



THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

# BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**DECEMBER 13, 2023**

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

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# **OPEN SESSION**

C A L L T O O R D E R

# **ROLL CALL**

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- A. Report from Curriculum Committee
- B. Report from Finance Committee
- C. Report from Policy Committee
- D. Report from Discipline Committee
- E. Report from Facilities Committee



# CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated November 9, 2023 through December 13, 2023
- B. Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated December 13, 2023
- C. Ratification(s):**
  - i. Approval of the Thornton Township High School Overnight Wrestling Tournament, Rockford East High School, December 1-2, 2023, Rockford, Illinois

# CONSENT AGENDA

## **C. Ratification(s):**

ii. Approval of the Thornton Township High School Boys Basketball Team to participate in the Southern Illinois Classic, December 16-17, 2023, Normal, Illinois

iii. Approval of the Thornton Township High School Overnight Wrestling Tournament, December 28-30, 2023, Lincoln, Illinois

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.*

*In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”*

*Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.*



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

DR. DOSS





THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

# COMMUNICATIONS

N E W S F R O M T H E S C H O O L S

MR. FICKES



# THORNBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



**THORNTON TOWNSHIP**  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205



TR/TW Choir performs at SSC music student's recital



TR Band performance at Richton Park's Veterans Day Parade







**THORNTON TOWNSHIP**  
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# Purdue University Main-Campus Visit

November 9, 2023

*Thornridge High School – College & Career Center*





# Thornridge High School

College & Career Center

## Senior Spotlight



*Kyla Barker*  
**\$118,000**



*Faithe Buckner*  
**\$156,000**



*Mikayla Hooper*  
**\$268,000**

*Dream Big....Soar High*



## MY INFLUENCE MATTERS TEAMS UP WITH RESTORATION MINISTRIES IN FOOD GIVEAWAY

Jason Clark sponsor of MIM will be serving and assisting Restoration Ministries on **December 16th** from **9:30am-12:30pm** in their Food Pantry Giveaway. Thornton students and staff have been invited to volunteer.

Restoration Ministries has been a pillar in the Harvey community for over 30 years. Every Saturday, they provide groceries to more than 300 families. They often need volunteers to assist in aiding community residents during their grocery experience.

If you are available to help, please come out to volunteer:



Restoration Ministries, Inc.  
253 E. 159th Street  
Harvey, Illinois 60426





# THORNTON

## W I L D C A T S



**THORNTON TOWNSHIP**  
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On November 11<sup>th</sup>, more than 1,100 students, parents, alumni, and community residents filled the Thornton main gymnasium for the first Wildcat Classic Alumni Battle of the Decades basketball tournament. The event featured food trucks, inflatable bouncy houses for toddlers, Photo Booth station, and free giveaways. Alumni cheerleaders and Pom Pom dancers also showed the current students they still had the skills to perform.

This event falls under the Transition model that creates platforms and experiences for alumni to come back to provide representation and resources to their alma-mater.





# THORNTON

## W I L D C A T S



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On Thursday, November 9th, 75 IB Juniors and Seniors from Thornton Township High School spent the day at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg.

The students did an amazing job representing their school!

Together, we helped package 35,208 meals, which can feed approximately 97 children for a year!

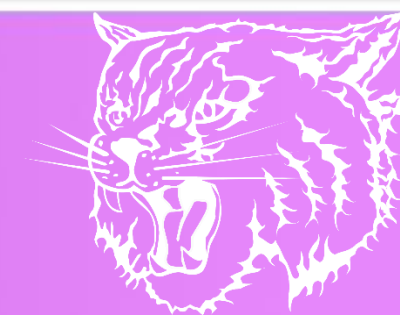




*congratulations*  
YOU DID IT

## QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

137 Freshman, 107 Sophomore,  
136 Junior, and 119 Senior Students





# THORNWOOD



THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

DEC. 06 11AM CT

## YOUTH VOICES LIVE FROM COP28 IN DUBAI, UAE

CLASSES & CLUBS  
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

[GO.CLIMATEGEN.ORG/YOUTHCOP28](https://go.climategen.org/youthcop28)



Avery Smith (Thornwood Senior) streamed on December 6, at 11 CT. from **Dubai's** COP28 UN event with a youth group called "It's Our Future.": They shared about their experiences as delegates at this year's United Nations' Conservation Conference.







## Avery Smith

### Avery Smith

Last month senior Thunderbird student Avery Smith, upon special request gave a tour of the South Holland, **CEDA** plant to the Under Secretary of the Department of Energy; Dr. Geri Richmond, and her team. In this role Dr. Richmond oversees DOE's Office of Science, the nation's largest federal sponsor of basic research in the physical sciences, DOE's applied R&D areas of nuclear, fossil, and renewable energy, and energy system integrity, and the DOE national laboratories and their facilities.

Avery is in the running for Valedictorian this year at TWHS and did a phenomenal job presenting in-depth knowledge of energy saving materials, techniques and equipment to the Washington D.C., entourage. We at Thunderbird Nation are proud of this young man's accomplishments and can't wait to see how he continues to impact the world at large.





## Elementary Feeder School Visit!

Dr. Covington & Team have visited 6 of 8 of our feeder schools .....  
seeing over 600 students and parents!





Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Recognition of Excellence –  
Thornwood High School Receives Platinum Honor!

- Illinois law requires public high school seniors to complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative Application) as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma effective with the class of 2021. ISAC recognizes the efforts of high schools that focus on supporting their students and families through this financial aid process. Four levels of recognition from bronze to platinum honors have been defined according to a school's FAFSA and Alternative Application completion rate of 66% and higher.
- On Monday, November 27, 2023, ISA Corp Member Paighton Thomas presented Thornwood Principal Don C. Holmes and College & Career Counselor Razietta Bishop with the Recognition of Excellence PLATINUM Honors banner to celebrate the Class of 2023 surpassing a 95% FAFSA completion rate. This is Thornwood's first platinum recognition and follows two consecutive gold recognition years.





## Thornwood's Largest ASVAB Exam Administration in 5 years!

- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude battery exam designed to help individuals identify their skills and abilities across different areas. It can benefit anyone looking to gain insight into their strengths and interests and is required for those interested in military careers. The highest score achievable is 99.
- Thornwood H. S. hosts an ASVAB digital exam administration each semester that is proctored by the Chicago Military Entrance Processing Station with U. S. Military officers. Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 19 seniors, 1 junior and 1 sophomore took the ASVAB exam and earned scores as high as 82! This is the largest group to do so in a single administration within the last 5 years! A detailed post-test results interpretation session will occur on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Many of the seniors are in the process of completing their D205 3E Post High School Plan to be ENLISTED.





# IL Special Olympics Floor Hockey



Thornwood's team participated in the state floor hockey tournament. The team played hard and had fun! They moved up a division, and ultimately won silver medals. They appreciate all the support received every year.



# IL Special Olympics Snowshoe



Miyanah Holloway competed last weekend in the Special Olympics Snowshoe event. Miyanah placed gold in the 50 meter and 100-meter dash! She did an amazing job representing Thornwood!



# **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Student Board of Education Mid-Year Report – Ms. Gonzalez



# **Mid-Year Report**

# **NEW BUSINESS**

B. 3E College and Career Fair – Mr. Fickes, Dr. Ratliff, College and Career Counselors



SEVEN  
EIGHT  
ENROLLED. ENLISTED. EMPLOYED.



# **NEW BUSINESS**

- C. Resolution providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$12,200,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

D. Approval of the 2023 Tax Levy

# **NEW BUSINESS**

E. Approval of the 2023-2024 School Calendar (Printing and Mailing)



# **NEW BUSINESS**

## F. PressPlus Issue 112 – Dr. Doss (Approval Needed)

- i. Draft Update 112 - 4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery; 4:100 Insurance Management; 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- ii. Review and Monitoring - 5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline; 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives; 7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment; 7:330 Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access
- iii. District Edits - 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examination; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students



# **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**



# EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to enter into Closed Session, pursuant to 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the following:
  - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
  - Student discipline;
  - Collective negotiating matters; and
  - Pending, probable or imminent litigation



# **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**



# **ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING OPEN SESSION**

- a. Possible Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing Tenured Teacher Notice to Remedy
- b. Possible Action to Uphold, Modify or Reverse Teacher Suspension Without Pay



# **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regular Meeting**

**January 10, 2023**

**THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL**

District 205 Vision: Building an exemplary high-quality organization that produces major gains in student achievement and prepares all students to be productive citizens in a global society.

District 205 Mission: To develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted or employed at the completion of high school.

District 205 Core Values: Empathy, Trust, Pride, Responsiveness, High Expectations with High Support Integrity, Commitment to Excellence, Innovation, and Collaboration