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Homecoming '24

BY: VANELLY LOPEZ

This year, North Lake's Homecoming dance was held at Edison's in Dallas. The venue was beautifully decorated with this year's Homecoming theme, Mystical Garden. Our wonderful Student Council worked tirelessly to make our spirit week full of fun themes; and our Homecoming dance such an amazing and successful night.

The night of the dance was filled with good food, music and laughter. The sound of students enjoying the comradery and catchy tunes filled the air. Smiles crossed faces as peers celebrated the crowning of the Homecoming Court.

This Year's Homecoming court winners were:

9th Grade Count & Countess
Christian Alcocer and Hadley Hockman

10th Grade Duke & Dutchess
Justin Rabun and Evalyne Nino

11th Grade Prince & Princess
Chris Ramirez and Elizabeth Alcantar

12th Grade King & Queen
Luis Gutierrez and Melanie Ibanez

Congratulations to our 2024 Homecoming royalty!

Countdown to Homecoming

A week packed with memories and traditions

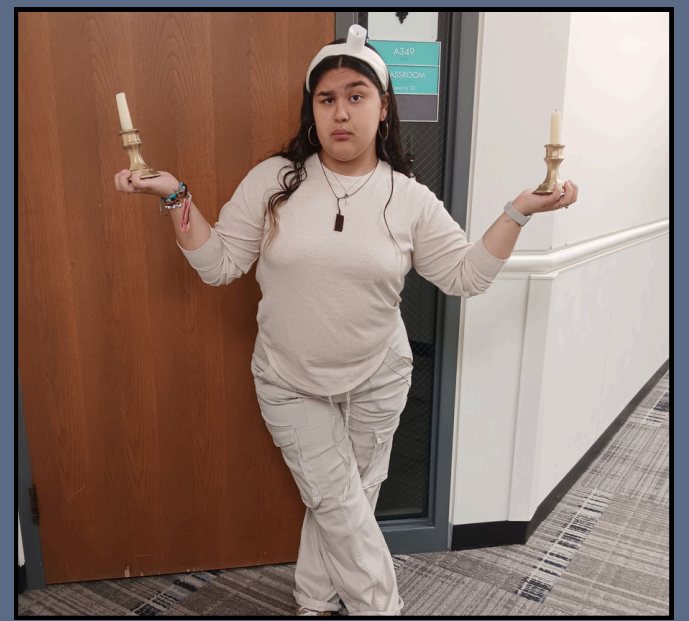
BY: VANELLY LOPEZ

Homecoming week came to North Lake a little early this year. The much anticipated week was filled with excitement across our campus. Homecoming week is all about celebrating school spirit, bringing students together, and hosting a fun series of events leading up to the Homecoming dance. From themed dress-up days and basketball game, to the crowning of homecoming royalty, the week was filled with memories. Students got creative with their outfits during the week. We saw painted faces, bald caps, props and more. The mums jingled and sparkled and students brought some interesting “backpacks” on Friday. We loved seeing the spirit of North Lake come alive during this week. Thank you to everyone that participated in all of the spirit days!



Homecoming Themes

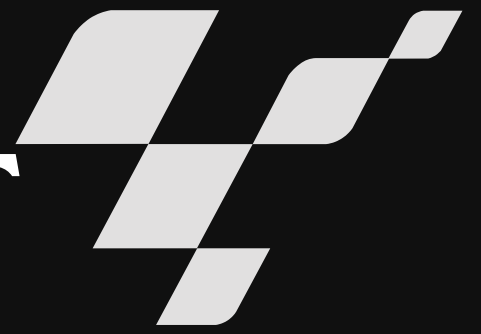
- Pajama Day
- Twin Day
- Dress like a Teacher/Student Day
- Dress like a Disney Character
- Anything but a Backpack



Teacher v. Student Homecoming Game

North Lake students took on their teachers in our second annual Homecoming basketball game. Hosted by Student Council, the teachers put up a good fight, but ultimately fell short to the students, 10 - 37. Student Council debuted North Lake’s brand new mascot. Mascot tryouts will be coming in the near future so be on the lookout for more information. Mr. Hernandez presented to students the North Lake ECHS Teacher of the Year, Ms. Dhara Katbamna! Congratulations Ms Katbamna, it is well deserved! Thank you to everyone who came out to support, cheer and play in our Homecoming event. Go Blazers!

THE LARGEST TEXAS BIKE MEET



By: Paris Chang



CAPTURED BY: @rly.slo

On the 6th of September, 2024, the iconic racing groups—Ghost x Quiet racing—launched their very first collab, drawing the attention of the biker community; whether it be local or regional, many enthusiasts came to connect, capture photographs, and the obvious—ride. Taking place at Used Bikes Direct, in Grand Prairie, hundreds gathered to display a variety of bikes, including modifications, vintage collections and high-performance models.



CAPTURED BY: @arifxclal

WHO?

From years of rivalry to brotherhood, the recent Quiet x Ghost collab shook the community. But **who** are they? Known for their involvement in both the car and bike community, **Quiet** racing focuses more on sustainability, emphasizing a 'quieter' alternative. **Ghost**, best recognized for their engagement in emerging street racing culture, promotes various lines of gear and apparel.

ENGAGE & EXHAUST

FUTURE EVENTS*:

- Park Cities Car Show – 10/05/2024
 - Admission: Free
 - Time: 10 am – 2 pm
 - 3000 University Blvd, Dallas, TX 75205
- Exotic Car Show on Peace Plaza -- 10/06/2024
 - Admission: Free (Reserve a spot!)
 - Time: 11 am – 2 pm
 - 815 s Main Street Grapevine, TX 76051
- Ratrodtober – 10/12/2024
 - Admission: Free
 - Time: 10 am – 4 pm
 - 402 E. Louisiana St., McKinney, TX 75069
- Drift N Drag – 10/27/2024 **
 - Admission: \$20.00 (Spectator)
 - Time: 10 am – 6 pm
 - 3545 Lone Star Cir, Fort Worth, TX 76177
- Ratrodtober – 10/12/2024



CAPTURED BY: @rly.slo

ENGAGE: STAY INVOLVED!

Interested in connecting?

⚡ Be sure to download Parkup Front to stay updated!

Happen to attend?

⚡ Send any pictures you have, Don't hesitate to send any information, request, comments and/or concerns.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kawasaki Ninja H2R holds the title of the fastest production in the community with speeds up to 249 mph as of 2024.

WANT TO COORDINATE? LET US KNOW!

FASHION IS ART

BY: JANIECE ROBINSON

HOW MOST PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT MUSIC ...

IS HOW SOME FEEL ABOUT CLOTHES.
INSTEAD OF EMOTIONS BEING CONVEYED
THROUGH LYRICS, A BEAT, AND RYTHM
THERE'S FABRICS, DETAIL, CREATIVITY
AND ACCESSORIES.

WHILE FASHION IS A VERY OUTWARD
FORM OF EXPRESSION, IT'S NOT ABOUT
THE VIEWR(S), IT'S ABOUT THE ARTIST.
THE PERSON WALKING WITH AN ENTIRE
CANVAS IN THEIR CLOSET AND MIGHT
AS WELL HAVE PAINT DRIPPING FROM
THEIR POCKETS.

NOT EVERYONE WILL
UNDERSTAND THE SERENE
SERENDIPITY OF FABRICS FLOWING
SO EFFORTLESSLY. BUT MAYBE
YOU CAN TAKE IT FROM ME, IT'S
LIKE LEAVING A PATH OF CHALK
EVERYWHERE YOU GO SAYING
"FOLLOW US TO WHERE CLOTHES
MAKE YOU FEEL SO FREE!"



MEET THE

Class of '27 Officers

By: Justin Rabun



North Lake sophomores might be aware of their class officers but are you? A short time ago, five former freshmen, now sophomores, were voted for the honor of being the Class of 2027 class officers. Today in this article, if you didn't know them already, you are sure to find out who our loyal and prodigious leaders of the sophomore class are. But before we get into our amazing officers, since I am one myself I'll give you a brief inside of what it's like.

Unlike every other year before, instead of titled positions like president, vice-president, etc., our class officers are now one executive board.

At first, this unfamiliar way of doing things seemed unusual but now as we've progressed within these few past months not only have we been able to help each other with tasks as one a regular president would have to do themselves, but we also have grown closer together, like a family. Through all the challenges that we have faced and will face, we've always been able to bounce back with the support of our executive team, our teacher sponsor, Ms. Martinez and our classmates.

As class officers we make sure the events we have run as smoothly as possible. From organizing fundraisers to after school activities each officer has an important role in making our sophomore class better. This article shows how each class officer is dedicated to serving the student body.



Elle Canonigo- *Responsible for stepping in to cover roles and ensuring that all other officers are doing their task right.*

Dayani Lopez- *Manages the finances for events and functions, ensuring everything stays on budget.*

Justin Rabun- *Organizes and Documents meetings, while also offering assistance when needed.*

Haylei Ni'shay- *Acts as the liaison between the Class Officers and faculty, handling email communication and coordinating with teachers.*

Leslie Cervantes- *Assists with managing funds and supports financial operations alongside Dayani.*



NORTHLAKE EARLY COLLEGE HS

By: Dayani Lopez

BLAZER BAKESALE OVERVIEW:

THE CLASS OFFICERS OF 2027 HELD ONE OF THEIR VERY FIRST SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISERS OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR. THE BLAZER BAKESALE WAS AN EVENT THAT EACH OFFICER WAS VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT. FROM BUYING THEIR OWN SUPPLIES, BAKING HOMEMADE TREATS, TO GETTING TO SCHOOL EARLY SO EVERYTHING WOULD RUN SMOOTHLY. OVERALL, WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE MORE FROM OUR 10TH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS, AS THEY PLAN TO GIVE BACK TO NLECHS.



MENU:

THEIR TREATS INCLUDED:

- REGULAR BROWNIES
- CRAZY BROWNIES
- COOKIE MONSTER COOKIE
- TRES LECHES CUPCAKES
- MINI CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
- RICE KRISPIES

HOPEFULLY YOU WERE ABLE TO BUY ONE OF THESE DELECTABLE DESSERTS!

#NORTHLAKEBLAZERS

Our Bakers





Hispanic Heritage Month

By: Yamileth Hernandez



Guatemala celebrates its independence every year on September 15th during Hispanic Heritage Month. They celebrate proudly with fireworks, traditional dances and customs, parades, football (soccer) matches, and cockfights. At the parades, they decorate the place very colorful, have dancing, various foods, etc.

On the day of their independence, people dance the national dance of Guatemala called "son guatemalteco", also called "son chapin". With origins all the way back to the indigenous Mayan and Aztec people of Central America, people also make a food called "tamal" that is wrapped in corn and can be made with a variety of flavors and is typically made on days of special festivities like Guatemala Independence day, Christmas and New Years. They also have a dish that they eat on Guatemala Independence Day that includes black beans, white rice, corn tortillas, eggs, fried plantains, beef, chicken, and other various kinds of meats and vegetables.



Costa Rica celebrates its Independence each year on September 15th during Hispanic Heritage Month also known in Costa Rica as "Homeland's Month". On Independence day, the celebrations are mainly of civic education, honoring Costa Rican traditions and representing Costa Rica's rich and diverse culture.

People celebrate with traditional food, parades, fireworks, marching bands, traditional customs, and spirited festivities. Many schools celebrate the Independence of Costa Rica by having children carry homemade lanterns during parades. One of the traditional foods made in Costa Rica is arroz con pollo (rice and chicken), tamales, and tres leches cakes. In honoring Costa Rica people dance a folk dance called "Punto Guanacaste" as the official national dance of Costa Rica.



Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

Let's celebrate and get to know how in different places they celebrate their Independence on Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mexico celebrates their Independence day on September 16th during Hispanic Heritage Month. In Mexico, they celebrate by setting up decorations in the colors red, white, and green to represent their flag and independence. They celebrate by holding festivals with parades, parties, various foods, art exhibits, and more! In parades, it is traditional that kids from schools march in traditional Hispanic clothing, homemade torches, with the Mexico flag, and sing the Independence of Mexico. In parties, Mariachis play music or Bandas and people dance to the music either in their own style from Mexico or they dance in a traditional way in Mexico such as Danzas, Folklorico.

Chile, a country in South America, is known for their unique landscapes being beautiful and for their arts. Chile celebrates their Independence on September 18 each year. In Chile people celebrate with Fiestas Patrias or Fondas, meaning a big festival with cultural foods, drinks, music, and lots of dancing. People from Chile celebrate their cultural by wearing wide-brimmed hats, ponchos and high-sitting trousers. They dance their official national dance called "cueca".



September

Students of the Month

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



Alani Morales

9th Grade Student

"Alani Morales is a great student who takes responsibility for her learning. She asks great questions and participates with her peers well! I'm excited to see what the future will hold for her here at North Lake!"

-Mrs. Hoover

Joel Arguello

10th Grade Student

"Joel is the BCIS wizard. He knows Microsoft Office and is willing and able to help his peers achieve success. Joel never says "no". He is a great team player and always willing to support others inside and out of the classroom."

-Mr. Heiple



Students of the Month

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



Nicolette Ortiz

11th Grade Student

"Nicolette is a great student inside and outside the classroom. She is not afraid to ask or answer questions in class. She truly is dedicated to her studies and it is very well reflected. On top of being an exceptional student, she is a very sweet person and team player for mock trial."

-Ms. Martinez

Jasmine Castillo

12th Grade Student

"Jasmine was the first student this year to meet with me to start her college process.

Starting college applications can be intimidating, but from day one Jasmine was ready to hit the ground running, and start making her goals into reality. Jasmine was the first Senior this year to apply to, and be accepted to a four year university. She has also joined the ASP Ambassadors to help guide her peers through their own college processes. Way to go, Jasmine! "

- Mr. Matney



INTRODUCING JUNIATA COLLEGE



BY BENJI GALVAN

Welcome to Juniata College, a top liberal arts college located in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Founded by the Church of The Brethren in 1876, Juniata College has an outstanding wide area of studies ranging from Biochemistry, Data Science, to Studio Arts. Juniata is about 88% need met, meaning that the school will cover 88% of your tuition for you!

Juniata College has amazing opportunities for students, and not just for learning. Some traditions and popular activities are:

- **Mountain Day** - where classes are canceled and students head to the state park for outdoor fun.
- **Storming of the Arch** - challenges for the new students at the Cloister Arch
- **Springfest** - when students are able to relax for a while before finals come up. It's highly anticipated with a ton of fun activities, live music, and food trucks.



ALFARATA "ALFIE" EAGLE



FACT WALL

Acceptance rate: 76.2%

Graduation rate: 70.6%

Founded in: 1876

Founded by: Church of the Brethren

School colors: blue and gold

Cost of tuition (before financial aid):
\$54,336 dollars

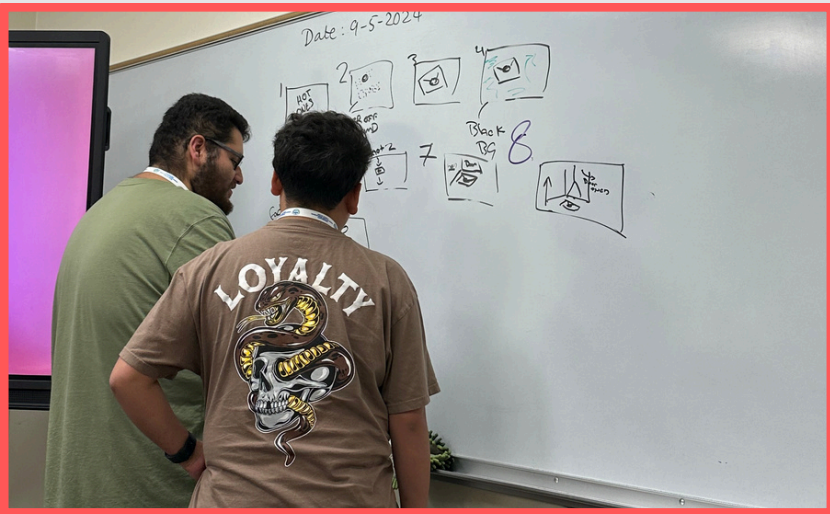
Mascot: Alfarata "Alfie" the eagle

Campus size : 110 acres

WELCOME

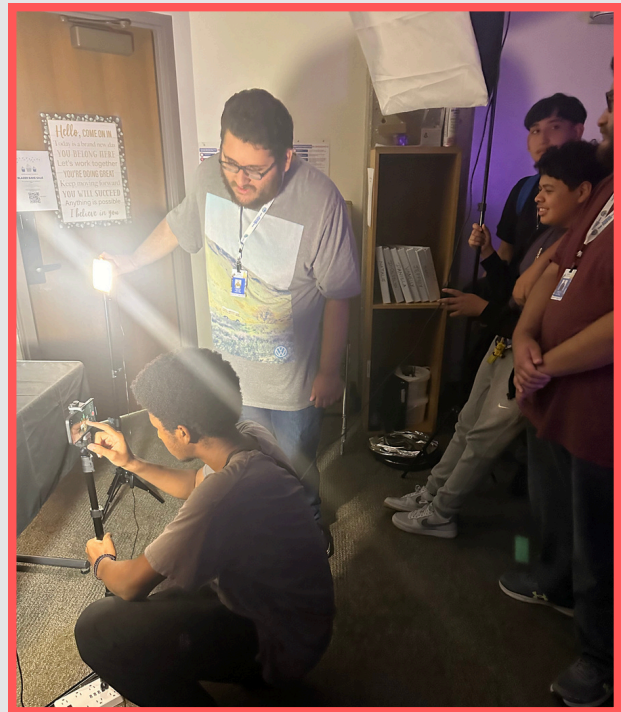
NORTH LAKE NETWORK

NORTH LAKE ECHS STUDENTS HAVE STARTED NORTH LAKE'S VERY FIRST YOUTUBE CHANNEL, NORTH LAKE NETWORK. PILOTING A PROGRAM IN MEDIA, FILM AND EDITING, STUDENTS AIM TO BRING INTERVIEWS, INFORMATION AND MORE TO NORTH LAKE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.



North Lake Network began the year with brainstorming their mission and their goals for the school year. After deciding on their first video, a Blazer version of the popular YouTube show, Hot Ones, the students got to work selecting interviewers, storyboarding and organizing the first interview.

Dr. Darbonne was selected as the first teacher interview to air on North Lake Network's YouTube channel. The NLN team dropped a few teaser trailers and plan to release a new hot wings interview with North Lake staff monthly.



Thanks to a donation from Donor's Choose, students were provided with materials to turn their ideas into a reality. They spent days learning their new equipment, practicing the most efficient set up methods and utilizing the materials to create the videos they have been striving for. After a lot of preparation and planning, students filmed their first full episode in late September.



@NORTHLAKENETWORK

If you have a passion for media, film or editing and would like to join North Lake Network, reach out to Ms. Seymour on Remind.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SPIRIT WEEK SEP 30TH - OCT 4TH

-Monday-

FLAG DAY!!!

WEAR THE COLORS OF A
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY

STUDENTS MAY BRING A
FLAG



-Tuesday-

JERSEY DAY !!!

WEAR A LATIN AMERICAN
TEAM JERSEY



-Wednesday-

HISPANIC ARTISTS !!!

DRESS INSPIRED BY YOUR
FAVORITE HISPANIC ARTIST
(MUSIC, ART, CELEBRITY,
ETC.)



-Thursday-

LOTERIA DAY !!!

DRESS INSPIRED BY A
LOTERIA CHARACTER



-Friday-

VAQUERO DAY !!!

DRESS AS A VAQUERO/A
-WESTERN WEAR



**NO INAPPROPRIATE CHARACTERS WILL BE
ALLOWED, EVERYONE MUST BE IN DRESS
CODE**

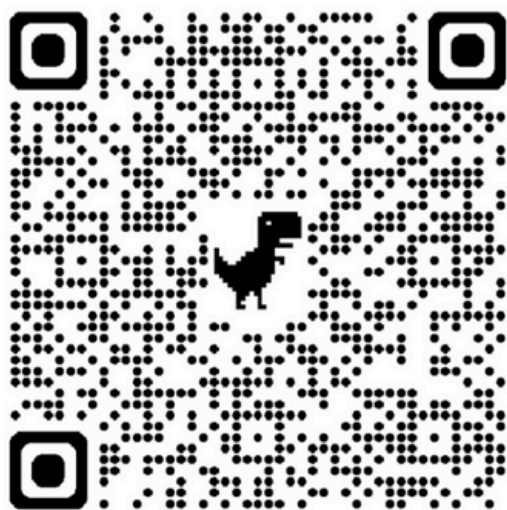
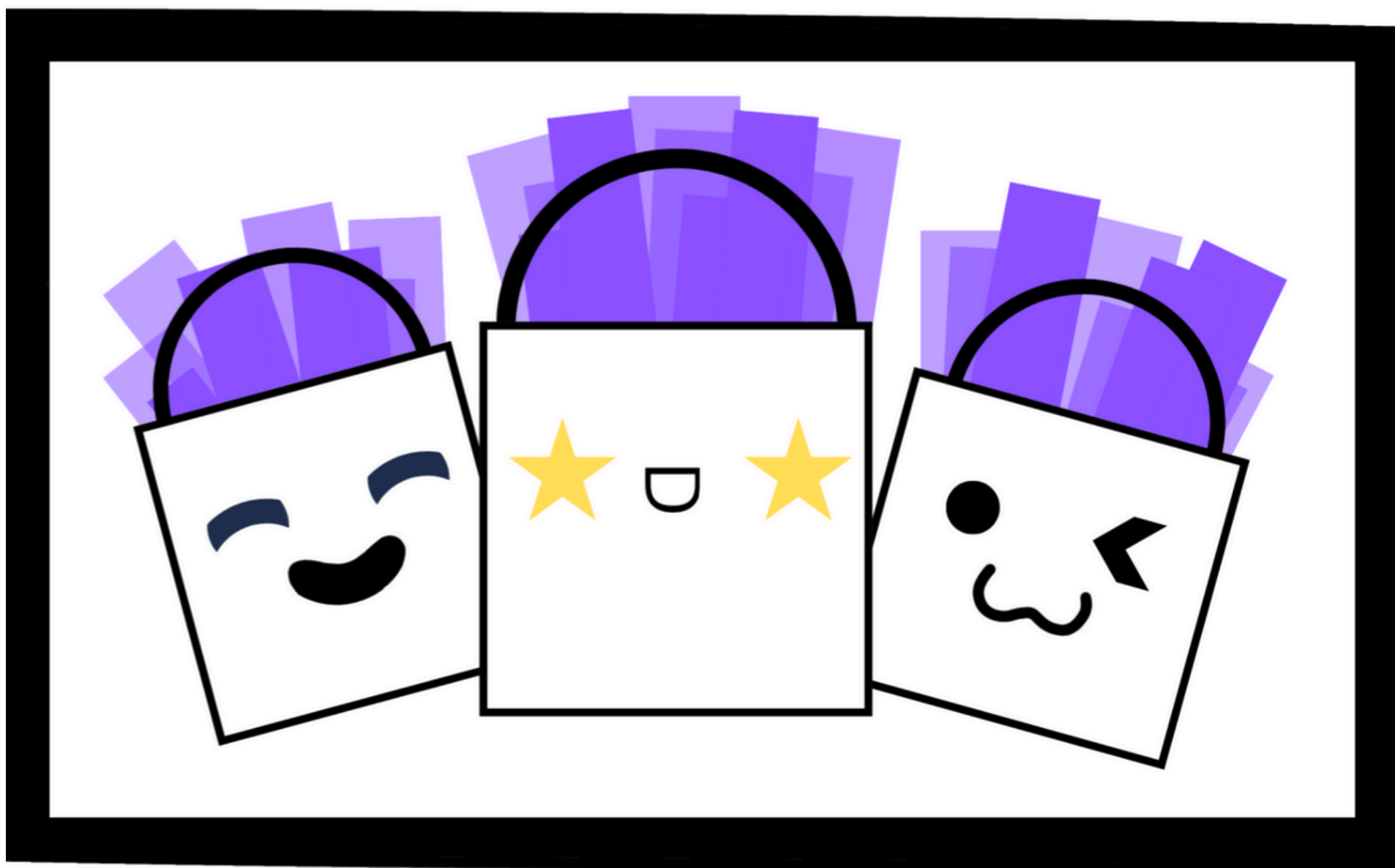
**PLEASE CONTACT DR. DARBONNE IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**

Buy your Boo (or any of your friends) a Boo! Bag this Halloween! Order through RevTrak with the QR code below to gift your favorite people some cute ghost themed bags filled with treats!



SELLING FROM
OCT 7th-28th

\$4.00 EACH BAG



Bags will be given out Oct. 31st during advisory/5th period.



Upcoming Events

OCTOBER
2024

OCT
3

SAT PREP

SAT Prep with Mr. Matney in L237C (Ms. Crawford's room) @ 3:30-4:30pm. Register on School Links

OCT
19

UIL COMPETITION

Mr. Cortez and the math and science UIL teams will be competing at Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy.

OCT
8

SOLAR PREP VISITS NORTH LAKE ECHS

NL Ambassadors will be hosting a visit from Solar Prep.

OCT
23

PSAT

10th grade students will be taking this exam starting at 8am. Please be on time.

OCT
09

TSIA TESTING

With Ms. Brokaw at 8:30am. Check Remind to see if you are testing.

OCT
24

SAT PREP

SAT Prep with Mr. Matney in L237C (Ms. Crawford's room) @ 3:30-4:30pm. Register on School Links

OCT
10-14

NO SCHOOL

No DISD classes - enjoy the fall break!

OCT
26

FALL CHESS TOURNAMENT

NL Chess team will be competing at Thomas Jefferson HS from 8am-5pm.

OCT
18

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE VISIT

Seniors & juniors will visit MSU with Mr. Matney

OCT
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HALLOWEEN

Wear your Halloween costumes to school. Must follow school dress code.

Meet the Staff

2024-2025



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VANELLY LOPEZ



PARIS CHANG



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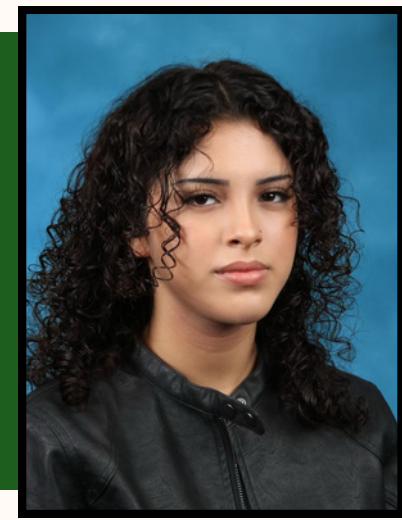
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