



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, July 16 – August 27

***Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours***  
*The Northwest ISD Administration Building will operate summer hours through Thursday, August 9. The building will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The regular five-day work schedule will resume on Monday, August 12.*

#### **NISD Awarded \$80K to Purchase Hybrid Energy Systems**

Northwest ISD has been awarded \$80,600 from the United States Department of Energy and the Texas State Energy Conservation Office to purchase two hybrid renewable energy systems. As a recipient of the Innovative Energy Demonstration Grant Program, funds will allow Northwest ISD to purchase two 4-kilowatt solar photovoltaic arrays. One solar array will be paired with a 5-kilowatt wind turbine (located at Northwest High School) and a second solar array will be paired with a 2.5-kilowatt wind turbine (located at the Outdoor Learning Center). Students will be able to use the systems to study renewable energy technologies through the installation of a small scale system. Installation is expected to be complete by the end of August.

#### **NISD Summer Camps Underway**

Northwest ISD offers a wide variety of summer school and sports camps and enrichment classes during the summer. The following is a list of photo opportunities for the week of July 22:

- ***Musical Theatre Boot Camp***  
This camp provides attendees the opportunity to learn songs and choreography over the course of two weeks. The camp will culminate with a musical performance August 2-3.  
July 17 – August 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (grades 7-12)  
Byron Nelson High School (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262)
- ***Byron Nelson High School Volleyball Camp***  
July 22-25, 9 a.m. – noon (grades 3-5)  
July 22-25, 1 – 4 p.m. (grades 6-7)  
July 22-25, 6-9 p.m. (grades 8-9)  
Byron Nelson High School Competition Gym
- ***Byron Nelson High School Wrestling Co-Ed Camp***  
July 22-25, 9 a.m. – noon (grades 3-9)  
Byron Nelson High School Physical Education Gym
- ***Northwest High School Wrestling Co-Ed Camp***  
July 22-25, 9 a.m. – noon (grades 3-9)  
Northwest High School Competition Gym

**Enrollment Online Available for New Students, Returning Student Registration Begins August 1**

Enrollment Online is now available for students new to Northwest ISD. In order to access the online registration feature, parents of students currently enrolled in the district must have a Home Access Center (HAC) account. Access to the HAC requires an internet connection and a confidential username and password issued to the parent by the school. If you are unsure of your HAC login, you may contact your child's campus. For more information, go to [www.nisdtx.org/enrollment](http://www.nisdtx.org/enrollment). Parents of returning students can begin the registration process on August 1. This will replace the back-to-school packets issued on the first day of school.

**NISD Offers Enrollment Online Summer Help Center**

Beginning June 24-July 25, a district representative will be available to assist with Enrollment Online questions at 817-698-1099 on Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12-12:30). Computers will be available at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) or at community libraries for families to use to complete the online registration process. For a listing of community libraries, go to [www.nsidtx.org](http://www.nsidtx.org).

**Steele Accelerated High School Opens Enrollment to Students Across the Metroplex**

Northwest ISD is opening the enrollment for James M. Steele Accelerated High School to students across the metroplex. Steele Accelerated High School provides an avenue for students to accelerate their studies. Thanks to a partnership with North Texas Community College, students can take expanded dual credit classes. Steele is home to the district's fifth career academy, The Cosmetology Academy. Shears of Steele will debut in August, providing a year of state-mandated training for cosmetology students prior to opening for business in 2014. Since opening its doors in 2010, every Steele Accelerated High School graduate is either employed, serving in the military or enrolled in college. To submit an application, go to [www.nisdtx.org/sahs](http://www.nisdtx.org/sahs). Applications are due by July 24. For more information, contact 817-698-5800.

**Volunteers Encouraged to Complete NISD Background Check Online**

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 and can be completed before the rush of the new school year.

Go to [www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck](http://www.nisdtx.org/volunteercheck) to complete your background check and be approved to volunteer. 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.

**Back to School Health Fair Scheduled for August 3**

Northwest ISD Partners in Education, in partnership with Heavenly Supply Depot, will host a Back to School Health Fair at Northwest High School on Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair will help prepare children in need to go back to school through services provided by community agencies specializing in assisting children and families. This one-stop destination will provide **free** assistance to children in the following ways:

- backpacks and school supplies (PreK-12)
- health screenings and health insurance information
- dental information, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- vision screenings
- haircuts
- sports physical
- family-friendly games and activities
- financial aid workshops and college/university/trade school information
- community resource booths
- information on NISD services

Families must preregister for this event to ensure students receive a backpack full of supplies. For more information, call 972-955-6057 or email [info@hsdtexas.org](mailto:info@hsdtexas.org).

**NISD to Host Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Shears of Steele**

Northwest ISD invites the community to celebrate the opening of Shears of Steele Cosmetology Salon during a ribbon cutting ceremony at James M. Steele Accelerated High School (606 N. Walnut Street, Roanoke, 76262) on Tuesday, August 6 at 6 p.m. The Cosmetology Academy provides first-hand experiences in hair, nails and skincare as well as business and entrepreneurship trainings.

**NISD Board of Trustee Meetings**

Northwest ISD school board meetings are scheduled for Monday, August 12 and Monday, August 26. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

**First Day of School**

The first day of school in Northwest ISD is Tuesday, August 27. NISD will open its 17<sup>th</sup> elementary school campus, Wayne A. Cox Elementary School, in Roanoke. For back-to-school information, go to [www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool](http://www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool).

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