



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, January 30 – March 7

NHS to Host STAAR/EOC Parent Meeting

Did you know that a child's score on the STAAR End-of-Course exam could determine their graduation plan and whether or not they are eligible for a four-year university? To learn more about this critical test and the impact on your student's graduation, NISD will host the following parent meeting this week:

Thursday, January 31

Northwest High School Performing Arts Center
2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247
6 p.m.

The meeting will share information regarding graduation requirements for students in eighth through tenth grades.

Four BNHS Students Qualify for State Debate Tournament

Last week, Byron Nelson High School competed in the UIL CX District Tournament. The following students qualified for the state tournament:

- 1st – Christian Conrad and John Giuffrida
- 2nd – Madi Gackenbach and Courtney Pool
- 3rd – Nicholas James and Aaron Benedict (alternate to state)
- 4th – Denton Guyer (second alternate to state)

The state tournament will be held March 14-16.

PHOTO CAPTION [state.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School debate team members Madi Gackenbach and Courtney Pool received second place in the district tournament and John Giuffrida and Christian Conrad received first place. Both teams will advance to the state tournament in March.

BNHS Swim/Dive Team Named District Champions

The Byron Nelson High School boy's and girl's swim and dive teams are District 6-4A Champions. Head coach Steve Melbourne was named the District 6-4A Coach of the Year. Byron Nelson High School will send 31 athletes to regionals and Northwest High School will send 12.

Wilson Middle School Athlete Named 2013 Junior Academic All-American

Truett Wilson Middle School running back Galvin Holmes has been named a 2013 Junior Academic All-American. He showed his skills on the football field in California where he played in the Junior Academic All-American game on January 4. Holmes demonstrates the same success in the classroom, taking pre advanced placement classes while maintaining a 3.8 grade point average.

STEM Hosts Fourth Annual Community Reveal

The Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics students will host the fourth annual Community Reveal on Thursday, January 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Student Union at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Freshman students will present their School of the Future designs and models.

BNHS Theatre Presents *Singin' in the Rain*

The Byron Nelson High School theatre department presents *Singin' in the Rain* on January 31 through February 2 at 7 p.m. and February 3 at 2 p.m. at the Byron Nelson Performing Arts Center (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. For reservations, call 817-698-5796.

Online Parent Survey Available in February

All parents are encouraged to provide valuable feedback by completing the Northwest ISD 2012-2013 Parent Survey. Surveys will be sent to parent email addresses February 4 - 15, or a hard copy may be requested. For more information, call 817-215-0171. Computers are available for use at your child's campus.

15 NISD Athletes to Sign NCAA Scholarships

Northwest High School will hold an official NCAA Signing Ceremony on Wednesday, February 6 at 8 a.m. in the meeting/film room of the 500 athletic hallway at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Ten Northwest High School athletes will sign their letter of intent to play collegiate sports ranging from football, baseball, athletic training/sports medicine, cross country, softball and soccer.

Byron Nelson High School will hold an official NCAA Signing Ceremony on Wednesday, February 6 at 11:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held in the Team Room at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Five Byron Nelson High School athletes will sign their letter of intent to play soccer and cross country in college.

February School Board Meetings

The February NISD School Board meetings will be held February 11 and 25 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76247).

Student Holiday

Monday, February 18 is a student holiday for Northwest ISD campuses. Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 19.

NISD Students Showcase Technology Trends at Expo

Northwest ISD community members are invited to attend the third annual NISD Techno Expo at Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262) on Thursday, February 28 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Selected students will present and demonstrate their use of technology in the classroom during a series of more than 300 breakout sessions. Dinner will be served by students in the district's Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality from 5 to 7 p.m., and musical performances will be provided by NISD fine arts students. From animation and digital video to multimedia and website design, student presentations are scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Door prizes will be given away at the conclusion of the event.

Volunteers Needed for NISD's Annual Northwest Reads

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education program is seeking volunteers for the fifth annual Northwest Reads on Friday, March 1 from 9 to 10 a.m. Participants will choose from a variety of books to read to pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students at one of the school district's 16 elementary schools. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/NorthwestReads> by February 22. For more information, call 817-215-0172.

NISD to Host Annual Realtor Luncheon

Northwest ISD is encouraging real estate professionals to join NISD officials on March 7 for the annual Realtor's Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177). Information on current demographic projections, plans for new schools and the award-winning programs in NISD will be shared. Space is limited. Call 817-215-0175 to reserve a seat.

BNHS Technology Student Association Creates Custom Designs

The Byron Nelson High School Technology Student Association is designing custom note pads. Orders can be made through March 1. Examples of different layouts are available in the online photo gallery at <http://www.nisdtx.org/Page/40985>. For more information, contact Jeff Taylor at jtaylor01@nisdtx.org.

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