



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, October 31 – November 25

#### **BNHS Volleyball Advances to Playoffs**

The Byron Nelson High School volleyball team advanced to the Bi-District playoffs against Trimble Tech High School after their second place finish in District 5-4A. The Lady Bobcats playoff game is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 7 p.m. at Haltom High School. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

#### **NHS Volleyball Team Advances to Playoffs**

The Northwest High School volleyball team finished third in District 7-5A earning the team a spot in the Bi-District round of playoffs. The Lady Texans will take on Marcus High School Tuesday, November 1, 7 p.m. at Byron Nelson High School. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

#### **NEF Hosts Annual Golf Tournament**

The Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) is hosting the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic on Wednesday, November 2 at the Marriot Hotel and Golf Club at Champions Circle in Fort Worth. All proceeds will support the NEF Encouraging Excellence Scholarship for Northwest ISD seniors. To register, sponsor a team or to donate a raffle item, go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/nef>, or call 817-215-0174 before Wednesday.

#### **Official Dedication for J.C. Thompson Elementary School**

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees, school administrators and the J.C. Thompson Elementary staff invite the community to celebrate the official dedication of J.C. Thompson Elementary School on Thursday, November 3 at 7 p.m. (440 Wishbone Lane, Fort Worth, 76052).

The school's namesake, J.C. Thompson, was a former NISD school board member and the original land owner of the Sendera Ranch area. Thompson Elementary opened in August in the Sendera Ranch neighborhood to relieve student enrollment growth at Sendera Ranch Elementary School.

#### **NISD Alumni Recognize Distinguished Alumni and Educators**

The Northwest ISD Alumni Association recognized two former NISD educators, Mays Fuqua and Barbara Brammer, with the Distinguished Educator award for their role in making a difference in the lives of students at Northwest ISD. Mays Fuqua was one of the first teachers to be employed by the district following its consolidation in 1949, and he retired from Northwest after 33 years in education. Barbara Brammer primarily taught mathematics to middle school and high school students for 28 years at Northwest. She joined NISD in 1957 and left in 1962, returning in 1970 and retired in 1993.

Mark Followill, a 1989 graduate of Northwest High School, received the Distinguished Alumni award. Followill has maintained a career in broadcasting, and is currently the announcer for the Dallas Mavericks.

Brammer and Fuqua were recognized at the Northwest High School Homecoming game on October 28. Graduates of Northwest High School were invited to celebrate at the NISD Alumni Association Open House during the second and third quarters of the football game.

PHOTO CAPTION [alumhonors.jpg]: The NISD Alumni Association recognized Distinguished Educators Mays Fuqua (left) and Barbara Brammer, escorted by grandsons John and Luke Francis (right), at the NHS Homecoming football game October 28.

\*Not pictured is recipient of the Distinguished Alumni award, Mark Followill.

**NISD Middle School Students Attend TCU Football Game**

Thanks to Devon Energy, 26 lucky Gene Pike Middle School eighth-grade football players spent October 22 at Texas Christian University's homecoming football game. The students received the tickets as part of Devon's 'Energy for Frogs' program. This incentive program encourages north Texas middle school students to pursue math and science activities. Devon Energy and TCU cheerleaders assisted in hosting a pep rally at Gene Pike Middle School to reward tickets to the football game to 26 students.

PHOTO CAPTION [energy.jpg]: Twenty-six Gene Pike Middle School football players were selected to attend Texas Christian University's homecoming football game as part of Devon Energy's 'Energy for Frogs' program. Winners were announced at a pep rally hosted by TCU cheerleaders.

**NHS Theater Director and 15 Students Cast to Perform in Local Community Production**

The Northwest High School theater department and Tarrant County College Northwest will collaborate in a local community production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. Northwest High School theater director Nick Kougiaris has been cast as the lead role of the Stage Manager.

Fifteen Northwest High School students auditioned for the play, and seven students were selected to be part of the cast. Two Northwest High School students, seniors Tomlyn Borgan and Jordan Mersberger, were cast in the lead roles of Emily Webb and George Gibbs. Junior Taylor Hart was cast as Rebecca Gibbs, sophomore Lincoln Taylor was cast as Wally Webb and freshman Hunter Hart was cast as Joe Crowell. In addition to these principle roles, senior Ahsan Siddiqui and sophomore Drew White were cast in the ensemble. Schedule and ticket information will be available soon. The production will be in December.

**BNHS Tennis Advances to Regional Tournament**

Congratulations to the Byron Nelson High School tennis team for their second place finish in District 5-4A. The team competed in the 4A regional tennis tournament in Wichita Fall. The Bobcats won their first game and lost the second.

**Sidekicks Present Homecoming Mums to Special Needs Students**

The Northwest High School Sidekicks drill team created homecoming mums for the special needs class at Northwest High School. The Sidekicks distributed the mums to the students during school on Friday, October 28.

**NISD Launches New Online Newsroom**

The Northwest ISD communications office has launched a new online newsroom feature to the district's website. Go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/newsroom>, or click on the 'newsroom' Quick Link from the district's home page. Visitors can view news releases, e-newsletters, Northwest Educational Television (The NET), NISD photo gallery, Points of Pride, publications, social media sites and more.

**Vendors Needed for BNHS Dazzlers Holiday Kickoff Bazaar**

The Byron Nelson High School Dazzlers are looking for vendors for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bobcat Dazzlers Holiday Kickoff Bazaar on November 12. For more information, go to [www.bobcatdazzlers.com](http://www.bobcatdazzlers.com).

**Board of Trustee Meeting**

The next School Board meeting will be held Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

**NISD Closed for Thanksgiving**

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed the week of November 21 – 25 for Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume Monday, November 28.

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