

Ruby Garcia, Editor-in-Chief

Put an end to the end-of-the-semester stress
EDITORIAL

It's almost the end of the month. We all know what that means...stress comes around this time because of the school work needed to get done before finals and getting those grades up. I'd like to share some good advice for all students who experience stress like me. I'd like to say that stress is totally normal, but it's just there for a short amount of time. Something that motivates me all the time during this type of end-of-the-year stress is how Mr. Posley always gives out some good motivational advice to all students. Honestly, it has helped me out a lot to continue working and ending the year stronger than ever. "Take today as an opportunity to lock in and take advantage of your time that you are spending here at school. If you just come here to waste your time, think about it, you are only hurting yourself, and you are setting yourself up for future struggles. It's important to finish strong," said Mr. Posley. As a freshman, the best advice I got was to continue and to always take advantage of my time because of how fast high school years go by. Honestly, it's so true. I'm a senior now. I always thank myself for pushing and getting through these types of months of stress. And now it's a much more relaxing type of year knowing I'm on a roll and ready to graduate. Now I tell you to take any type of opportunity that comes your way and use your time wisely. Never give up and know that you're not alone. I always tell myself it's better to stress once in a while than to regret it later on.



Photo credit: Azul Garcia, Chronoscope Staff



Santa and his elf read to children. Photo credit Mia Romo.

Story by Aidan Jordan & Rogelio Romero

Santa Claus comes to T.F. North
Literary Magazine sponsors annual holiday event for children

Books with Santa, a festive event where children can come out to be read to by Santa, eat cookies, make bookmarks, and overall have fun with Santa was held on December 15, 2023 after school from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the LRC. The hosts of Books with Santa were Ms. Hood and the Literary Magazine club members. It was originally offered before the winter band concert, but now this year Books with Santa was its own separate event. There were snacks and refreshments during the festive event. The purpose is to have something for the community to come together and spend time with each other through the magic of reading. There were craft stations for kids to write their letters to Santa, too. There was an assortment of books such as books in español, nonfiction books, coloring books, board books, and fiction books. There were Santa's little helpers (elves) who helped the children decorate their own bookmarks and helped them pick out a book to read. "It's a very vibrant place here. It's really fun, if you

have a younger sibling, you should really come next year," said junior Christian Diaz. "It's very fun and lively...it's nice to see kids have an interest in reading," added sophomore Morgan Bailey who volunteered. The event ended with Santa reading "Olivia Builds a Snowlady" to the kids. Senior Yulissa Villarreal, one of Santa's helpers, said, "It's always a nice experience, and I am glad I have always done it." Afterwards, the LRC had its book giveaway. The children got to choose a book. This year books were donated by the T.F. North library and any books that were left over were donated to the Calumet City Public Library. Books with Santa was a success. "I think it went great this year. We had kids arguing with each other about which books to read. It was so cute. We had kids of all ages, it was fantastic," said Hood. "It was the best turnout this year. It was really exciting to see parents push the knowledge of reading so by the time they become our students, they'll be further along," added Ms. DeSoto.

Holiday Concert Review
 Mia Romo, Jasmine Pastrana,
 & Emily Sanchez

The TFN color guard, bands, and choir perform at winter showcase.
 page 2

Gift Giving Ideas
 Ximena Gutierrez, Miranda
 Cuanetl, & Taliah Robinson

Our staff searched Five Below to find the best holiday deals.
 page 4

Student Surveys
 Taliah Robinson, Rogelio
 Romero, & Tianna Bowen

Meteors share what they want this year & what food they don't.
 page 6

Mia Romo, Jasmine Pastrana, & Emily Sanchez

Music program's holiday recital a hit

Band, choir, and guard perform winter concert

On December 14, 2023 the Thornton Fractional North Music Department performed its annual holiday concert for students, staff, and family. All levels of the band and choir and the winter guard performed. The jazz band started off the night playing the song Frosty the Snowman, followed by the cadet band who played the song Groovin' Kings Three by Jon Bubbett. Students in the cadet band are playing their instrument for the first time. There was a big crowd, but it was not overwhelming at all. "It felt good, it was really nice for the first time," said sophomore Dakya Phipps. Chorale opened its performance singing a traditional Georgian folk song, Alilo, followed by a performance of the song Hallelujah by Roger Emerson. Then the winter guard performed its own original mixes to their routine The Coldest arranged by senior Kennedy Greene and senior Tianna Foster as well as the routine The Frosty Snowettes arranged by senior Dorsey Reynolds and junior Tiarra Foster. Senior Saniya Craig conducted the concert band as they performed the medley Christmas

Portraits. Senior Quentin McFadzean conducted the band performing the song The March of Sad Santas. Mr. Piselo then finished off the concert band's performance with the medley titled A Mariachi Christmas. "I think the bands were my favorite. I thought they were so strong and really had come so far these last couple years. I'm so proud. I'm proud of everybody, but that was my favorite," said Ms McCraw. Following the concert band, Mr. Spakowski conducted the gospel choir's first winter concert performance as they sang the song Shout for Joy, inviting the crowd to join in by clapping along as they performed. Spakowski then concluded the choir's performance by directing the Advanced Choir in an acapella rendition of the song Lully, Lulla, Lullay, as well as the songs Cradle Hymn, and Children, Go Where I Send Thee. Senior Tori Overstreet then led the choir in their closing song Lead With Love, with a surprise dance performance by students senior Elijah Nichols and junior Amaje Garrett, gaining the performance a final roaring applause from the audience. Piselo took back the

stage and led the symphonic band with a performance of songs titled Winter Storm, Fantasia on the Dargason, and African Holy Night. Lastly, the marching band concluded the night with a final performance of the song This Christmas by Ted Ricketts. "I felt like we did pretty good," said sophomore Aeron Booker.



Mr. Spakowski directs the choir as it performs at the annual holiday recital. Photo credit Mia Romo

Final Exam Schedule

Semester 1 2023

Day 1-Wednesday, Dec. 20th

Period 1 8:25-9:35am

Period 2 9:40-10:50 am

Period 0 (EB) 10:55-12:05pm

Make-up 12:10-1:10pm

(students must arrange own transportation)

Day 2-Thursday, Dec. 21st

Period 5 8:25-9:35am

Period 7 9:40-10:50am

Period 6 10:55-12:05pm

MAKE-UP 12:10-1:10pm

(students must arrange own transportation)

Day 3-Friday, Dec. 22nd

Period 3 8:25-9:35am

Period 4 9:40-10:50am

MAKE-UP 10:55-11:55pm

MAKE-UP 12:00-1:00pm

(students must arrange own transportation)

2023-2024

Thorntonian Staff

Staff Reporters:

Diamond Adams
Tianna Bowen
Miranda Cuanetl
Ximena Gutierrez
Jasmine Pastrana
Taliah Robinson
Emily Sanchez
Jaela Westbrook
Cormora Williams

Editorial Board:

Mia Romo
Rogelio Romero
Aidan Jordan

Editor-in-Chief:

Ruby Garcia

Faculty Advisor:

Mr. Joseph Stephan

Established in 1925, the Thorntonian is produced by the Advanced Journalism students of T.F. North High School. It seeks to provide an open forum for all members of the D. 215 community. Opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the official position of D. 215 unless otherwise noted.

Survey by Tianna Bowen & Rogelio Romero

What is your favorite holiday memory?

Christmas is all about the memories you make with family and friends. So let's go down memory lane with the students and faculty here at T.F. North High School.

"My favorite holiday memory is when my dad on a snowy day/night took me and my sisters on a small steep hill, and we were able to slide down the hill while the snow hit our faces," said sophomore Azul Garcia.

"My favorite holiday memory was when me and my family were making Christmas food. It was my favorite because our family grew stronger and closer when we were in the kitchen all together. It was cramped because at the time we lived in a small apartment, but I will always remember how fun it was," said sophomore Natalia Garcia.

"My favorite holiday memory is when my aunts would host an annual cousins Christmas sleepover. All the little cousins would stay the weekend at their house, and we would do numerous Christmas-themed activities: hot cocoa and movie night, going out to markets, having elves on the shelves out, making and decorating cookies, just hanging out and bonding together. We have fallen off that tradition now that we are older which sucks, but it will always be a core memory in my childhood," said sophomore Jasmine Reyes.

"My favorite holiday has to be the time where I was 6 years old and was so excited to see Santa at the mall and take pictures with him. Unfortunately, the pictures were canceled for those going to the mall to take them. I came back home upset and disappointed. My dad noticed and thought of the idea to dress up as Santa the best he can with a Santa costume we had. Later on, he surprised me and acted like Santa, I knew it was him, but I was very happy," said sophomore Monica Aceves.

"When I got \$1000 for Christmas in 2021," said freshman Mark Sanders.

"The year my brother got a 'warning letter' from Santa. If he didn't start behaving in school and doing his work, he would get coal next year. I was old enough to recognize that this was my mother's handwriting, which made this even funnier," said Ms. Cook.

"My favorite holiday memory was in 2019 when I traveled to Florida. It was my favorite because I went with a lot of my friends and family, and it was nice to get away from the cold weather, plus I took a break from school," said freshman Idris Adewale.

"My favorite holiday memory is when the week of Christmas me and my family have a game night. It's my favorite memory because getting to spend time with the family is a joy and a privilege when you really think about it. Some people don't get to spend time with their family, so you should cherish your time with them," said freshman Anaeya Kelly.

"My favorite holiday memory was when I was younger during Christmas time making cookies with my grandmother. We would bake them and put frosting on top with sprinkles because I love sprinkles," said junior Imani Bell.

"My favorite holiday memory was on Christmas one day at my grandma's house. It was my favorite because we sat down and just talked, the whole family, it was a peaceful and good time to just sit there and have a chat with you family," said senior Jalen Jackson.

"When I was younger a lot of families would get together and have posadas days before. Posadas are a Mexican celebration," said Ms. Navarrete.

"My favorite holiday memory is when I got my first pair of dragonfly running spikes. They were amazing, and I still run in them during cross country and track," said junior Said Rodriguez.

"My parents got a dog for me one Christmas when I was young. I would go and visit the dog that was at a pet store all the time. My parents said they went to get the dog, but it was sold. I was upset then the next day they told me I had a friend at the door. When I went towards the door the dog came running to me. It was my favorite gift," said Mr. Rogers.

"My favorite memory is the last Christmas I had with my childhood pet. He rushed upstairs for his gifts," said junior Layla Hall.

"Everyone coming over to my mom's house for Christmas Eve, which we still do! Spending time with everyone especially since we all have our own families now. We don't get to do that as much," said Ms. Rising.

"My fondest holiday memory would be sitting around the table with my mother and sisters while making holiday fruit baskets and putting them under the tree as presents. We would all dance and sing Christmas songs until we fell asleep. Family means everything to me, and as time goes by I have learned to cherish every moment spent with my loved ones," said Ms. Torres.

The artwork below was submitted by sophomore Anahi Martinez, and the masthead on page one was created by senior Serenity Howard.



 **January 2024** 

Upcoming Clubs & Activities Events

Wednesday Jan 10, Scholastic Bowl
Tuesday Jan 16, SSC Chess Conference @ TFS
Wednesday Jan 17, Scholastic Bowl
Friday Jan 19 Open Mic
Wednesday Jan 24, Scholastic Bowl
Thursday Jan 25, NHS Blood Drive
Saturday Jan 27, Chess IHSA Sectionals
Wednesday Jan 31, History Club, pasta dinner @ VFW

Story by Ximena Gutierrez, Miranda Cuanetl, & Taliah Robinson

Holiday Gift Giving on a Budget

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year to give gifts to friends and family. However holiday gift giving can be tough and financially stressful, especially if you're on a budget. There is a lot to consider when shopping for gifts between not knowing what to get and having to set a fair amount of money to spend. That's why Five Below is the perfect store to do gift shopping on a budget. The following list includes some Christmas gifts that are affordable for everyone. All pictures were taken from the Five Below website.

Gifts for Teens:

LED lights are a good gift to give. This LED light bulb comes in various colors which you can choose from your phone for only \$5.55.



For only \$5.00, this mini handle/crossbody travel bag is perfect for taking on the go.



Get your loved one a brand-new protective AirPods case for only \$4.00!



Gifts for Adults:

This \$5.55 warm blanket is the perfect thing to give! One can never have enough comfort items!



Recently, tumblers have been trending because of their quality of keeping liquids at their temperature for a long time. This 40 oz tumbler is perfect for a hardworking parent for only \$5.55!



Don't let your loved one walk around their house with cold feet. Get them these microsuede faux fur slippers for only \$5!



Cleaning tools can be really expensive, so why go out of your way to get a \$200 vacuum when you can get one for \$25 and it includes LED lights?



Gifts for Kids:

Kids love everything soft and cute. They will love to be gifted a plushie that they can sleep with every night and take everywhere with them.



Children love to play games with their family and have lots of fun with them. Getting a puzzle for a kid is such a great gift because they can put it together with their families.



Children of any gender and age will enjoy a ball for outside play. They can play with a ball by themselves. Playing with friends and family will excite them even more.



If this was helpful to you, please let us know by contacting us at thorntonian@tfd215.org or on Instagram @tfn_thorntonian.

Survey by Mia Romo

Class of 2024 Holiday Memories

(Below Left) “I was 16 when I took that picture. It was special to me because of how much it reminded me how much I love Christmas,” said senior Victor Green. (Below Middle) Senior Jikayala Washington was three in this picture and said that this picture was special to her because it showed “the pureness and innocence in a child.” (Below Right) “I was 16. It's special because it was with my family and it was a good time,” said senior Ramiro Villegas (who is on the right).



(Above Left) Senior Michael Hernandez was sixteen and said this was his favorite picture because “I got dressed up with my sibling and had a lot of fun taking these pictures.” (Above Right) Senior Mia Romo (believed to be seven in the picture) said this photo was special to her because it was “probably my last Santa photo ever.”

A Holiday Poem by Iyinoluwa Ogunyemi

The smell of cookies baking in the oven,
 The twinkle of lights on the tree,
 The joy of giving and receiving,
 The warmth of family and friends around me.

Families gather close, their love the greatest gift,
 In laughter and in love, our spirits gently lift,
 The aroma of baked good, cinnamon and spice,
 Fills our hearts with comfort, a true paradise.

The excitement of opening presents,
 The comfort of hot cocoa by the fire,
 The beauty of snowflakes falling gently,
 The hope and love that never tire.

Kindness in the air, a sense of goodwill,
 Spreads like wildfire, as hearts with joy fill,
 Children's laughter rings, with ecstatic glee,
 As they await the jolly man, beneath the tree.

Christmas is a time of wonder and delight,
 A time to cherish and hold dear,
 For in these simple things we find,
 The magic of Christmas each year.

A Holiday Poem by Corian Mathews

In winter's hush,
 the snowflakes dance,
 A sliver symphony
 a joyful trance.

Beneath the boughs,
 adorned with light,
 Christmas whispers
 in the silent night.

Stocking hung with care,
 A hopeful song
 Santa's glides
 swift and strong.
 Cocoa warmth
 and laughter's cheer,
 Gather 'round,
 for loved ones near.

Thank you to all those who shared their art.
 Unfortunately, the Google Form we used did not
 include names with all the poems. We decided to share
 the ones with their author's names. Thank you for
 understanding.

Aidan Jordan & Mr. Stephan.

Survey by Taliah Robinson

What is on your holiday wish list?

“I have headphones/earbuds on my Christmas list. The reason for this is because I don't have any, and I really enjoy listening to music. It's hard to listen to music at school because there's so much noise around, and I have to hold my phone up to my ear to listen to music,” said freshman Sophia Maxey.

“Three things are on my holiday wish list. First, is a camera. I like photography a lot, and I would like a real camera instead of using my phone. Second would be for Christmas to be and feel the same as when I was little. The third one but at the top of my list would be to see my brother again,” said freshman Leslie Aguilar.

“On my holiday wish list is a record player, this vanilla smelling bath and body works set, lip gloss bundles, lash clusters, LED lights, my Shein cart, and big squishmellows. The reason I want these is because I like listening to music a lot, so a record player would be cool to use and have. I chose the lip gloss and the lash clusters because I like the way they look. Lastly I like to decorate my room, so the LED lights and squishmellows would help with that. Lastly the Shein cart and vanilla set is because I like to look and smell good,” said sophomore Kenyhia Hodges.

“I have multiple things and requests on my holiday wish list, and one of them is to focus on school more and do good in my classes and to have a healthy mental health. I also want to spend more time with my family and be happy,” said sophomore Anene Kamsiyochi.

“On my holiday wish list I have a mouse pad, some money, and some clothes maybe. I just want a mouse pad to give my room some more diversity, and it's about time that the old one retires. But I want clothes and money because my wardrobe is pretty dry, and money is just a universal gift,” said junior Joseph Merritt.

“Safety and peace is the number one thing on my wish list. My hope is that all students, staff, and their respective families have a holiday filled with love and laughter. But above all that I hope everyone is safe and finds peace during their winter break,” said Ms. Carter.

“I want a day at the spa! This would be the perfect gift to unwind and relax,” said Ms. Medina.

“On my holiday wish list is a cat, and the reason for wanting a cat would be because it's something that makes me feel happy and someone I can connect to. About two years ago I had a stray cat that would always come to my front door, meowing for food, meowing for comfort, and so I would come outside to feed her and to pet her, play with her, and just to see her. Seeing her always put a smile on my face even when things were getting tough,” said freshman Nayeli Castaneda.

“In my Christmas list, I chose the DVD player for my PC so that I can watch movies on my laptop whenever I like. Along with this, I can watch my favorite movies on DVD or Blu-ray on my laptop with my girlfriend. Along with this, if possible, I can find computer games for my laptop so that I may expand my horizon to new games to play on my laptop. So, that is why I chose the DVD player for my most wanted on my Christmas list,” said sophomore Sebastian Munoz.

“An iPhone 15 is on my holiday wish list because I really need a new phone. My previous phone has been dropped into water countless times, has a cracked back camera, horrible picture quality, the oldest phone case imaginable, and most people don't even sell cases for my phone to top that. To top all that off, I have dropped my phone from every height and on every hard surface imaginable. It types by itself, and it insists on only being able to charge at a specific angle. Overall I think a new phone is a must because this one is on its last legs,” said sophomore Talayah Nero.

“My holiday wish list is mostly things that's a “want” and also a “need.” There are things that I want like Beat headphones or new airpods or more purses but things I need is probably being close to my family and bringing my whole family together,” said junior Athzirit Rivera.

“On my wish list, I want a Hellstar shirt. I want a Hellstar shirt because they are so cute and fashionable. If I get a Hellstar shirt I will feel like that girl,” said senior Kendall Stancle.

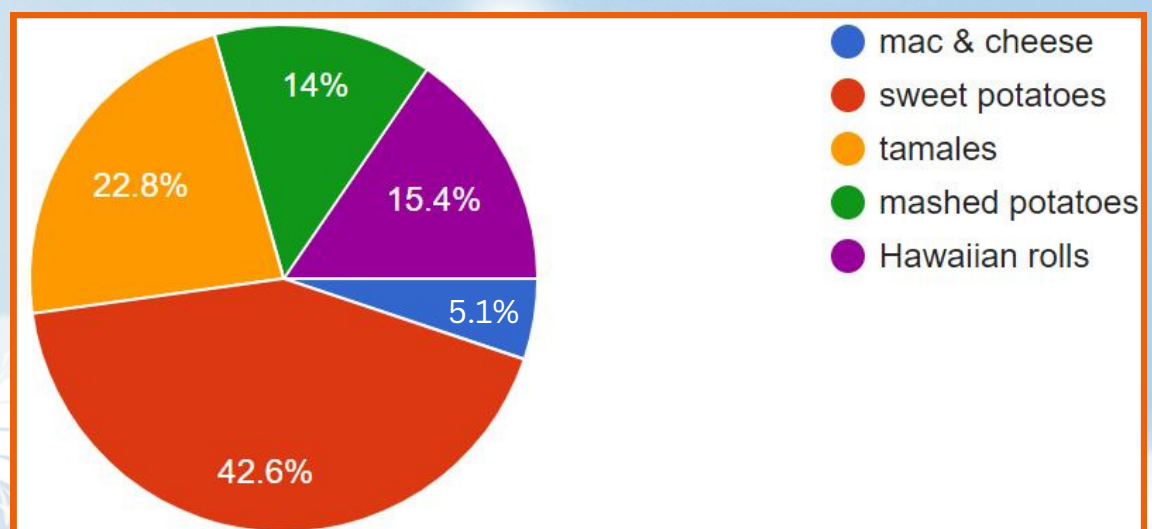
“I have Beats on my Christmas list because my last pair got run over and broke. I need a new pair also because I like to be on the phone with headphones,” said senior Zaria Bishop.

“Black leather tote bag, Tasman slippers, Apple headphones, Bath and Body works candles. I chose these items because they all help give me a positive mind. Except for the slippers. But the headphones and tote bag help me through the day during school. I can carry my books. The headphones are to get into my own zone and block out all the negativity. The candles help me meditate and the slippers are just comfortable,” said senior Amber Phillips.

“A PUPPY! I want a puppy because WHO DOESN'T WANT A PUPPY FOR CHRISTMAS?!?!? It's been my only dream FOREVER! I also just think a puppy will lift my spirits during the next few sunless months,” said Ms. Matlock.

Holiday Staples

One has to go and 136 Meteors said...



Survey by Rogelio Romero & Tianna Bowen

GUEST PLAYLISTS

Curated by
Cormora Williams & Jaela Westbrook

Everyone has heard “Jingle Bells” and “All I Want for Christmas is You.” If you’re looking to add something jolly to your holiday playlist, here are some song suggestions.

Do you have a song you would like to add to our next playlist? Email your suggestions for February’s Black History Month Playlist to thorntonian@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 5 songs per playlist. The deadline for submissions is 3:30 pm on January 31, 2024.

Check out our
Guest Playlist on Spotify:

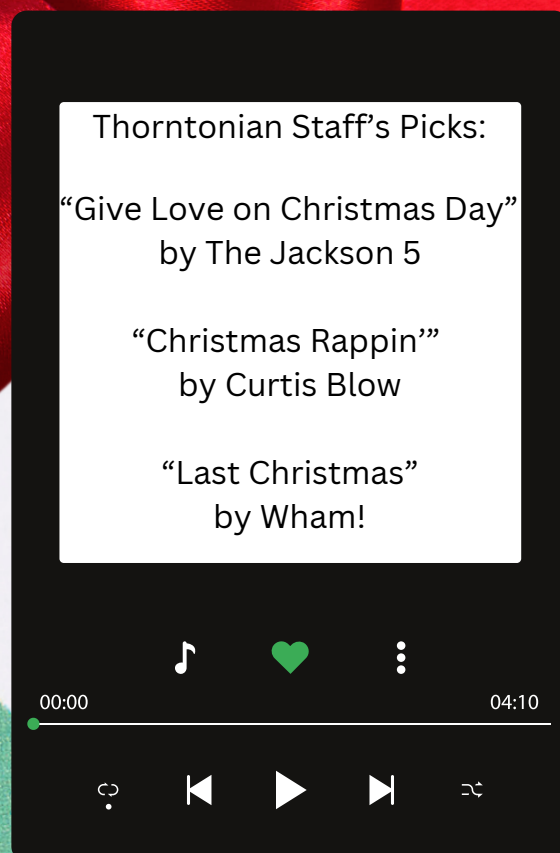
[thorntonian-2](#)

Thorntonian Staff’s Picks:

“Give Love on Christmas Day”
by The Jackson 5

“Christmas Rappin”
by Curtis Blow

“Last Christmas”
by Wham!



Diamond Adams’s Picks:

“Someday at Christmas”
by Stevie Wonder

“Silent Night”
by the Temptations

“Let It Snow”
by Boyz II Men

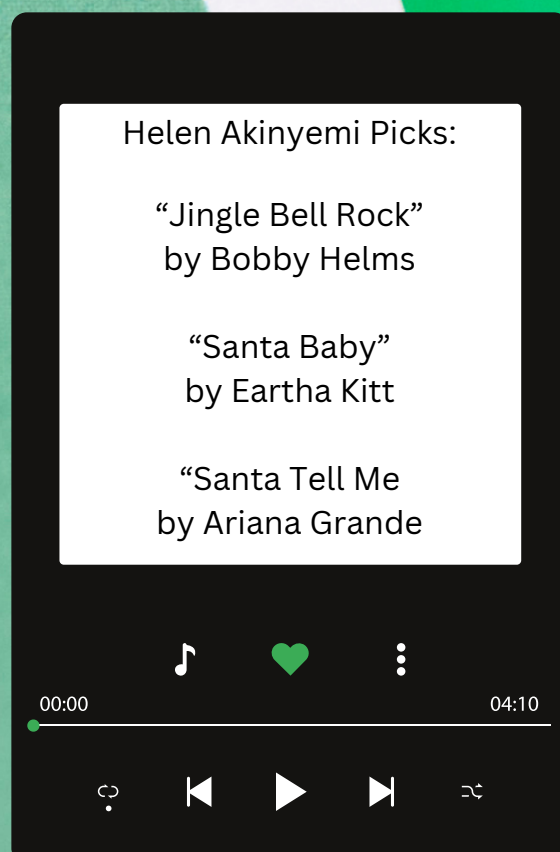


Helen Akinyemi Picks:

“Jingle Bell Rock”
by Bobby Helms

“Santa Baby”
by Eartha Kitt

“Santa Tell Me”
by Ariana Grande

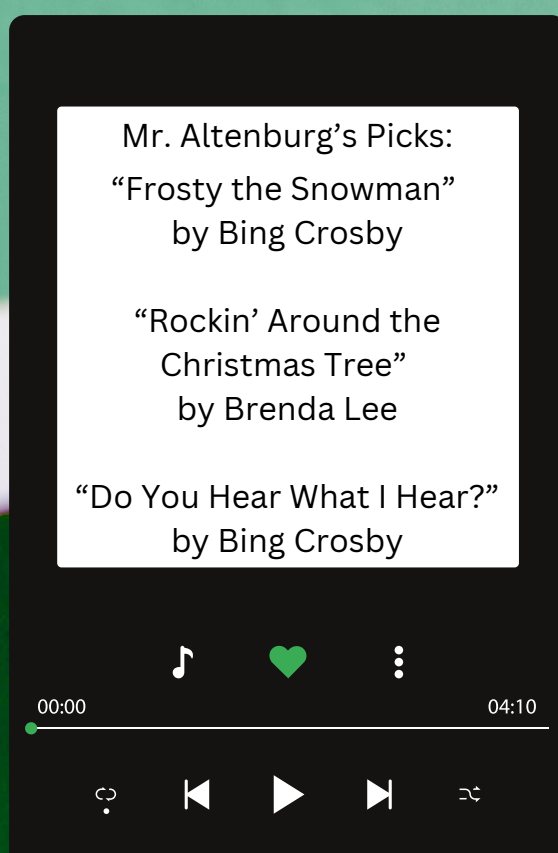


Mr. Altenburg’s Picks:

“Frosty the Snowman”
by Bing Crosby

“Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”
by Brenda Lee

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”
by Bing Crosby

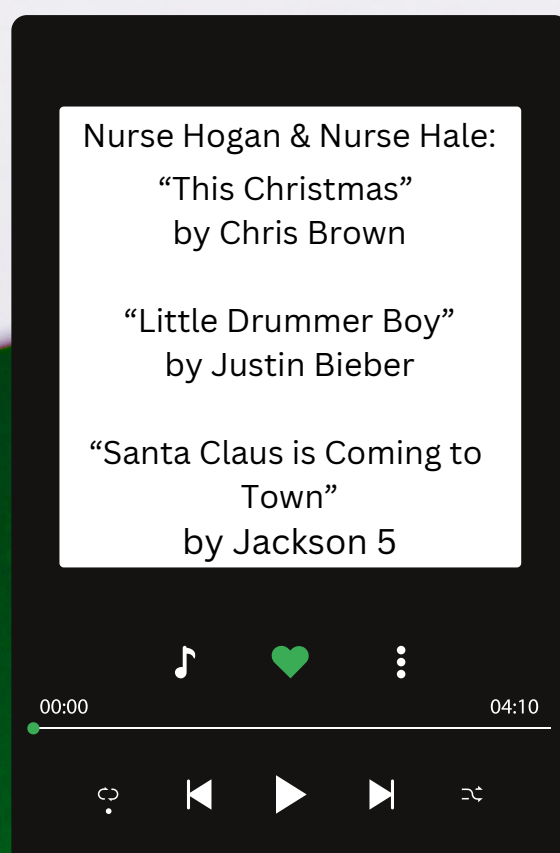


Nurse Hogan & Nurse Hale:

“This Christmas”
by Chris Brown

“Little Drummer Boy”
by Justin Bieber

“Santa Claus is Coming to Town”
by Jackson 5



Survey by Cormora Williams & Jaela Westbrook

What is your favorite Christmas movie?

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than watching Christmas Movies? We asked a few of our peers if they could take a survey about their favorite Christmas movie and why. Here are some of our favorite responses:

“My favorite Christmas movie has to be Home Alone, the first one to be exact. The movie never really gets boring to me; it's actually really funny to me. I love how the movie makes us, the watchers, realize we should also appreciate our loved ones even when we bump heads with them,” said sophomore Stephanie Beltran.

“My favorite Christmas movie is The Polar Express. It's my favorite movie because I remember watching it in 3rd grade, and that day overall was just fun,” said sophomore Jacquelin Bracamontes.

“My favorite Christmas movie is The Nightmare Before Christmas because I love stop motion movies, and I love how it's a mix of all of the holidays. I also love the movie because Tim Burton movies bring me comfort, and I love how his movies are in a dark setting,” said sophomore Florah Dismuke.

“My favorite Christmas movie is Home Alone because of its memorable storyline, humor, strong performances, heartwarming themes, and Christmas spirit,” said sophomore Vanessa Perez.

“My favorite Christmas movie is Home Alone because the traps are actually genius for a little boy like Kevin and to see the intruders break into Kevin's house and fall for the traps is just hilarious,” said sophomore Sebastian Munoz.

“My favorite Christmas movie is Home Alone. It gets you into the Christmas spirit and just gives you a cozy feeling inside and gives you a sense of joy, laughter and even nostalgia. It's a wonderful movie to just lay in bed and drink hot cocoa while you watch overall, it's a great start to the holiday season,” said sophomore Taliyah Nero.

“My favorite Christmas movie is Home Alone 2. This is my favorite movie because every time it comes on the TV, I can't stop watching it with my family,” said freshman Camile Gray.

“My favorite Christmas movie is between the Grinch or the Polar Express. I feel like those movies are very good movies, and they're very jolly,” said sophomore Mariah Tucker.

“My favorite Christmas movie is The Princess Switch. I like that movie because it's the only Christmas movie I like,” said sophomore Lakahia Sams.

“My favorite Christmas movie has to be The Nightmare Before Christmas because not only is it a mixture of my favorite holidays Halloween and Christmas, but it has a lot of theories and a bunch of conspiracies about the movie that make the movie even more interesting,” said sophomore Venicia Gutierrez.

“My favorite Christmas movie is The Christmas Chronicles because it mixed the myth about Christmas and Santa Claus with the modern and current time and what might realistically happen if a big guy starts claiming to be Santa Claus. It also shows the connection, love, and bond between siblings and families. I really like The Christmas Chronicles. It's so unlike any other Christmas movies I've ever watched,” said freshman Iyinoluwa Ogunyemi.

“One of my all-time favorites is Home Alone. It's a classic comedy that never fails to make me laugh and get into the holiday spirit. The story of a young boy outsmarting a pair of bumbling burglars is just so entertaining and heartwarming. Plus, it's filled with hilarious moments and memorable quotes. It's a movie that brings joy and laughter every time I watch it,” said junior Stephanie Salgado.

“Home Alone because it's funny,” said senior Myah Williams.

“My favorite Christmas movie is Elf because it's so incredibly funny. It has a great story, and it brings me closer to my family because every year we watch it during Christmas time as a family,” said freshman Sophia Maxey.

“My favorite Christmas movie is Spirited. Spirited is my favorite Christmas movie because it has a deep meaning and it's pretty funny,” said freshman Karen Ortiz.

“My favorite Christmas movie is Elf because it brings back many memories of when I was little watching it with my family,” said sophomore Tila Rivas.

“My favorite Christmas movie is The Grinch, specifically the cartoon one. I like it because it really has a meaning to it as well. The Grinch went from a hating person to a loving Christmas person. All because of a little girl and community that changed his heart,” said sophomore Monica Aceves.

“My favorite Christmas movie would be The Santa Clause movie series. I grew up watching these movies. The first movie, The Santa Clause, was the first Christmas movie I watched even though it came out 14 years before I was born,” said sophomore Alexandria Brooks-Phillips.



Art by the
Thorntonian's own
Emily Sanchez.



Jasmine Pastrana poses with Peter Billingsley, the actor who played Ralphie in A Christmas Story.

HOLIDAY GUIDE

Ideas for having a cozy craft night:

Arts and crafts projects like...

- Embellished stockings
- Snow globes
- Reindeer
- Snowmen (when it snows outside)
- Blankets
- DIY ornaments
- DIY ugly sweaters (and host an ugly sweater party, too)

WINTER BREAK

EDITION Jasmine Pastrana & Ruby Garcia

Places to go:

Ice Skating Rink (23-minute drive)
 2449 Flossmoor Rd, Flossmoor, IL 60422
 Monday- Sunday 7 am - 5 pm

Lincoln Park Zoolights (37-minute drive)
 2200 N Cannon Dr, Chicago, IL 60614
 Monday- Friday 4 - 10 pm
 Saturday-Sunday 2 - 10 pm

Chicago's Christmas Tree (31-minute drive)
 Millennium Park, Chicago, IL 60601
 Open 24 Hours Everyday

A Christmas Story Comes Home (18-minute drive)
 7770 Corinne Dr, Hammond, IN 46323
 Monday-Sunday 8 am - 5 pm

Winter Wonderlights
 7595 E. Lincoln Hwy, Merrillville, IN (36-minute drive)
 Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays
 Open 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm



Chicago Christmas Tree, photo from www.chicago.gov

Snack Ideas:

- Hot chocolate
- Cookies
- Pretzels
- Cheese ball bites
- Cranberry brie bites
- Strawberry Santas
- Gingerbread houses

Story by Diamond Adams & Tianna Bowen

Winter Drip vs. Summer Drip

Some people like summer drip because in the summer the temperature is hotter and you can dress less. It allows for more movement, breathability, and you can wear loud bold colors. It also allows people to show their creativity with simple outfits. Senior Reign Dondle said, “I like summer drip because I can find a better selection of clothes than winter.” However, others prefer winter drip because it tends to be more comfortable, and it keeps you warm. Because of the weather you can stack clothing and mix and match other clothing without worrying about being hot. You can also wear dark neutral colors. Senior Scott Bell said, “I like winter clothes because it’s more comfortable.” Some of our students shared outfits they would wear in the summer and winter. Junior Kaleb Williams said for the winter that he would wear baggy blue jeans with a brown belt, a dusty dark brown hoodie, a gray puffer vest, light gray beanie, and cream socks with brown and cream Nike Air Max 1’s. Junior John McBeth III shared that for the summer he’d wear an Under Armor compression shirt, double lined cargo shorts, shin socks and all black Air Maxes. But what do you prefer? Summer drip or winter drip?



Photos provided by Kaleb Williams.

Ximena Gutierrez

The anticipation of Christmas is better than the day itself

OPINION

I believe that the days leading up to Christmas are way more exciting than Christmas day itself. The fun parts about the holidays are putting up the Christmas tree and decorating it, decorating spaces for the holidays, shopping for people you love, and doing Christmas activities. Where does that all go on Christmas Day? Don't get me wrong, Christmas is enjoyable as you spend time with your family and get to see people open the gifts you picked out as well as opening gifts yourself. I feel like when people say they love Christmas, they truly mean they love the time before Christmas. After the day is over, the whole feeling is gone. It doesn't last a while like prepping for the day does.



T.F. NORTH HIGH SCHOOL 2024 YEARBOOK SALE



THE EASIEST WAY TO ORDER A YEARBOOK IS ONLINE

Visit <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/12143> OR use the above QR code

TO ORDER THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL

Complete this form (one per order) and return to Mr. Stephan with a cash or a check made out to TF NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

YEARBOOK PRICES

YEARBOOK QTY x \$30.00 = \$

NAME IMPRINT QTY x \$ 5.00 = \$

TOTAL DUE: \$

PURCHASER INFORMATION

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

GRADE PHONE

EMAIL

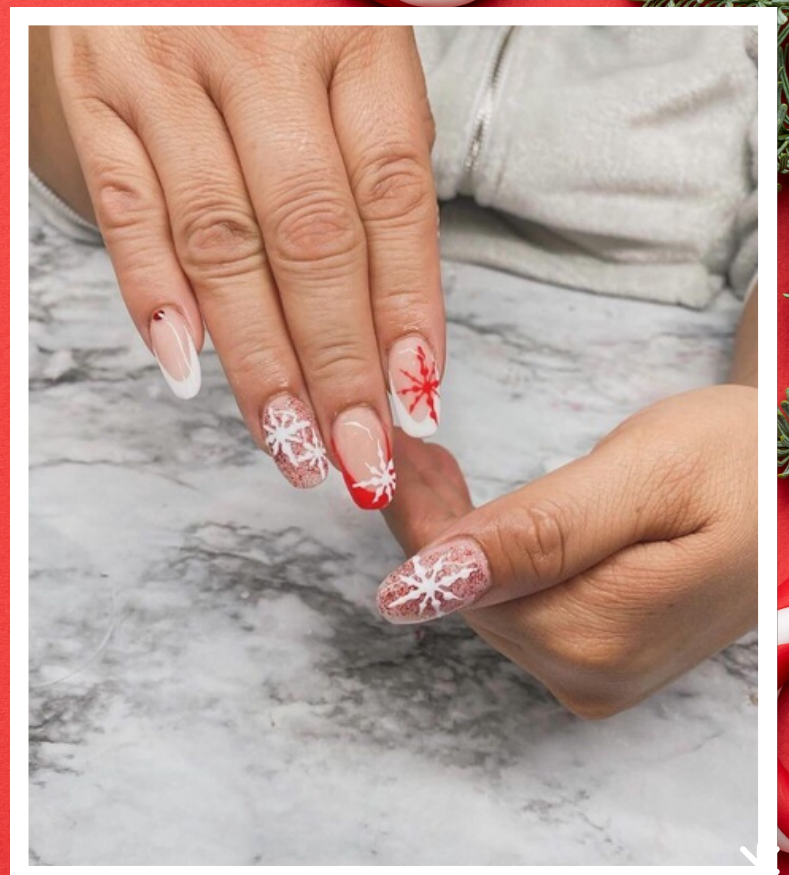
Name Imprint 30 Characters Max. (Optional)

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------



Holiday Nail Sets

Are you looking for holiday nail designs but can't find one? Check out Lavish Studio's holiday nail sets for inspiration. Lavish Studio is open on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30 pm and on Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 am-3:30 pm. See Ms. Martin-Hicks and Ms. Fonville for more information.



Nail set designed by junior Arelia Diaz Manuel.