



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, July 29 – August 26

#### ***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.*

#### **NISD Announces New Chief Technology Officer**

At a school board meeting on July 29, the NISD Board of Trustees approved Adam Feind, CETL as the district's new chief technology officer. This position will oversee technology, instructional technology and applications software in NISD. Currently, Mr. Feind is the executive director of technology in Midway ISD, where he has led the district in strategic planning and a 1:1 and virtual desktop initiative for the past 16 years. He will join the NISD team in August.

PHOTO CAPTION [adam feind]: Adam Feind, CETL will take the lead as the district's new chief technology officer.

#### **NISD Solar Car Soars Across the State**

On Wednesday, July 23 the Byron Nelson High School solar car team set off for the 2014 solar car challenge. For the second consecutive year, the team placed first in the Solar Car Challenge Classic Division. The car, the Cat 3.1, traveled 551.7 miles from Fort Worth to Austin.

PHOTO CAPTION [solar car team]: The Byron Nelson High School Solar Car Team poses for a photo before setting off for Austin, Texas in the 2014 Solar Car Challenge. The team received first place in this year's classic division.

#### **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 version nine or higher, Google Chrome or Safari. Please make sure compatibility mode is enabled. Campuses will have computers available for use for households without Internet.

#### **NISD Volunteer System Receives Enhancements**

Parents and other volunteers who plan to work with children in NISD schools must pass a criminal background check prior to volunteering. The Northwest Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) system is a one-stop-shop for district stakeholders. The newly improved system includes background checks and captures complete volunteer interest profiles. Volunteers can now submit their volunteer background check forms for the 2014-2015 school year. This web-based, interactive contact center enables volunteers to update contact details, preferences and match volunteer opportunities to parents and the community.

Access the new VIPS system at [www.nisdtx.org](http://www.nisdtx.org) and click the VIPS link under Quick Links. For more information, contact NISD Partners in Education Specialist Phil Beckman at 817-215-0172.

#### **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 August 4 - 9:

- ***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](http://www.cisnt.org).

**Plan Ahead for the 2014-2015 School Year**

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 26. Get information about campus meet the teacher nights, school supplies and more at [www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool](http://www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool).

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