



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, August 7 – 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 Celebrates Shears of Steele Salon at Ribbon Cutting Event

Community members, staff members and NISD administration celebrated the opening of Shears of Steele Salon with an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, August 6. The Academy of Cosmetology provides first-hand experiences in hair, nails and skincare as well as business and entrepreneurship trainings. The 7,953 square-foot salon features classrooms, styling stations, manicure and pedicure spa stations, as well as esthetician treatment accommodations. After a four-year plan of study, cosmetology students can graduate as certified cosmetologists.

PHOTO CAPTION [ribbon_cutting.jpg]: From left to right: Academy of Cosmetology Facilitator Alicia Flower, Cosmetology student Tommie Bryson, NISD School Board President Mel Fuller, Steele Accelerated High School Principal Robin Ellis, City of Roanoke Mayor Scooter Gierisch, Metroport Chamber of Commerce Secretary Sally Michalak, NISD Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. and Cosmetology student Amy Whitehorn cut the ribbon to reveal the new Shears of Steele Salon at the August 6 ceremony.

Michelle Pawski to Take the Lead at Seven Hills Elementary

Michelle Pawski has been named the principal of Seven Hills Elementary School. Pawski is currently the assistant principal at Sendera Ranch Elementary School. She has served students in Northwest ISD since 2001 at Sendera Ranch, Sonny and Allegra Nance and Haslet elementary schools.

PHOTO CAPTION [MichellePawski.jpg]: NISD's Michelle Pawski has been named the principal of NISD's Seven Hills Elementary School.

NISD's Kim Barker Announced Principal of Tidwell Middle School

Kim Barker has been named the principal of John M. Tidwell Middle School. Barker is currently the associate principal at Northwest High School. Prior to her career in NISD, she was a principal in Victoria and Decatur ISDs.

PHOTO CAPTION [KimBarker.jpg]: Kim Barker will take the lead as principal of John M. Tidwell Middle School.

Chris Jones to Lead Gene Pike Middle School

NISD's Chris Jones will take the lead as principal at Gene Pike Middle School. Jones has been the assistant principal at Chisholm Trail Middle School since 2010. Prior to a career in NISD, he was an assistant principal in Grand Prairie ISD.

PHOTO CAPTION [Christopher Jones]: NISD's Chris Jones has been named principal of Gene Pike Middle School.

BNHS Solar Car Zooms in First Place

The Byron Nelson High School solar car team takes first place in the Solar Car Challenge. The eight-day race started in the parking lot of the NISD stadium and traveled across the country to California. The team completed 650 miles and received more than five trophies during the seven racing stages. Their win marks the first Texas school to win the cross country event.

PHOTO CAPTION [solarcar.jpg]: The Byron Nelson High School solar car team received first place in the Solar Car Challenge. Their win marks the first Texas school to win the cross country event.

NISD Back-to-School Health Fair Provides Assistance to 850+ Students

Northwest ISD Partners in Education, in partnership with Heavenly Supply Depot, hosted the first Back to School Health Fair at Northwest High School on Saturday, August 3. The fair provided assistance to approximately 855 children through free services such as vision screenings, sports physicals, dental information and more.

PHOTO CAPTION [Walmart.jpg]: Roanoke Walmart provided free vision screenings to students at NISD's first Back-to-School Health Fair. Thanks to local business partners, more than 855 students received school supplies and free services during the event.

Returning Student Registration Available Now

Returning student registration is available now. This will replace the back-to-school packets issued on the first day of school. 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. As a reminder, the system is not fully compatible with Safari, Google Chrome and Firefox. Please ensure pop-up blockers are turned off. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org/enrollment.

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 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.

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 17th elementary school campus, Wayne A. Cox Elementary School, in Roanoke. For back-to-school information, go to www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool.

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