

Jefferson Union High School District

Thornton High School Newsletter

March 8, 2019

Q2 Honor Roll and 90% and Above Attendance Lists:

HONOR ROLL * Indicates student was recognized in both Honor Roll and Attendance.

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| *Mark Alvarez | *Luis Gonzalez | *Jinelle Munoz |
| *Andrea Chagoya Mora | *Virgil Hernandez | Kelvin Rodas |
| *Jannette Espinoza | *Aloas Jubary | *Cellena Velasquez |
| *Taylor Evans | *Morgan Ly | |

ATTENDANCE 90% and ABOVE

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| *Mark Alvarez | *Luis Gonzalez | *Jinelle Munoz |
| Anna Biehn | *Virgil Hernandez | Christopher Perlera Cruz |
| Mahkai Burnett | Tammy Huang | Nelson Pineda |
| *Andrea Chagoya Mora | *Aloas Jubary | Anico Sheppard-Hollington |
| *Jannette Espinoza | Michael Landaverde | Joshua Trayer |
| *Taylor Evans | *Morgan Ly | *Cellena Velasquez |

WAY TO GO, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

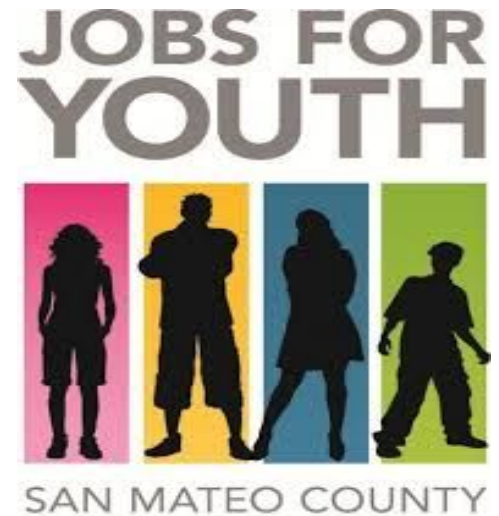


Jobs For Youth Comes to Thornton:

A big, big thank you to Jobs For Youth!

Jobs for Youth is an organization that serves all youth 14-21 years of age who reside in San Mateo County with employment services, they help youth increase their self-esteem, and they assist youth in gaining important job seeking skills. Jobs for Youth provide Job Preparation Workshops where youth receive one-on-one support with the goal of attaining gainful employment and becoming responsible adults in our community. At the beginning of February, we were fortunate to have Jobs for Youth come onto our campus to conduct a workshop for two of our homeroom classes, Mr. Sands and Mr. Rodriguez's classes.

After participating in a Jobs for Youth workshop, youth are instantly registered with the organization and will receive a monthly newsletter that provides students with various job, internship, volunteer, and scholarship opportunities in our community. Thornton's goal is to have all students registered by the end of the school year so that all students can benefit!



Holocaust Survivor visits THS:



Ms. Morales, our 11th and 12th grade English teacher, invited a guest speaker after her class read a book about the Holocaust. The guest, George Elbaum, is a Holocaust survivor. Mr. Elbaum shared with the class his experiences as a young child maneuvering through the devastating times of the Holocaust, where he lost most of his family members. Mr. Elbaum shared personal stories of his escape from Warsaw with

his mother, how he had to take on a handful of different names throughout the war to protect his identity, while also being sent to live with other families to protect him. At these times, he was separated from the only family member he had left, his mother.

It was not until he moved to the United States in 1949 that he and his mom were finally safe. Mr. Elbaum shared that he dealt with such tragedies because, “I learned to live in the present, with neither yesterdays nor tomorrows to enjoy or console myself.”

Both students and staff shared that they were very touched by Mr. Elbaum sharing his powerful story. If you did not have the opportunity to listen to his story and want to hear more, he shares excerpts from his book online for free. Here is the website:

<https://neitheryesterdays.com/excerpts-from-the-book/>.

Thornton’s SLC Has Been Busy This Year:



Our Student Leadership Committee has been hard at work this year, keeping students interested and motivated, while also showing the love for our school with positive school pride. So far this year, SLC has hosted many events including:

- ★ Two BBQs
- ★ Spirit Days
- ★ Hot Cocoa Day
- ★ Attendance Awareness Month
- ★ Pie Eating Contest (Shout out to winner Valeria Benitez!!)
- ★ Taco Tuesday / Taco Eating Contest (Shout out to winner Chris Batac!!)
- ★ Sweatshirt Design (By Students)
- ★ Valentine Day Candy Grams

They are also busy working in our community and helping when and where they can, for example by cleaning up the neighborhood and they have a field trip planned in April to go feed the homeless at Glide in San Francisco.

Stay tuned for what else the SLC has planned for the remainder of the year.

Monthly Food Pantry at our Sister School, Jefferson:



It is important to us here at Thornton High School that our students, families, and community have access to healthy foods. The problem is, healthy foods can be expensive and that might make it hard to give our families the healthy foods we all need. As result, Jefferson High School recently expanded their partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, and will be hosting a food distribution at Jefferson High! Jefferson High School has been kind enough to invite our families here at Thornton to also take part in this event.

The food distribution will take place the first Saturday of each month at 10am (unless otherwise noted) to 1130am. They will have a variety of foods, including: fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, meat, brown rice, canned food items, and other items. Please bring your own bags so we can fill them up for you!

We are so excited to be able to provide food to our community. We cannot wait to see you at the food distribution!

Next food distribution will be at Jefferson High School on April 6th from 10-11:30am!!

Crisis Hotline:

Are you (as a student or parent) in need of support? Help? Advice? Information? Referrals?

Star Vista's hotline provides free and anonymous 24-hour suicide crisis assistance, online teen support and chatroom, alcohol and drug helpline, and parent support hotline.

HOTLINE: (650) 579-0350

FOR TEENS BY TEENS chatroom offers live, anonymous chats with teen counselors:

www.OnYourMind.net