



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, Sept. 28-Oct. 24

Homecoming, forthcoming activities set for high schools

Homecoming activities are set for Byron Nelson and Northwest high schools, and forthcoming activities are set for Eaton High School as the Northwest ISD schools prepare to host big varsity football matchups in the coming week.

The Eaton Eagles will host their ceremonial game first, playing the Boswell High School Pioneers at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. Eaton's game will serve as a "forthcoming," as the school has not yet graduated any students and currently only has freshmen, sophomores and juniors. The school already hosted its parade and community pep rally on Monday.

Byron Nelson's homecoming game will take place the following day – at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, against the Flower Mound High School Jaguars. The Bobcats will host a homecoming parade and pep rally from 6:20 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in advance of the game.

Northwest's Texan football team will host its homecoming game at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, against the Saginaw High School Rough Riders. A parade and pep rally will precede the game at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the school. Food trucks will be available from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the school's baseball and softball parking lot.

All games will take place at Northwest ISD Stadium, located at 1937 Texan Drive in Fort Worth (GPS devices may require Justin to be entered as the location instead). For more information on each event, please contact a school's front office by phone. Byron Nelson can be reached at 817-698-5600, Eaton can be reached at 817-698-7300 and Northwest can be reached at 817-215-0200.

Schools release students early on Friday, Oct. 7, no school on Monday, Oct. 10

All Northwest ISD schools will release students early on Friday, Oct. 7, the first Friday during the month of October. Students have no school the following Monday, Oct. 10, which is a staff development day.

On this day, elementary schools will release students at 11:40 a.m., middle schools will release students at 12:50 p.m. and high schools will release students at 12:40 p.m. Steele Accelerated High School and special programs will release students at 12:30 p.m. This early-release day will make use of the waiver minutes the district acquired from the Texas Education Agency.

Monday, Oct. 10, serves as a student holiday, meaning they will not attend schools on this day.

National Merit honors 15 Northwest ISD students as Commended Scholars

The National Merit Scholarship Program has honored 15 Northwest ISD students as Commended Scholars, signifying their top scores on the PSAT.

From Byron Nelson High School, eight seniors were named National Merit Commended Scholars based on their PSAT test scores during the 2015-16 academic year – Min Ju Choi, Alicia Decaro, Avery Dukes, Heather Erickson, Olivia Gackenbach, Emmett Rasmussen, Justin Rosas and Emma Thompson. Northwest High School was represented by six Commended Scholar seniors: Sarah Baugh, Nicholas Ignacio, Jacob James, Tylynn John, Benjamin Jones and Praveen Pai. Additionally, Steele Accelerated High School senior Jacob Brown was named a Commended Scholar for his performance on the PSAT.

The students join Byron Nelson's Gabrielle Williams, a National Merit Semifinalist, in being honored by the prestigious program.

Eaton High School does not have honorees as no students were eligible for the distinction in the school's inaugural year in 2015-16 because of its lack of juniors at the time.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Byron Nelson NM Honorees.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School students pose at their school after receiving recognition for their top PSAT test scores. From left: Olivia Gackenbach, Alicia Decaro, MinJu Choi, Emma Thompson, Avery Dukes, Heather Erickson, Gabrielle Williams, Emmett Rasmussen and Justin Rosas.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Steele NM Honoree.jpg]: Steele Accelerated High School senior Jacob Brown poses in front of the school after being named a National Merit Commended Scholar. The recognition places Jacob among the top PSAT-takers in the nation from the 2015-16 academic year.

Northwest High School hosting 'All My Sons' play Oct. 1-4

Northwest High School will host its first fall performance of the year from Oct. 1-4, showcasing its students' acting talents in the Arthur Miller play "All My Sons."

Performances will take place 7 p.m. Oct. 1, 3 and 4 and 2 p.m. Oct. 2 at the black box theater located in the school's Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center. Northwest High School is located at 2301 Texan Drive in Fort Worth, though GPS devices may require Justin to be entered as the address.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Attendees are encouraged to reserve seats and arrive early, as space is limited.

The play tells the true story of a corporate conspiracy to approve defective aircraft engines for military use. It also serves as the first major play of Miller's illustrious playwrighting career.

For more information about the play or reserve seats, please contact Laura Skipper at lskipper@nisdtx.org.

Name submissions now being accepted for Middle School No. 6

Northwest ISD is now accepting name submissions for its next facility, Middle School No. 6, which is anticipated to open in August 2018 across the street from Eaton High School and Schluter Elementary School in the Haslet area.

Submissions can be made online at www.nisdtx.org/nameschools. For those who prefer to submit a nomination through a paper format, the naming submission form can be [downloaded here](#), printed and submitted to the Northwest ISD central office, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth (though GPS devices may require Justin to be entered as the location). To submit via mail, forms can be sent to P.O. Box 77077 in Fort Worth, with the zip code 76177.

The submission process will close after Monday, Oct. 17, after which the selection committee will present a recommendation to the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees on Monday, Nov. 14. Trustees will vote to approve or deny the recommendation on Monday, Dec. 12.

Drill teams hosting dance clinics in early October

Young students are invited to dance clinics hosted by the Byron Nelson, Northwest and Eaton high school drill teams, where participants will receive instruction directly from experienced drill team members.

The Northwest Sidekicks will host a clinic from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, while both the Byron Nelson Dazzlers and Eaton Sapphires will host their clinics on Saturday, Oct. 8. Eaton's clinic will take place in the morning, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Byron Nelson's will take place in the afternoon, from 5 to 10 p.m. Registration begins at \$30 for Byron Nelson's clinic and \$35 for the Eaton and Northwest clinics.

Parents and guardians interested in registering their children are encouraged to do so early, as clinic T-shirts can only be guaranteed to early registrants. Their children participating in clinics should wear exercise-appropriate attire, as they will be active the majority of camps.

To register or obtain more information on the Byron Nelson Dazzlers clinic, visit www.bobcatdazzlers.com. For more information or to register for the Northwest Sidekicks dance clinic, visit www.northwestsidekicks.com. Information and registration forms for the Eaton Sapphires clinic can be obtained by emailing Tami Prevett, team director, at tprevett@nisdtx.org.

Gold Card membership offers free activities to senior citizens

To show appreciation for years of support, Northwest ISD provides senior citizens living in the district the opportunity to be part of the district's Gold Card program. In addition to a free annual luncheon, Gold Card members receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances and athletic competitions.

If you are 65 years of age or older, become a member of the NISD Gold Card program today. To join and reserve your seat at the luncheon on Oct. 18, please call 817-215-0175.

School board meeting taking place Oct. 24

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

NISD to launch new mobile app

In an effort to match the district's newly designed website, which premiered in July, Northwest ISD will launch a redesigned mobile application available on the iTunes Store and Google Play. The district is currently designing a new mobile application to feature news, events, lunch menus, access to grades and more. The enhanced mobile application will be available in October and provide seamless integration with the redesigned NISD website.

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