



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, May 3 – August 2

#### **BNHS Culinary Arts Students Win Nationals**

On April 27-29, members of the Byron Nelson High School Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality competed in the National ProStart Invitational in Maryland and received first place in the category of Restaurant Management. The team, Nathan Hall, Agron Mena and Trenton Shank, presented an original restaurant concept called “Son of a Biscuit” to a panel of judges. Hall, Mena and Shank have already received numerous scholarship offerings ranging from a few thousand dollars to \$45,000 from New England Culinary Institute and a full-ride at any Le Cordon Bleu in North America. The team will be recognized at next week’s City of Roanoke’s City Council meeting. The young restaurateurs will appear in Austin to be recognized by the Texas Restaurant Association Board of Directors on June 7 and will travel to Washington, D.C. June 24-26 to meet elected officials and tour the nation’s capital.

PHOTO CAPTION [WINNERS]: The Byron Nelson High School Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality restaurant management team is pictured after their national champion win at the ProStart Invitational in Maryland. Pictured left to right is Academy Facilitator Steve DeShazo, Nathan Hall, Agron Mena and Trenton Shank.

#### **NHS Students Advance to State Track Meet**

Several Northwest High School students competed in the Region 1-5A track meet and will advance to the state meet in Austin. Sophomore pole vaulter Desiree Freier has qualified for state and senior Troy Taylor qualified for state in the 1600 and 3200 meter run. Freier and Taylor will compete in the state meet May 11 and 12.

#### **BNHS Boys’ and Girls’ Golf Play in State Tournament**

The Byron Nelson High School boys' golf team won fourth place in the state championship in Austin. This is the first time in the school's history the boys' golf team has qualified for state. The Lady Bobcat golf team won second place in state.

#### **BNHS Tennis Play Advanced to State Championship**

Byron Nelson High School tennis player Katya Salas advanced to the semifinal round in the state championships. The state championship was held in Austin April 30-May 1.

#### **NHS Hosted “The Big Event”**

On April 28, Northwest High School participated in “The Big Event,” a tradition started at Texas A&M 30 years ago. “The Big Event” is an opportunity for NHS students to say ‘thank you’ to residents by performing community service acts in the communities of Haslet, Justin, Rhome, Newark and Aurora. Approximately 555 NHS students volunteered their time last Saturday.

PHOTO CAPTION [bigevent]: Northwest High School cheerleaders assist a local community member during the school wide community service project, The Big Event, on April 28.

#### **NHS Technology Student Association Wins Eight ‘Best in State’ Awards**

Students in the Northwest High School Technology Student Association participated in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Technology Student Association state competition in Waco on April 1-3. The team brought home eight Best in State/first place awards, eight second place awards, five third place awards and two fourth place awards. Event categories included communications and print technology, multimedia and animation, photography and digital graphics, drafting, construction and modeling and applied technology.

PHOTO CAPTION [tsa]: Technology Student Association members from Northwest High School participated in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Technology Student Association state competition in Waco. The team brought home eight best in state awards.

### **Three NISD Destination Imagination Teams Advance to Global Finals**

Samuel Beck and Lakeview elementary schools and Medlin Middle School have advanced to the Destination Imagination Global Finals. The teams will compete in Knoxville, Tennessee May 23-26.

### **NHS and Justin Elementary Partner in Interior Design Project**

Students in the Northwest High School interior design classes partnered with Justin Elementary School and have redesigned four staff restrooms and the kitchen and lounge area. The students, led by teacher Stacy Fanning, researched the needs and worked with paint swatches, fabrics and wall hangings to complete this project.

PHOTO CAPTION [design]: Northwest High School students Devin Dunn (left) and Kailey Culps (right) pose for a picture while remodeling the faculty restrooms at Justin Elementary School.

### **Granger Elementary School Student Council Nationally Recognized**

Kay Granger Elementary School's student council has been recognized as a 2011-2012 Honor Student Council School of Excellence by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Granger Elementary's student council is led by staff members Aimee Andrews and Joanna Espinoza.

### **Temporary Road Closure on Parkview Drive in Trophy Club**

A small portion of Parkview Drive is temporarily closed to through traffic between the baseball field and the tennis court. It is estimated the section of road will be closed for approximately six to eight weeks, weather permitting. The closure is necessary to adequately prepare the infrastructure and install an underground storm drain. This project must be complete prior to construction of a new wing at NISD's Beck Elementary School.

During the temporary closure, residents will still have access to all schools, parks, sidewalks and homes during the road closure. The pool and park will be accessible at all times from the north. Families of students attending Beck Elementary School will need to access the campus from the south (Durango) and travel north on Parkview Drive. For Medlin Middle School and Byron Nelson High School, all access will be from Bobcat Blvd and Marshall Creek Road. The east sidewalk on Parkview Drive will be accessible for pedestrians to walk between Beck Elementary and Medlin Middle School.

### **BNHS Softball Advances to Area Championships**

Congratulations to the Byron Nelson High School softball team for defeating Northside High School in the bi-district round of playoffs last week. The team will face Waco Midway in the Area Championship round. The games will be played at Glen Rose High School (900 Stadium Drive, Glen Rose, 76043). Series information is below:

- Game 1 – Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m.
- Game 2 – Friday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.
- Game 3 (if necessary) – Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

### **BNHS Baseball Advances to Bi-District Round of Playoffs**

Congratulations to the Byron Nelson High School baseball team for qualifying for the Bi-District round of playoffs. The team will take on Western Hills High School. Information for the best two out of three game series is listed below:

- Game 1 – Thursday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.  
Western Hills High School (3600 Boston Ave., Fort Worth, 76116)
- Game 2 – Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.  
Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262)
- Game 3 – (if necessary) Saturday, May 5, 1 p.m.  
Mineral Wells High School (3801 Ram Boulevard, Mineral Wells, 76067)

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

### **CTMS Theatre Presents Mystery Comedy with Prizes**

The Chisholm Trail Middle School theatre presents *Never Play With Dead Things*. This audience participation mystery comedy will be by Friday, May 4 at Chisholm Trail Middle School (583 FM 3433, Rhome, 76078). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and curtain will be up at 7. For reservations, call 817-698-1641. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door.

### **KidStand Assembly is Coming to Lakeview Elementary**

A group of high school and college entertainers will perform mini-musicals resembling “High School Musical” to teach the students to take a STAND for great character. The message “Stand Up, Stand Strong and Stand Out” will be emphasized throughout the program. Characteristics such as compassion, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility will be taught through singing, dancing, games and sketches using the fun KidStand Characters. The performance times are at 8 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. on Friday, May 4 at Lakeview Elementary School (100 Village Trail, Trophy Club, 76262).

### **Steele Accelerated High School to Host New Student/Parent Meeting**

James M. Steele Accelerated High School is hosting a new student/parent information meeting on Monday, May 7 at 6 p.m. (606 N. Walnut Street, Roanoke, 76262). Applications for the fall 2012 are currently being accepted and available from counselors. Interested students will gain information on accelerated graduation plans, increased dual credit opportunities and the new cosmetology program. Counselors and current students will be available for tours and to answer questions.

### **Lakeview Elementary to Hold Annual Career Day**

Students at Lakeview Elementary will participate in the annual Career Day on Friday, May 11. Parents and volunteers will be speaking to classes from 8 – 11:30 a.m. about their professions and the education and training needed to achieve their goals. During specials, students will have the opportunity to learn more about career choices in motion pictures day in the gymnasium through storytelling, comic books, pre-production paintings, illustrations, and prop and costume design.

### **NISD School Board Meeting**

A Northwest ISD Budget Workshop will be held on Monday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). The Northwest ISD School Board meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Board Room.

### **NHS Theatre to Perform *The Elephant Man***

The Northwest High School theatre department will perform Bernard Pomerance’s *The Elephant Man* May 14-15 at 7 p.m., May 17-18 at 7 p.m. and May 20 at 2 p.m. at The Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center in the Black Box Theatre (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Seating is limited and reservations must be made in advance. To reserve your seat, call 817-215-0267.

### **NHS FFA Presents Annual Awards Banquet**

The Northwest High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) present the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 16 in the Northwest High School cafeteria (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). The meal will begin at 7 p.m. and the ceremony will follow.

### **NISD High School Student Will Win a Chevy Camaro This Spring**

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education Program will team up with Moritz Chevrolet of Fort Worth to give away a 2012 Chevrolet Camaro to one lucky high school student in Northwest ISD for outstanding academic efforts and attendance throughout the year. The car giveaway will take place Monday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Texas Motor Speedway.

### **Board of Trustees Host Award Ceremony**

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will recognize top students in the district for their achievements in regional, state, national and international competitions on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center at Northwest High School (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

### **NISD Closed for Memorial Day**

Northwest ISD campuses and administrative offices will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

### **NISD School Board Meeting**

A Northwest ISD School Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building Board Room (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

### **NISD Graduations**

Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2012 are as follows:

- James M. Steele Accelerated High School's graduation ceremony will be held Monday, June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Northwest High School Performing Arts Center (PAC).
- Northwest High School's commencement is Tuesday, June 5 at 3 p.m. at the University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton.
- Byron Nelson High School's commencement is Tuesday, June 5 at 7 p.m. University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton.

### **Volunteers Encouraged to Complete NISD Background Check Online**

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must have passed a criminal background check prior to volunteering. As a convenience, the volunteer background check form is available online and can be completed before the rush of the new school year.

Go to [www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck](http://www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck) to complete your background check and be approved to volunteer. Volunteers are a highly valued group of individuals within Northwest ISD, and the district appreciates the contribution of time and effort of the dedicated volunteers.

### **Northwest ISD Summer School Opportunities**

From math and reading academies to sports and fine arts camps, Northwest ISD proudly offers a variety of summer programs for students to enhance their educational experience. For online registration and a complete description of the programs, go to [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org) or call the Student Services office at 817-215-0083 for further assistance.

### **Prekindergarten Registration in Northwest ISD**

Prekindergarten registration will take place August 1 and 2 at Hatfield Elementary School (2051 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Registration will be by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call Deanne Colley at 817-215-0198 beginning May 1. For more information about prekindergarten qualifications, go to [www.nisdtx.org/familyinvolvement](http://www.nisdtx.org/familyinvolvement).

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