



The Panther News

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Welcome to the First Edition

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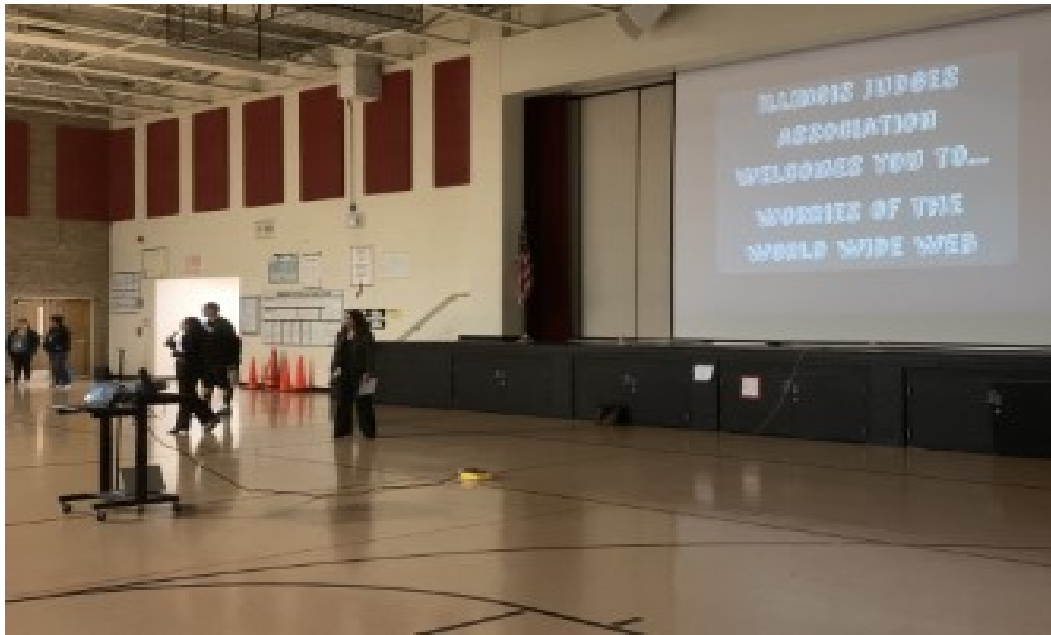
Welcome to The Panther News! This is where the Newspaper Club will be publishing news about Simmons Middle School students, staff, clubs, and sports. Newspaper Club meets on Thursday afternoons from 2:45-4:15 in the Simmons Middle School library. There is a free activity bus afterwards for students who qualify for busing.

The Judge's Visit

by [Nicholas Betran](#) and [Danna Pelayo-Escareno](#)

On October 6, 2023, 16th Circuit Judges Parga and DiGiovanni spoke with the entire Simmons student body about the "Worries of the World Wide Web."

Our journalist, Molly Cox, interviewed the judges after their presentation. The judges shared that they became judges only after being lawyers for over 20 years. Judge Parga attended DePaul University for her undergraduate degree, and Cornell University for law school. Judge DiGiovanni attended DePaul University for both undergraduate and law school.



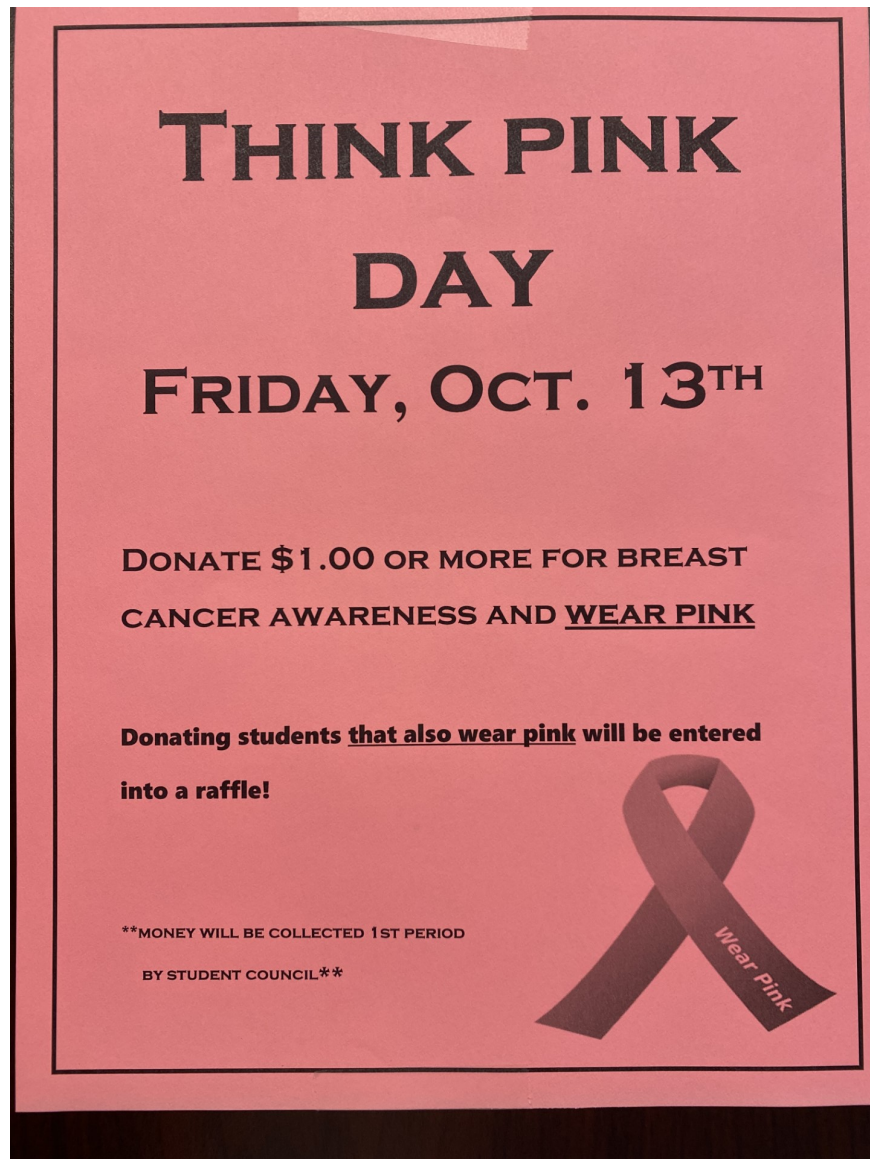
Judge Parga was appointed as a judge in 2017. Judge DiGiovanni was appointed as a judge in 2022.



When asked what her feelings about being a judge are, Judge DiGiovanni responded with “I love it and I love working with families and kids!”

Our journalist asked Judge Parga what it was like to present to Simmon students. Judge Parga answered, “It was invigorating; the students were excited and they had great questions.” Judge DiGiovanni added, “Simmons students are fun.” Both judges want to remind Simmons students to be safe on the internet.

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“Think Pink” Fundraiser: October 13, 2023

by [Nicholas Beltran](#) on October 12

Simmons Student Council raised money for breast cancer awareness on Friday the 13th. Students were encouraged to wear pink and donate money to the cause. Final tally of money raised was \$325 dollars in total

Book Fair Time is Almost Here!

by **Karina Camarillo**

It is that time of year again everyone! Simmons Middle School will be having their bi-annual book fair from Scholastic. The fair will be held in the library from November 13th through the 17th. Students can come in during the school day and purchase books and items of their choosing. On Wednesday November 15th, the book fair will be open during Family Reading Night from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. This year's theme for Family Reading Night is FULL S.T.E.A.M AHEAD! Scholastic will provide books and lots of other materials for students to buy. The prices range from under \$10 - \$30.00 depending on what your student is looking to buy. The book fair sales benefit the students at Simmons Middle School specifically! Your support of our school book fair is appreciated and welcome. Please check out our school website for the book fair at:

[Book Fair Homepage \(scholastic.com\)](https://www.scholastic.com)

¡Es esa época del año otra vez para todos! La escuela secundaria Simmons tendrá su feria del libro bianual de Scholastic. La feria se celebrará en la biblioteca a partir del 13 de noviembre hasta el 17th. Los estudiantes pueden venir durante el día escolar y comprar libros y artículos de su elección. El miércoles 15 de noviembre, la feria del libro estará abierta durante la Noche de Lectura Familiar de 4:30 p.m. a 5:30 p.m. ¡El tema de este año para la Noche de Lectura Familiar es FULL STEAM AHEAD! Scholastic proporcionará libros y muchos otros materiales para que los estudiantes los compren. Los precios oscilan entre menos de \$10 y \$30,00, dependiendo de lo que su estudiante quiera comprar. ¡Las ventas de la feria del libro benefician específicamente a los estudiantes de la escuela secundaria Simmons! Su apoyo a nuestra feria del libro escolar es apreciado y bienvenido. Consulte el sitio web de nuestra escuela para conocer la feria del libro en:

[Página de inicio de la Feria del Libro \(scholastic.com\)](https://www.scholastic.com)

Family Reading Night

by **Karina Camarillo**

FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD!
November 15, 2023
4:00 - 5:30 pm
Simmons Middle School

This year our Family Reading Night will be held on November 15, 2023 from 4-5:30pm at Simmons Middle School. Our wonderful Administration will be providing Pizza and water for our families and students on that day. Family reading night will give our students and their families the opportunity to get to know our teachers, and our building. The theme for this year is Full S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, math) Ahead! Teachers will have unique and fun activities planned, as our families and students will be able to travel from station to station trying the S.T.E.A.M activities. Activities range from building things to having a book walk, and so much more. Please come and enjoy the afternoon students and families!

Noche de lectura familiar
S.T.E.A.M ¡ADELANTE!

15 de noviembre de 2023
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Escuela secundaria Simmons

Este año nuestra Noche de Lectura Familiar se llevará a cabo el 15 de noviembre de 2023 de 4 a 5:30 p. m. en la escuela secundaria Simmons. Nuestra maravillosa Administración proporcionará pizza y agua para nuestras familias y estudiantes ese día. La noche de lectura familiar brindará a nuestros estudiantes y sus familias la oportunidad de conocer a nuestros maestros y nuestro edificio. El tema de este año es Full S.T.E.A.M. (ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería, arte, matemáticas) ¡Adelante! Los profesores tendrán planificadas actividades únicas y divertidas, ya que nuestras familias y alumnos podrán viajar de estación en estación probando las actividades S.T.E.A.M. Las actividades van desde construir cosas hasta pasear por un libro y mucho más. ¡Ven y disfruta de la tarde estudiantes y familias!

Help Wanted

by [Danna Pelayo-Escareno](#)

The Panther News is looking for journalists! If you like investigating, taking photographs, or enjoy getting answers to difficult questions, there is a place for you in the Newspaper Club! We meet in the library almost every Thursday from 2:45P.M. to 4:15PM. There is an activity bus afterwards.

Upcoming Dates:

November:

2; 9; 16; (23 and 30: No meetings)

December:

7; 14; (21 and 28: No meeting)

January:

(4: No meeting); 11; 18; (25: No meeting)

February:

1; 8; 15; (22: No meeting); 29

March:

7; 14; (21 and 28: No meeting)

April:

4; 11; 18; (25: No meeting)

May:

2; 9; 16; (23: No meeting); 30