



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, August 1 – August 23

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.

NISD Celebrates Another Year as a ‘Recognized’ District

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has deemed Northwest ISD a ‘Recognized’ school district according to the 2011 accountability ratings. The district’s ‘Recognized’ rating reflects the actual performance of NISD students meaning the Texas Performance Measure (TPM), which was used in previous years to give districts accountability credit, was not used to factor the district’s overall rating. NISD has maintained its ‘Recognized’ status since 2008.

“We are celebrating the hard work of students and teachers as they create challenging learning experiences in their classroom,” said Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. “This state accountability rating is one reflection of the successes our students have achieved.”

The state accountability system is based on student performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The TAKS data indicates considerable gains in subjects and grade levels.

At the district level:

- Five campuses received an ‘Exemplary’ rating.
- 14 campuses received a ‘Recognized’ rating.
- 29 of the 33 performance accountability indicators are at the ‘Exemplary’ range for NISD.
- English Language Learners (ELL) progress indicator was at the ‘Exemplary’ level.
- The percentage of students who achieved passing standards is listed by subject:
 - Social Studies – 99%
 - Reading/ELA – 95%
 - Writing – 94%
 - Science – 94%
 - Math – 92%

To view a complete list of ratings by campus, go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/2011NISDAccountabilityRatings>.

Northwest High School Teachers Participate in Summer Research Program

Two Northwest High School teachers are participating in the University of North Texas’ Research Experiences for Teachers in Sensor Networks program. The program is designed to enhance mathematics and science teaching by exposing high school teachers to cutting-edge research. Kim Garrett and Ashley Sink are two of nine DFW area teachers selected to participate with a team of seven University of North Texas (UNT) professors. The professors received a \$499,932 grant from the National Science Foundation to run the program through 2013. This inaugural group of teachers will complete their projects and give a formal presentation of their results on Tuesday, August 9. Garrett and Sink will continue to receive support from UNT throughout the year as they implement their new lessons in the classroom.

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.

Northwest ISD Summer School

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)
- ***Baton Twirling/Drill Team***
August 1 - 12, 10 – 11 a.m. (grades K - 2)
August 1 - 12, 11 a.m. - noon (grades 3 - 5)
Sonny and Allegra Nance Elementary School (701 Tierra Vista Way, Fort Worth, 76131)
- ***Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) Football Camp***
August 1 – 4, 9 a.m. – noon (grades 8 – 9)
BNHS Indoor Facility
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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, 76177). For a list of school supplies visit, <http://www.nisdtx.org/Page/29139>. 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 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.

First Day of School

The first day of school in Northwest ISD is Tuesday, August 23. For a complete list of back-to-school events and student registration information, go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/Domain/74>.

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