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## GUIDE TO EAST SIDE EATS FOR SPRING BREAK

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Life is full of facing hard truths—relationships fail, international treaties fall apart, and the Caf closes on spring break. It's difficult, I know, but we will survive. At these trying times we are forced to look off campus to satisfy their grumbling stomachs. Seattle's east side hosts a thriving food scene, but no matter where one goes sacrifice is necessary. I call them the Unholy Trinity.

### *The Wallet Emptiers*

Need I explain more? You can find good food in no short supply, but it won't be nice to your pocketbook.

- Toshi's Teriyaki: 959 6th St S, Kirkland

Good teriyaki at decent prices.

- Shamiani: 10724 NE 68th St, Kirkland

An Indian restaurant across the street from the Starbucks at Houghton Center. Quiet, simple, and tasty.

- Pho Tai: 147 Park Ln, Kirkland

Nice Vietnamese food in downtown Kirkland. The #5 steak and flank pho with beef broth is an almost spiritual experience, it's so good.

- Lai Thai: 120 Park Ln # B, Kirkland

Excellent Thai food across the street from Pho Tai. Green curry is a personal favorite.

### *The Heart Palpitators*

Your pupils will dilate. Your hands will shake. Seattle is a city that never sleeps, but it's not because of constant activity. It's the caffeine.

- Zoka Coffcc: 129 Central Way, Kirkland

Excellent selection and a lovely interior. High-key hipster vibe.

- Rococo Café: 136 Park Ln, Kirkland

Small shop with great coffee and a no-nonsense style. Free drip refills are a total blessing (camp out here during finals and midterms).

- St. James Espresso: 355 Kirkland Ave, Kirkland

Perfect spot for a coffee date. Good espresso, tasty sandwiches, and whole wall of board games. Close to Kirkland Library.

- Mercurys Coffee: 8506 122nd Ave NE, Kirkland

Hyped but good. Their chai lattes are pure delight.

#### *The Artery Cloggers*

Your stomach might hate you for it, but these places won't break the bank.

- Wendy's: 312 Central Way, Kirkland

If you don't order your frosty with a side of fries, you're doing it wrong.

- McDonald's: 8515 124th Ave NE, Kirkland

McChickens for days.

- BurgerMaster: 10606 Northup Way, Bellevue

Better quality than the previous two but not as cheap. Get the Tom & Jerry shake, it tastes like eggnog. \*heart eyes emoji\*

Most every place you eat on the east side should fit into one of these three. If not, something's wrong and you should contact the Kirkland zoning authorities immediately.

Bad things happen to good people. Little kids drop their ice cream cones on sidewalks; sometimes you step in dog poo. Occasionally the Caf is closed on spring break, but you didn't come this far to be a quitter, did you?