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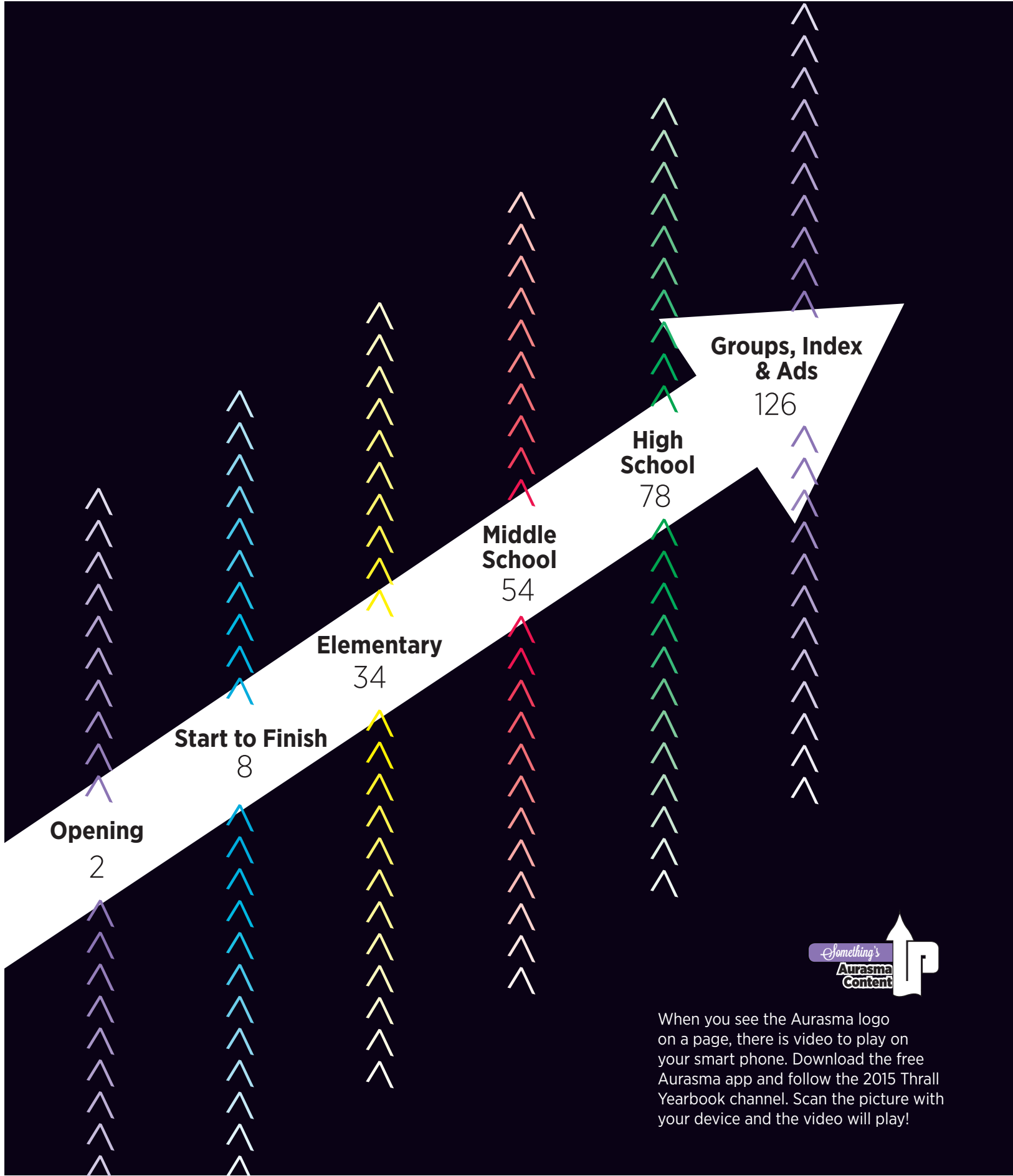


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The 2015 Tiger Yearbook staff dedicates this book to *Mr. Ray Salazar* in honor of his endless Tiger Pride. See page 157.

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Unheaval

Summer construction adds four high school classrooms

The summer of 2014 began with the sound of bulldozers ripping up the sidewalk in front of the high school. As part of a \$769,000 campus-wide improvement project, the old green house that was north of campus was removed, the driveway was widened, the Ag shop was attached to the high school and four new classrooms were added. The area between the high school, middle school, and gym was covered and a concrete slab was poured connecting all three.

The old house wasn't completely abandoned, and according to Mr. Hooker, it caused more than one problem. "It was a skunk hideout and in the way of a driveway to name a couple," he said. The new driveway was built so the students and staff wouldn't have to drive through the elementary parking lot, and to make an easier path for delivery trucks to get to the cafeteria.

"We needed more space and felt like we should plan into the future," Mr. Hooker said, adding that if a new high school was built, the current high school could be used as a middle school. "I feel it is a nice building and it needed to be updated so it can serve a good purpose for many years to come."

Taking out the storage area in the Ag shop made room for four new classrooms and connected Mr. Alquist's room to the main building, making his room less isolated.

"I have other teachers close by," he said. Some of the upgrades to his classroom included new ceiling panels and floor tiles, and a fresh coat of paint. "It just makes the classroom more appealing."



In June, crews worked to connect the Ag building to the high school.

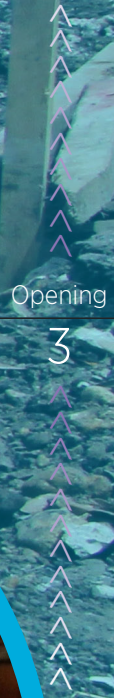
Construction workers built a new sidewalk connecting the middle school to the new high school addition.

1. In the summer heat, Denton Meiske, 11th, fixes a ceiling panel in Mr. Alquist's room. "It wasn't really difficult, I knew how to do it." Changing all of the panels took about three hours and was part of updates to the classroom.
2. After two years of fund raising, the PTO's shade structure was installed on the Elementary playground in October.
3. Along with a co-worker from S&D Plumbing, Dylan Konarsky, 12th, helps repair a water leak in the new addition.

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All Together



The storage area in the Ag Shop, adjacent to Mr. Almquist's classroom, was removed to make room for classrooms.



Opening

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NEW Campus upgrades, vocational courses, 2A classification bring changes to 2014-2015

With the last bits of summer in the air, students rose bright and early on Aug. 28, the first day of school. Many weren't too excited for vacation to end, but word had spread about the new classrooms and campus upgrades and students were excited to see.

The campus upgrades weren't the only changes that welcomed students to the 2014-2015 school year.

With 201 high school students, Thrall moved up to the 2A division after the UIL Legislative Council renamed all conferences and created a 6A for schools with a population of over 2100 students.

"It's the same. It hasn't affected us because teams moved up with us," Colten Heine, 12th, said. "We've all played each other since middle school." Although there was little difference in competition at the district level, more over night travel was required for students competing in regional athletic and academic events in Corpus Christi.

Something else new were classes offered through the Texas State Technical College, TSTC, such as Culinary Arts I, Welding, Auto Tech, and Plumbing.

"I just love food so much!" Rachel Sumbillo, 11th, said about the Culinary class. "It opens different varieties of cooking styles we can do."

The courses were geared toward preparing students for their future careers by earning college credit and working toward a certification or license. After completing Culinary I, the students obtained their Food Handlers Certificate. For Plumbing, it took two years to get licensed.

"I did the program because welding is what I want to do with my future," Cameron Neubauer, 11th, said. "It furthered my education in technical college."

Students had to travel off campus every day to either Taylor High School for Culinary, Welding, and Auto Tech or to the Eastern Williamson County Higher Education Center in Hutto for Plumbing.

"They call us the culinary kids, but we don't mind," Rachel said.

1. New locks were added to the 5th grade wing to make it more secure. When students left the room, they were given a key, which they swiped to unlock the door. People without a key had to ring the doorbell. "We appreciate the security, but they don't always work and can be annoying," Mrs. Stacy Mikulencak said.

2. At the beginning of the school year, Macey Randig and Brandie Preuss, 12th, show off the blue paint on their hands after repainting the FFA sign outside of town. "We painted the Thrall FFA sign to make it more noticeable and to catch people's attention as they're coming into Thrall," Macey said.

3. Trying to recruit sophomores for the Culinary I class at TSTC next year, Rachel Sumbillo, 11th, passes out cinnamon rolls at the Academic Showcase. "It wasn't weird at all because I know pretty much everybody," she said.

Students in the new wing during the passing period.
Photo by Alyssa Kramer

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REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

As Colten Hiene, 12th, carries the Tiger flag through the stands during a pep rally, he high-fives younger students. "It's rewarding to see kids look up to us," Colten said. "They can't wait to be under the lights and play." Something new this year is that Fall pep rallies were only held on the Fridays that the football games were at home. Later in the year, there were pep rallies held for track, baseball, softball, and tennis.

Photo by Nathan Elder







“UIL was a little nerve racking because of the events and I didn’t place much, but I got 1st in impromptu speaking and editorial writing.”

– Academic UIL @ Milano



“I sang at the pie day celebration for the fun of it and we used the ipads to get the lyrics off of Youtube.”

– Pi Day

Andrew Ball
Johanna Bernhardt
Wendie Brees
Thomas Byrd
Isaiah Cage
Richard Carrillo
Kelly Copeland
Christian Dubec



Jacob Dunn
Ethan Eppinett
Olivia Fabiszewski
Roy Finn
Adamaris Garza
Caleb Garza
Angelyna Gonzales
Ryan Grisham



Shelby Grisham
Samuel Herrera
Nathan Herring
Kelin Kincaide
Madyson Lawrence
Matthew Leschber
Maria Llanas
Taylor Marx



Makayla Miksch
Colby Mueller-Langley
Eric O'Brien
Alec Ochoa
Austin Pruitt
Chandra Reed
Hannah Stefek
Daniel Stogner



Megan Sumbillo
Micah Sutton
Madison Talley
Raistlain Thompson
Coby Tucker
William Vizena
Quentin Votaw
Daymein Vrolijk



Reid West
Daniel Zucknick



FULL FOCUS

Angelyna Gonzales traces a plastic dish to create a template for the Future City model that represented a space colony called the “Volans Pisces”.

GUESSING GAME

Exploring jobs at the career fair, Kelly Copeland and Shelby Grisham try to guess the number of golf balls to win a plush Aflac duck from the Texas Benefit Alliance booth.

Photo by Alyssa Kramer



Madison Talley



“The assignment was to make an invention and our group made the Iphone 21.”
 – Mrs. Lowden’s Class

Alec Ochoa

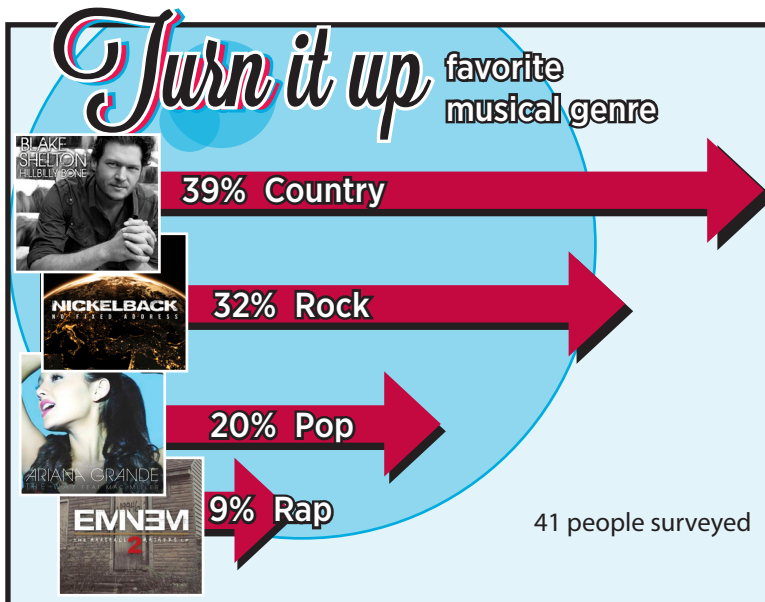
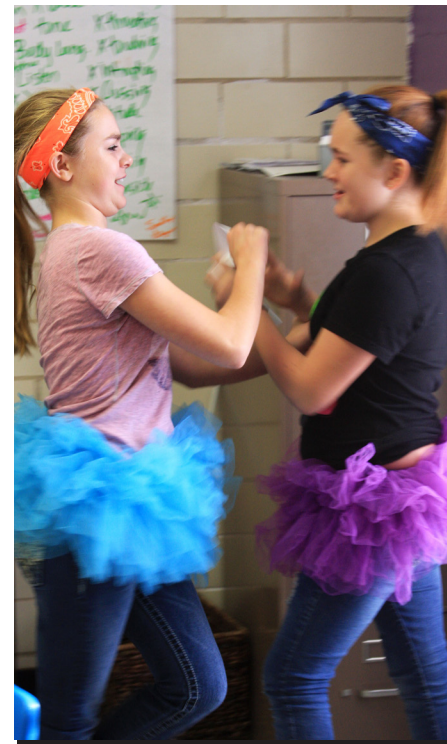


“ The Veterans Day Ceremony was very exciting and factual to me because of the stories the speaker told us.”
 – Veterans Day Ceremony



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BUBBLE BOY Covered in Dawn dish soap, Jacob Dunn, runs through a giant kiddie pool, while searching for a soccer ball to kick into a goal for the 5th quarter obstacle course. “Going under the hurdles was challenging because I kept hitting my legs on the bar,” he said. The 5th quarter was hosted by First Baptist Church in Thrall and the Lutheran Church.

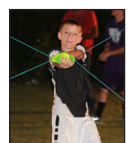
Photo by Chelsea Seggern

BALLERINA BATTLES Swinging punches in Mrs. Lowden’s Theater Arts class, Raistlain Thompson and Wendie Brees practice for a skit. “The skit was to show why you shouldn’t go to Thorndale,” Raistlian said.

Photo by Chelsea Seggern

What's Up?

“The slingshot was really fun, it felt like I was playing angry birds.”
 –William Vizona



Something to Remember

For elementary students, it was a year of building positive attitudes and living up to higher expectations. They had something to learn from guest speakers, such as Dinosaur George and Gary Northcott the Alamo Man. They experienced new worlds by visiting Inner Space Cavems, the Observatory in Waco, and the Maybom Science theater. Teachers put in extra time with their students practicing for academic UIL where they placed 2nd in district. For all the students efforts, they were rewarded with field trips the last few weeks of school.

In middle school, students did a lot of growing up. Participating in Junior NHS and Student Council they learned how to be leaders and what it means to give back to their community. They supported the Special Olympics by helping run the concession stands and the races. They also travelled to Down Home Ranch and wrapped poinsettias to sell as a fundraiser. Students kept up a winning streak by bringing home the Academic UIL District Championship. Two dances and trips to Fiesta Texas and Hawaiian Falls marked the coming of age.

High School raised the bar at state competitions by earning 2nd in Powerlifting, 3rd in Robotics, two gold FCCLA medals and the 2A Journalism Team Championship. State soloist Isaac van Til received a ones on the piano and French horn. Junior and Seniors furthered their education by taking Texas State Technical College and Temple College courses. The class of 2015 received about \$451,606 in scholarships.

Something that didn't change was the tradition of graduation on the football field, but there was someone missing. An empty chair reminded seniors of their beloved friend Katie Brogdon.

Although the class of 2015 won't benefit, they celebrated the passage of a \$15 million bond to build a new high school, band hall, CTE ag shop and to renovate existing facilities. The future is looking up.

