

Aidan Jordan, Editor-in-Chief

Can we agree that the TFN uniform policy is a terrible idea?

EDITORIAL

Did you guys know that next year District 215 will be requiring students to wear uniforms starting in the upcoming school year? It is truly a shame, but I bet if you are a senior like me then you are probably happy to be graduating soon! I feel really bad for the incoming freshmen who have to go back to wearing uniforms after they graduate from middle school and the class of 2026 students who are excited to share their last first day of school outfits on social media. I believe that the school district making uniforms for the schools is very dumb. I do not understand the need to change the school's dress code. I believe that it is a very drastic measure to solve a problem that does not really exist. Although I think this decision is foolish, I do not necessarily have a huge problem with it...since I won't be affected! I know saying that is really biased, but the only other way to say that is... womp womp! All jokes aside I remember having to wear uniforms in elementary and middle school, and it stunk. Having to wear the same colors over and over again was terrible. Whenever I would walk around my elementary school it looked like I was walking around an army base with everyone wearing the same clothes. In fact, having no uniforms was one of the things I was looking forward to when coming to high school. Too bad that is all going to change with the new uniform policy. Who knows, maybe with enough complaints the district will get rid of the uniforms? But for now, students will just have to deal with it.



Under the new uniform policy, each campus will have its own colored polo shirt.

Story by Anahi Martinez, Gabriella Barraza, and Liliana Kreuger, Staff Reporters

TFN will adopt school uniform policy for 2025-26 school year

Last night on March 31, the District announced that there will be a uniform policy starting this upcoming 2025-26 school year. This policy requires students from District 215 to wear khakis, a school color-coordinated polo shirt, and shoes, and belts of their choice. Students from TFN will wear purple polos, students from TFS will wear red polos, students from TF Center will wear blue polos, and students from TF CAL will wear green polos. Consequences for not wearing the uniform will result in a call home and not being allowed in the building. Uniform inspectors will be checking for violations as students pass through the weapons detectors. Uniform inspectors will also visit classrooms to ensure students are wearing the correct attire. The polo shirts must be worn tucked in at all times and a belt must be made visible. While the uniform policy may seem strict, students can show their creativity and will have the option to personalize and accessorize their uniforms. Jewelry, pins, and buttons will be allowed. The uniform policy was made to create a more distraction-free learning environment and many school administrators believe this new policy can minimize peer pressure. "The usage of uniforms is to eliminate stress in the mornings and eliminate the comparison of

clothing among students. People not only have to worry about what to wear in the mornings but worry about what other people have to say," said Assistant Superintendent of Student Affairs, Dr. April Tontos. Despite the administration's optimism, many students are expressing their frustration with the new policy. "I don't like the uniform enforcements. I think as high school students we should have freedom of what we wear to express ourselves. Being in high school is a time of growth, and this should also apply to what we wear," said freshman Jaida Sanders. Sophomore Diego Martinez added, "I feel like there is no purpose in getting school uniforms. The way we dress is a form of self-expression, and it doesn't sit well with me that our way of self-expression is getting taken away." While most students expressed their concerns, many also have welcomed the policy with open arms and are on board with the changes. Junior Nathan Rodriguez said, "I actually like the idea. Now I won't have to worry about what to wear in the mornings and rushing out of the house. I'm all for it." Senior Ian Mathews also agrees. "Even though I won't be here when the uniform policy goes into effect, I still think that it's a good change and now students won't have to worry about what to wear."

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor can be sent to our social media handles or thorntonian@tfd215.org.

Dear Thornfonian,
The uniform policy is the best policy T.F. North has ever passed. I am so glad I didn't have to wear a uniform throughout high school but my younger siblings do!! I will be making fun of them for the remainder of their high school journey.
Issac Hatemysis, senior

Dear Thornfonian,
I absolutely agree with T.F. North's new uniform policy for the 2025-26 school year. It is an intelligent move made by the school's administration that eliminates any distractions created by fashion choices. As someone who prefers to focus on academics, this policy truly allows me to reach my full potential of concentration. It also adds a sense of professionalism to the school's environment, showing other schools that we as a whole are centered around education and not trends. The uniform policy will also be an advantage in case of an emergency or intruder. The differentiation between the students and the intruder will be obvious as the intruder will most likely not be wearing a uniform.
Nathan Nerd, junior

Dear Thornfonian,
To be honest, the school uniform is a lifesaver. It would keep me low-key and stop everyone from recognizing me all the time. Having to deal with people coming up to me in the streets is irritating enough. Having a uniform will allow me to blend in and prevent paparazzi from finding me in the crowd. Many other students may not know how it feels to be bothered by people asking you for an autograph all the time. So coming from a famous person at T.F. North, thank you.
Taylor Swift, junior

Dear Thornfonian,
This is the dumbest policy ever! This has to be a joke. Who in their right mind thought this was a good idea?! I do NOT want to wear the same thing as everyone else every single day. I cannot believe they actually expect us to follow this stupid rule. This school stinks, I'm dropping out!!
Will Drophout, freshman

Dear Thornfonian,
I really love the school uniform policy! It is like a magical world of unicorns and rainbows where everyone is equal! No one will be judged for their outfits. It is like we're all in a giant purple group hug!! Imagine how cool it would be to be matching everyday with the entire school like if we are best friends forever!
Iris Rainbows, sophomore

Dear Thornfonian,
Although I understand the intention behind the new school uniform policy, it limits student creativity. The way a student dresses is often a form of self-expression. Clothing shows how different people are from each other allowing a sense of individuality within the school. By enforcing this policy, T.F. North will be preventing personal freedom.
Liam Different, sophomore

Dear Thornfonian,
As the freshest freshman at T.F. North, I have to say, I do not support the school uniform at all. I do not want to wear the same old lousy uniform like all these other noobs. I need to keep rocking my trendy and fire fits everyday. I am too cool for those ugly purple polos and khaki pants. I think I should be allowed to wear whatever I want, while everyone else wears the uniform.
Freshon Coleman, freshman

Upcoming Events

- April 2 Free Pano's in the upper cafe
- April 5-6 No School
- April 7 Cell phone ban begins
- April 12-13 No School
- April 17 School Water Fight
- April 19-20 No School
- April 31 Senior Trip to Las Vegas



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Upcoming hall sweep dates

Date	Per. 1	Per. 2	Per. 3	Per. 4	Per. 5	Per. 6	Per. 7
April 18	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X
April 19	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
April 20	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓
April 21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
April 22	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X
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April 24	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X
April 25	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X
April 26	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
April 27	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
April 28	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓

Class of 2025 shop open

Story by Ximena Gutierrez

This year the Class of 2025 chose to go all out for the graduation. After much consideration, the class officers decided to cut the basic t-shirts from the graduation shop. They wanted to be unique and sell a variety of things they’ve never offered before, including an exotic outfit for \$75, a commemorative Principal Rucinski key chain for only \$11, purple or gold fidget spinners for \$8 each, and a custom Class of 2025 dictionary for \$41. The exotic outfit can be customized to have your initials embroidered on the front for an additional cost of \$5. The key chain can be customized to include your favorite Principal Rucinski quote engraved on the back for only \$6. Lastly, the dictionary can be personalized with your name engraved in gold letters for \$12 extra. “I am so excited to purchase a purple fidget spinner to match with the purple and gold outfit. I’ve been waiting for different things to be sold, and I finally got what I wanted,” said senior Stephanie Joseph.



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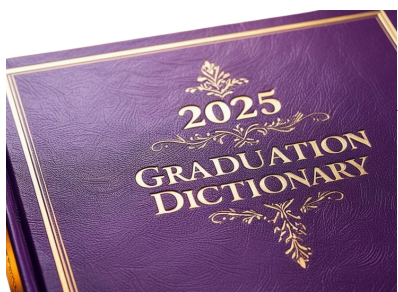
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\$8



\$41



TFN Meteor Man tryouts begin April 14th

Story by Ivy Finley, Staff Reporter



Meteor Man, T.F. North’s mascot since 1981, is a friendly, fun-loving figure that is beloved by the school. You may have seen him dancing at a pep rally, cheering on his Meteors at a football game, or on camera having fun with a club. Meteor Man is a constant in our school community, but students come and go, so someone has to step in to fill the suit. On April 14th, 2025, auditions will be held to see what super student has the school spirit needed to replace our mascot. The Advanced Costuming teacher Mr. Fantak said, “The student that acts as Meteor Man must be flexible, animated, and friendly.” Meteor Man candidates must be able to sing the school song at 130 decibels, perform a 30 foot vertical jump, punch a crater into the ground, and squeeze a lump of coal into a diamond. The lucky successor will be excused from first and second period every Monday for special training. If you’re up to the challenge, scan the QR code below.



Story by Staff Reporter Jasmine Pastrana and Art Director Emily Sanchez

Before they were TFN teachers

Ms. Csoke was a professional basketball player and captain of her local team before she became a math teacher at T.F. North. Her basketball career started when she was 4 years old. She was the best on her team and was playing with teammates who were 3 years older than her. She played college basketball at Iowa State University, and she was drafted by Alpo VillaFranca of the Italian women’s professional basketball league. She played for 3 seasons. She retired after a bad knee injury and decided to begin her teaching career. Mr. Schuldes was a professional race car driver for three years before becoming a Drivers Ed teacher at T.F. North. Although race car driving was a passion for him, he found that he wanted to share the importance of driving safely with younger drivers. He kept his retirement a secret from his students because he felt that revealing it would result in “negative one-hundred aura.” Mr. Anaclerio worked at White Castle as a district manager for five years before becoming a civics teacher. He quit because his biggest opp, Mr. Furmanek, kept arriving at his job to order the whole menu, but would always drive off without paying. This would not only result in a loss of food, but it would also annoy Mr. Anaclerio. He loved working at White Castle and still talks about it any chance he gets. He even has a Funko Pop of White Castle that he keeps on his desk to show his love for his past job. Ms. Boersma was a full-time country singer before becoming an AP Human Geography teacher. She had two hit songs during her career: “My Boyfriend Cracked My Heart at Cracker Barrel” and “You Ain’t Worth the Winged Eyeliner.” Ms. Boersma’s downfall came after an embarrassing event at Tumbleweed Festival. She wanted to stand out from the other performers, so she decided to wear neon boots and a bedazzled neon vest. She also decided to play the banjo even though she was inexperienced. She figured nobody would notice. She certainly stood out that day, and it stuck with her from that moment forward. That performance led to her retirement.

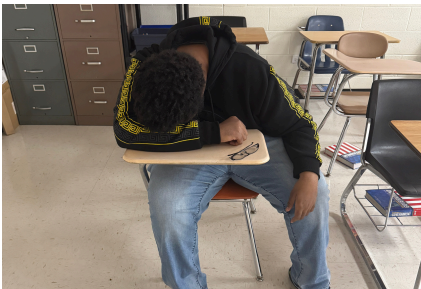


Student Survey: Which is the best for napping?

The Thornfonian Staff conducted a survey to see which spot at TFN is the best for napping. Results show that D., the grey desks with detached chairs, are most popular for napping among students and staff.



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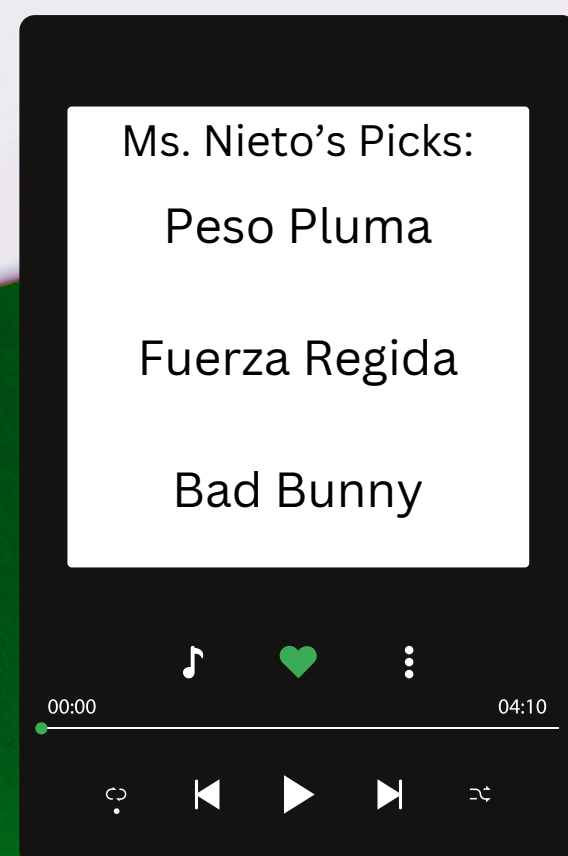
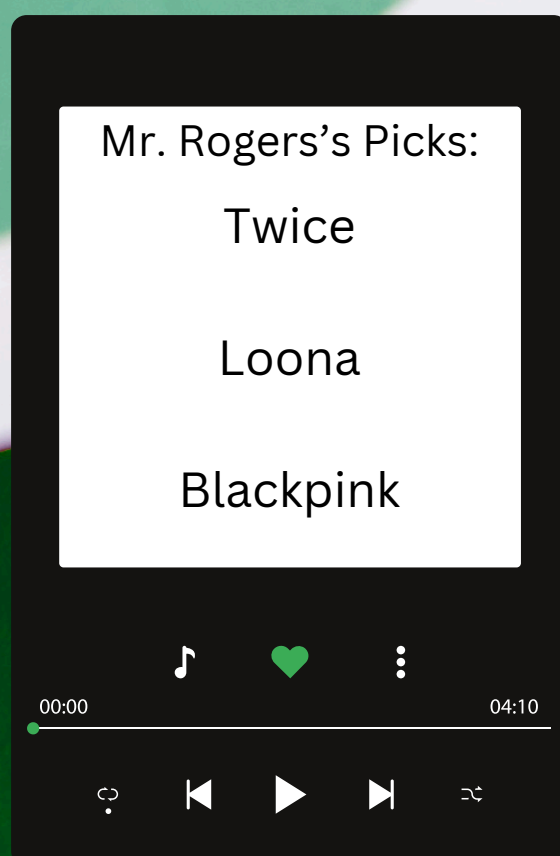
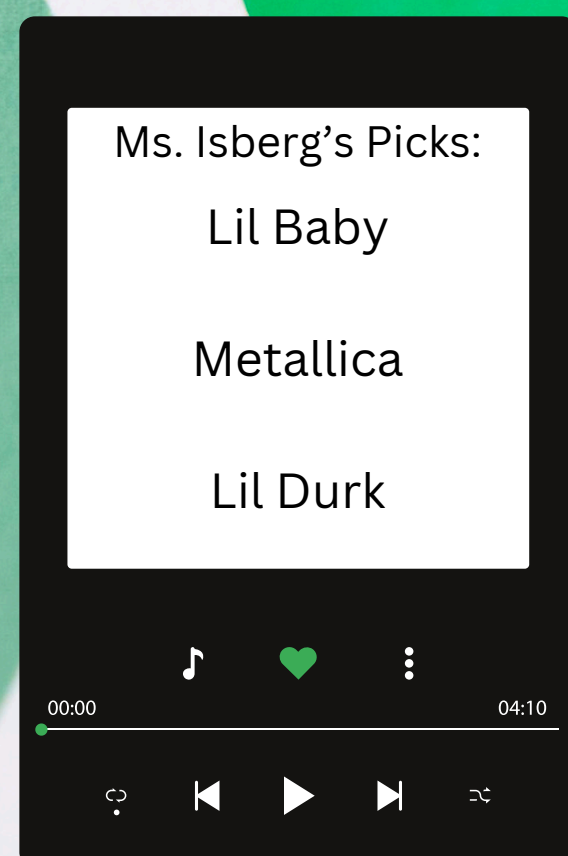
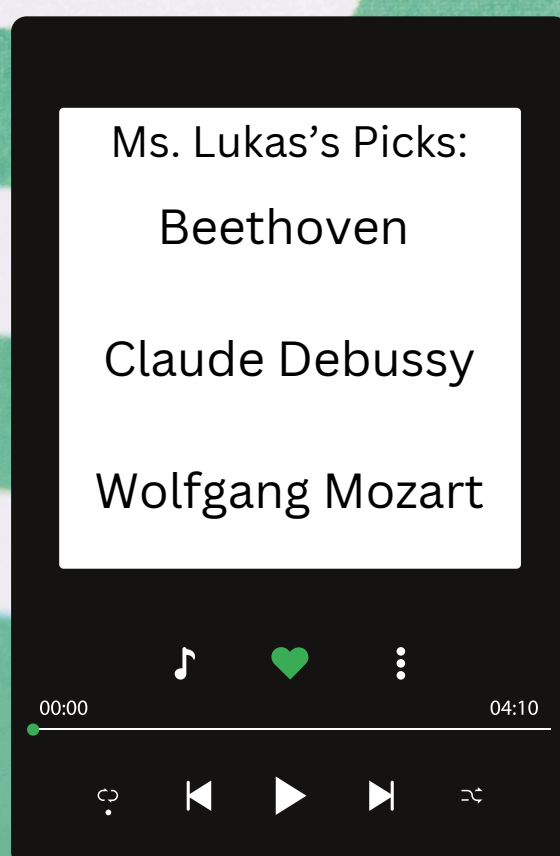
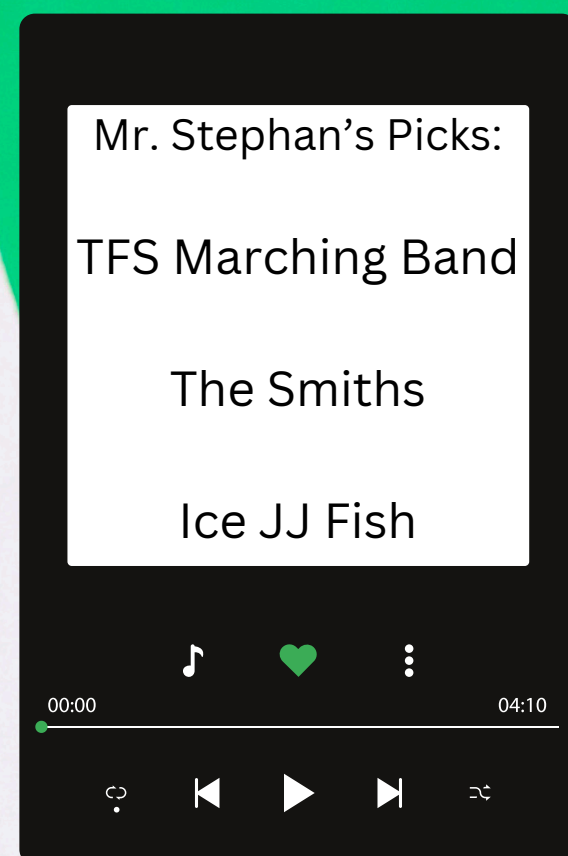
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TFN STAFF'S TOP ARTISTS

Curated by
Marisol Nicasio

Interested in what some of your favorite teachers listen to? Here are their current favorite artists!

Do you have a song you would like to add to our next playlist? Email your suggestions for our haha hahahah playlist to thornfonian@tfd215.org. Be sure to use your school email address and include your first and last names and your grade. Only school-appropriate suggestions will be accepted. Please limit your suggestions to 500 songs per playlist. The deadline for submissions is 3:30 pm on April 31, 2025.



Ms. Matlock to be named coach of new Quidditch team



The new Quidditch Coach, Ms. Matlock Photo credit: Jack Napier

Starting in the 2025-26 school year, there will be a new addition to the athletic offerings: Quidditch. Quidditch is a sport that originated in the European Union. It involves seven players per team. Six start on the field. There are three chasers who try to score on the opposing team. One keeper acts as a goalie, who protects three hoops, not one goal. Two beaters act as defensive players who help the keeper. The seventh player, the seeker, joins the team after a pre-determined period of time (17 minutes under IHSA rules). New head coach Ms. Matlock will lead the team. She is a die-hard Quidditch fan and a former Quidditch world champion. She even played alongside famous Quidditch players like Oliver Wood, Cedric Diggory, and Fred Weasley at Hogwarts. “She was the better player when we played together. She was the fastest player I’ve ever seen,” said Diggory. In her third year, He Who Shall Not Be Named came and destroyed Hogwarts, leaving the Quidditch pitch in ruins. Though that did not stop her from playing. She made a name for herself playing on the Cork Quidditch team in Ireland. The Cork Quidditch team won the Quidditch Cup 120-101 over Team Berlin. Matlock was voted MVP of the game. However playing was only her hobby, her real passion is teaching muggles. Now she gets to teach muggles her second love, Quidditch. “I love that I’m able to get these kids to play something completely different from what they are used to. I think the hardest thing the kids will face is learning to ride their brooms since this will be their first time interacting with magic,” said Matlock. Students interested in trying out for the team please see Ms. Matlock in the Ravenclaw quarters. Keep in mind that there are requirments before student can join.

Students will be required to have a sports physical and a pilot's licence to be considered for the team. There will not be two separate teams for girls and boys; it will be a co-ed sport. Several students have already shown interest in the brand-new sport. “I’ve always wanted to try Quidditch. My brothers Eric and Oliver always said how much fun it was in their school. So it’s going to be fun to try it too,” said freshman Rupert Grint. “Now that we’re getting it here, I’m pretty excited. My dad and I watch the Quidditch Cup every year, and now I get to play it at school,” added sophomore Ludo Bagman. Along with the students, several members of the faculty have shown support for this new addition. “When I was a lad I loved playing Quidditch during school. Yeah I had a few injuries, but I never felt more alive than when I was on that broom facing off against other teams. So it’s great to see a new generation being introduced to this age-old pastime,” said barbering teacher Sir Nicholas de Mimsy-Porpington. “I spent most of my time inside focusing on my studies, but I always loved watching them play Quidditch out of the window. The few people who I did make friends with did quite enjoy the sport so it’s nice to see the tradition of the sport continued,” said alchemy teacher Mr. Nicolas Flamel. However, some students oppose this new sport being added. “It was bad enough when my old school let in mudbloods, but this school letting muggles into my favorite sport is a disgrace to the name of Quidditch,” said senior Tom Felton. There is one staff member opposed to the addition. “We already have enough injuries with the duels that the dark arts professors endorse, so adding another contact sport is going to increase the amount of injuries tenfold,” said nurse Madam Poppy Pomfrey.

Upcoming Home Games:

April 2
Girls Basketball
T.F. North v. Monstars
16:30

April 4
Boys Chess Boxing
T.F. North v. Lemont
16:00

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T.F. North v. Lemont
16:00

April 5
Boys Combat Badminton
T.F. North v. T.F. South
13:00

April 9
Squid Games

April 10
Boys Sepak Takraw
T.F. North v. Bremen
17:00

April 12
Boys Lawn Mower Racing
T.F. North v. McLaren
18:00

April 14
Girls Breakdancing
T.F. North v. Raygun
25:00

April 15
Boys Thumb Wrestling
T.F. North v. Argo
18:00

April 17
Co-ed Combat Painting
T.F. North v. TMNT
19:84

April 18
Co-ed Shadow Puppets
T.F. North v. Wang Wenkun
17:00

April 20
Co-ed Roller Coaster Building
T.F. North v. Flynn and Fletcher
20:07

April 22
Co-ed Football X7
T.F. North v. Flynn and Fletcher
20:07