



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, October 2 – October 28

NISD to Launch Mobile App in October

Northwest ISD is pleased to announce, "We have an app for that!" On October 16, NISD will launch a mobile application for your iPhone or Android device. Phase One of the NISD Mobile App will include news, a directory which includes names, email addresses and phone numbers, calendar and social media tools.

Phase Two will be released in January 2014 and will provide parents with access to check their child's grades, attendance and lunch account balance. Stay plugged in for updates on the district's newest communication tool at www.nisdtx.org.

BNHS Alumni Selected as ProStart/Cutting Edge Finalist

Byron Nelson High School graduate and former student in the school's Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Trenton Shank has advanced to the ProStart/Cutting Edge finals in Washington, D.C. The winner of the competition will spend Saturday, October 12 cooking at a very special event with Chef Maneet Chauhan and Chef Guy Mitchell. In April, Shank was selected as the winner of Chef Chauhan's classic student cooking competition as part of her 30-day book tour.

BNHS Softball Team Recognized as #1 for Academics

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association has announced the 2012-2013 Byron Nelson High School softball team has been announced as the highest ranking in the nation for a total grade point average of 4.650. In addition, all 11 members from last season earned individual All-American Awards. The 2012-2013 team members are listed below:

Ashley Dumoulin - senior
Kenedi Jackson - senior
Dani West - senior
Emily Wood – senior
Haley Gray – junior
Ashley Silva – junior
Logan Grado – sophomore
Aubree Spasic – sophomore
Jacey Allen – freshman
Cami Conrad – freshman
Chelsie McClure – freshman

BNHS Golf Teams Receive Local Honors

The Byron Nelson High School boys' golf team received second place out of 54 teams at the Bart Granger Memorial. Junior Johnny Jones won the individual championship after shooting four under par. The Byron Nelson High School girls' golf team received third place out of 16 teams at the Harbor Lakes tournament. Sophomore Alexandra Batista took third overall after shooting three over par. Last year, the BNHS girls' golf team was named 4A State Champions.

PHOTO CAPTION [Boys]: Out of the 54 teams competing at the Bart Granger Memorial, the BNHS boys' golf team won second place.

PHOTO CAPTION [Girls]: Defending their state title, the BNHS girls' golf team received third place at the Harbor Lakes tournament.

Ten NISD Students Named Commended in National Merit Scholarship Program

Two Northwest High School seniors, Taylor Lawrence and Wyatt Matthews, and eight Byron Nelson High School seniors, Madison Edwards, Mason Entingh, Conner Prachyl, Evan Sayles, Colby Stauss, Anthony Vannette, Ashley Watson and Haley Whitfield, have been named Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students will be presented a letter of commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Lawrence and Matthews are one of 34,000 students across the nation recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2014 competition by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Five NISD Students Named to National Hispanic Recognition Program

Byron Nelson High School seniors Brittney Vidal and Shelby Martinez and Northwest High School seniors Nuria Putnam, Atiana Waters and Joshua Whitehurst have been named scholars for the 2013-2014 National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP). The NHRP identifies academically outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students. These students are among 5,000 of the highest-scoring students from over 250,000 students who take the PSAT/NMSQT.

BNHS Student Named Outstanding Participant in National Merit Scholarship Program

Byron Nelson High School senior John Kouam has been named a National Achievement Scholarship Program "Outstanding Participant" as part of the National Merit Scholarship Program. Of the more than 160,000 students who enter the Achievement Program each year, more than 4,700 are honored. A group of approximately 3,100 are referred to as Outstanding Participants and are referred to colleges for their potential for academic success.

Steele Accelerated High School Awarded \$4,470 Grant

James M. Steele Accelerated High School has been awarded a \$4,470 grant from Wells Fargo. The grant will provide for a class set of each of the two required textbooks for dual credit English classes (valued at more than \$2,600). This will save each student who participates in the dual credit English courses offered at Steele over \$125 for the next several years. The second part of the grant provides training, resources, and uniform shirts for the Excel Club at the campus. This club will focus on providing students at Steele Accelerated High School with opportunities in leadership, community service and public relations.

PHOTO CAPTION [grant]: Representatives from Wells Fargo presented James M. Steele Accelerated High School with a grant for \$4,470. Funds will be used to create an Excel Club and provide textbooks for dual credit classes.

Tidwell Middle School Hosts College Prep Event for Students

Open to all NISD middle school students and parents, Tidwell Middle School will host an event, Begin with the End in Mind, on Thursday, October 10 from 6-7 p.m. in the gymnasium at Tidwell Middle School (address). Students and families will be able to hear speakers from Tarrant County College and the University of North Texas as well as receive information about high school expectations, college admissions, financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

NISD Sets Early Release Times for October 11

Northwest ISD will dismiss early on Friday, October 11 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 14 is a student holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, October 15.

NISD School Board Meeting

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, October 14 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

NEF Hosts Annual Golf Classic

The Northwest ISD Education Foundation (NEF) will host the 17th Annual Golf Classic on Thursday, October 17th at the Marriott Champions Circle. Proceeds from the Golf Classic will support the programs and scholarships provided to NISD teachers and students. For golf registration and event information, go to <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7xatkqy5f3cdf7>.

NISD School Board Meeting

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177).

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