



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, August 20 – September 24

AMP Academy Student Receives Fifth in the Nation

This summer, Byron Nelson High School and Academy of Medical Professions (AMP) senior Ashley Humphries won fifth place at the National Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Convention. More than 7,500 students across the nation gathered in Nashville to compete in healthcare related categories. Humphries received fifth place in Clinical Specialty; Veterinary Science.

PHOTO CAPTION [Humphries.jpg]: Ashley Humphries, Academy of Medical Professions senior, won fifth place at the National HOSA Convention.

NISD to Issue Computing Devices to Secondary Students

For the past four years, NISD has issued more than 8,000 computing devices annually to secondary students as part of the district's vision to prepare every student for their future. This year, middle school students can pick up their Netbooks and high school students can pick up their Latitude tablets at their home campus during the following dates and times:

August 22, from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

August 23 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

August 26 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Students that are unable to pick up their device on these dates will receive their devices during the first two weeks of school. NISD students also have the opportunity to use personal electronic devices for educational purposes (bring your own device). Students must follow district policy and guidelines if they choose to use their own device. For more information about the devices, insurance, and policies to bring your own device, go to www.nisdtx.org/computingdevices.

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

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

NISD Offers Movax Immunization Clinics

State law requires students attending public schools to have up-to-date immunizations. As a convenience to families, Northwest ISD is hosting Movax Immunization Clinics during the month of August. The cost per child is \$20 for one vaccine, \$25 for two and \$35 for three or more. Children need to bring current shot records, and a parent/guardian must be present. For a list of dates, times and locations, go to www.nisdtx.org.

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.

NISD Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Northwest ISD will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 3.

Faith-Based Rally in NISD

The Northwest ISD Partners in Education program is offering an opportunity for faith-based organizations to learn how to become more involved in the school district. The Faith-Based Rally will be held on Thursday, September 19 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.

NISD Offers Gold Card Program

To show appreciation for years of support, Northwest ISD provides senior citizens living in the district the opportunity to be part of the district's Gold Card program. In addition to a free annual luncheon, Gold Card members receive free entry into district-sponsored events, performances, and athletic competitions. If you are 65 years of age or older, become a member of the NISD Gold Card program today. To join and reserve your seat at the luncheon on September 24, please call 817-215-0175.

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