



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, August 30 – September 20

New Middle School Welcomed 663 Students on First Day

Northwest ISD welcomed more than 17,600 students on the first day of school, August 28. This year, the district opened its fifth middle school, Truett Wilson Middle School, in the Sendera Ranch development. This middle school provided relief to the student enrollment at Chisholm Trail Middle School. NISD operates 16 elementary schools, five middle schools, two comprehensive high schools and an accelerated high school. As a fast growth district, the NISD student population is expected to increase by 35 percent in the next five years. At 234 square miles, the district spans three counties (Denton, Tarrant and Wise) and reaches 14 municipalities.

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Are You Registered to Vote?

Following the recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees called for a \$255 million capital bond referendum. As one of the fastest growing school district in the state, the bond was called to address the district's continuing student population growth, which is expected to increase by 35 percent in the next five years. Election Day is November 6 and early voting begins October 22. To register to vote in the upcoming November election, go to www.votexas.org/register_to_vote.html. Voter registration must be processed at least 30 days prior to the election. For a look at what the bond referendum would provide, and additional information about tax rates and voter registration, go to www.nisdtx.org/bond2012.

Protect Yourself Against West Nile Virus

Northwest ISD places a high priority on the safety and well-being of students and staff. The district encourages families to visit <http://www.nisdtx.org/westnile> to view helpful resources and precautionary steps NISD is taking in regards to West Nile Virus. NISD families may apply insect repellent to students prior to school and prior to after-school or evening activities. State law and district policy prohibits students from bringing insect repellent on school grounds.

BNHS Golf Coach Awarded Coach of the Year

Byron Nelson High School Girls' Golf Coach Barry Hawkins has been awarded Coach of the Year by the North Texas High School Golf Coaches Association. The Lady Bobcat golf team won second place in state last spring and was featured in the April issue of *Golf World* magazine. Hawkins will be recognized for this achievement at a North Texas High School Golf Coaches Association meeting in January.

PHOTO CAPTION [barry_sized]: Barry Hawkins, Byron Nelson High School girls' golf coach, has been named Coach of the Year by the North Texas High School Golf Coaches Association. Hawkins has been with NISD for 20 years.

Volunteers Required to Complete NISD Background Check

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must have passed a criminal background check prior to volunteering. As a convenience, the volunteer background check form is available online at www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck. Volunteers are a highly valued group of individuals within Northwest ISD, and the district appreciates the contribution of time and effort of the dedicated volunteers.

NHS and BNHS Football Season Begins this Week

Come support your Texan and Bobcat football teams as football season kicks off this fall. Northwest High School will play Grand Prairie High School on Thursday, August 30, 7 p.m. at the Gopher Bowl Stadium in Grand Prairie. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$7. Byron Nelson High School will take on Timber Creek High School on Friday, August 31, 7:30 p.m. at the NISD Stadium. Tickets for home games at the NISD Stadium can be purchased at <http://www.totalgatesolutions.com/>. For questions, please call the athletic office at 817-698-1010.

Live Broadcasts of NISD Football Games

Cheer on your Northwest High School Texans and Byron Nelson High School Bobcats from anywhere in the world on the Sportsgram Network. This season, all NISD football games will be broadcast live at www.sportsgram.net. The broadcasts can be heard on mobile devices, iPads, computers or laptops.

Texas Motor Speedway Partners with Three NISD Elementary Campuses for Reading Challenge

Three Northwest ISD elementary campuses, Clara Love, W.R. Hatfield and Justin elementary schools, will team up for an incentive-based reading challenge with Texas Motor Speedway. Clara Love Elementary School participated in the “Speeding to Read” contest last year, and 96 percent of the students met or exceeded their reading goals. This year, Justin and W.R. Hatfield elementary schools will join in the competition to see which classroom can read the most books. To kick off the event, parents and relatives are encouraged to attend a pep rally among the three schools and Texas Motor Speedway on Friday, August 31 at 9:30 a.m. at the NISD Stadium (1937 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Speedway Children’s Charities will provide every student with a “Speeding to Read” shirt and book knapsack at the event. The two winning classrooms will be announced in the spring and will receive four tickets to the April Texas 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race.

NISD Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Northwest ISD will be closed Monday, September 3 for Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 4.

September NISD Board of Trustee Meetings

The September Northwest ISD school board meetings are scheduled for Monday, September 10 and Monday, September 24. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

Unite for Futures Rally in NISD

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education program is offering an opportunity for organizations to learn how to become more involved in the school district. The Unite for Futures Rally will be held on Thursday, September 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). The Partners in Education program will share ways to partner with the school district to ensure students have the resources they need to be successful in a global society. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to 817-215-0175. Space is limited.

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