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Senior Sunrise - A Start to a Fun Year

BY DAISY SILVA

We kicked off our senior year with a tradition, Senior Sunrise, and honestly it was really fun. The senior class gathered around at 6:30am by the North Lake football field and enjoyed the donuts that Mr. Hernandez brought for us. We all talked to each other and took many pictures. Afterwards, we had the chance to go to IHOP and enjoy breakfast with our classmates.



Senior year is off to a great start and we are looking forward to all of the other fun activities our senior officers have planned for us. In the midst of applying to colleges, finishing college and high school courses and our extracurriculars, we are going to take time to enjoy our last few months together as the Class of 2024 at North Lake Early College High Shool.





Mr. Darbonne

DUAL CREDIT US HISTORY
TEACHER



Welcome Mr. Darbonne

BY DANIEL RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Darbonne is an amazing teacher and definitely loves what he does. His love for history makes him someone who you can always count on, “it’s like storytelling” he describes. He sees the beauty element of human civilization and how much we advanced throughout the centuries, and how it made the world what it is today. Mr. Darbonne found a passion in history through his grandparents when he was a young boy. His grandfather and grandmother would tell him numerous stories of the past, which intrigued him and caused him to find a certain sentiment for history. Mr. Darbonne also loves working at North Lake campus, stating that his favorite thing is the amount of freedom and opportunity given to the students and the amount of resources he can use to fill our minds with endless amounts of information/knowledge about his favorite subjects.

Mr. Darbonne has given great advice to students. What makes a great student? In his view, a great student is made through their own unique craft, he works with everyone and says, “this will authenticate the truth”. His biggest inspiration are the kids, teaching them, making teaching fun, and overall having the opportunity to work with us and guide us towards his criteria of success and is an amazing teacher. Besides teaching, his favorite thing about life at the moment is the realization that he is almost finished with grad school. Congratulations Mr. Darbonne!

We all have that one place around the world that we wish we could travel to, and feel the atmosphere. For Mr. Darbonne, it has to be the Bahamas. Imagine those scenic beaches! Who doesn’t want to travel around the world and find the most beautiful places? His favorite hobbies outside of school are reading, painting his thoughts/expressing his love for things, and a multitude of outdoor activities such as hiking and trail walking. If he could apply one official rule to every single student across the North Lake campus, Mr. Darbonne would allow everyone to receive a fifteen minute walk in each morning to get the brain flowing and prepare us to tackle the day! When asked, if he could have one wish and it could be anything, what would it be, Mr. Darbonne said it will be to have all his debts to disappear.

To close off with something fun, who is your favorite music artist/genre? For Mr Darbonne, he doesn’t have a favorite artist since there’s simply too much to choose from, but he has a love and passion for R&B. Great choice!



Exploring Education

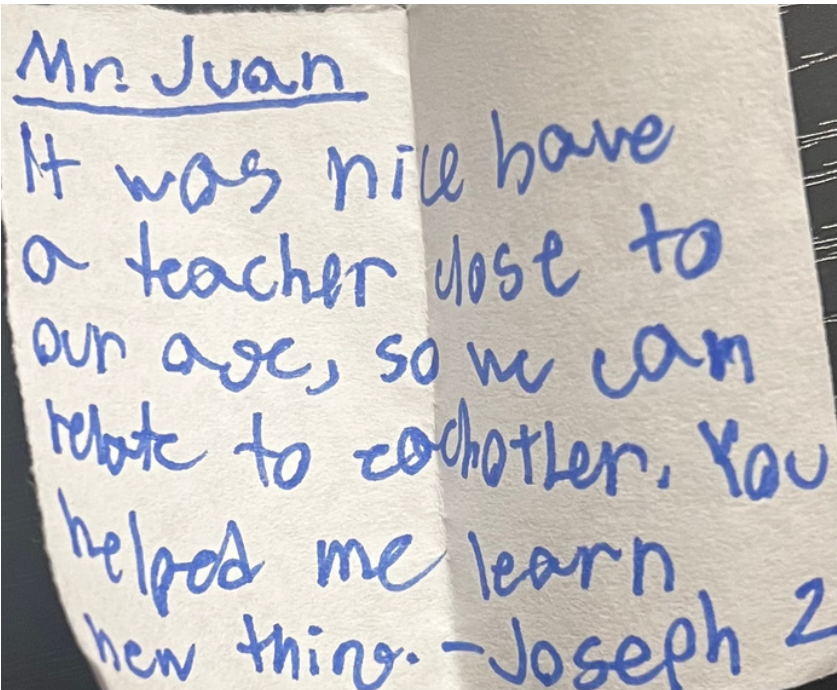
BY JUAN ARAUJO

I recently had the opportunity to serve as a founding teaching fellow for Generation Teach. I was selected to participate in the first cohort of teaching fellows for Generation Teach in Texas. As a teaching fellow, I worked with students in the 8th grade in a district where more than 70% were at-risk and more than 74% were economically disadvantaged. In this role, I had the opportunity to help develop and implement lessons on topics such as math and financial literacy. Through these lessons, I provided students with engaging activities that promoted critical thinking skills. Additionally, as a member of Generation Teach's first cohort of teaching fellows, I participated in professional development opportunities that allowed me to reflect on my practices as a teacher and grow as an educator. This reflection allowed me to grow into an educator who is more confident in my ability to address student needs and foster meaningful relationships with students and their families.

I came into the experience with my expectations on the floor, thinking I wouldn't like teaching and would have problems with my students, but that wasn't the case. It was tough at first to transition from sitting in the classroom for so long to being on my feet for eight hours a day, but after about two weeks of teaching, I felt like I had found my groove. I was nervous but excited. I thought it might be challenging to connect with my students, and that they would get bored because of how young they were. But as time progressed, I learned my student's best method of learning: games. I started implementing more math & money games and saw a spark within my kids I had never seen.

I was inspired by the way they interacted with each other and how they were always so eager to learn new things. It was rewarding to see that I could make a difference in the lives of these children I had only met so briefly. This experience also led to personal growth, solidifying my passion for helping others and appreciating my opportunities.

The most memorable moment was when my students wrote notes of appreciation, reminding me that my efforts were not in vain. From funny memories like throwing up at Six Flags to teaching them about my Salvadorian culture and a footshake, this experience was unexpectedly one of the best.



Monthly Media:

BY ELAINA HUMPHREY

October

So Tonight That I Might See by Mazzy Star
is one of my favorite albums, especially for fall. It's mysterious, it's slow, it's October translated into sound. Some of my favorites from this album include:

- Fade Into You
- She's My Baby
- Blue Light
- Bells Ring
- Into Dust



So Tonight That I Might See
Mazzy Star



- Fade Into You
- Mary of Silence
- She's My Baby
- Unreflected
- Five String Serenade
- Wasted
- Blue Light
- Bells Ring
- Into Dust
- So Tonight That I Might See

10 songs
51 min 39 sec
Genres: alternative rock, dream pop,
psychedelic rock

WHAT IS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY?

BY. MR. DARBONNE



In 2021, Gov. Greg Abbott signed a resolution to recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day. While Texas was not the first state to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, this change was necessary and much needed.

Beginning in the 1970s, Native American and international activists began calling for a change to Columbus Day. Due to his violent treatment of the Taino people and the beginning of European colonialism, many called for replacing Columbus Day with a day to celebrate and learn about the Native cultures and peoples of the Americas. Pres. Joe Biden was the first president to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day and make it a nationwide celebration. Texas is home to multiple Native American nations and has one of the largest Native American populations in the United States. Even one of your teachers has close Native American tribes, with Mr. Darbonne being an enrolled member of the Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana. Celebrate this day by learning about Native American peoples, our culture, our history, and our triumphs!

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

BY JACKIE CARRANZA

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an important month to bring attention to. Raising awareness about breast cancer, its prevention, early detection, and treatment are important to help keep people informed. Breast cancer is a form of cancer that starts in the cells near the chest area and can spread to other areas around the chest like the lower neck area and towards the sides of the chest. Although it is mainly found in women, it can also affect men. Breast cancer can sometimes be detected late since symptoms can remain dormant or not be very severe at first.

Although the main cause for breast cancer is still not directly known, factors like genetics, gender, age, lifestyle, and exposure can cause the abnormal growth of cells in the breast area. Breast cancer can also be treated in a multitude of ways depending on how someone wants to approach their battle with it and on the severity of their sickness. Many of the options for treatment include mastectomies (surgical operation to remove the breast), radiation therapy (using x-rays to kill the cancer cells), different forms of therapy such as chemo and immuno-therapy (using chemicals to kill cancer cells), and even clinical trials (testing new methods of treatment). However, precaution can be used to reduce chances of breast cancer or detect early signs. Some things you can do are regularly performing self examinations of the breasts, getting mammograms or getting examined by a doctor, limiting the use of dangerous chemicals, and knowing your family history.

According to the American Cancer Society, about 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer, which also leads to the statistic that about 43,700 women will die from breast cancer in the year 2023. We not only need to bring attention to this, but the fact that in this moment there are more than 4 million breast cancer survivors in the United States which still includes women still being treated and those who have completed treatment for breast cancer. Keep fighting ladies!



Students of the Month

THE STUDENTS BELOW HAVE DISPLAYED EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOR AND ARE BEING RECOGNIZED BY THEIR TEACHERS! CONGRATULATIONS!



Musa Ahmed

9TH GRADE STUDENT

“Our pick for Student of the Month is Musa. Musa displays the maturity and work ethic that are beyond his years. He is respectful to staff and his classmates and exemplifies the North Lake Way.”

-Coach Nguyen

Jeffrey Cardoza-Erazo

10TH GRADE STUDENT

“Jeffrey is a new addition to our campus but is already truly embracing the "North lake Way". He works hard and is excelling in all of his classes. He is passionate and driven with the ultimate goal of someday making prosthetics to help people. He is kind and dedicated to his future success. We are so happy to have Jeffrey and can't wait to see what great things he does here!”

-Mrs. Locker



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Ky'Rel Clay

11TH GRADE STUDENT

“Ky'Rel is a leader and always inquisitive in AP Environmental Science and positively contributes to class discussions. Ky'Rel enjoys learning and sharing ideas with the class.”

-Mr. Keller

12th Grade Class Officers

VALERIE ANGUIANO
PALOMA RODRIGUEZ DE LEON
ELAINA HUMPHREY
LEVI MARTINEZ
DAYAINA VELASQUEZ

All of these students are very conscientious, consistent, calm, and cool-headed. But on top of that, they are all hard workers and truly are the epitome of what North Lake represents . It is not uncommon to see them standing up for what is right. Although each of them can roll with the punches and have a sense of humor, they all are very determined, have integrity and are always focused on the task at hand. All of our class officers are wise beyond their years, and each is mature leader who is helpful, friendly, and involved. When they graduate at the end of the school year, a big hole will be left in the heart of North Lake.





University of Texas @ Arlington

MAVERICKS UT ARLINGTON

BY MIRANDA VEGA

The University of Texas @ Arlington is a public Institution located in the bustling town of Arlington, Texas, just outside of Dallas. The University of Texas at Arlington is a Carnegie Research 1 institution with more than 100 years of academic excellence and tradition.

There are more than 180 baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degree programs offered at this school, and more than 41,000 students walking campus or engaging in online coursework every single year. This University is urban setting, and the campus size is 420 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar.

As the largest university in North Texas and second largest in the University of Texas System, UTA is located in the heart of Dallas-Fort Worth, challenging students to engage with the world around them in ways that make a measurable impact. This location is affordable and ideal for students located in the DFW area that would like to stay close to home.

UTA offers state-of-the-art facilities that encourage students to be critical thinkers. Through academic, internship, and research programs, students will receive real-world experiences that help them contribute to their community and world.

The acceptance rate at the University of Texas at Arlington is about 92.7% and the student to faculty ratio is 24:1. To learn more, visit: <https://www.uta.edu/about>

Popular Degrees Offered:

- Health Professions and Related Programs
- Business
- Management
- Marketing, and Related Support Services
- Engineering
- Computer
- Information Sciences
- Support Services Business

School colors:

Blue and Orange

School mascot:

Blaze the horse

Location:

Arlington, Texas

NORTH LAKE ECHS PRESENTS HOMECOMING 2023

Midnight Madness

October 7th

at W. H. Adamson High School
(309 E 9th St, Dallas, Tx 75203)

Time- 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Formal Attire (Red Black Or Gold)

Ticket Prices

Single- \$30 Couples- \$50

Tickets on Sale

September 25th- October 6th

Ticket Payment- Credit Card Only

Homecoming Spirit Week

Oct 2nd - Oct 6th

Monday
ANYTHING BUT A
BACKPACK + PJS
...zzzzzz



Tuesday
Twin Day



Wednesday
Country Club vs.
Country



Thursday
Decades
90's



Friday



Barbie

**MUST BE WITHIN
DRESS CODE!**

North Lake ECHS
STAFF VS. STUDENTS
&
UPPERCLASSMEN VS. UNDERCLASSMEN
HOMECOMING
BASKETBALL GAME

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6
2023

8:30 AM - 10 AM



Scan If Interested to Play in
Either **Staff vs. Students** or
Underclassmen vs. Upperclassmen
Game

\$7 ADMISSION FEE

CARD ONLY

***Participants Chosen
by Raffle***

Location:
NORTHLAKE GYM

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2023

October 2-6	Homecoming Week
October 2-6	Homecoming Court Voting
October 6	Staff v Student Basketball Game
October 7	Homecoming at Adamson High School
October 9	Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples Day
October 12 - 16	Fall Break - No School
October 17	SAT Prep Class - Writing in Room L138
October 19	North Lake Soccer @ Gilliam
October 20	University of North Texas Field Trip
October 24	PSAT Testing
October 27	JA Finance Park - 11th/12th Grade
October 27	Fall Festival
October 31	Halloween

Meet the Staff

2023 - 2024



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