRAT-**ULATIONS FALCONS!** 



(Right) Thornridge Varsity Football: TR Defender going in for the crushing blow.

(Left) Thornridge Volleyball: Kiera Newell, senior, warms-up before the big meet.



#### Varsity Falcon Volleyball Results:

Overall 1-9		Conference 0-6
08/26/14	TR	2-0 (L) @Bloom High School
08/28/14	TR	2-1 (W)@Seton Academy
09/18/14	TR	2-0 (L) Bolingbrook
09/23/14	TR	2-0 (L) @ Joliet Catholic Acad.
09/25/14	TR	2-0 (L) Joliet West
09/30/14	TR	2-0 (L) @ Sandburg
10/02/14	TR	2-0 (L) @ Lincoln-Way West
10/07/14	TR	2-0 (L) Thornton
10/09/14	TR	2-0 (L) Thornwood
10/16/14	TR	2-0 (L) @ Lincoln-Way Central



#### Sophomore Falcon Footbal Results:

9/2/14	TR	18 - 19	Joliet Central
9/5/14	TR	(forfiet)	TF North
9/12/14	TR	0 - 35	Lincoln-Way Cn
9/18/14	TR	7 - 48	Lincoln-Way N.
9/26/14	TR	6 - 32	Lincoln-Way W.
10/03/14	TR	0 - 42	Thornwood
10/09/14	TR	6 - 7	Bradley
10/17/14	TR	20 - 13	Andrew
10/23/14	TR	8 - 54	Thornton

Final Record 1-8





Thornridge Homecoming Game Fall 2014





#### Varsity Falcon Football Results:

Overall 2	2-7		Conference 0-7
8/29/14	TR	33 - 0	Joliet
9/05/14	TR	25 - 24	TF North
9/12/14	TR	0 - 42	Lincoln Way W.
9/19/14	TR	6 - 35	Lincoln Way N.
9/26/14	TR	13 - 29	Lincoln Way Cnt.
10/03/14	TR	6 - 46	Thornwood
10/10/14	TR	0 - 40	Bradley
10/17/14	TR	14 - 22	Andrew
10/24/14	TR	14 - 41	Thornton



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