



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, July 25 – August 15

#### ***Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours***

*The Northwest ISD Administration Building will operate summer hours through Thursday, August 4. The building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The regular five-day work schedule will resume on Monday, August 8.*

#### **BNHS Solar Car Rolls into Third Place**

After competing in a four day race, the Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) Bobcat solar car team finished third in the 2011 Solar Car Challenge at Texas Motor Speedway. The car traveled 414 miles in over 21 hours totaling 276 laps around the track. The team finished 36 miles farther than the fourth place vehicle and more than 78 miles farther than other Texas schools.

This is the second consecutive year the team has participated in a challenge competing against teams across the nation. Last year, the BNHS solar car team placed fifth in the overall Classic division for the 2010 Hunt Winston Solar Car Challenge during an eight-day, 900 mile competition. The eight-member team has been preparing for this endurance race since last fall. Cat 2.0, the new and improved solar powered vehicle, sports new wheels, a new rear axle, front brakes, a complete overhead canopy, windshield and auxiliary electronics.

The team was presented its third place trophy at the awards banquet, along with the Team Sportsmanship Award. Team captain Matt Klauser was selected into the Order of the Solar Cell for the second consecutive year. For more information about the Byron Nelson High School solar car team, visit <http://byronnelsonsolarcar.ning.com/>.

PHOTO ID [parade]: Cat 2.0 team members from Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) participated in a parade on Oak Street in Roanoke on July 19. Pictured in the back row (from left to right) is team captain Matt Klauser, team advisor Nicole Hellmann, BNHS Principal Linda Parker, Evan Sayles, Zack Randolph, Roanoke Mayor Scooter Gierisch and Austin Flickinger. Pictured in the front row (from left to right) is Taylor Douglas, Dane Fusselman, Peter VanHouten and Cliff Campbell.

PHOTO ID [raceprep]: Team captain Matt Klauser prepares Cat 2.0 for the first day of races at the 2011 Solar Car Challenge at Texas Motor Speedway.

#### **NISD Students Create Digital Media at Summer Art Camp**

Students participated in a four-day art camp at Samuel Beck Elementary School focusing on claymation and animation. From creating characters to building sets, the students were given a variety of assignments focusing on digital media. Over the course of the camp, the students took digital photos of clay characters and made an original claymation video.

PHOTO ID [artcamp]: Summer Art Camp teacher Shannon Stephens assists in third-grade student Margaret Bidstrup's original claymation video.

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

Northwest ISD offers a wide variety of summer school camps and enrichment classes during the summer. The following are a list of photo opportunities this week:

- ***Summer Stock Production: Heather McDonald's, The Rivers and Rivines***

This four-week intense acting and technical camp provides students the chance to study acting techniques and work on a full length collaborative high school production. From building a set, to choreographing lights and sound, students will gain knowledge in every aspect of a theatrical production.

July 18 – August 10, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (grades 8 - 11)

Northwest High School's Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247)

- ***Northwest High School Co-Ed Wrestling Camp***

July 25 – 28, 9 a.m. – noon (grades 3 – 6)

July 25 – 28, 1 – 4 p.m. (grades 7 – 9)

Texan Gym

Families may visit [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org) for a complete listing of summer school, summer enrichment, fine arts, and sports camps and to conveniently register online.

### **NISD School Supply Drive Underway**

Northwest ISD Partners in Education is helping to ensure that all NISD students have the tools they need to be successful by holding the annual school supply drive through August 12. This year, the PIE program is encouraging donations by sponsoring a student and donating a backpack. If you would like to provide a filled backpack for a student or donate supplies, please deliver to the Partners in Education office at the Northwest ISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, TX). For a list of school supplies visit, <http://www.nisdtx.org/Page/216>. For more information, please call 817-215-0175.

### **NISD Website to Receive a Makeover**

Northwest ISD will launch a newly redesigned website in August as part of a district-wide branding campaign. Features include alerts, updated information, videos, quick links and more. Branding the school district will increase greater awareness of Northwest ISD's identity and reputation.

### **NISD Pre-Kindergarten Registration**

Pre-K registration will be held Wednesday, August 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday, August 4 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the W. R. Hatfield Elementary School cafeteria (2051 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Northwest ISD offers Pre - Kindergarten classes for qualifying four-year-olds. To find out more information about Pre-K qualifications and registration, go to [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org).

### **NISD Board of Trustee Meetings**

Northwest ISD School Board meetings are scheduled for Monday, August 8 and Monday, August 22. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

### **New Student Registration Dates**

New students to Northwest ISD should register at the school they will attend at the dates and times listed below:

#### Elementary School New Student Registration

Monday, August 8 – Friday, August 12, 9 – noon and 1 – 3 p.m.

Monday, August 15 – Friday, August 19, 9 – noon and 1 – 3 p.m.

#### Middle School New Student Registration

Tuesday, August 9, 1 – 7 p.m. (Chisholm Trail, Medlin and Tidwell middle schools)

Wednesday, August 10 and Thursday, August 11, 9 a.m. – noon and 1 – 4 p.m. (all campuses)

Thursday, August 11, 5 – 7 p.m. (Pike Middle School)

#### High School New Student Registration

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

Wednesday, August 3

Last Name A - G: 9 a.m. – noon

Last Name H - N: 1 – 4 p.m.

Thursday, August 4

Last Name O – Z: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Open to all new students: 5 – 8 p.m.

**Northwest High School**

Wednesday, August 3, 9 a.m. – noon and 3 – 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 4 – 9 a.m. – noon

**James M. Steele Accelerated High School Accepted Student Registration**

Monday, August 15, 2 - 6 p.m.

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