

# The North Lake ECHS Newsletter

February 4, 2022

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## Mark Your Calendar

### February 2022

[Link to School Calendar](#)

Saturday, February 5--AP Human Geography Test Prep Session (Virtual)

Tuesday, February 8, 6:00 pm--Class Rank Meeting for All Grade Levels (Virtual)

Wednesday, February 9--Uniform Day

Thursday, February 10--STAAR 2.0 Field Testing for 9th-Grade Students

Thursday, February 10--Field Trip to SMU (10th and 11th-grade)

Friday, February 11--Friday Night Lights

Monday, February 14--Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 16--Uniform Day

**Wednesday, February 16--Yearbook Photo Retakes**

**Friday, February 18--Friday Night Lights**

**Saturday, February 19--SAT Bootcamp (Virtual)**

**Monday, February 21--President's Day (No School for Staff/Students)**

**Wednesday, February 23--Uniform Day**

**Wednesday, February 23, 6:00 pm--SBDM Meeting (Virtual)**

**Friday, February 25--Friday Night Lights**

**Saturday, February 26--SAT Bootcamp (Virtual)**

## **A Message from Mr. Lysowski**

North Lake Family,

Our Dallas, Texas weather was in full effect this week! I hope that everyone was able to get some rest and stay warm over the last two days. Tomorrow, Dallas ISD will be hosting a Virtual AP Human Geography test prep session. All 9th-grade students should plan to attend. I am encouraging all parents and students to attend the Class Rank meeting that will take place virtually on Tuesday, February 8. We also have STAAR 2.0 Field Testing and a field trip to SMU planned for Thursday, February 10.

As the COVID-19 curve begins to flatten, we will continue with our average daily attendance tracking through the end of the nine-week grading period. Attendance results will be shared weekly as we push toward our goal of having at least 98% of our students present every day!

Friendly Reminders:

- Students are expected to be in class no later than 8 am, Monday-Friday.
- NLECHS Uniforms or Business Formal Dress should be worn every Wednesday unless campus leadership communicates otherwise--please note that jeans, crocs, and t-shirts are not acceptable on Wednesday uniform days.
- Families can monitor high-school grades and attendance through [PowerSchool](#). College grades can be accessed through [eCampus](#).

Also, please take a moment to review this month's edition of the Blazer News, our student-run newspaper! Shout-out to Ms. Seymour and all the students who contributed!

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful weekend!

Respectfully,

Mr. Lysowski

North Lake ECHS Principal

## Dallas College Resources



[Accessing DC Stud...](#)

[www.loom.com](http://www.loom.com)

[eConnect Menu](#)

[econnect.dcccd.edu](http://econnect.dcccd.edu)

eConnect is a web interface that provides a variety of online services to Dallas College students, faculty, and staff. NOTE: eConnect hours of operation are 4AM - 1AM CST unless otherwise noted. Select a menu on the right and then an action from the menu, you will be prompted to log in if needed.



[eCampus](#)

[ecampus.dcccd.edu](http://ecampus.dcccd.edu)

employees and students are required to wear masks while at Dallas College locations or events.

## Black History Month Career Panel Webinar Series

The Dallas ISD Racial Equity Office will be hosting a virtual career webinar each Wednesday of February, from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm on Zoom. Door prizes will be awarded to live participants. The panels will focus on career pathways that are lacking Black professionals, such as healthcare (February 2nd), law (February 9th), architecture (February 16th), and technology (February 23rd). During the final 10 minutes of each webinar, there will be a question and answer session with the speakers.

Students will be in direct contact with career professionals and practitioners, encouraging career exploration and iteration – not show and tell, but ask and answer. By connecting exciting career options to learning, classwork will become more valuable to the students, reinforcing the idea that school is a path to something that can be fun and rewarding.

The events are open to all Dallas ISD students and teachers after registering on Zoom at the following links:

- **Healthcare Panel: Tuesday, February 2, 2022 – 12:00 pm to 12:30 p.m.**  
[https://dallasisd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0cbYFbsPQ5CjYe\\_Wdo5eVA](https://dallasisd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0cbYFbsPQ5CjYe_Wdo5eVA)
- **Law Panel: Tuesday, February 9, 2022 – 12:00 pm to 12:30 p.m.**  
[https://dallasisd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0cbYFbsPQ5CjYe\\_Wdo5eVA](https://dallasisd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0cbYFbsPQ5CjYe_Wdo5eVA)
- **Architecture Panel: Tuesday, February 16, 2022 – 12:00 pm to 12:30 p.m.**  
[https://dallasisd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0cbYFbsPQ5CjYe\\_Wdo5eVA](https://dallasisd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0cbYFbsPQ5CjYe_Wdo5eVA)
- **Technology Panel: Tuesday, February 23, 2022 – 12:00 pm to 12:30 p.m.**  
[https://dallasisd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0cbYFbsPQ5CjYe\\_Wdo5eVA](https://dallasisd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0cbYFbsPQ5CjYe_Wdo5eVA)

Registration is required to be eligible for door prizes, but the event will be streamed on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DISDREO](https://www.facebook.com/DISDREO) for those not able to join Zoom.



## Blazer News

The Blazer News is our student newspaper that is released at the beginning of each month. Shout-out to Ms. Seymour and all of the students who contribute to this each month! Each newspaper is archived on our campus website and can be accessed by clicking the link below.

[Blazer News / Mon...](#)

[www.dallasisd.org](http://www.dallasisd.org)

Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy at A. Maceo Smith



# BLAZER NEWS

North Lake Early College High School Monthly News

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## Winter 5K

In December, prior to winter break, Mr. Nguyen organized a fun run and 5K for North Lake ECHS staff and students. Everyone gathered out by the lake to participate in the event. Runners took off from the starting point and followed a trail around the lake and scenic views.

Students participated in other activities such as basketball, volleyball and soccer. The weather was ideal for these activities and this was the perfect way to relax and team build after a stressful week of testing. We are looking forward to finishing the year strong in this second semester.

## MAPS/Advisory Shout-Out


Parents often ask what our MAPS/Advisory period is and what students work on during that time each day. While the curriculum and content is differentiated based on grade level, provided below is an example of an SEL (Social-Emotional-Learning) activity that our rockstar English II teacher, Ms. Ferguson, engaged her students with. The activity focused on the importance of developing and maintaining a positive mindset. Shout-out to Ms. Ferguson and her students!



All 9th grade students should plan to attend both test prep sessions for the AP Human Geography Test! Please see Ms. Alexander for the registration link.

## VIRTUAL

# AP SOCIAL STUDIES & AP CAPSTONE PREP SESSION




HOSTED BY ADVANCED ACADEMIC SERVICES

### SATURDAY


## FEBRUARY 5, 2022

### ZOOM PLATFORM

## 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.



Scan QR code to access your schedule:  
[bit.ly/APsocstuPrep](https://bit.ly/APsocstuPrep)



Don't miss out on the opportunity to get AP Exam ready!

**Zoom Sessions:**

- Human Geography*
- Macroeconomics*
- Psychology*
- U.S. Government*
- U.S. History*
- World History*
- Seminar/Research*

Participating students will receive an attendance certificate. You must attend three sessions for the certificate.

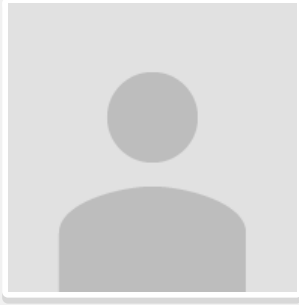
### AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY VIRTUAL PREP SESSION

**SATURDAY, February 5, 2022 | 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. | via ZOOM platform**

PRESENTER	ZOOM LINK	SESSION 1 8:30-9:45	SESSION 2 9:55-11:05	SESSION 3 11:15-12:30
<b>Laura Gordon</b>	Meeting ID: 813 6216 8279 Passcode:	Geographers & Models	Geographers & Models	Geographers & Models
<b>Laura Kmetz</b>	Meeting ID: 735 345 3103 Passcode: kmetzatbtv	What's in an FRQ Verb	What's in an FRQ Verb	What's in an FRQ Verb
<b>Michael Mancini</b>	Meeting ID: 832 5865 7589 Passcode: 050522	Multiple Choice Skills and Making Content Connections	Multiple Choice Skills and Making Content Connections	Multiple Choice Skills and Making Content Connections

**Students:** You'll go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), click JOIN A MEETING (top of page), then enter the information for the session you'd like to attend.

**Students:** There are tabs below (or above if using your phone). Click the tab for the course of sessions you'd like to attend.



## [Google Sheets - cr...](#)

[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)

Create a new spreadsheet and edit with others at the same time -- from your computer, phone or tablet. Get stuff done with or without an internet connection. Use Sheets to edit Excel files. Free from Google.



## [Video Conferencin...](#)

[zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars across mobile, desktop, and room systems. Zoom Rooms is the original software-based conference room solution used around the world in board, conference, huddle, and training rooms, as well as executive offices and classrooms. Founded in 2011, Zoom helps businesses and organizations bring their teams together in a frictionless environment to get more done.

## Virtual Class Rank Meeting--Tuesday, February 8, 6:00 pm

NLECHS Counselor, Dr. Baker, will be hosting an information session to review DISD Class Rank Policy and to answer student/parent questions regarding the class rank process. Families from all grade levels are encouraged to attend this important session.

### What is Class Rank?

Class rank is a way to see how a student's academic achievements measure up to those of their classmates. A student's class rank is determined by comparing their rank calculation to the rank calculation of students in the same grade.

Public school districts in Texas are legally required to rank and publish the rankings of students in the top 10% of high school graduating classes. The top 10% is the cut-off for automatic admission to most Texas public universities.

### Why Does Class Rank Matter?

**College Applications** - While rank is used for automatic admission to most Texas public universities, college and universities consider a variety of factors in their admission decisions. According to the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), the top factors in the admission decision are: (1) grades in college prep courses; (2) strength of curriculum; and (3) admission test scores.

**Scholarships** - When applying for scholarships, organizations may ask for applicants to achieve a certain class rank or percentile (such as the top 10% of your class). Some scholarship committees may use class rank as one factor to judge a student's academic abilities, along with GPA and standardized test scores.

**High School Honors** - Some high schools may award honors, such as the top 10% distinction and/or Performance Acknowledgments, to graduating seniors who achieve a certain class rank.



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## Class Rank!

North Lake ECHS Virtual Class Rank Meeting

Tuesday, February 8

6:00 pm

ZOOM MEETING I.D.:  
956 062 5899

PASSWORD:  
8HyBae

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## Field Trip to SMU--Thursday, February 10

10th and 11th-grade students will have the opportunity to participate in a school field trip to SMU. Information regarding the field trip can be found below!






# SMU COLLEGE VISIT



The SMU college visit will be Thursday, February 10th. Please use the QR Code and complete the form by Thursday, February 3rd. We are only allowed to bring 60 tenth and eleventh grade students, due to ninth grade Field Testing and COVID protocols. Students are responsible for completing any missed assignments due to attending the college visit.

Students will be selected by a lottery. This is attributed to such a large number of students that would like to attend. Meaning, all students that complete this form and meet the requirements, will have their name placed in a drawing and the first 60 names drawn will be able to attend.

In order to be selected, you must be passing all of your college classes and high school classes at the time of the college visit. A grade check will be conducted and your teachers must recommend you to attend the field trip.


School uniform shirt is required to attend the field trip. These can be the North Lake polo or the white button-down shirt. We do have shirts that the students can borrow.

Date: February 10th, 2022  
Time: 9:30AM- 2:00PM  
Location: SMU University



For more info, contact Ms. Ferguson. This college visit is being hosted by the North Lake ECHS Student Council.

## ACT/SAT Bootcamps



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Dallas ISD high school students have the opportunity to attend (1) ACT and (2) SAT 101 Boot Camp taught by The Princeton Review. During each Boot camp, Princeton Review instructors will review the structure and content of the exam to help students understand question types and offer testing strategies.



# ACT or SAT Boot Camp

ACT 101 Boot Camp:	SAT 101 Boot Camps:
 March 26 , 2022	 February 19, 2022 and February 26, 2022
 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (VIRTUAL ONLY)	 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (LOCATION TBD)

Open to DISD students in grades 9-12

**Space is LIMITED.**

Register now to reserve your spot.  
**LINK** [bit.ly/2021-22\\_bootcamps](https://bit.ly/2021-22_bootcamps)

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**CONTACT: AREN ROBINSON** | [arerobinson@dallasisd.org](mailto:arerobinson@dallasisd.org)

## Yearbook Photo Retakes--Wednesday, February 16

Please plan to dress according to the professional dress day standards. Photos will be taken during MAPS classes. This will be for students who were not at school for picture day in the fall.



## **2022-2023 Dallas ISD Calendar**

Dallas ISD's base, intersession and school-day redesign calendars for the 2022-2023 school year are now available! North Lake ECHS will follow the base calendar in 2022-2023. To view and download the calendars, visit <http://dallasisd.org/calendars>.



**DALLAS**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**2022 | 2023**

**BASE CALENDAR**

**CALENDARIO BÁSICO**

School starts August 15<sup>th</sup> and ends May 26<sup>th</sup> /  
Las clases comienzan el 15 de agosto y terminan el 26 de mayo.

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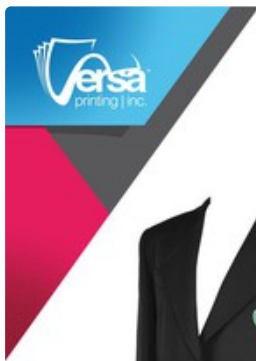
- **Teacher Workdays / Dias labores para maestros**
- **Professional Development / Capacitación profesional**
- **Staff/Student Holiday / Día festivo personal/estudiantes**
  - Sept. 5 / 5 de septiembre: Labor Day / Día del trabajo
  - Nov. 21-25 / 21-25 de noviembre: Thanksgiving Break / Vacaciones del día de acción de gracias
  - Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 / 22 de diciembre al 4 de enero: Winter Break / Vacaciones de invierno
  - Jan. 16 / 16 de enero: M.L. King Day / Día de M.L. King
  - Feb. 20 / 20 de febrero: Presidents' Day / Día del presidente
  - March 13-17 / 13-17 de marzo: Spring Break / Vacaciones de primavera
  - April 7 / 7 de abril: Holiday / Vacaciones
  - May 29 / 29 de mayo: Memorial Day / Día de los caídos
- **First Day of Grading Period / Primer día del periodo de calificaciones**
- **Last Day of Grading Period / Último día del periodo de calificaciones**
- **Fair Day / Professional Development / Día de feria / Capacitación profesional**
  - Oct. 7 / 7 de octubre: Elementary Fair Day / Secondary PD / Día de feria para primaria / Sec CP
  - Oct. 14 / 14 de octubre: Secondary Fair Day / Elementary PD / Día de feria para secundaria / Prim CP
- **Inclement Weather Day / Día para tiempo inclemente**
- **Juneteenth**

Teachers get one day credit for Parent Conference Days.  
Los maestros obtienen 1 día de crédito para los días de juntas para padres.

## ECHS Uniform Wednesdays!

Students are required to wear their ECHS uniform and either black slacks or a skirt (no shorter than “finger-tip length” with arms in normal position, i.e., arms hanging naturally, as student is standing straight and upright). Students that were unable to purchase a uniform due to vendor related issues, backorders, etc are permitted to wear business/formal attire instead of the ECHS Uniform.





## 2020-2021 Uniform Package - \$135.00

Includes Black Blazer, White Dress Shirt, Black Dryfit Polo and Neck Tie.



Men's



Ladies

2631 Brenner Rd. Dallas, Texas 75220  
o.972.243.5353 f.972.243.5354  
www.TheDresscodeLine.com

Pricing is based on standard blazer sizes up to size 56. If a tall blazer is needed, there may be an additional fee. Once the uniform has been ordered and paid for, there can be no changes made to the order.

## Parent Portal

The Dallas ISD Parent Portal system uses **PowerSchool**. It is a valuable resource available in English and Spanish for parents/guardians to use to become more involved in their children's education.

Parent Portal provides parents/guardians with three key benefits:

1. Secure on-line access to their children's grades, assignments, and attendance
2. Email alerts of absences and grade average changes
3. A two-way communication tool for parents and teachers

Register today for a PowerSchool Parent Portal account and become a partner in your child's education.

### New and Returning Users:

If this is your first time signing up for a PowerSchool account, click on the link below then select "Parent Sign In" followed by "Create an Account Here"

<https://dallasisd.powerschool.com/public>

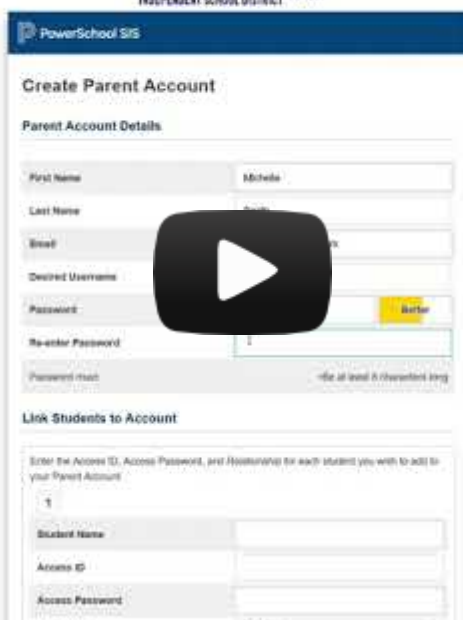
[Para ver esta información en español, pulse aquí.](#)

Questions? Send an email to [ParentPortal@dallasisd.org](mailto:ParentPortal@dallasisd.org).

### Resources

- Parent Portal Video Library
- [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- How to Create an Email Account
- [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Terms and Conditions](#)

## Creating a Parent Portal Account



**PowerSchool SIS**

### Create Parent Account

Parent Account Details

First Name: Michelle

Last Name: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Desired Username: [Redacted]

Password: [Redacted]

Re-enter Password: [Redacted]

Password must: [Redacted] -for at least 8 characters long

Link Students to Account

Enter the Access ID, Access Password, and first/last name for each student you wish to add to your Parent Account

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Student Name: [Redacted]

Access ID: [Redacted]

Access Password: [Redacted]

## TSIA2 Testing and Preparation

TSI is a state-legislated program designed to improve student success in college. Part of the program is an assessment to determine basic skills in reading, mathematics and writing. **A passing score on the TSIA2 test is required in order to take most of the dual-credit courses on our Associate Degree crosswalks. TSIA2 scores also impact our State Accountability rating for College and Career Readiness.**

### Scoring Standards:

#### English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) Standard:

- ELAR Score of 945+ AND Essay Score of 5 – 8  
OR
- ELAR Score under 945 AND ELAR Diagnostic Level of 4 – 6 AND Essay Score of 5 - 8

#### TSIA2 Math Standard:

- 950+  
OR
- Math Score Under 950 AND Math Diagnostic Level of 6

## TSIA2 Resources, Links, and Tutorials

**Accuplacer Test Prep**--The ACCUPLACER website features practice questions and other study tools to help you prepare for the TSI assessment. You can also login to take the Texas version of a web-based practice test to familiarize yourself with the tests three different content areas.

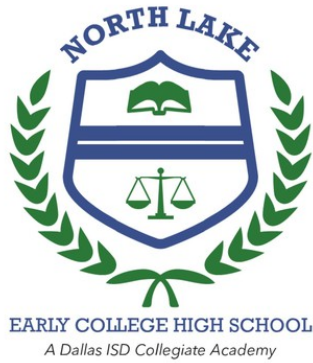
- <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice>

**EdReady**--TSIA2 test prep website. All students are required to sign-up and create an account. Create an account today using the information provided below:

1. Navigate to [disd.edready.org](https://disd.edready.org) and click **Get Started**.
2. After creating their accounts, they will receive an email confirmation with an activation link.
3. After logging in they will be prompted to enter a **goal key**. The goal key for all North Lake students is **northlake** (all lowercase). They will be able to access both the math and reading study paths with that one code. And they only need to enter the goal key one time to add it to their dashboard.
4. There is a [walkthrough video](#) and a [student quick start guide](#) at the bottom of the [disd.edready.org](https://disd.edready.org) main page if they need assistance

## North Lake College Campus Map






## North Lake Early College High School

 Facebook

 @NorthLake\_ECHS

- A Dallas Independent School District school of choice, North Lake Early College High School (NLECHS) is housed on the campus of Dallas College North Lake Campus, our higher education partner. Through a collaborative effort, NLECHS students attend both high school and on-site college classes with the goal of graduating with a high school diploma and at least 60 college credits or an associate degree. Our school motto, "Learns today, Leaders tomorrow," speaks to our vision of becoming a nationally recognized, elite early college dedicated to graduating all students as creative thinkers and global leaders of tomorrow.

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