

Tornado Alley

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**'All I want
this year
is a 4.0'**

It's beginning to look a lot like exam season

Semester exams for both TCC and TABS begin Dec. 11 and run through Dec. 17. Have a study plan, get plenty of rest, and eat healthy meals. Here's a quick look at the exam schedule.

- ◆ Dec. 11: Periods 6 and 7
- ◆ Dec. 12: Normal C-day schedule
- ◆ Dec. 15: Periods 2 and 3
- ◆ Dec. 16: Periods 5 and 8
- ◆ Dec. 17: Periods 1 and 4

TCC exams might not line up with TABS' daily schedule. A TCC exam might overlap with advisory, and some could finish after the end of the TABS school day. Please review the [TCC exam schedule here](#). Let your TABS teachers know if there's a conflict, and ensure that you have a ride home.

Ring in the season with Metroplex fun

From tree lightings to parades to art and music, there's plenty to do in the Metroplex this holiday season. Check out [this list of activities](#), many of which are free for the whole family.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 3-17

- ◆ Dec. 3: March to the Polls
- ◆ Dec. 3-4: STAAR EOC retesting
- ◆ Dec. 4: TCC drop date
- ◆ Dec. 11: Movie night
- ◆ Dec. 11-17: Semester exams
- ◆ Dec. 12: Kinderday (12th)
- ◆ Dec. 17: Fall semester ends



Fishing for clues

The health of a waterway can be determined by examining its inhabitants. Last month, students in Mr. Brinker's A.P. environmental science and biology courses conducted tests on the Trinity River and its fish to assess water quality. In the image above, 11th-graders Ely Raphael, Charlize Cantu, Bilicia Byju and Adelaide Mukuna work with the Trinity River Authority's Ryan Seymour to measure and identify a specimen.

HEROES

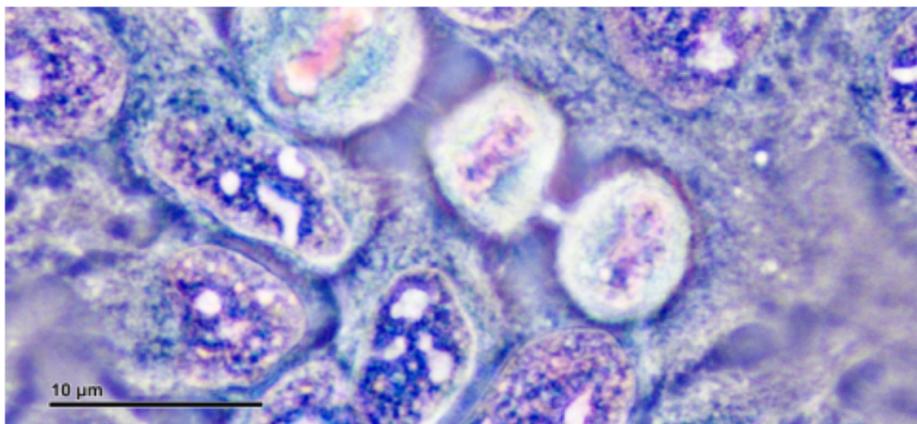
Henrietta Lacks

Born in 1920 in Roanoke, Virginia, Henrietta Lacks is one of the most influential people in the history of medicine, but in unexpected ways.



Lacks sought treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital for cervical cancer in 1951. While there, her physician harvested her cells without consent. Lacks died that same year, but her cell line, shown below, now called “HeLa,” proved remarkable and has been part of countless medical breakthroughs.

[Read more](#)



UNIVERSITY PROFILE



Texas Tech University

Due west in the High Plains, Texas Tech University has health offerings, such as nursing and nutrition.

- ◆ Location: [Lubbock](#)
- ◆ Type: Public
- ◆ Setting: Large city
- ◆ Enrollment: 42,000
- ◆ Nickname: Raiders

Find out more using the links below.

- ◆ [School website](#)
- ◆ [Admissions](#)
- ◆ [Financial aid](#)

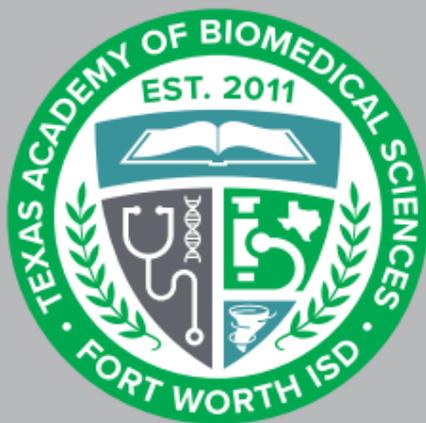


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