



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, September 27 – October 20

#### **Northwest ISD Bond Referendum 2012**

Early voting and Election Day polling locations are now available on the Northwest ISD Bond 2012 website. Visit [www.nisdtx.org/bond2012](http://www.nisdtx.org/bond2012) for an overview of projects, a review of past bond elections, a gallery of photos and videos and specific details on the impact for your child's school and feeder zone can be found on the Bond Election website.

Election Day is November 6. Early voting is October 22 through November 2. In order to vote, you should register 30 days prior to the election (October 9). To confirm your voter registration or learn more about upcoming elections, go to [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov). Voter registration cards are available at NISD schools.

#### **NISD Selected to Elite Group of High-Performing Schools**

The Texas Education Agency announced Northwest ISD is one of 23 school districts in the state selected to the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium. Created by Senate Bill 1557 in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session, the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium is charged with informing the governor, legislature and commissioner of education concerning methods for transforming public schools through the development of innovative, next-generation learning standards, assessment and accountability systems. The Texas High Performance Schools Consortium extends the ongoing work of the Public Education Visioning Institute. In 2006, 35 superintendents came together to create a new vision for public education. The vision encourages innovation, creativity and more meaningful assessment and accountability measures.

#### **NISD Fifth Grade Honor Choir to Perform at State Convention**

The Northwest ISD fifth grade honor choir has been invited to perform for the 2013 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Convention in San Antonio. The 90 member choir, representing students from all 16 Northwest ISD elementary schools, was selected for this honor through a state-wide audition process. Only five elementary choirs in the state of Texas are selected each year to perform for the TMEA convention. TMEA is the largest music organization of its kind in the nation, with more than 11,000 members world-wide. The concert will take place on Thursday, February 14 at 2 p.m. at the TMEA Conference in San Antonio. This year's honor choir will be the first to represent Northwest ISD at the TMEA convention.

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#### **BNHS Boys' Golf Team Sets New Individual and Team Records**

The Byron Nelson High School boys' golf team played against 52 teams across Texas, Arizona and Oklahoma in the Bart Granger Memorial Tournament in Fort Worth and finished in fourth place, scoring the highest of all the 4A teams. The team tied their 18-hole record and set a new 36-hole record. BNHS sophomore Johnny Jones set a new individual 36-hole record, 4 under par 138.

PHOTO CAPTION [Granger2012]: The Byron Nelson High School boys' golf team finished in fourth place at the Granger Memorial Tournament in Fort Worth last weekend. Pictured left to right are Hayden Springer, Ryan Johnson, Ty Hazlewood, Johnny Jones, and Mitchell Ray.

**BNHS Debate Team Selected to 100 Club for Second Consecutive Year**

The Byron Nelson High School debate team has been included in the National Forensics League Top 10% of all national programs. The list of top 100 clubs includes mostly private schools and public schools of all levels. This is the second consecutive year the team has received this honor.

**BNHS Student Named High School Player of the Week**

Northwest ISD senior Abby Van Houten was named the Max Preps/AVCA High School Player of the Week. Van Houten plays volleyball at Byron Nelson High School. Players are selected from all levels from schools across the state.

**NISD Community Encouraged to Stay Safe in Cyber Space**

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Northwest ISD students and parents are encouraged to go to [www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org) for tips on how to make their online experience safe and secure.

**Bobcat Dazzlers to Host Fall Dance Clinic**

The Byron Nelson High School Bobcat Dazzlers are hosting their fall dance clinic, Pretty in Pink, on Friday, September 28 from 5-10 p.m. for kindergarten through eighth-grade students. Participants will perform at the October 5 football game during pre-game. To register online, go to [www.bobcatdazzlers.com](http://www.bobcatdazzlers.com).

**NHS Drill Team Hosts Hip Hop Clinic**

The Northwest High School Sidekicks drill team is hosting a hip hop clinic for ages three and up Saturday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Northwest High School gymnasium (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76177). Participants will be able to march in the Homecoming parade and perform with the Sidekicks during the pep rally on Thursday, October 11. For more information, go to [www.northwestsidekicks.com](http://www.northwestsidekicks.com).

**NISD Sets Early Release Times for October 5**

Northwest ISD will dismiss early on Friday, October 5 at the following times:

Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.

Steele Accelerated High School: 1:05 p.m.

Northwest and Byron Nelson High Schools: 1:15 p.m.

Middle Schools: 2 p.m.

Monday, October 8 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, October 9.

**NHS Cheerleaders Host Fifth Annual Golf Tournament**

Northwest High School cheerleaders are hosting their fifth annual golf tournament Saturday, October 6 at the DFW Marriott Hotel and Golf Course at Champions Circle. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and the scramble starts at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Amanda Lee at 817-304-8182 or [amanda.lee@caremark.com](mailto:amanda.lee@caremark.com).

**Parent Education Night in NISD**

Northwest ISD is offering a parent education opportunity to address child abuse awareness. A meeting and presentation will be Tuesday, October 9 from 7-8 p.m. in the Northwest ISD Administration Building Board Room (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

**Holocaust Survivor to Speak to NISD Eighth Grade Students**

The Northwest High School theatre department will present the first act of *The Diary of Anne Frank* for NISD eighth-grade students on October 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Following the performance, Holocaust survivor Max Glauken will share his experiences with the students.

**NHS Presents *The Diary of Anne Frank***

The Northwest High School theatre department presents *The Diary of Anne Frank*. A preview of the drama will be October 5 at 7 p.m. Performances begin October 9-10, 7 p.m., October 13 at 7 p.m. and October 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be on sale each night in the lobby of the Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

**NISD Offers Gold Card Program**

Northwest ISD provides senior citizens living in the district the opportunity to be part of the district's Gold Card program. If you are 65 years of age or older, become a member of the NISD Gold Card program today. The annual Gold Card lunch will be held Tuesday, October 16 at 11 a.m. at the Northwest ISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177). In addition to a free annual luncheon, Gold Card members receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances, and athletic competitions. To join and reserve your seat at the luncheon on October 16, please call 817-215-0175 by October 8. Seating is limited.

**NEF Hosts Annual Golf Tournament**

The Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) is hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic on Thursday, October 18 at the DFW 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, go to [www.nisdtx.org/nef](http://www.nisdtx.org/nef).

**NHS to Host Fall Craft Show**

The Northwest High School Baseball Booster Club is holding a Fall Craft Show inside the Northwest High School cafeteria (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) Saturday, October 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission requires one canned food item which will help benefit Communities in Schools.

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