



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, September 16 – 30

NISD CFO Jon Graswich Promoted to Associate Superintendent for Business and Operations

Chief Financial Officer, Jon Graswich, has been promoted to the position of Associate Superintendent for Business and Operations. Primary responsibilities for this position include overseeing financial services, purchasing, payroll, facilities, maintenance, construction, human resources, benefits, and safety and security.

“It’s an honor to have Jon Graswich move into the role of Associate Superintendent for Business and Operations,” said Dr. Karen G. Rue, NISD Superintendent of Schools. “He has served Northwest ISD for the last 17 years as the Chief Financial Officer, earning the district multiple national financial awards as well as the School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) ‘Superior Achievement’ designation for the tenth year in a row.”

PHOTO CAPTION [Jon Graswich]: John Graswich promoted to NISD Associate Superintendent for Business and Operations.

Joel Johnson Takes Reins of NISD Athletics

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved Joel Johnson as the new NISD Executive Director of Athletics. Coach Johnson came to NISD as the Offensive Coordinator for Northwest High School in 2009 before becoming the Assistant Athletic Director in 2014. His philosophy of accountability for athletes, both in and out of the classroom, is an important aspect of coaching he has carried throughout his years in education. "Every athlete is a student first. Being accountable for performances on the field or on the court comes in second to accountability in the classroom," says Coach Johnson. "If they're not performing in academics they can't perform on the field."

Coach Johnson's high expectations do not revolve solely around athletic performance. He feels student athletes should go above and beyond physical and academic performances. "Creating well-rounded and respectful student athletes is always a goal. Respecting parents, teachers, coaches and peers is just as important," said Johnson.

PHOTO CAPTION [Joel Johnson]: Joel Johnson named NISD Executive Director of Athletics.

NISD United For Kids Connection Luncheon

United For Kids Connection Luncheon was held on Tuesday, September 15 at the NISD Administration Building. This event connects potential volunteers from the community with personnel from the campuses to learn about volunteer opportunities. The attendees heard from school counselors who have seen the impact of volunteers on students, and from one volunteer who shared what it is like to be a mentor in NISD. To learn more about volunteering in NISD, please call 817-215-0172.

PHOTO CAPTION [Teresa English visiting with U4K guest]: Teresa English, Counselor at Roanoke Elementary School, shares volunteer opportunities with a United For Kids luncheon guest.

NISD Offers Gold Card Program

To show appreciation for their 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 scheduled for October 13, 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, please call 817-215-0175 or go to <http://www.nisdtx.org/Domain/6214>.

NISD School Board Meetings

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

Speeding to Read Kickoff, September 29 at Texas Motor Speedway

Three NISD elementary schools, Beck Elementary, Peterson Elementary and Sendera Ranch Elementary, will participate in the Speeding to Read challenge, along with several other schools from area districts. The Kickoff event will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, at Texas Motor Speedway, 3545 Lone Star Circle (corner of I-35W and Highway 114) in Fort Worth.

I Love NISD Campaign

To show your support and secure your "I Love NISD" package, visit www.northwestef.org, or call the NEF office at 817-215-0173. With your purchase you will receive a 12"x18" yard sign, decal, and t-shirt. Your donation will benefit the Northwest Education Foundation and the Northwest Council of the PTAs. With your \$40 purchase you will be showing your support and pride in NISD, and also helping provide critical resources to ensure that every NISD student has the opportunity to be future-ready.

PHOTO CAPTION [Trophy Club Mayor]: Justin Mayor Nick Sanders loves NISD! Did you know that Trophy Club is home to four NISD schools? Beck Elementary, Lakeview Elementary, Medlin Middle School and Byron Nelson High School call Trophy Club home.

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