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An assortment of thoughts on Valentine's Day

Editorial

People get assortments of chocolates and flowers for Valentine's Day...I'll give you an assortment of my thoughts. All these thoughts go through my mind while figuring out if people think exactly like me? 1. What's the point of Valentine's Day? Why is it even a thing to start with? Is February 14 the only day we need to express our love to one another? There's not enough details on how it even started. I believe it's a teenager thing because adults don't even celebrate it. 2. Why do we give gifts on Valentine's Day? Why is it a big deal to give gifts to our loved ones? Is the tradition about expressing love and affection through gifts, or is it because the thought of seeing everyone else receiving gifts makes them believe that it's part of Valentine's Day? 3. Out of all the 12 months, why is Valentine's Day in February? Is it because it's the shortest month of the year? Or is it because of the sound of the pronunciation of 'February' that sounds lovely? 4. Another question that goes around my head: is Valentine's Day for girls only or for everyone? As a girl who's in a relationship, it was very hard for me on my first Valentine's Day with my significant other. I kept questioning myself if I was the only one who will be receiving things or is it a thing to give a gift to a guy. Is it bad if women don't give anything to their significant others? Is it a normal thing? The answers to these questions are not in the issue. But continue reading this issue for interesting stories about the holiday people love...even if they don't admit it.



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Mrs. Schuldes (Social Studies Department) and Mr. Schuldes (Drivers Education Department) have been married for 10 years. Mr. Anaclerio (Social Studies Department) and Mrs. Anaclerio (Special Education Department) have been married for 18 years. Photo provided by each couple.

Story by Mia Romo

High school sweethearts (teacher edition)

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, it's time to highlight the real working couples of T.F. North. The Schuldeses, Floods, Anaclerios, McDaniels, and Spildes all currently work together. Mr. and Mrs. Schuldes's love started on a sour note, as Mrs. Schuldes gave him a hard time after a bad experience covering a wrestling meet. Mrs. Schuldes said she later realized how sweet he actually was, and the two continued talking after. They have been married for just over 10 years and find the convenience of working together and getting to see each other outside the house the best parts about working at North. "T.F. North has given me many good things in my life including my wife," said Mr. Schuldes. Mr. Flood recounted he met his wife not at North, but in a shared neighborhood growing up together and keeping in touch in college. The Floods will have been married for 20 years in July. Mr. Flood says the best part about working together is the extra paycheck his wife brings in to support their family. A shared student in the fall of 2004 brought the Anaclerios together. The shared student would constantly yell at the two to meet "You need to go meet Mr. Anaclerio," said

Mrs. Anaclerio. "Our kids love the story, they think it's funny," added Mr. Anaclerio. Since then the couple have been married for 18 years and have recently continued to work together at North. The Anaclerios enjoy working together because they both understand the stress and anxiety of teaching and like knowing each other are close when the other needs them. Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel have been married for over 12 years. They met during a presentation on Mr. McDaniel's first day at North. "I didn't realize it, but he was interested in me," and as Mr. McDaniel said, "The rest is history." They say one of the best parts of working together is having the support of each other when having a bad day. Mr. McDaniel said, "We are truly like an all-star tag team." "I think Mr. McDaniel is very special, and I'm proud to be his wife," said Mrs. McDaniel. The Spildes are as they say a "true T.F. North couple." They met one another during Mr. Spilde's interview to teach at T.F. North. "If I didn't get her vote, maybe I wouldn't have been hired," said Mr. Spilde. The two have been married for 23 years. Despite working in the same department, the couple has very different schedules from one

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another. Mrs. Margraff-Spilde said, "Truth be told, we rarely see each other at work!" For Mr. and Mrs. Spilde, the best part about it all is having the same days off to spend time together with their two sons. These five iconic T.F. North couples have persevered through each passing school year together, staying true to their vows to love each other forever.



Mrs. Flood (Science Department) and Mr. Flood (Social Studies Department) have been married for almost 20 years. Mr. McDaniel (Special Education Department) and Mrs. McDaniel (Science Department) have been married for 12 years. Mrs. Margraff-Spilde (Special Education Department) and Mr. Spilde (Special Education Department) have been married for 23 years. Photos provided by each couple.

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Create a piece of art using any media and relating to Black History Month

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

Ideas for having a lovely craft night:

- DIY Box picture gift
- Paint heart shapes
- Kisses jar
- Snickers bouquet
- Memories shadow box
- Striped love wall art
- DIY heart blanket
- Cutesy candy jar

VALENTINE'S DAY

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Things To Do At Home:

Great things to do with your friends, family, or significant other!

Movie night

Make tik toks

Play Just Dance

Workout

Do puzzles

Cook together

Build a pillow fort



Jack's Pumpkin Pop-Up
1265 W. Le Moyne St. Chicago, IL 60642

Snack Ideas:

- Homemade Pop-Tarts
- Chocolate-covered strawberries
- Fruit salad with grapefruit-vanilla syrup
- Buttermilk biscuits
- Oreo truffles
- Bite-size raspberry cobblers

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Survey by Tianna Bowen & Rogelio Romero

What is your ideal Valentine's Day?

"My ideal Valentine's Day would be spending quality time with a loved one, exchanging heartfelt gifts, and enjoying a nice brunch or dinner in Chicago. Ending the day off with a movie or a game night," said freshman Anthony Guerra.

"On Valentine's Day, I would like to go to Mexico. I would also make cards for my loved ones," said senior Natalia Centeno.

"My ideal Valentine's Day consists of hanging out with my loved ones, which includes my family, friends, and pets. Giving sweet treats, especially chocolate, is important as well," said junior Angel Quiroga.

"For an ideal Valentine's Day date, I'd envision something simple yet meaningful. Starting with a cozy evening at home, cooking a delicious meal together, or ordering takeout from our favorite restaurant. We could set the mood with some soft music and candlelight, creating a warm and intimate atmosphere. After dinner, we could indulge in some dessert, whether it's homemade treats or a decadent dessert from a local bakery. Then, we could snuggle up on the couch and watch a romantic movie or share stories about our favorite memories. Alternatively, if we're feeling adventurous, we could go for a romantic evening stroll under the stars, holding hands and enjoying each other's company. Maybe we could even pack a picnic and find a quiet spot to sit and admire the view. Ultimately, the most important thing is being together and cherishing the time we have with each other. Whether it's a simple night at home or an adventurous outing, as long as we're together, it's sure to be a memorable Valentine's Day," said freshman Devin Powell.

"First, my ideal date will take place in Japan because it's the best place on earth. First, we will have boba, I'll have jasmine green boba. After that we would go to the Tokyo Disney Sea theme park because I'm a kid at heart. Then at night we would dress all fancy and go to Jambo Hanare, one of the most romantic restaurants," said sophomore Danielle Cross.

"Honestly if I was to be serious my ideal Valentine's Day is just being with my girlfriend. I don't need a fancy meal or an expensive gift, spending time with her is enough. I'd rather nap with her on Valentine's Day and eat ice cream than dress up and go out spending money. With Tianna and her loving soul she makes every day feel like Valentine's Day," said junior Samiya King.

"Spend time with my girlfriend. I would also like to just relax and watch a rom-com while doing homework," said junior Said Rodriguez.

"A perfect Valentine's Day for me would be spending time with my wife and daughters. We would make pancakes in the shape of hearts for breakfast. Then we would put on our warm clothes and go out for some fun activities. We would enjoy ice skating and end the day at our favorite restaurant," said Mr. Faron.

"My ideal this Valentine's Day would be to dress cutesy, especially in pink and or red, and spend it with my friends at school. After school though, I'd probably want to hang out with my favorite cousin. We had already had plans to hang out and spend time together. We plan on getting the heart tray at Chick-fil-A and color while we watch a show and/or movie," said sophomore Stephanie Beltran.

"I think the purpose of Valentine's Day is to give your love to someone you really appreciate a lot. You will give them the Thank You treatment because you are grateful for having them in your life. You appreciate every single detail from them," said sophomore Kevin Sandoval.

"Go for a bike ride or walk, explore a new area we've always wanted to go to, and have a picnic with the food (store-bought or homemade), or do an online yoga class together," said freshman London Johnson.

"My ideal Valentine's Day is to go out for dinner maybe at a fancy place," said freshman Mariah Barajas.

"My ideal Valentine's Day date is a picnic by the beach but not too close to the sand. Another ideal day would be at Waffle House in downtown Chicago or Season 2 Grill near Jeffery by Stony Island," said freshman Kameran Washington.

"My ideal Valentine's Day is to have a picnic date under a cherry blossom tree next to a beautiful lake or pond. The food would be sandwiches, fruits, and cake while the drinks would be strawberry kiwi juice. I think it would be a calming way to spend a Valentine's Day with my special someone," said freshman Martiza Gonzalez.

"My ideal Valentine's Day is to stay in bed all day," said senior Kevin Barron.

"My ideal Valentine's Day is taking my date on a date and spending quality time with each other. Another ideal Valentine's Day is when I can give the person I like very much something whether it is as small as chocolate or even something as big as balloons, flowers, chocolate, etc," said sophomore Sebastian Munoz.

"My ideal Valentine's Day is a nice weather/climate day. A day to spend with your significant other and make nice memories. A day to play games and bake a cake," said senior Erika Diaz.

"My ideal Valentine's Day would be getting flowers or a little gift. But it won't happen so my actual Valentine's Day would be staying home. I would be happily minding my business at home without having to see couples on every corner," said sophomore Jacqueline Bracamontes.

"My ideal Valentine's Day is me and my valentine ordering some Wingstop. The order is the Tripe Meal Deal of course, with pink lemonade and extra ranch. After it comes, we can sit in the living room and binge Better Call Saul or The Walking Dead," said sophomore Natalia Garcia.

"My ideal Valentine's Day is watching everyone get flowers and chocolate and hate on them because I wish I got flowers and chocolate. But this year I won't be getting anything, but I will give my mom a glitter bouquet. I only decided to do that because I wanted to beat my dad this year. My flowers will be forever and his will not :). But sometimes I do wonder how I would feel if I were to get a valentine," said sophomore Alejandra Vazquez-Nevarez.

"Mi día de San Valentín ideal sería pasarlo con mis amigas viendo películas y comiendo chucherías. Algo tipo "Galentine's Day," said sophomore Valeria Meraz.

"My ideal Valentine's Day would be to go out with the person I love and spend time with them," said sophomore Lilliana Sanchez.

"Spending time with friends and eating together. It is better to be with friends than a guy," said sophomore Daila Morales.

Ximena Gutierrez

Reassure your significant other that you love them

OPINION

If you have a significant other, you should still ask them to be your valentine. The whole point of being in a relationship is to show your partner that you love them. The best way of reassuring your partner is by asking them to be your valentine. It can be as simple as a piece of candy or even just asking them at the right moment. At the end of the day, it's the thought that counts.



GUEST PLAYLISTS

Curated by
Cormora Williams & Jaela Westbrook

Everyone has heard “Hrs & Hrs” and “Crazy in Love.” If you’re looking to add something romantic to your Valentine’s Day 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 February 16, 2024.

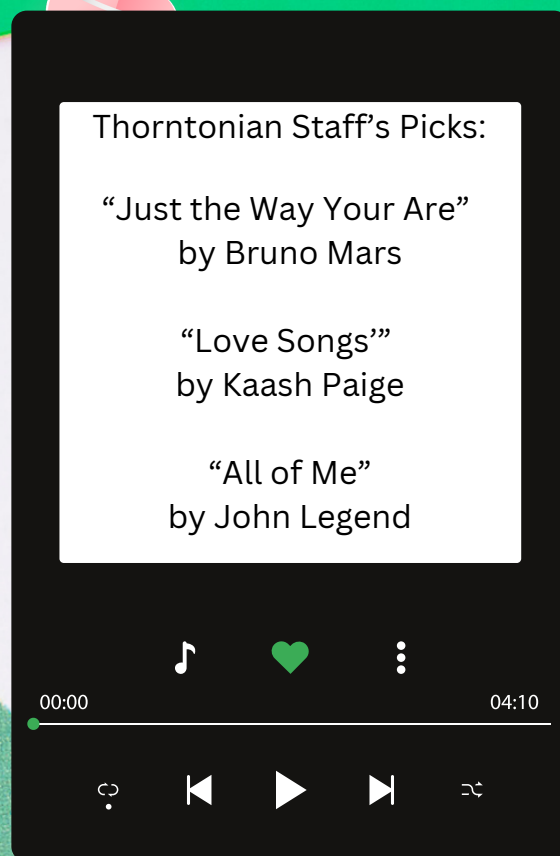
Check out our Guest Playlist on Spotify:
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Thorntonian Staff’s Picks:

“Just the Way Your Are”
by Bruno Mars

“Love Songs”
by Kaash Paige

“All of Me”
by John Legend

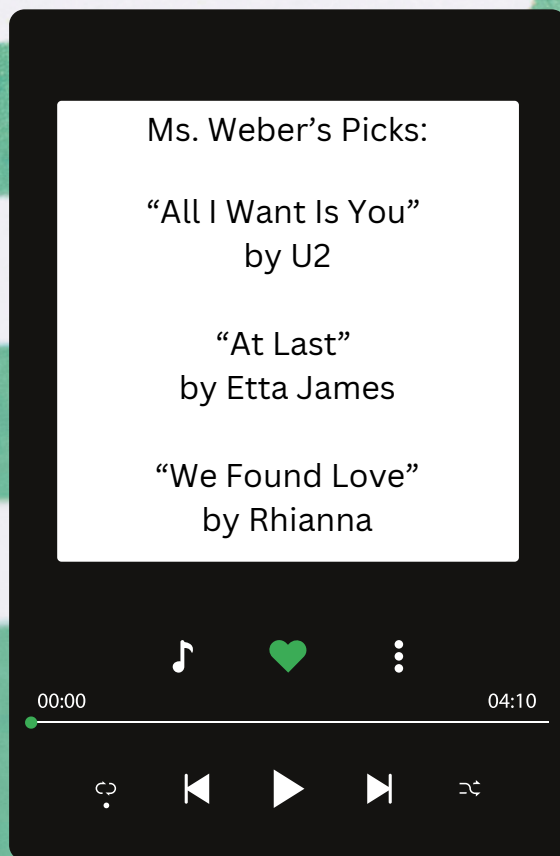


Ms. Weber’s Picks:

“All I Want Is You”
by U2

“At Last”
by Etta James

“We Found Love”
by Rhianna

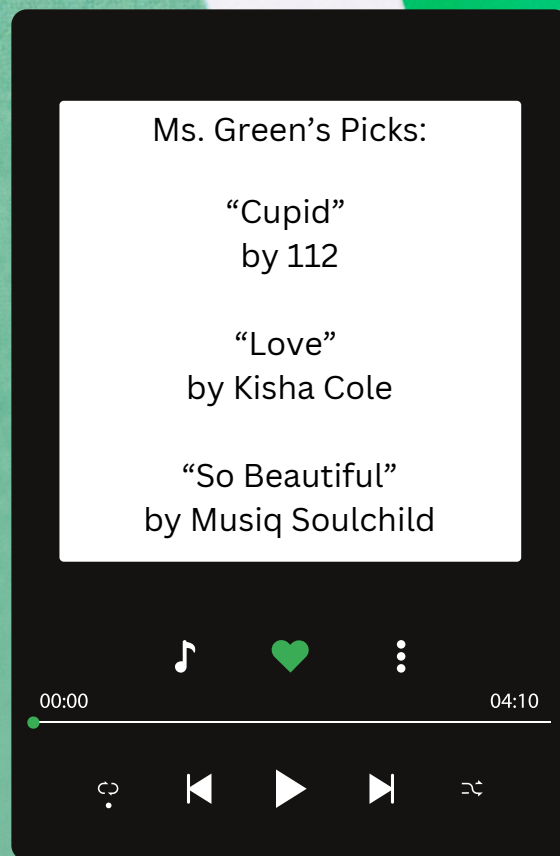


Ms. Green’s Picks:

“Cupid”
by 112

“Love”
by Kisha Cole

“So Beautiful”
by Musiq Soulchild

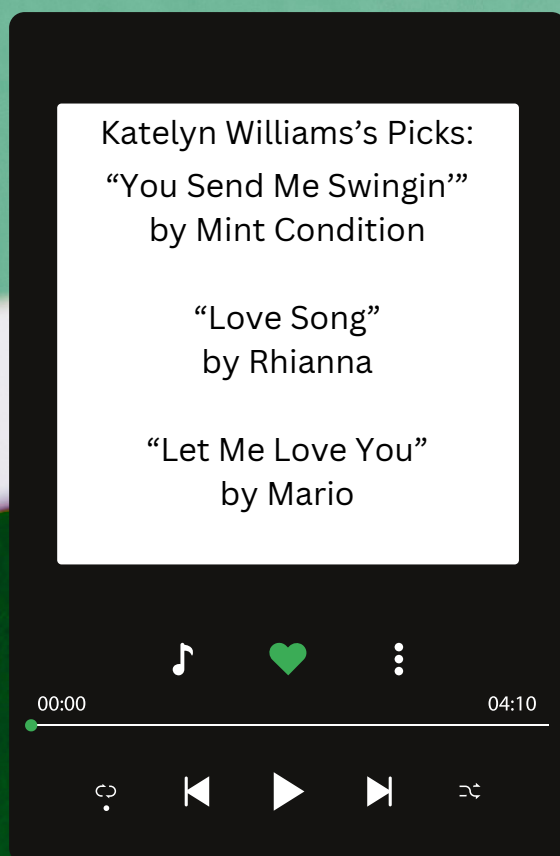


Katelyn Williams’s Picks:

“You Send Me Swingin”
by Mint Condition

“Love Song”
by Rhianna

“Let Me Love You”
by Mario

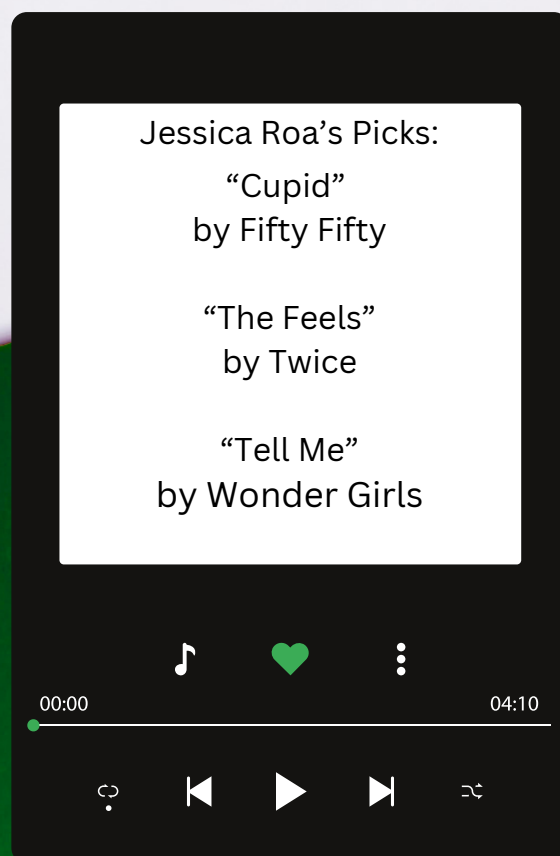


Jessica Roa’s Picks:

“Cupid”
by Fifty Fifty

“The Feels”
by Twice

“Tell Me”
by Wonder Girls



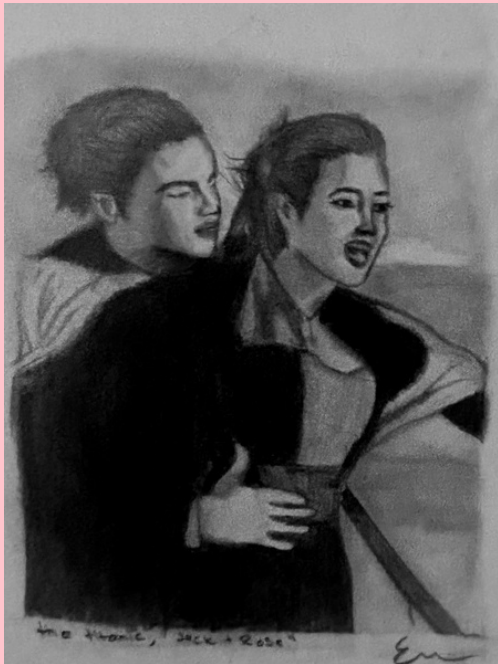
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Featured Valentine's Day Poems

United

by Tewaun Griffin, senior

Love is good,
 love is bad, love don't love back only
 people keep your friends close and everybody else closer
 kill with kindness and be ready for likable people to
 Change never show your hand and don't be bold
 or lose and get told...



Art by Emily Sanchez

Tragedy

by Christian Diaz, junior

Her eyes are nothing like the Atlantic
 Her face cannot be compared to a star
 Everyday she goes into a panic
 Her crazy requests are always bizarre

She really never will shine in the ballroom
 The way she dances is not pleasing to eyes
 Her aura is very much a dark gloom
 The caring heart she has is a small size

May she find herself some peace in this life
 Her weary strife is nothing to be messed with
 She could never be an upstanding wife
 Everyone around her treats her like a myth

There is no safe sanctuary for her
 In the normal eye, she looks like a clown
 All her dreams are crashing down like timber
 She will never have her beautiful crown

Others may look and think at her that way
 But for me, her presence is here to stay

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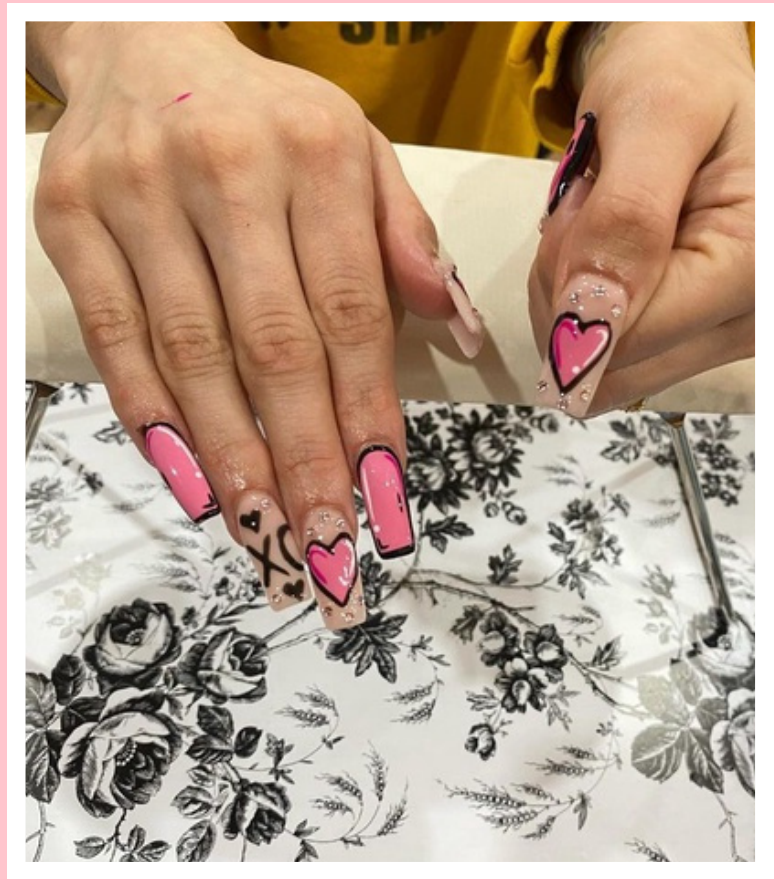
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Valentine's Day Nail Sets

Are you looking for Valentine's Day nail designs but can't find one? Check out Lavish Studio's Valentine's Day 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.



These designs were created by junior Arelia Diaz. She attends T.F. North, and she is a Lavish student.

Story by Taliah Robinson

Valentine's Day on a Budget

Everyone thinks it's go big or go home around this time of the year. We all want to go big for Valentine's Day, but we may not have the funds. We want to give gifts to that special person. Flowers, stuffed animals, and chocolates can be expensive but it doesn't have to be. Check out these affordable gifts that anyone would love!

Take a look at this artificial rose teddy bear! Instead of worrying about not having enough money to buy a stuffed bear and flowers, you can buy this for only \$1.36 on Aliexpress.



Does that special someone of yours love jewelry? Check out this flower jewelry box for only \$2.28 on Shein! Don't you worry about not having enough money to get the really expensive jewelry and run to Shein! That special someone will love this flower jewelry box.



Art work by sophomore Anahi Martinez



Valentine's Day isn't all about chocolates and flowers. You can give your significant other anything. Everyone wants those \$160 costing Beats headphones. If those are too much for your pockets, look at these cute Novelty Shape LED Wireless headphones for only \$7 at Five Below which also come in different shapes!



Something cheap but also lasts a long time, this eternal rose bear with LED lights would be the perfect gift for that person. The best part is it's only \$1.77 on Aliexpress.



Why spend all that money on flowers just for them to die in a couple of days? Open the Temu app right now and purchase these fake artificial roses for only \$4.79! You don't have to worry about them dying anytime soon. They can last several years with proper care and your significant other will be very happy having long-lasting flowers.



Items like this usually cost more than \$10 but not this bear! It's actually only \$6.44 at Walmart! Who wouldn't love this bear who's so cute, soft, and cheap? Your special someone can sleep and snuggle with this cutie every day!



Wouldn't you rather just have fun and eat with that special someone at the same time? If so, speed to Five Below. They have a red velvet cookie cottage kit that you can build with someone for only \$5. This could be a great gift to your partner because you can spend time together, eat, and have fun with them!

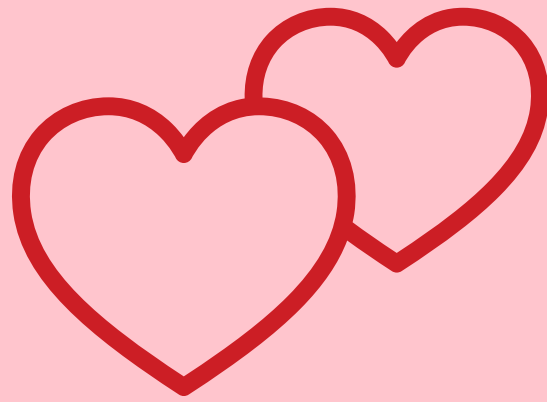


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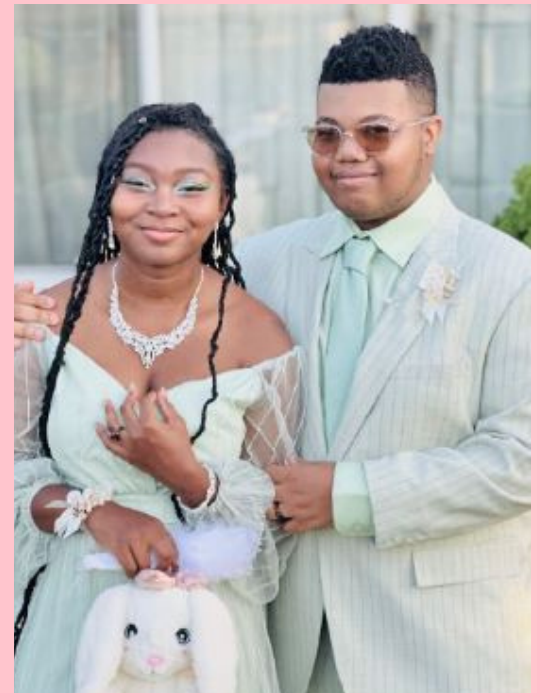




Sophomores Venicia Gutierrez & Miley Nunez



The
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Seniors Sharae Seals & Kalil Pridgett



Freshmen Jaleli Littleton & Jewry Newman

2024
Cutest
Couple
Photo
Contest



Juniors Jaylan Frierson & Naima McDaniels



Seniors Mia Romo & Michael Hernandez



Senior Ruby Garcia & junior Carlos Cortes

Who is the cutest couple at TFN?

Vote on Instagram
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The couple with the most votes by
4th period on Feb. 14th will win a prize.

