



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, January 6- February 7

District Celebrates NISD School Board

January is School Board Recognition month, and NISD would like to say ‘thank you’ to its seven-member Board of Trustees. Each school board member is committed to the district’s vision and beliefs, putting kids first in every decision. The NISD Board of Trustees dedicate countless hours to serving and leading the school district, while providing a place where students can thrive and be prepared for their futures. The 2015-2016 Board of Trustees are President Josh Wright, Vice President Mark Schluter, Secretary Devonna Holland, Anne Davis-Simpson, Ph.D., Judy Copp, Lillian Rauch and Mel Fuller.

Two Schools Receive CREST Counseling Award

Samuel Beck Elementary School and Byron Nelson High School are two of 91 schools in Texas to receive the CREST award. CREST stands for Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas. In 2005, Texas School Counselor Association began a program called CREST to recognize schools with outstanding counseling programs. The program is evaluated in seven areas: principal’s support, school counseling advisory council, school climate and safety, student results, major achievements, community partnerships and parent collaboration. The campuses will be honored during the school counselor conferences in Dallas this February.

Local FFA Member Receives \$1,000 Grant From National FFA Foundation

Byron Nelson High School sophomore Madison Staab has received a \$1,000 Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) grant from the National Future Farmers of America Foundation. This grant is designed to help FFA members create and enhance their supervised agricultural experience, a requirement that all FFA members must complete. An SAE requires FFA members to create and operate an agriculture-related business, work at an agriculture-related business or conduct an agricultural research experience. Upon completion, FFA members must submit a comprehensive report regarding their career development experience.

Staab is a member of the Byron Nelson FFA Chapter and was selected from hundreds of applicants nationwide. The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 629,367 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 7,757 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

NISD Sets Early Release Days

Northwest ISD campuses will dismiss early on Thursday, January 14 and Friday, January 15 at the following times:

Elementary Schools: 12:15 p.m.
Steele Accelerated High School/Special Programs: 1:05 p.m.
Northwest, Eaton and Byron Nelson High Schools: 1:15 p.m.
Middle Schools: 1:25 p.m.

NISD Closed January 18

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 19.

Volunteer in NISD Schools

Interested in joining a group of 7,000 individuals who make a difference in the lives of NISD students and staff each day? Be an NISD volunteer! Here's how:

- Log on to www.nisdtx.org, and click the Volunteer Background Check link under Quick Links.
- Once your background check has been approved, you can access your Virtual Volunteer account to sign up for opportunities to serve.

For more information, call 817-215-0172.

Mentors Matter

Did you know you can make a difference in a child's life in just 30 minutes a week? The NISD mentoring program brings together individual students with caring adults who have made a commitment to meet on the school campus to listen and offer encouragement to students. If you are interested in becoming an NISD mentor, please call 817-215-0172. Mentors are required to complete a background check, a mentor application and attend an orientation. Please go to www.nisdtx.org/pie for more information. The next orientation is Tuesday, January 19 at 12 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

Eaton High School Presents Inaugural Musical Performance

V. R. Eaton High School is excited to announce the show times for its first musical performance "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." This musical is produced through the Eaton Players Theatre Company at Eaton High School at the new, state-of-the-art Eaton Performing Arts Center. Show times are January 21-23 at 7 p.m. and January 24 at 2 p.m. at the V.R. Eaton High School Performing Arts Center (1350 Eagle Boulevard, Fort Worth, 76052). Tickets are \$5 for senior citizens, students and children over the age of four, \$10 for adults and free for Gold Card members and NISD staff.

BNHS Announces Seventh Annual Musical

The Byron Nelson High School theatre department presents *Tales of the South Pacific* on January 28-30 at 7 p.m. and January 31 at 2 p.m. Performances are at the Byron Nelson High School Performing Arts Center (2775 Bobcat Boulevard, Trophy Club, 76262). Tickets for adults are \$10 and students and senior citizens are \$5. NISD employees and Gold Card members receive free admission. To purchase tickets online, go to <https://www.ticketracker.com/store/events/284>.

NHS Theatre Presents *The Music Man*

The Northwest High School theatre department presents *The Music Man* on February 4-6 at 7:30 p.m. and February 7 at 2:30 p.m. All performances will be held at the Northwest High School Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center (2201 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. NISD staff and Gold Card members have free admission.

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