

LATEST NEWS, COMMENTARY AND JOURNALISM FROM THE HEART OF NORTH LAKE ECHS STUDENTS.

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NL Visits University of North Texas

Led by Mr. Matney and Ms. Seymour, North Lake seniors took a day trip to visit the University of North Texas in Denton. Denton is about forty minutes north of DFW and the college many of the seniors are planning to attend. Students were guided across campus by a former UNT student. They were able to see classrooms, the dining hall, the gym, and much more! With many students on campus, North Lake seniors were able to see what a day in the life of a UNT student would be like. From enjoying a nice stroll in one of the many courtyards or sitting stage side in the dining hall, eating lunch while the UNT Jazz Band performs. UNT is a sprawling campus of about 1,200 acres. The college offers many majors. Some of the top majors include Psychology, Business, Education and Music. With another college just down the street, Texas Woman’s University, Denton is a town with much to do all while staying just a short drive from home.

VALENTINES AT NORTH LAKE

BY VALERIE ANGUIANO

The Senior class officers put together a potluck and valentine bags so Seniors could “Spread the love”.



The Junior class officers put together a potluck so juniors could feel the love. All juniors showed up for some tasty snacks and good times with their fellow classmates.



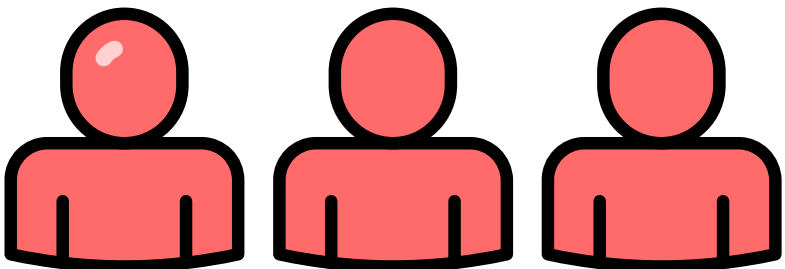
Yearbook/ Newspaper had their annual photo booth and a potluck for members to get together and enjoy some food and each others company.



Ms. Krause

BY JUAN RIOS & JASMIN SALAZAR SARAVIA

Ms. Krause is our government teacher here at North Lake ECHS. She was raised in upstate New York, loves teaching about the Texas government, and is very passionate about her job. She chose to become a teacher for the students, when she started substituting for teachers she found out she liked it so she returned to school to study for it. She specifically came to teach at this school because it is very innovative and she liked the opportunities given here. She also liked the idea of taking students and bringing them to a setting where they can get a college education while being in high school. She enjoys the energy she receives from students, they can be entertaining and funny. Throughout her classroom, she hopes that students learn how to be civically engaged, learn critically for themselves, and become active in politics. The most challenging part about teaching is being able to fully meet the needs of all students. She doesn't want anyone to fall behind or feel as if they don't matter. In difficult times she perseveres by taking a step back when things get really hard. She says that mental health is important. When you're in the middle of stressing out, take a step back and come back to it later. A few skills she obtained from being a teacher include thinking quickly and prioritizing things. Her biggest accomplishment was getting her master's degree because it was hard to obtain. Ms. Krause enjoys many outside-of-school activities which include watching basketball and now she is also invested in her wedding planning. Some interesting facts are that she intends to write a book and that she also had Mr. Matney and Mr. Osegueda as her students. Her goal is to retire in 7 years and run for the Dallas council. Once retired, she sees herself sitting on a beach somewhere in Belize. Someone she looks up to is Mr. Hernandez, because "he keeps up with everything and is always positive. He cares about the students, handles situations very well, has great communication with people, and is extremely dedicated to this school." An advice she wishes to others is to not take a break or gap year in between school because some students tend to not finish school at all. Ms. Krause will also like to add that she is super excited to see the seniors walk across the stage. She wouldn't miss it for anything.



INDIE GAMES

BY KIMBERLY MENDOZA

2023 is a new year and bringing us many new games. It can be a bit overwhelming looking at them all and trying to decide which ones might suit you best. I have researched many of the upcoming games being released in 2023 and compiled a list of some of the most promising ones. Will your new favorite game be on the list?

- **Way to the Woods**

- **March 2023**
- **PC, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S (Xbox Game Pass)**
- **An adventure that has to do with the journey of two deer in an abandoned world to find their way back home.**



- **Mail Time**

- **April 2023**
- **PC, Switch**
- **You play as a newly trained Mail Scout with a nice mushroom hat and you have to deliver letters in the setting of Grumblewood Grove to earn yourself Mail Scout badges.**



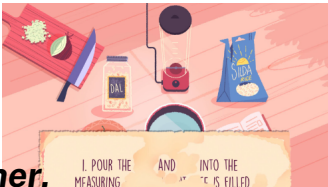
- **COCOON**

- **2023**
- **PC, XBOX and Switch**
- **A puzzle game from Geometric Interactive and that has a puzzle-centric design, set within a 3D space and in a sci-fi framework.**



- **VENBA**

- **Spring 2023**
- **Switch and Windows PC**
- **It focuses on an Indian mother, and it has to do with cooking and remembering lost recipes**



- **THIRSTY SUITORS**

- **2023**
- **Switch, PS4, PS5, Windows PC, Xbox One and Xbox Series X**
- **It focuses on Jala who has returned to her hometown. The game includes cooking, skateboarding, dating, and “RPG turn-based combat” that is included with the dating process.**



- **Songs of Glimmerwick**

- **2023**
- **Windows PC**
- **It is a role-playing game set in a witch academy but music is magic, and you will have to learn different songs to cast spells.**



- **Dordogne**

- **2023**
- **Switch, PS4, PS5, Windows PC, Xbox One and Xbox Series X**
- **The game has a watercolor style that is different from other games. It’s a narrative adventure game that will have you engaging in childhood memories. What’s cool about this game is that you are able to create your own scrapbook with the pictures you take.**



- **Spirit Swap: Lofi Beats to Match-3 To**

- **2023**
- **Windows PC**
- **A rhythm match-three game with a really good soundtrack and has witches and demons as the characters. It’s a game willing to give it a try because of its design style and being able to play with your friends.**



- **Little Bear Chef**

- **2023**
- **Switch**
- **This game is about a tiny little bear who cooks in a regular, human-sized kitchen.**



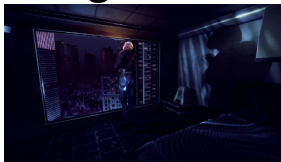
- **Afterlove EP**

- **Not sure**
- **Switch, PS4 and Windows PC**
- **It's a dating sim, a rhythm game, and a narrative adventure. The main story about this game is losing someone special and learning to love again.**



- **Hollowbody**

- **2023**
- **Windows PC**
- **Your name is Mica and you’re an unlicensed Shipper working for an infamous ring of black market freelancers. However, you get stranded in the “exclusion zone” with limited resources, and your goal is to get out of the sealed-off, horrifying world.**



- **Season: A Letter to the Future**

- **January 31, 2023**
- **PS4, PS5 and Windows PC**
- **The story of a young person leaving home for the first time before something huge happens and do keep in mind to document almost everything.**



- **Superfuse**

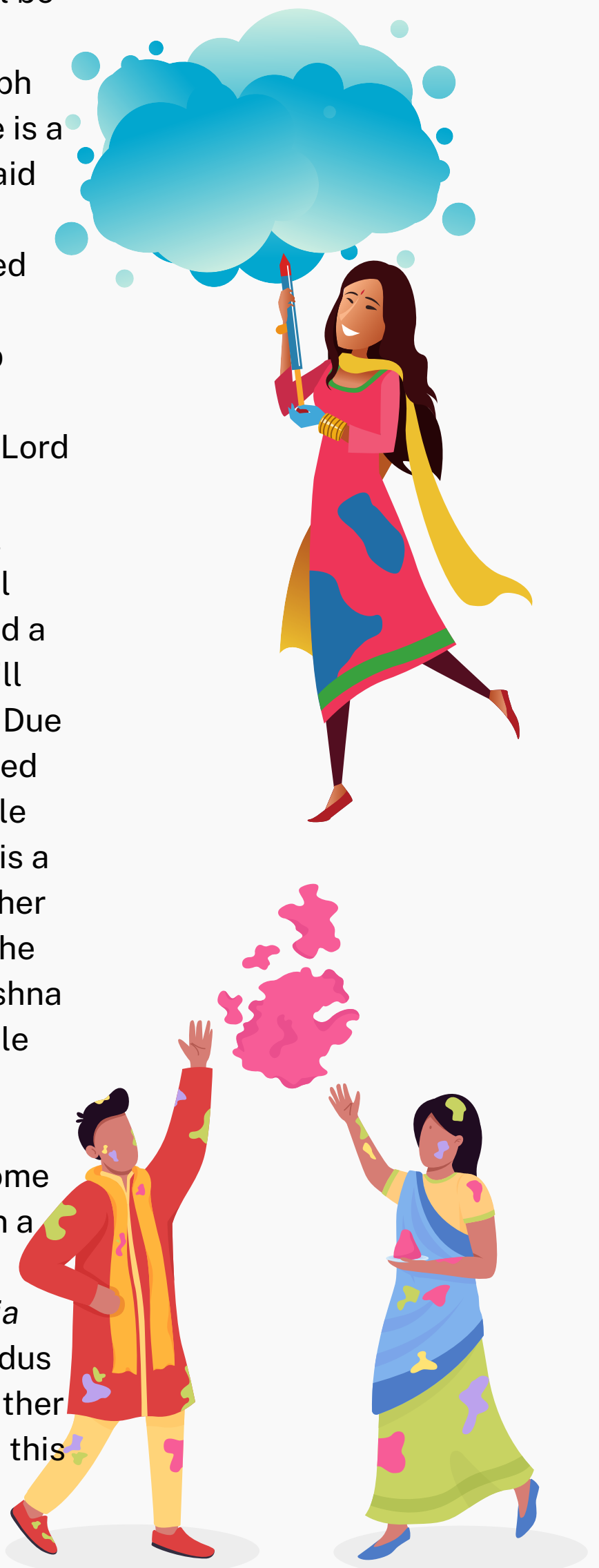
- **January 31, 2023**
- **Early access on Windows PC**
- **An action-RPG game with lots of top-down slashing but what seems interesting is the art style since it looks like a comic book.**



Holi - The Hindu Festival of Colors

BY CLAIRE SPILLMAN

With winter coming to an end, millions of Hindus around the world, on March 8th, will be celebrating Holi. This festival marks a new beginning of spring and signifies the triumph of good over evil. Like many festivals, there is a popular legend associated with Holi. It is said that there was a powerful king named Hiranyakashipu. He was nefarious and hated for his cruelty. Like many greedy kings, he wanted everyone in his kingdom to worship him. However, his son Prahlada refused to worship his father because he was loyal to Lord Vishnu. Upset with his sons deviance, Hiranyakashipu tried killing his son several times. He efforts, futile, so he asked his evil sister Holika to do the job. Holika possessed a special power of being immune to fire; to kill Prahlada they plotted to burning him alive. Due to the evil intensions Holika no longer possed her power and instead burned to ashes while Prahlada gained the immunity. Thus, there is a celebration of good winning over evil. Another legend representing the origins of Holi, is the love story betewen Radha and Krishna. Krishna was afraid that his dark color skin would rule him undesirable from his love Radha. His mother advises him to color Radhas face, representing their love for each other. In some parts the festival begins the night before in a celebration known as Holika Dahan where people gather around the pyre, perform *puja* (prayers) and light it. It is tradition that Hindus throw colored powder at each other and gather to the streets to sing, dance, and celebrate this festival of love, color, and spring.



Students of the Month

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



Kimberly Mendoza

9TH GRADE STUDENT

"Kimberly Gomez is an incredibly dedicated and passionate student that embodies the North Lake vision. She is committed to her academics and is a natural leader that leads her peers by example. She holds herself accountable to her own standards and her teachers never have to worry about her getting her work done. She is very well-rounded and involved with the school as a member of Yearbook and Debate."

— Mr. Osegueda

Nathan Diaz

10TH GRADE STUDENT

"Nathan is a clear and critical thinker. He is able to take information, process it, and apply this information to different situations. He is interested in learning rather than getting a grade. His attentiveness in class helps him acquire knowledge quickly. Nathan is a delight to have in class, because he presents a "CAN DO" attitude. Nothing is beyond his capabilities."

— Mr. Heiple



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Mariana Garcia

11TH GRADE STUDENT

"Mariana is sincere, dedicated and has a positive attitude for learning. Mariana's hard work can be seen through her accomplishments in class. She strives to do her best in and out of classroom. Mariana is honest and reliable student. It is a pleasure to have her in my class."

— Ms. Katbamna

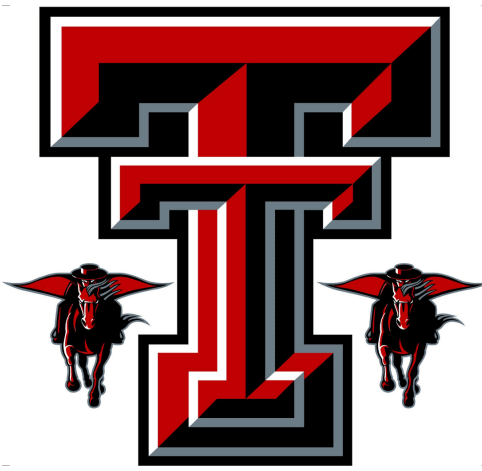
Zaniah Myers

12TH GRADE STUDENT

"Zaniah has been a hard-working student since her freshman year at North Lake. As a member of the 23 Legacy Class, she provides a calming presence to her cohort and is an example of a student who is goal driven in this program. Zaniah has big goals and will represent North Lake ECHS well after graduation."

— Mr. Hernandez





College Spotlight

BY MIRANDA VEGA

Located in Lubbock, Texas, Texas Tech university enrolls 40,5422 students year-round. This campus is the second largest connecting campus in the United States. There's a range of majors from Accounting, B.B.A to Zoology. Texas Tech is known for its campus seal. It is known as a good luck charm of the school and is a popular spot to take graduation photos. December 1st was the priority deadline for prospective students to enroll in the fall semester and November 1st was the deadline for spring semester. Texas Tech universities tuition is \$8,683 for in-state students. Compared with the national average cost of in-state tuition of \$19,250, Texas Tech University is less expensive. If you're looking for somewhere with compassionate staff and students, this campus is definitely the way to go. Some of the top majors at Tech include Business, Managment, Biological and Biomedical Sciences. There are many agricultural degrees offered at this school as well asvery well known programs for law and education degrees.

Fact Wall

- Texas Tech was founded in 1923.
- The school offers 82 undergraduate degrees
- The school has an acceptance rate of about 71%
- Texas Tech sits on about 1,839 acres. Wow!
- The school colors are Red and Black
- The mascot is The Masked rider. Guns up!

Upcoming Events

MARCH 2023

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| March 1 | SAT Testing & TSI Testing |
| March 2 | 12th Grade TELPAS |
| March 3 | 12th Grade Tarleton College Visit |
| March 3 | 12th Grade TELPAS |
| March 9 | JA Finance Presentation |
| March 13 - 17 | NO SCHOOL - Spring Break |
| March 14 | National Pi Day |
| March 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| March 22 | Ramadan Begins |

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