



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, Jan. 4-23

Community invited to vote on 2017-18 calendar options

Northwest ISD students, families, staff and community members are invited to vote on academic calendar options for the coming 2017-18 school year, with three options available for selection through an online poll at www.nisdtx.org/calendarvote.

The online poll will be available through Friday, Jan. 13, and the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will vote on the final academic calendar in February. All three options available for selection were created based on community feedback from previous school years, including requests for scheduling semester exams prior to the winter holiday, having breaks in both the fall and spring and using Good Friday as a holiday.

Each year, the Northwest ISD District Education Improvement Council is tasked with developing academic calendar options. The council is composed of parents, teachers and community members, and they develop and submit calendar options to seek input from staff and community members.

Eaton Sapphires perform in 128th Rose Parade

Eaton High School's Sapphires drill team performed in the 128th annual Rose Parade on Monday, Jan. 2, showcasing their talents alongside the few fine arts teams and organizations chosen to perform in the prestigious event.

The parade, one of the largest New Year celebrations of its kind in the world, took place in Pasadena, California, and preceded the annual Rose Bowl football game. As part of the event, the Sapphires performed with 250 of the top dancers from the state of Texas to kick off the parade.

Eaton's drill team was chosen from more than 10,000 participants in summer camps hosted by HTEDance, the selecting organization for the Sapphires' inclusion, during 2016. This year's Rose Parade theme was "Echoes of Success," telling the story of how character is developed and the organizations that contribute to building character, including schools.

To view footage of the team's performance, [click here](#). To see photos of the Eaton Sapphires preparations and fun at the Rose Parade, follow the team's Twitter account at www.twitter.com/eatondance.

Three Byron Nelson students qualify for state speech tournament

Three Byron Nelson High School students qualified for the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament, sending them to one of the top speech and debate contest in the state.

In March, Byron Nelson will be represented by Luke Chitwood in humorous interpretation, Claire Perkins in original oratory and Hannah Stauss in dramatic interpretation at the state competition in Plano. The competition will last March 9-11 and take place at Plano West Senior High School.

For more information about the TFA State Tournament, [click here](#). For more information about the Byron Nelson speech and debate team, [click here](#).

Next school board meeting taking place Jan. 9

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

High school musicals set for coming month

Northwest ISD's three comprehensive high schools – Byron Nelson, Eaton and Northwest – will each host their spring musicals in the coming month, beginning in mid-January and ending in the first days of February.

Northwest will kick off the musical season with its performance of "Big Fish," scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 12, to Sunday, Jan. 15. Byron Nelson follows with performances of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" from Thursday, Jan. 26, to Sunday, Jan. 29. Eaton will host its performances of "The Wizard of Oz" from Thursday, Feb. 2, to Sunday, Feb. 5. All performances are at 7 p.m. except for Sunday performances, which take place at 2 p.m.

All performances take place in the host school's performing arts center. Tickets to each performance are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Northwest ISD staff and Gold Card members receive free admission.

POSTERS INCLUDED [Byron Nelson Modern Millie Musical.jpg, Eaton Wizard of Oz Musical.pdf, Northwest Big Fish Musical.jpg]

Northwest ISD schools observing Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 16

All Northwest ISD schools and offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Schools will resume classes and operate on their normal schedules the following day, Tuesday, Jan. 17.

To view the full 2016-17 Northwest ISD academic calendar, [click here](#).

Incoming freshmen invited to high school showcase on Jan. 23

All incoming freshmen are invited to their respective high schools' showcases on Monday, Jan. 23, where they can learn about campus programs and opportunities as well as high school in general.

Each high school – Byron Nelson, Eaton, Northwest and Steele Accelerated – will host its showcase from 6 to 7:30 p.m., where students can learn about academic courses and extracurricular activities. A 30-minute parent/guardian information meeting will be held at two times, 6 and 7 p.m., with the latter session serving as a repeat for anyone unable to attend the first session.

In addition to general information about campus programs and opportunities, school faculty will provide students and families with information for course selection for the coming academic year.

Though the event is primarily aimed at freshmen, any current high school student or guardian is also welcome to attend. For more information, please contact a high school's front office directly. Byron Nelson can be reached at 817-698-5600, Eaton can be reached at 817-698-7300, Northwest can be reached at 817-215-0200 and Steele can be reached at 817-698-5800.

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