



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, December 5 – January 19

Northwest ISD's HR Ambassador Program Receives Statewide Recognition from *Texas School Business Magazine*

Northwest ISD's HR Ambassador Program is one of 12 initiatives to be honored in the *Texas School Business* magazine's *Fifth Annual Bragging Rights* 2011-2012 special issue. *Bragging Rights* recognizes school districts that have implemented programs that are bettering the lives of students, schools and communities.

The Human Resource Ambassador Program is dedicated to paraprofessionals in Northwest ISD. The program was designed so these employees – our ambassadors to parents and community – can build their capacity and knowledge in district policies and procedures, while developing the tools to respond promptly and courteously to the public.

For 58 years, *Texas School Business* has served as the independent voice for public education in Texas. The magazine, which is distributed 12 times a year, is read by educators and school administrators across Texas. To read Northwest ISD's story online, visit www.texasschoolbusiness.com.

NISD Receives Award of Merit for Purchasing and Operations

The Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) has awarded the Northwest ISD with the TASBO Award of Merit for Purchasing and Operations. The award is presented to school districts and Education Services Centers statewide that are committed to following professional standards in the acquisition of goods and services. NISD will be recognized during the TASBO annual conference in Austin on March 1.

NHS Theater Director and 7 Students 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 Kougias has been cast as the lead role of the stage manager. Northwest High School 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.

The production is December 7-11 (Wednesday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.). For reservations, please call 817-515-7724.

PHOTO CAPTION [OurTown 014.jpg]: Members of the Northwest High School (NHS) theater department and director will collaborate with Tarrant County College Northwest in a local production of *Our Town*. Pictured from left to right are teacher Nick Kougias, NHS senior Tomlyn Borgan who plays Emily, and NHS senior Jordan Mersberger who plays George.

BNHS Dazzlers Drill Team Host Mr. Bobcat Pageant

The Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) Dazzlers drill team present the Mr. Bobcat Pageant on Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. at the BNHS Performing Arts Center (2775 Bobcat Blvd. Trophy Club, 76262). Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

Fourth Annual Reindeer Romp Held at BNHS

The 4th Annual Reindeer Romp, benefiting the Northwest ISD physical education departments, will be held Saturday, December 10 at 8:30 a.m. at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Blvd. Trophy Club, 76262). To register for the 5K race, go to <http://www.nisdreindeerromp.com/>.

BNHS Hosts Winter Cheer Classic

The Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) cheerleaders will host the 2011 Winter Cheer Classic on Saturday, December 10 at 9 a.m. Participants will learn cheers and dances to perform at half time of a Bobcat basketball game. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org.

Board of Trustee Meeting

The December School Board meeting will be held Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

BNHS Theater Presents *A Christmas Carol*

The Byron Nelson High School (BNHS) theater department presents *A Christmas Carol* on Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17 at 7 p.m. in the BNHS Performing Arts Center (2775 Bobcat Blvd. Trophy Club, 76262). Tickets are \$5.

NISD Closed for Winter Break

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed December 19-30 for Winter Break. Monday, January 2 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 3.

NISD Early Release Days

Northwest ISD campuses will dismiss early on Thursday, January 12 and Friday, January 13 at the following times:

High Schools: 10:45 a.m.

Middle Schools: 11:30 a.m.

Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.

Save the Date for NISD Finance Forum

Parents and NISD staff are encouraged to attend the NISD Finance Forum on Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. at the Northwest ISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin). A representative from Moak, Casey & Associates (experts in Texas school finance) will address the audience and give a legislative overview and update. Northwest ISD Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., and Chief Financial Officer Jon Graswich will discuss Northwest ISD's strategic plan in response to additional reductions in state funding for 2012-2013.

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