



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, May 17 – August 2

#### **Three NISD Schools Recognized as National Model Schools**

Chisholm Trail Middle School and Seven Hills and Clara Love elementary schools have been recognized as Pearson National Model Schools. Pearson's National Model School program recognizes schools that have successfully implemented school-wide improvement efforts to reduce the achievement gap and make high academic standards a reality for all students.

PHOTO CAPTION [model]: Chisholm Trail Middle School (CTMS) Principal Todd Rogers is pictured with district administrators and Pearson executives after being recognized for achieving Pearson National Model School status. CTMS is the first middle school in the nation to receive this designation.

#### **NHS Track and Field Athletes Excel at State Meet**

Northwest High School sophomore Desiree Freier was named the 5A pole vault champion at the state meet May 11-12. Freier won the 5A state title with a height of 12'9." Senior Troy Taylor finished second in the 3200 meter run with a school record of 9:05 and finished third in the 1600 meter run with a school record of 4:10. Taylor has signed his NCAA Letter of Intent for a track scholarship with the University of North Texas. Freshman Katherine Chavez finished sixth in the 3200 meter run.

PHOTO CAPTION [Desiree\_cropped]: Northwest High School sophomore Desiree Freier won the 5A pole vault championship at the state track meet in Austin May 11-12.

PHOTO CAPTION [troy\_run]: Northwest High School senior Troy Taylor finished second in the 3200 meter run and third in the 1600 meter run at the state meet in Austin May 11-12.

#### **NISD Athletes Sign NCAA Letter of Intent**

Eleven high school students signed their NCAA Letter of Intent to play collegiate sports this spring. The following seniors signed, along with their parents, at a special ceremony:

##### **Northwest High School**

Brandon Applewhite – Northern Oklahoma University, baseball  
Jon Chidester - Northern Oklahoma College, baseball  
Kyleigh Easter – Lyon College, soccer  
Nick Johnson - University of Texas, Tyler, golf  
Chandler Kuhlman – Rhodes College, soccer  
Troy Taylor – University of North Texas, track

##### **Byron Nelson High School**

Kwame Asbill – Bacone University, wrestling  
Benjamin Balduc – Concordia University, football  
Trevor Eastin – Florida Institute of Technology, swimming  
Rachel Fusselman – Austin College, volleyball  
Steven Michael Robertson – El Paso Community College, baseball

This school year, 23 Northwest ISD students have achieved an athletic scholarship.

PHOTO CAPTION [Troy]: Northwest High School runner Troy Taylor is pictured with his parents at the signing ceremony at Northwest High School on May 15.

PHOTO CAPTION [eastin]: Byron Nelson High School swimmer Trevor Eastin and his coach Steve Melbourn are pictured at the Byron Nelson High School signing ceremony on May 15.

### **NISD Announces Director of Research, Assessment, and Accountability**

Northwest ISD is pleased to announce the hiring of Rose Brenner, Ed.D., as the district's new Director of Research, Assessment, and Accountability. Brenner is currently the principal at Northwest High School where she has led the campus since 2008. This spring, Brenner completed her Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of North Texas. Dr. Brenner will continue her position as principal of Northwest High School while the district launches a search for her replacement. She will begin her new responsibilities at the NISD Administration Building in July.

PHOTO CAPTION [rose\_cropped]: Rose Brenner, Ed.D., is the district's new Director of Research, Assessment, and Accountability. Brenner will begin her new position in July.

### **BNHS Horticulture Class Creates Plant Display at HP Byron Nelson Classic**

The Byron Nelson High School horticulture class designed and developed flower beds for the HP Byron Nelson Classic. Students created three floral displays made up of more than 4,500 plants and bedding for the Byron Circle located at the front of the pavilion. Their arrangements can be seen throughout the course. To celebrate what would have been Byron Nelson's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, they used white carnations to design the number 100, and an HP Byron Nelson Classic logo on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

PHOTO CAPTION [floraldesign]: Byron Nelson High School horticulture students pose next to one of three floral design arrangements created for the HP Byron Nelson Classic.

### **Leadership NISD Participants Recognized at School Board Meeting**

Northwest ISD recognized 28 Leadership NISD participants at a reception and graduation at the School Board meeting on May 14. Parents and community members involved in the year-long Leadership NISD program were given an opportunity to go behind the scenes for an in-depth look at Northwest ISD. If you are interested in participating in Leadership NISD for the 2011-2012 school year, please call 817-215-0175.

PHOTO CAPTION [leadershipNISD]: At the School Board meeting May 14, trustees and administrators recognized graduates from the 2011-2012 Leadership NISD program.

### **Students Show Off Skills at Science Inquiry Showcase and STEM Showcase**

Northwest ISD presents a night of science at Northwest High School. Kindergarten through seventh grade students will present their science projects at the annual NISD Science Inquiry Showcase on May 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). In addition to student projects, there will be family science exhibits from the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. The Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics students will present their projects to community members and fellow students. The STEM Showcase will be from 6:30-8 p.m. at Northwest High School.

### **NISD High School Student Will Win a Chevy Camaro on Monday**

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education Program will team up with Moritz Chevrolet of Fort Worth to award a 2012 Chevrolet Camaro to one lucky high school student in Northwest ISD for outstanding academic efforts and attendance throughout the year. The Strive N Drive car giveaway will take place Monday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Texas Motor Speedway (3545 Lone Star Circle, Fort Worth, 76177) with special guest IndyCar Driver of the #27 Team GoDaddy.com Chevrolet, James Hinchcliffe.

### **Pike Middle School 'School to Watch' Presentation**

Gene Pike Middle School has been named a Texas "School to Watch." The school will celebrate this achievement Friday, May 25 at an assembly at 9:30 a.m. (2200 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247)

### **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). This marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year for the Board of Trustee Awards, the district's most prestigious student recognition event.

### **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).

### **BNHS Football Booster Club Hosts Golf Tournament**

The Byron Nelson High School football booster club is hosting a golf tournament on Thursday, May 31 at 2 p.m. at Trophy Club Country Club. To register online, go to [www.TCRFootball.com](http://www.TCRFootball.com) or contact Cyndi Huizenga at [chuizena@att.net](mailto:chuizena@att.net) for more information.

### **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 Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Northwest High School.
- 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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