



School Notes

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Byron Nelson veterinary science team crowned reserve national champions

Byron Nelson High School's veterinary science team, part of the FFA program, has been crowned reserve national champions after finishing second at the 89th annual National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis.

The Byron Nelson team – composed of Lauren Hartmann, Jennifer Powell, Kylie Scott and Madison Staab – made history by becoming the first team in Northwest ISD history to reach the national level. More than 600 teams in Texas compete in the veterinary science discipline, and thousands of teams compete in the discipline across the nation. Byron Nelson's placement marks one of the highest finishes ever for a Texas veterinary science team at the national level.

In the veterinary science competition, participants complete knowledge tests, compete in team activities and handle animals to demonstrate their knowledge of the discipline. The competition promotes college and career readiness in veterinary fields by developing technical knowledge and using practical skills.

Individually, Kylie was the team's highest-ranking finisher, placing third in the competition, followed by Madison in fourth and Lauren in 12th. The team and all its members each received the Gold Emblem for their collective and individual performances.

Byron Nelson's reserve national championship comes after accomplishing another recent first for the school district, as its veterinary science team earned Northwest ISD's first state championship in the discipline at the 2015-16 state FFA career development events meet in April.

The Byron Nelson veterinary science team is led by Mark Goggins, agricultural science teacher and FFA adviser.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Byron Nelson Veterinary Science.jpg]: Members of the Byron Nelson High School veterinary science team pose with a corporate sponsor at the National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis after being crowned reserve national champions in their discipline. Members of the team are, from left: Mark Goggins (faculty adviser), Madison Staab, Jennifer Powell, Lauren Hartmann and Kylie Scott.

All Northwest ISD marching bands receive top score at regional competition

All three of Northwest ISD's high school marching bands – Byron Nelson, Eaton and Northwest – received the top rating available at the University Interscholastic League's Region 2 contest on Saturday, Oct. 22, with Byron Nelson advancing to the area meet for a chance to perform at state.

Each band received straight one ratings from the three regional competition judges, the top score possible and classified as a "superior" rating. Eaton and Northwest competed in the UIL's 5A classification, while Byron Nelson competed in the 6A classification. The competition served as a familiar performance location for the schools, as it was hosted at Northwest ISD Stadium.

Because the UIL alternates the years schools are eligible for area and state marching band competitions, only Byron Nelson advanced to the area competition since even-numbered classifications will perform in those contests this year. Byron Nelson's marching band will next perform at the 6A Area C contest at Mesquite ISD Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Northwest ISD's marching bands are led by the instruction of Jed Weeks, director of bands at Byron Nelson; Paul Elder, director of bands at Eaton; and Jim Boulet, director of bands at Northwest.

Application process for Northwest ISD Academies now open

Incoming 2017-18 Northwest ISD freshmen interested in the district's academies program can now submit applications to apply for the facility of their choosing.

The application, available at academies.nisdtx.org, is open until Friday, Nov. 18. In it, students must fill out their general information – as well as parent or guardian information – and select the academy of their choosing. Each student must also complete a self-reflection evaluation and complete a 250-300-word essay explaining his or her college and career plans.

Eight academies are available for selection: Academy of Aeronautics & Aviation Sciences, Academy of Biomedical Sciences, Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship, Collegiate Academy, Academy of Cosmetology, Academy of Culinary Arts & Hospitality, Academy of Media Arts & Technology, and Academy of STEM. The Academy of Media Arts & Technology has three designated tracts for application: animation and video game design, graphic design and photography, and TV and film.

For more information on each academy, please visit academies.nisdtx.org.

Northwest ISD to host Deep Dish Discussions

Northwest ISD and the Northwest ISD Council of PTAs will host Deep Dish Discussions with Superintendent Ryder Warren this fall, where community members can learn about the current state and future of the school district.

Join Dr. Warren and district leaders for the inside scoop on Northwest ISD's academic future, growth projections and details on the Texas Legislature's upcoming session. Collaborate on issues facing public education and Northwest ISD and enjoy a dish of ice cream at one of three meetings:

- Oct. 26 – Byron Nelson High School
- Nov. 2 – Eaton High School
- Dec. 6 – Northwest High School

All meetings will take place 6-7 p.m. in the host school's student union. Community feedback from the meeting will be used to help Northwest ISD prepare for the future.

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District hosting college and career fair on Nov. 3

Northwest ISD will host a college and career fair for all students and their parents or guardians on Thursday, Nov. 3, where they can learn about a variety of topics through multiple breakout sessions.

The event will take place at Byron Nelson High School, located at 2775 Bobcat Blvd. in Trophy Club, and is scheduled to last from 6-8 p.m. Attendees will be able to take two breakout sessions at the event, with sessions taking place at 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

At the earlier breakout timeslot, the following sessions will be available: college admissions, financial aid and scholarships, Naviance Family Connections for middle school, and NCAA eligibility. At the latter breakout timeslot, college admissions, a Spanish-language college 101, financial aid and scholarships, and Naviance Family Connections for high school sessions will be available.

For more information about the college and career fair, please contact Jamie Farber, director of guidance and counseling at Northwest ISD, by phone at 817-215-0187 or via email at jfarber@nisdtx.org.

Byron Nelson to host 'Macbeth' fall show Nov. 3-6

Byron Nelson High School's theatre department will host its fall show, "Macbeth," daily from Thursday, Nov. 3, to Sunday, Nov. 6, presenting the William Shakespeare classic with a unique new perspective.

“Macbeth” serves as one of Shakespeare’s most popular tragedies, telling the tale of a Scottish hero who becomes undone by his relentless ambition for power. Wrapped in psychological intrigue, the play also weaves a political tale with seduction and murder.

While Byron Nelson’s play stays true to the Shakespeare classic’s story, its director, James Hammer, has placed it in a stylized post-apocalyptic, dystopian land. The change, in the vein of the Mad Max movie franchise, provides a new experience for those familiar with the tale.

Performances take place 7 p.m. Nov. 3-5 and 2 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Byron Nelson High School Performing Arts Center, located at 2775 Bobcat Blvd. in Trophy Club. Tickets to the show are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. Northwest ISD employees and Gold Card members are admitted free of charge.

For more information, please visit bnhstheatre.weebly.com.

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Northwest ISD launches new mobile app

Northwest ISD has launched its new mobile app for the iPhone and Android smartphones, and it can be downloaded immediately from each platform’s respective app store, accessible via www.nisdtx.org/app.

The free Northwest ISD app features close integration with the district’s website, from calendar updates to news stories and much more. Through the app, users can select schools to receive information specifically about their home campuses directly from those schools’ websites. Additionally, users can access the app’s school directory to find quick-access information about a school, such as a map to receive directions and links to call the school’s front office or view its website, social media accounts or staff directory.

Parents, students and staff can use the app as a one-stop location to quickly access important district services, such as meal payments, grades (through Home Access Center), Moodle and more.

School board meeting taking place Nov. 14

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

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