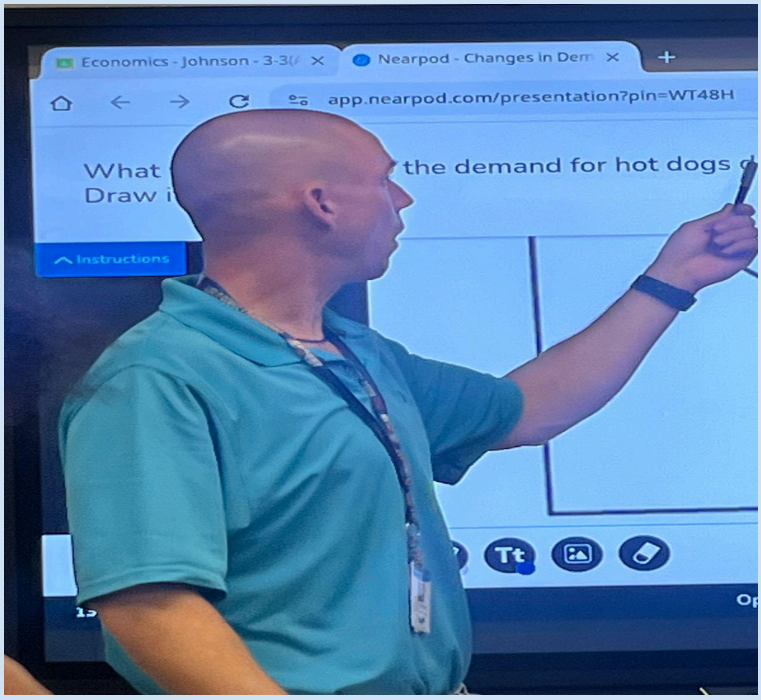
Teacher of the Issue: Mr. Johnson

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The Bagpipe's Teacher of the Spring Issue honor goes to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson has been working at Thornridge for a minute, and his path to education was shaped by his own experiences and inspiration.

Mr. Johnson shared that his time at Thornridge has been pretty pleasant overall, or at least the majority of the time. He mentioned that just like any workplace, there are pros and cons to it all. However, he continues to find value in the environment and the work he does with his students. His decision to become a teacher was deeply influenced by his own educators growing up. Their impact motivated him to pursue a career where he could guide and inspire others in a similar way.

Currently, Mr. Johnson teaches Sociology, American Law, Economics, and Civics. From a personal standpoint, he does a great job and is always able to offer help to students whenever they need it. I can say that firsthand, coming from someone who has had him for half of those classes! Senior David Becker, who had Mr. Johnson back during his sophomore year, agrees: "He's a great teacher. He just comes to work and does his job."

Outside of teaching, Mr. Johnson has had a strong connection with sports since he was young. He played both rugby and baseball—experiences that definitely could have contributed to his leadership style in the classroom.

Looking ahead, Mr. Johnson plans to continue his career in education for many years. He has retirement set as a long-term goal in approximately 33 years, which will put him right around the normal retirement age. His dedication suggests a lasting commitment to shaping the next generation here.

Through his experiences both inside and outside the classroom, Mr. Johnson represents the kind of educator who brings real-world insight, passion, and consistency to his students every day. To wrap things up, Mr. Johnson left us with a simple piece of advice: “I would just like everyone to try their hardest.”