



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, Jan. 11-23

#### **NHSTV named top student-run live daily show in Southwest U.S. for second straight year**

Student Television Network has named NHSTV, Northwest High School's student-run television station, as the Best Daily Live Show in the Southwest Region, the second consecutive time the station has been named top in its U.S. region.

NHSTV received the honor as part of the 2016-17 Broadcast Excellence Awards, beating other high school stations from across Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. As a result of the honor, NHSTV will now compete against winners from the other five U.S. regions in the STN competition to determine which show is the best in the country. The national champion will be announced at the STN Convention on March 29 in Anaheim, California, during the STN Excellence Awards Show.

Jeremy Rawe, NHSTV news director and facilitator of Northwest ISD's Academy of Media Arts housed at Northwest High School, said the award serves as acknowledgment of his students' hard work.

"I am extremely proud of our students and for being recognized as the best daily live broadcast in the four states in our region for the second straight year," he said. "Our students continue to excel and work hard to create the best live broadcast each and every day."

For more information about the 2016-17 STN Excellence Awards, [click here](#). To watch episodes of NHSTV, [click here](#).

PHOTO INCLUDED [NHSTV.jpg]: Members of the 2016-17 NHSTV team pose for a photo following winning the Best Daily Live Show award for the Southwest U.S. from Student Television Network. NHSTV will now compete against winners of the other five U.S. regions for a shot at the national title.

#### **Byron Nelson, Eaton, Northwest each place two to all-state music groups**

Northwest ISD's three comprehensive high schools – Byron Nelson, Eaton and Northwest – each placed two students on Texas Music Educator Association's all-state groups, showcasing the district's fine arts talents among multiple musical categories.

From Byron Nelson High School, senior Joseph Caskey was named to the All-State Choir as a first-chair bass. Byron Nelson was also represented on the All-State Symphony Orchestra, with senior Gini Choi named to the group for violin. Byron Nelson's choir is directed by John Sikon with the assistance of Katherine Engle; its orchestra is directed by Gary Keller with the assistance of Sessalie Shapley.

In just its second year open, Eaton High School placed two students to TMEA all-state groups: junior Hunter Kuhlman was named to the All-State Jazz Ensemble 2 for bass trombone, while freshman Micah Northam was named to the All-State Symphonic Band for French horn. Eaton's bands are directed by Paul Elder with the assistance of Matt Moore and Jason Williams.

Northwest High School junior Cynthia Kaniki was named to the All-State Treble Choir as an alto 2, and Jonathan Sneed was named to the All-State Tenor-Bass Choir as a tenor 1. Northwest's choir is directed by Kaitlyn Carty with the assistance of Corrie Donovan.

TMEA's all-state groups represent the top honor for high school music students in the state. Students must first audition and make their respective discipline's all-region group, then they must audition and make the all-area

group. Those who qualify at the top of their area are named all-state musicians. Auditions vary by discipline, with band and choir musicians required to perform in front of judges, while orchestra students record a single performance for judging under the supervision of TMEA organizers.

Students selected to TMEA all-state groups will perform at the association's annual convention in San Antonio in February. To see all members of the TMEA's all-state groups, [click here](#).

### **Northwest ISD schools, facilities closed Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

All Northwest ISD schools and facilities will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Any extracurricular activities scheduled for that day are unaffected by the closure. Classes will resume at their regular hours the following day, Tuesday, Jan. 17.

To view the entire 2016-17 Northwest ISD academic calendar, [click here](#).

### **Community invited to vote on 2017-18 calendar options**

Northwest ISD students, families, staff and community members are invited to vote on academic calendar options for the coming 2017-18 school year, with three options available for selection through an online poll at [www.nisdtx.org/calendarvote](http://www.nisdtx.org/calendarvote).

The online poll will be available through Friday, Jan. 13, and the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will vote on the final academic calendar in February. All three options available for selection were created based on community feedback from previous school years, including requests for scheduling semester exams prior to the winter holiday, having breaks in both the fall and spring and using Good Friday as a holiday.

Each year, the Northwest ISD District Education Improvement Council is tasked with developing academic calendar options. The council is composed of parents, teachers and community members, and they develop and submit calendar options to seek input from staff and community members.

### **High school musicals set for coming month**

Northwest ISD's three comprehensive high schools – Byron Nelson, Eaton and Northwest – will each host their spring musicals in the coming month, beginning in mid-January and ending in the first days of February.

Northwest will kick off the musical season with its performance of "Big Fish," scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 12, to Sunday, Jan. 15. Byron Nelson follows with performances of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" from Thursday, Jan. 26, to Sunday, Jan. 29. Eaton will host its performances of "The Wizard of Oz" from Thursday, Feb. 2, to Sunday, Feb. 5. All performances are at 7 p.m. except for Sunday performances, which take place at 2 p.m.

All performances take place in the host school's performing arts center. Tickets to each performance are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Northwest ISD staff and Gold Card members receive free admission.

POSTERS INCLUDED [Byron Nelson Modern Millie Musical.jpg, Eaton Wizard of Oz Musical.pdf, Northwest Big Fish Musical.jpg]

### **Incoming freshmen invited to high school showcase on Jan. 23**

All incoming freshmen are invited to their respective high schools' showcases on Monday, Jan. 23, where they can learn about campus programs and opportunities as well as high school in general.

Each high school – Byron Nelson, Eaton, Northwest and Steele Accelerated – will host its showcase in the evening, where students can learn about academic courses and extracurricular activities. A 30-minute parent/guardian information meeting will be held at two times at each meeting, with the latter session serving as a repeat for anyone unable to attend the first session.

In addition to general information about campus programs and opportunities, school faculty will provide students and families with information for course selection for the coming academic year.

Byron Nelson will hold its showcase from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Eaton will host its showcase from 6-8 p.m., Northwest will hold its showcase from 6-7:30 p.m. and Steele will host its showcase from 6-7:30 p.m. Parent and guardian information meetings will be held at the start of the events and repeat sessions will be held roughly 30-45 minutes before the events end.

Though the event is primarily aimed at freshmen, any current high school student or guardian is also welcome to attend. For more information, please contact a high school's front office directly. Byron Nelson can be reached at 817-698-5600, Eaton can be reached at 817-698-7300, Northwest can be reached at 817-215-0200 and Steele can be reached at 817-698-5800.

**Next school board meeting taking place Jan. 23**

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

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