



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, November 8 – November 25

NISD Hosts “Inside NISD” Meeting

Northwest ISD administrators and members of the Board of Trustees will travel to Haslet Elementary School to present “Inside NISD,” an overview of the administrative operations of the school district. The presentation will cover organizational structure, curriculum, administrative services, finance, communications, and construction. This is an opportunity for parents to get an inside look at the school system and to participate in a Q&A session with administrators and school board members. The meeting is tonight, Thursday, November 8 at 6 p.m. at Haslet Elementary School (501 Schoolhouse Road, Haslet). This is the second year that Northwest ISD officials have offered “Inside NISD” in fast-growth areas of the school district.

NISD Students Celebrate “Generation Texas Week”

November 7-11 is Generation Texas Week and students throughout Northwest ISD are learning about post-secondary educational opportunities, including college, military, and vocational training. The purpose of Generation Texas Week is to provide both information and encouragement to all students in regards to pursuing post-secondary education.

PHOTO CAPTION [GenerationTexasWeek] – Students at Roanoke Elementary School wear college shirts to celebrate Generation Texas Week. Schools throughout Northwest ISD created special opportunities to inform and educate students about post-secondary educational opportunities.

Eighth-grade Students Encouraged to Earn Texas Scholar Designation upon H.S. Graduation

In conjunction with Generation Texas Week, 25 volunteers will visit Northwest ISD’s middle schools and encourage eighth-grade students to consider completing the requirements for the Texas Scholar designation. To become a Texas Scholar, students must complete the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program upon graduation, plus at least two courses eligible for college credit, and participate in at least one high school extracurricular activity for at least two years in high school. Coordinated through the NISD Partners in Education program, the 25 speakers will present information on Thursday and Friday of this week to eighth-grade students at Chisholm Trail, Medlin, Pike, and Tidwell middle Schools.

BNHS Volleyball Advances in Playoffs

The Byron Nelson High School volleyball team advanced to the quarterfinals and will compete against Granbury High School for tonight, Tuesday, November 8, 7 p.m. at Lamar High School (1400 Lamar Blvd., Arlington). Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

NCAA Signing Ceremonies Set for November 9

Both Northwest and Byron Nelson high schools will host signing ceremonies on Wednesday, November 9, for student-athletes who will sign an NCAA Letter of Intent to continue their athletic careers in college. The ceremonies are as follows:

8 a.m. - Northwest High School (Meeting/Film Room of the 500 athletic hall)

Kaycee Radford, Softball, Hardin Simmons University

Nicole Starkey, Softball, Ouachita Baptist University

11:30 a.m. - Byron Nelson High School (Team Room)

Rainy Manor, Golf, The Citadel

Major Monzingo, Golf, Stephen F. Austin University

Katya Salas, Tennis, The University of Richmond

NHS Player Named DFW Scholar Athlete of the Week

Northwest High School (NHS) football player Travis Stubblefield has been selected as Church's Scholar Athlete of the Week for the Inside High School Football Show on NBC 5. NHS football coach Bill Patterson will present a plaque to Stubblefield at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, November 10 at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin).

BNHS Football Advances to Playoffs

The Byron Nelson High School football team advanced to playoffs and will compete against Fort Worth's O.D. Wyatt High School on Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m., at Clark Stadium (5201 C.A. Roberson, Fort Worth). Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Middle School Musical Showcases Talent from All NISD Middle Schools

The Northwest ISD production of The Wizard of Oz features talented students from all four middle schools in Northwest ISD. Performances begin Thursday, November 10 and run through Sunday, November 13 at the Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center at Northwest High School. Show times are Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Children 12 and under are encouraged to wear "Wizard of Oz" costumes to the Sunday matinee. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the NISD Fine Arts Office or at the performance. Ticket prices (cash only) are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

Veterans Day Celebrations Honors Service to U.S.

Schools throughout Northwest ISD will honor United States veterans and service men and women during special assemblies, programs and activities in celebration of Veterans Day. Area veterans and those serving our country are invited to attend many of the school's events to be honored by students and staff. For a list of celebrations and events planned at Northwest ISD schools, please visit the NISD Online Newsroom at www.nisdtx.org/newsroom.

NHS Cross Country Runners Advance to State Meet

Three Northwest High School cross country runners have advanced to the state championship, following the regional competition this past weekend where both boys' and girls' teams finished fifth. The runners who advanced to the state meet on Saturday, November 12 in Round Rock are: Katherine Chavez, a freshman; Kellee McCann, a sophomore; and Troy Taylor, a senior.

Free Admission to BNHS Dazzlers Holiday Kickoff Bazaar

The Byron Nelson High School Dazzlers will host its 3rd Annual Bobcat Dazzlers Holiday Kickoff Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 12 at Byron Nelson High School. The event will include food, crafts, gifts, home décor, accessories, apparel, and more. For more information, go to www.bobcatdazzlers.com.

Extreme Sports Entertainers Bring Tobacco-Free Campaign to NHS

Northwest High School will offer two assemblies (10 a.m. and 11 a.m.) on Tuesday, November 15 where students will be entertained by action sports stars in skateboarding, freestyle BMX, inline skating, and more, while hearing valuable messages about the dangers of smoking and tobacco use.

Justin Elementary Student Council Sponsors Food Drive

The Justin Elementary School Student Council is still accepting donations for its Fall Food Drive to benefit the Justin First Baptist Food Bank. Donations can be delivered until Friday, November 18 at Justin Elementary School (425 Boss Range Road, Justin).

NHS Band Earns Top Ratings at UIL Marching Competition

With the "superior ratings" at the recent UIL marching band competition, the Northwest High School band has now earned consecutive superior ratings for more than a decade.

Governor's Office Awards NISD Certification for Campus Crime Stoppers

The Northwest ISD Campus Crime Stoppers program earned its state certification for 2011-2013. The certificate was presented on October 24 by the state's Crime Stopper's division of the governor's office.

NISD Students to Benefit from \$10,000 Grant from Albertson's Community Partners

The Albertson's Community Partners Challenge has named the First United Methodist Church in Trophy Club as a \$10,000 grant recipient. The grant was awarded to the church for its contribution to the Northwest ISD Snack Sack program, which provides students with weekend and holiday nourishment through the NISD Partners in Education program.

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.

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 Kougias 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.

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