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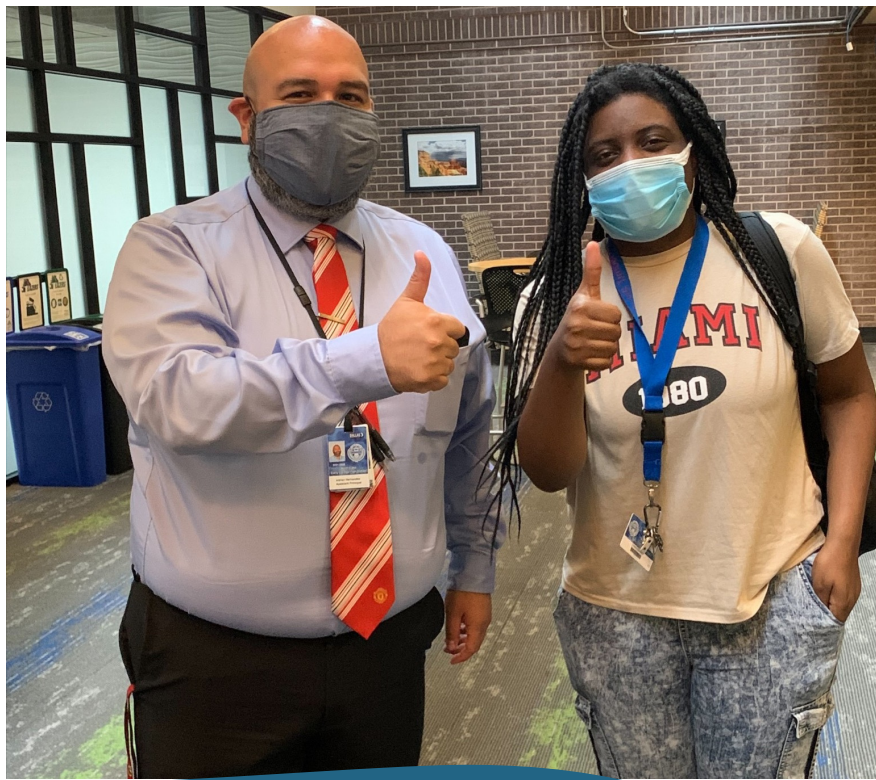
Welcome Class of 2025

BY BRIANNA MIRELES

Welcome back Blazers! We are excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year at our new campus.

This year we are welcoming our incoming class of 2025. These students attended a Summer Bridge program before classes started. Summer Bridge was a 3 day program for students to meet each other, their teachers, and the new campus.

Welcome to North Lake Early College High School class of 2025! Let's make this year the best one yet!



Staff Spotlight: Mr. Adrian Hernandez

BY CRISTINA RANDOLPH AND CLAIRE SPILLMAN

Class of '23 may remember Mr. Adrian Hernandez as a teacher from freshman year. But to the rest of the school, he is a new face that needs uncovering. Those of you who are interested in basketball may be happy to know that Mr. Hernandez began his career working for the Dallas Mavericks. He began his second career in education, and we are very lucky to have him. After the Mavericks won the NBA title, Mr. Hernandez went on to earn his teaching certificate through the urging of his high school mentor. He brings a variety of experiences including teaching at-risk youth. He earned a master's degree in educational administration from UNT that led him to where he is today. He is a fair, passionate, and optimistic man who sees the students as more than a number. Mr. Hernandez believes in North Lake Early College HS and the mission behind it as well as increasing its size through active recruitment to push the school to its full potential and greatest success. An avid sports fan, a man of boldness and grit, academically oriented, and compassionate, this is how we sum up and welcome our new assistant principal.

Did you know?

Mr. Hernandez is also an ordained minister. He can legally marry people. Below is a photo of Mr. Hernandez officiating a wedding for some friends.





Staff Spotlight: Dr. Angie Baker

BY CLAIRE SPILLMAN

When you think of a seasoned professional who works out, runs marathons, and can get the best deal at an outlet mall, have in mind our talented and dedicated school counselor, Dr. Baker! There is a long history of committed educators within her family and she continues the legacy by providing for all of us an opportunity to discuss social and academic issues, as well as receive guidance towards a happy academic life at North Lake ECHS. Prior to becoming a Doctor of Education, Dr. Baker worked as an elementary school teacher, school counselor, and domestic engineer while raising her children. When discussing why she chose the counseling profession, Dr. Baker stated that “it was the best of both worlds, I’m able to teach students valuable life lessons. It’s not textbook teaching but self-improvement.” These unique past experiences coupled with a passion for religious beliefs and her desire for inner peace cause this licensed counselor to be an amazing asset that we hope each of you utilizes. As a former high school volleyball player, Dr. Baker believes that sports can build a different kind of character and that she encourages all of us to participate in team-building activities. As one of our greatest cheerleaders, Dr. Baker stated that NLECHS has some of the best teachers and professors around and they are here to support each and every student's academic journey. If you want to learn to “believe in yourself” or “learn to set goals,” set up an appointment with Dr. Baker and let the future begin.

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ANGIE BAKER
NLECHS COUNSELOR



"Speak up about struggles. Don't keep it inside because you will explode. Open up to people about your problems."

ADRIAN MORENO
11TH GRADE STUDENT



Student Spotlight: Adrian Moreno

BY JASMIN SALAZAR-SARAVIA AND VANESSA AVILA

Have you been looking for a great role model but have struggled to find one because you don't know many people here? Well, it is time for you to meet Adrian Moreno. He is currently an 11th-grade student at North Lake ECHS and is part of the National Honor Society. He states that one of his greatest accomplishments was ranking top two of the 2023 class last year. He enjoys many activities outside of school such as archery, shooting, soccer, and running. One of his biggest interests is helping people with their mental health. He was able to start helping others by joining an organization called Robbie's Hope. Robbie's Hope focuses on suicide prevention and ending the stigma of mental health. Robbie's Hope's slogan is "it is ok not to be ok". One thing that Adrian finds interesting about Robbie's Hope is that he is able to communicate and interact with people from all over the world. He decided to join Robbie's Hope because he wanted to make a difference. Adrian said that he struggled with anxiety and would like to be a support for others. He stated "I don't want other people to face the same struggles that I did. I want to be able to help them." He would like for people to open up and talk about their struggles in order for them to understand that they are not alone. So if you are interested in joining Robbie's Hope or would like to talk about your personal experiences, check out Robbie's-Hope.com or you can reach out to Adrian.



“Be
successful,
have fun, and
live life to the
fullest.”

Roy Washington
9TH GRADE STUDENT



Student Spotlight: Roy Washington

BY JASMIN SALAZAR-SARAVIA AND VANESSA AVILA

When you look for self-inspiration or motivation, what exactly is it that you look for? Do you go around looking for someone to inspire you or do you try to be your own motivation? Let's meet freshman, Roy Washington! He is a hardworking and dedicated student who finds time to stay on track of both his schoolwork and football practice. One thing you should know about Roy is that he is currently playing football in a defensive position for Carter HS. He had to earn his spot on the football team and he did that through hard work and dedication. He first became interested in football in 3rd grade when his cousin and uncle wanted him to learn how to play football. From there, he became passionate about the sport. Roy states “When I am on the field, I focus and work hard out there but once practice is over it is time for schoolwork. As soon as I am done, I get into the car and I connect my computer with the internet to get started on my homework.” As you can see, he is very good with time management as well as being a leader. He possesses some leadership skills such as encouraging and working well with others. He does not like following other people around, he says that he is his own inspiration, and he likes to strive for the best. He is also interested in business, management, and entrepreneurship. He would like to be known as a funny and cool person who is recognized at being good for the things he does. So, if you ever want to become your own leader or learn a few leadership skills, don't hesitate to talk to Roy Washington.



Hispanic Heritage Month

Comunidad. Together We Progress. Together We Shine.



Hispanic Heritage Month first began in the 1960s and runs from September 15 - October 15 each year. This celebration highlights the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and shaped America as a country today.

This month provides everyone the opportunity to learn more about the history of our Hispanic ancestors. It also helps to create a more in depth understanding of the role that Latinos have played in American history, as well as the effect they've had on our nation's culture. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month has benefits for non-Hispanics too. It is always beneficial to learn about the cultures of others so that you can gain a greater appreciation and understanding of others. Learning about other people and their cultures enriches our perspectives. Cultural celebrations like these play a large role in the United States, as it is known for being a melting pot of many cultures.

Dallas ISD is offering many opportunities for students, parents, and faculty to learn more about Hispanic Heritage Month. There are webinars where prominent Hispanic Americans will be speaking about their lives. Be sure to register for a webinar below.

Scan here to find out more about some of the activities Dallas ISD is offering for the month.

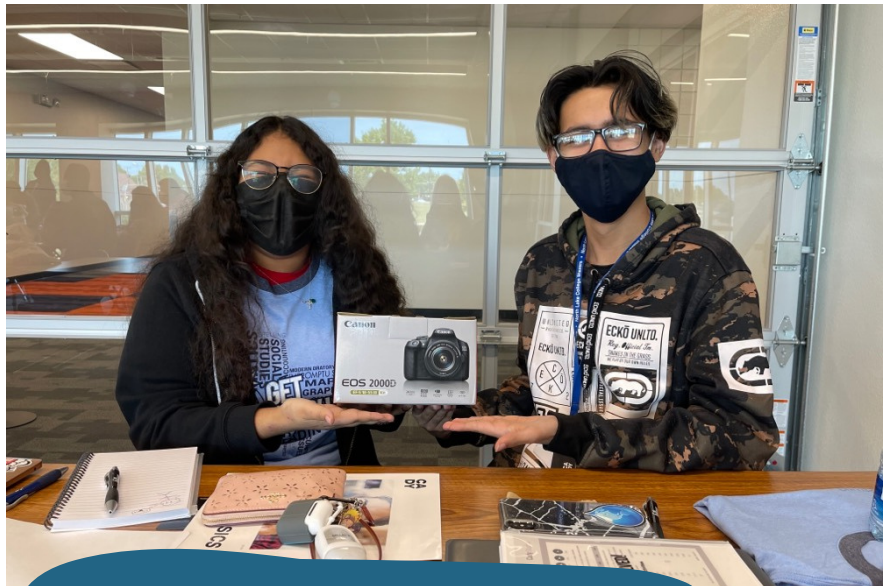
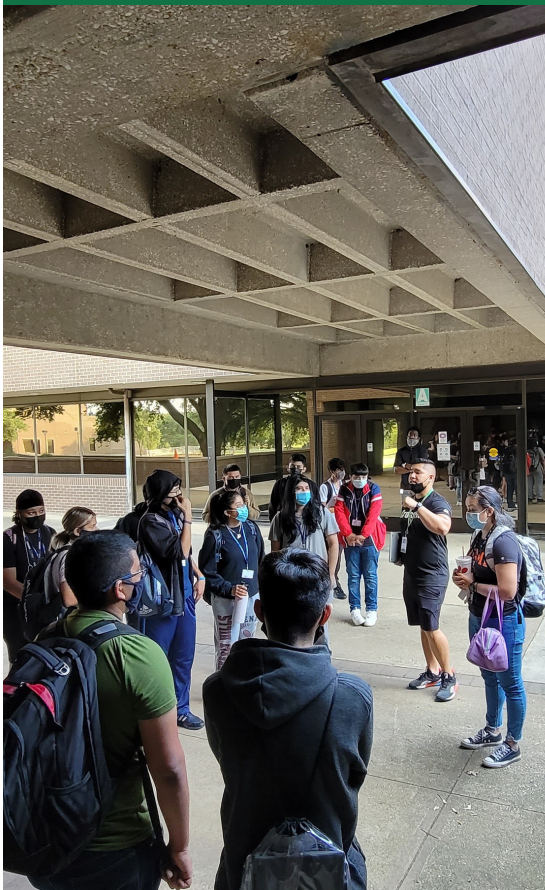
October 6 @ 12p

October 13 @ 12p



"When I was a teenager, I began to settle into school because I'd discovered the extracurricular activities that interested me: music and theater."

Morgan Freeman



Extracurriculars

**BY BRIANNA MIRELES AND
KIMBERLY MENDOZA**

Extracurriculars are a great way to participate in an activity you enjoy, meet new people, interact with others that share your interests, and can even be an important part of your college application. Colleges prefer to admit students who are involved in their communities and extra school activities.

This year North Lake ECHS is offering many extracurriculars to students. Extracurriculars look great on applications and resumes for jobs. They are a great way to meet new people and make new friends that share your interests. Some clubs compete at the district, state or national level and can even earn you some scholarship opportunities. Talk to your club advisor about potential opportunities your club offers.

Extracurriculars can also provide field trip opportunities. Students, Claudia Leyja and Elias Morales, from the Yearbook & Newspaper clubs, attended a photography workshop on a Saturday and won a camera and accessories for the school.

Did you know?

You can join clubs sponsored by Dallas College here at North Lake too! To inquire about joining, contact the club sponsor. You can see all of the clubs offered here: [Student Clubs and Organizations at North Lake – Student Clubs and Organizations – Dallas College](#)

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The students below have displayed exemplary behavior and are being recognized by their teachers! Congratulations!



VANELLY LOPEZ

9th grade student

"Vanelly is perpetually seeking to know more and is not content with only knowing part of a topic. She is respected by her peers and treats everyone with kindness and empathy. She is the example of what a NLECHS Blazer should be." - Ms. Lewis

CHRISTOPHER GOODING

10th grade student

"Chris has demonstrated renewal and purpose within his studies through asking questions and providing insightful responses. He is highly intelligent and kind at heart!" - Mr. Macias



RICARDO ESCAMILLA

11th grade student

"Ricardo always demonstrates care and compassion for his classmates. He is very helpful. He actively participates in class and is always willing to ask questions and take risks." - Ms. Ding





NATIONAL CROC DAY

October 23rd

By Brandy Cruz



DID YOU KNOW?

Many celebrities have started making their own Crocs line. Everyone from Justin Bieber, Post Malone and Bad Bunny. Their Croc lines often reflect their style and can range in prices.



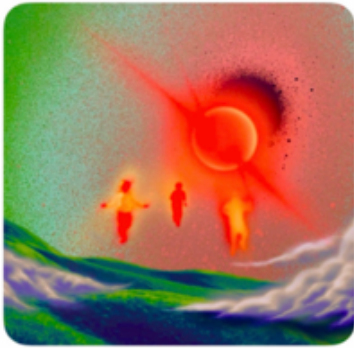
LET'S CELEBRATE

In celebration of National Croc Day, please wear your Crocs to school on Friday October 22nd. Take a picture of you and your friends in Crocs and tag us at @NorthLake_ECHS on Instagram and Twitter.



Voter's Choice

By Valerie Anguiano and Claudia Leyja



Certified Lover Boy
(Drake)
Vs.
Donda (Kanye West)



Drake's album, *Certified Lover Boy*, was released only 5 days apart from Kanye West's album, *Donda*, and many people have been talking about which album is better. After polling 30 people at NLECHS, *Certified Lover Boy* was the fan favorite. Similarly, CLB has outstreamed *Donda* on music streaming websites such as Spotify and Apple Music.

In *Certified Lover Boy*, Drake sings about toxic masculinity. In *Donda*, Kanye West blends the musical styles of hip hop and gospel. Whether you are Team Drake or Team Yeezy, both albums are worth checking out!

What are your fall favorites?
Scan the QR code and fill out the
Google Form.

Stay tuned for the November issue to
see the results.



Upcoming Events

October 2021

Below you can find dates for upcoming events, testing information, no school days and more.

October 1: National Homemade Cookies Day

October 4-7: ACP Testing

October 4: National Taco Day

October 5: World Teachers Day

October 6: Career Speaker Webinar @ 12 [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

October 7: Q1 Ends (DISD)

October 8: Student Holiday

October 11-15: Mock Surveys

October 11: Quarter 2 (DISD)

October 12: Social and Emotional Learning Survey

October 13: PSAT/NMSQT (10th grade)

October 13: Career Speaker Webinar @ 12 [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

October 14: National Dessert Day

October 15: Fair Day (NO SCHOOL)

October 18: Dallas College Quarter 2 begins

October 18: Luis Radley's Birthday (national holiday)

October 19: PSAT (9th grade)

October 21: Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 29: National Cat Day

October 31: Halloween

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