



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, July 16 – August 9

Media Note: NISD Communications Department/Administration Building Summer Hours

The Northwest ISD Administration Building is operating under summer hours. 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 11.

Returning Student Registration Available on District's Website

Returning student registration is now available for current NISD students. 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.

An Enrollment Online help desk is available at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 817- 698-1099. Enrollment Online is available for use on a laptop or desktop computer using Internet Explorer. Please make sure compatibility mode is enabled. Campuses will have computers available for use for households without Internet. Please note, campuses will be closed until Monday, July 21.

NISD Volunteer System Receives Enhancements

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must have passed a criminal background check prior to volunteering. The Northwest Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) system will be a one-stop-shop for district stakeholders by including background checks and capturing complete volunteer interest profiles up front. Volunteers will also be able to begin submitting their volunteer background check forms for the 2014-2015 school year. This web-based, interactive contact center will enable volunteers to update contact details, preferences and match volunteer opportunities to parents and the community.

The new VIPS system can be accessed by going to www.nisdtx.org and clicking the VIPS link under Quick Links. For more information, contact NISD Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172.

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. Steele Accelerated High School opened its doors in 2010, appealing to 9-12th grade students who have a desire to accelerate their studies and path to a higher education. Thanks to a partnership with North Texas Community College, students can take expanded dual credit classes receiving college credit while taking their high school courses.

Steele is home to two NISD career academies: The Cosmetology Academy and The Collegiate Academy. The NISD Collegiate Academy opened in January to provide students with opportunities to enhance and accelerate their education and graduate high school with an associate's degree. Students are screened and recommended by middle and high school counselors with final approval being given by the North Central Texas College Vice President of Instruction. To submit an application, go to www.nisdtx.org/sahs. Applications are due by July 24. For more information, contact 817-698-5800.

NISD Summer Camps Underway

Northwest ISD offers a wide variety of summer school and sports camps and enrichment classes during the summer.

The following photo opportunities are available for the week of July 21 - 25:

- ***Byron Nelson High School Volleyball Camp***
July 21-24, 9 a.m. – noon (grades 3-5)
July 21-24, 1 – 4 p.m. (grades 6-7)
Bobcat Gym
- ***Theatre Camp***
July 21-August 8, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (grades 6-11)
Byron Nelson High School
This two-week intense acting/technical camp is designed for students interested in acting and being involved in the scenic/technical elements of theatre. Students will explore advanced acting techniques and will work on a full-length production.
- ***Technical Theatre: To Infinity and Beyond***
July 21-August 8, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (grades 6-8)
Northwest High School
Students will become familiar with every aspect of technical theatre, while receiving hands-on training from the student facility crew and facility manager for the Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center. Students will work with state-of-the-art lighting and sound equipment, learn the fundamentals to stage rigging and will leave ready and prepared to be the main operation crew for the NISD middle school musical *The Little Mermaid Jr.* This is a new camp NISD is offering for middle school students.

NISD to Host Second Annual Back to School Fair

Northwest ISD is partnering with Communities in Schools of North Texas to host the second annual Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). This year's fair will provide school supplies and assistance to families who need extra support based on their financial need (verified by their registration for free or reduced lunch). To make a tax-deductible donation, an in-kind contribution or to sponsor a family, go to www.cisnt.org.

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