



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, Nov. 30-Jan. 2

Northwest ISD schools preparing for winter break Dec. 19-Jan. 2

Northwest ISD schools are in their final three weeks before the end of the first semester, with all schools scheduled to be closed from Dec. 19 to Jan. 2 for winter break.

The two days preceding winter break – Thursday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 16 – will serve as early-release days for students. On these days, students will be released at the following times:

- **Elementary Schools:** 11:40 a.m.
- **Middle Schools:** 12:50 a.m.
- **High Schools:** 12:40 p.m.
- **Steele Accelerated High School & Special Programs:** 12:30 p.m.

Northwest ISD's staff calendar largely mirrors the student calendar, though Monday, Jan. 2, is a staff development day, meaning teachers and personnel will return to their campuses and offices on that day.

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

Northwest High School recognizes 10 student-athletes signing to play collegiate sports

Northwest High School recognized 10 student-athletes who signed letters of intent to play sports at the collegiate level at a Wednesday, Nov. 16, ceremony. Baseball and softball each had four student-athletes sign letters of intent, while girls basketball and volleyball each had one.

From the baseball team, Hunter Brill signed with Dawson Community College (in Glendive, Montana), Jarod Riggio signed with Northern Oklahoma College (in Tonkawa), Tanner Tredaway signed with Seminole State College (in Seminole, Oklahoma) and Austin Whitelock signed with North Central Texas College (in Gainesville). From the softball team, Tori Herbert signed with Ouachita Baptist University (in Arkadelphia, Arkansas), Tarah Hilton signed with East Central University (in Ada, Oklahoma), Shelby Hodo signed with Southern Illinois University (in Carbondale) and Kelsey Rhine signed with Henderson State University (in Arkadelphia, Arkansas).

Both baseball and softball will begin their seasons in the spring.

From the girls basketball team, Alexis Brigham signed her letter of intent to play for Santa Clara University (in Santa Clara, California). The girls basketball team recently began their season.

Representing the volleyball team, Bailey Cagle signed a letter of intent to play for Southern Arkansas University (in Magnolia, Arkansas). The volleyball team recently ended their season with a second-round exit.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Northwest Signing Day.jpg]: Northwest High School's 10 student-athletes who recently signed letters of intent to play collegiate sports include (from left): Jarod Riggio (baseball, Northern Oklahoma), Kelsey Rhine (softball, Henderson State), Tanner Tredaway (baseball, Seminole State), Alexis Brigham (basketball, Santa Clara), Bailey Cagle (volleyball, Southern Arkansas), Shelby Hodo (softball, Southern Illinois), Austin Whitelock (baseball, NCTC), Tarah Hilton (softball, East Central), Hunter Brill (baseball, Dawson), Tori Herbert (softball, Ouachita Baptist).

Byron Nelson's German exchange students visit with Medlin, Tidwell middle schools

PHOTO INCLUDED [German Exchange Students.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School's German exchange students visit with a geography class at Tidwell Middle School. The German exchange students shared their Bavarian culture with classes at Medlin and Tidwell middle schools recently to give them a better understanding of their home country. Next year, Byron Nelson students will visit Germany and share U.S. and Texas culture.

Community invited to final Deep Dish Discussions with superintendent

Northwest ISD and the Northwest ISD Council of PTAs will host the final event in their Deep Dish Discussions series with Superintendent Ryder Warren at Northwest High School on Dec. 6, where community members can learn about the current state and future of the school district.

The event follows two previous sessions – at Byron Nelson on Oct. 26 and Eaton on Nov. 2 – and allows community members to 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. Attendees can enjoy a dish of ice cream while they collaborate on issues facing public education and Northwest ISD.

The meeting will take place 6-7 p.m. in the Northwest High School student union. Community feedback from each meeting will be used to help Northwest ISD prepare for the future.

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PHOTO INCLUDED [Eaton Deep Dish Discussions.jpg]: Dr. Ryder Warren, superintendent of Northwest ISD, discusses the state of the district at Eaton High School on Wednesday, Nov. 2, as part of the Deep Dish Discussions series. The next event in the series will take place at Northwest High School on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Registration for ninth annual Reindeer Romp run now open

The ninth annual Northwest ISD Reindeer Romp run benefiting district P.E. departments will take place Saturday, Dec. 10, and online registration is now open.

Runners can take part in either a 1-mile race at 8:30 a.m. or 5K race at 9 a.m. – or both at no additional charge – at Alliance Airport, located at 2221 Alliance Blvd. Registration now costs \$20 for students ages 4 to 18 and \$25 for adults. The event is sponsored by the Bell Helicopter Fort Worth Alliance Air Show and presented by the Highlands of Northlake.

Packet pickup for those who have already registered will take place at three dates and locations. From 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, registrants can pick up their race packets at the Northwest ISD Athletic Department offices behind Northwest ISD Stadium at 1937 Texan Drive in Fort Worth. From 5-8 p.m. the following day, Dec. 8, packet pickup will take place at Lakeview Elementary, located at 100 Village Trail in Trophy Club. Finally, on race day, packets can be picked up at Alliance Airport beginning at 7 a.m.

Every runner who registers prior to race day will receive a T-shirt in his or her preferred size. T-shirts cannot be guaranteed for those who register at the event on race day.

To register or obtain more information, visit www.nisdreindeerromp.com.

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School board meeting taking place Dec. 12

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

GEM Award nominations due by Dec. 12

Nominations for Northwest ISD's GEM – Going the Extra Mile – Award are due by Monday, Dec. 12. The award honors a top central office staff member who goes above and beyond to assist the community – including families, teachers and others. For more information and to nominate an employee, visit www.nisdtx.org/gem.

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