



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, March 2 – April 28

NISD Celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Northwest Reads

Friday, March 2 Northwest ISD celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with the fourth annual Northwest Reads. Members of the Northwest ISD community had an opportunity to volunteer to read at one of the district's 16 elementary school campuses. This event provides community members with an opportunity to inspire young students to become lifelong readers.

PHOTO CAPTION [josh.jpg]: NISD Board of Trustee Secretary Josh Wright reads to a Prairie View Elementary classroom at NISD's fourth annual Northwest Reads.

NHS Student Receives CISNT Student of the Year

Communities in Schools North Texas (CISNT) has named Northwest High School senior Jamie Patterson the CIS Student of the Year. Patterson has been involved with Communities in Schools (CIS) for 11 years. She contributes time to the organization and strives to make an impact through her volunteerism at school. During the holiday season, Patterson was instrumental in receiving donations and organizing food baskets for those in need. In addition, she assists the CIS program at NISD's Seven Hills Elementary School in Newark. CISNT has also named NHS lead counselor Jamie Farber the CIS Educator of the Year. Both Patterson and Farber will be recognized at the CISNT Texas Star Gala on May 18.

PHOTO CAPTION [Jamiep.jpg]: Northwest High School senior Jamie Patterson has been named the CIS Student of the Year.

NISD Board Vice President Attends Advocacy Program in Corpus Christi

As part of the Leadership TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) training, NISD Board of Trustee Vice President Mel Fuller attended a program on advocacy in Corpus Christi February 16-18. The program explained the latest 21st century challenges to leadership and the implications of those trends for educators. Fuller is part of a group made up of 33 trustees participating in a yearlong education leadership program selected by TASB. This session was the third of five training sessions of Leadership TASB (LTASB). Created in 1993, LTASB has almost 700 graduates to date. Participants who complete all areas of required study will graduate in June with a unique designation recognized by TASB.

NISD Athletes Compete in State Meets

Nine NISD athletes qualified for state meets February 24 and 25 in Austin. Nicole Worley, Byron Nelson High School junior, placed 15th in the Girls 1 Meter Dive and Byron Nelson High School sophomore Stephen Gilliland placed 16th in the Boys 1 Meter Dive. Byron Nelson High School swim team members Hannah Cooper, Suzanne Reckmeyer, Mary Schwartz and Quinn Taylor placed 13th in the 200 Yard Medley Relay and Victoria Dahan, Hannah Reckmeyer, Suzanne Reckmeyer and Mary Schwartz placed 16th in the 200 & 400 Yard Freestyle Relay. Northwest High School senior Vanessa Vaquiz qualified and competed in the state wrestling tournament. Vaquiz was the only wrestler from NISD to qualify for the state meet this year.

Academy of Media Arts and Technology Successful at SkillsUSA District Contest

The Academy of Media Arts and Technology (AMAT) competed in SkillsUSA, a national leadership organization on February 24 and 25. This is the first time Northwest High School has participated in SkillsUSA. Students placed in every contest they entered at the district level. Awards are as follows:

Advertising Design - Jennifer Becan, 2nd Place and Dominique Cooper, 4th Place
3D Animation - Caleb Gonzalez and Hunter Hale, 1st Place and Rudy Valladares and Brandon Wallace, 3rd Place
Pin Design - Emily Woodruff, 1st Place and Olivia Haynes, 2nd Place
T-shirt Design - Vanessa Kantaphone, 2nd Place

Promotional Bulletin Board - Anais Donald, Maggie Bekoske, Gabriel Gomez, Bethany Smith, 1st Place
Digital Still Project - Hannah Logan, Blue Ribbon
Digital Illustration Project - Dominique Cooper, Blue Ribbon and Maggie Bekoske, Red Ribbon
Advertising Campaign Project - Vannessa Kantaphone and Emily Woodruff, Blue Ribbon
NHS Voting Delegates – Emily Erwin and Abigail Morris

All of these students will go on to represent Northwest High School and AMAT at the state competition in Corpus Christi on March 22 - 24.

PHOTO CAPTION [skillsusa.jpg]: Northwest ISD's Academy of Media Arts and Technology (AMAT) competed in the SkillsUSA competition on February 24 and 25. Students placed in every category entered. From left to right is Emily Erwin, Olivia Haynes, Vannessa Kantaphone, Emily Woodruff, Anais Donald, Abigail Morris and Maria Martinez.

NHS Speech Team Travels to Harvard

On February 16-18, the NHS speech team traveled to Cambridge and competed in the 2012 Harvard National Speech and Debate Tournament. Seniors Sarah Moss and Amber Mayhew advanced to Octo-finals which was the Top 48 teams of approximately 200 teams from all over the country. In the Octo-final round they placed 4th and missed advancing to Quarters by one place, leaving them placing in the top 32 of this National Tournament.

PHOTO CAPTION [Team.jpg]: The NHS speech team traveled to Cambridge to compete in the 2012 Harvard National Speech and Debate Tournament. Pictured in back row is sponsor Amberley Ferrell, second row Lizzy Marrero, Damon King, Sarah Moss and Amber Mayhew, and front row are Devin Harding and Chaz Sherman.

BNHS HOSA Excels at Area Leadership Conference

Twenty-four BNHS students competed on February 17 and 18 in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Area Leadership Conference. Nineteen Bobcats either placed or medaled to advance to the state conference in San Antonio at the end of March.

TCWC and BNHS to Hold Taste and Talent Night

The Trophy Club Women's Club (TCWC) and Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) are co-hosting a Taste and Talent night on Saturday, March 3 at 6 p.m. at BNHS (2775 Bobcat Blvd., Trophy Club, 76262). The evening will consist of food, entertainment from BNHS students and local talent, art and a silent auction. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door the night of the event. Proceeds will benefit the first graduating class at BNHS with scholarships and rewards.

Steele Accelerated High School to Host New Student/Parent Night

James M. Steele Accelerated High School will host a new student/parent night at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 5 (606 N. Walnut, Roanoke, 76262). An introduction to the campus as well as information about increased dual credit opportunities and the school's new cosmetology program will be provided. Students and counselors will offer tours of the campus and will be available to answer questions.

NISD to Host Annual Realtor Luncheon

Northwest ISD is encouraging real estate professionals to join NISD officials on March 8 for the annual Realtor's Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177). Information on current demographic projections, plans for new schools and the award-winning programs in NISD will be shared. Space is limited. Call 817-215-0175 to reserve a seat.

NISD Will Hold Second Annual Techno Expo

NISD will host the second annual Techno Expo at Byron Nelson High School on Thursday, March 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. From animation and digital video to multimedia and website design, this event will showcase student use of technology in the classroom during a series of more than 250 breakout sessions. New this year, more than 20 teachers will present model lessons exhibiting integration of content and technology. Refreshments will be provided by the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Academy.

NISD to Host Movax Immunization Clinics

Northwest High School and Gene Pike Middle School will host Movax Immunization Clinics this spring. The cost is \$14 per child for one vaccine and \$25 for two or more. Please bring a copy of the child's shot records, and a parent or guardian should be present. For more information, go to

<http://www.nisdtx.org/cms/lib/TX21000351/Centricity/Domain/1/MOVAX2012.pdf>.

NISD Closed for Spring Break

All Northwest ISD campuses and offices will be closed for spring break March 12-16. Classes will resume on Monday, March 19.

Army Jazz Ambassadors to Perform Free Concert at NHS

The Army Jazz Ambassadors from Washington, D.C. will perform a free concert at Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center (PAC) (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. The Jazz Ambassadors is the official touring big band of the United States Army and will perform a diverse repertoire of big band swing, bebop, Latin, contemporary jazz, standards, popular tunes, Dixieland and patriotic selections. For ticket information, please call 817-215-0243.

NHS to Host “The Big Event”

On April 28, Northwest High School will participate in “The Big Event,” a tradition started at Texas A&M 30 years ago. More than 70 colleges and high schools now participate in “The Big Event.” “The Big Event” is an opportunity for NHS students to say thank you to residents in the communities of Haslet, Justin, Rhome, Newark and Aurora (as well as surrounding communities) for their continued support. For more information, email thebigeventnorthwest@nisdtx.org.

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