



School Notes

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Northwest ISD School Notes, May 17-June 2

Three students earn medals, two championships at track and field state meet

A student-athlete from each comprehensive Northwest ISD high school – Byron Nelson, Eaton and Northwest – earned a medal at the UIL Track & Field State Meet, with two being crowned state champions.

Byron Nelson senior Sanaa Barnes earned gold in the 6A girls high jump, earning the medal with a jump of 5 feet, 8 inches. Sanaa's gold marks the second consecutive year a Bobcat has earned a state championship in track and field, as former Bobcat and current TCU student-athlete Leilyn Miles earned 6A girls shotput gold in 2016. After graduation, Sanaa will compete for Villanova in both volleyball and track and field.

Northwest senior Caden McDonald also earned a state championship, finishing first in the 5A boys discus throw with a toss of 190 feet, 6 inches. Caden is Northwest's first state champion in track and field since Desiree Freier won the 5A girls pole vault in 2014. He will compete for San Diego State University in football after graduating.

Eaton junior Allyn Tyer earned a bronze medal in the 5A girls pole vault with a height of 12 feet in a close competition. The gold medalist finished with a vault just three inches better than Allyn's, and the silver medalist had an identical best vault but earned her medal based on fewer misses. Allyn is Eaton's sole state medalist in track and field thus far – the school has only been open for two years and currently lacks a senior class.

Each medalist is also a repeat performer at the state meet, as all three competed in the meet in 2016. That year, Allyn earned a silver in the 4A girls pole vault, Sanaa earned a bronze in the 6A girls high jump and Caden finished fifth in the 6A boys discus throw.

PHOTO [Track & Field State Medalists.jpg]: Eaton junior Allyn Tyer, Northwest senior Caden McDonald and Byron Nelson senior Sanaa Barnes pose with their UIL Track & Field State Meet medals. Caden and Sanaa became state champions at the meet by earning gold, while Allyn earned a bronze. Both Sanaa and Allyn earned medals at the meet for the second consecutive year.

Online enrollment for 2017-18 new students now available, returning student enrollment coming soon

Online enrollment for students new to Northwest ISD during the 2017-18 school year is now available at www.nisdtx.org/enrollment, and registration for returning students will open on July 17.

Northwest ISD now uses the PowerSchool Registration online enrollment service, simplifying the process from previous years. PowerSchool Registration will gradually walk parents and guardians through a step-by-step online enrollment process, with simple questions for each child being enrolled.

When online enrollment opens for returning students, parents and guardians will be sent a “snap code” to register their children. This snap code will allow parents and guardians to begin updating their child's information and provide pre-filled information in many areas.

Parents and guardians should use an email address they readily use, as all future enrollment communication will be sent to this address, including coming school years. If a parent or guardian has multiple children in the district, he or she should use the same email address for all student registrations.

All parents and guardians enrolling children should be prepared with proof of residency and updated immunization records.

To ensure the enrollment process is as easy as possible for families new to the district, Northwest ISD will hold centralized summer registration for various feeder patterns from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates:

- Aug. 2: Northwest High School
- Aug. 11: Byron Nelson High School
- Aug. 15: Eaton High School

Parents and guardians new to the district should attend the registration event that corresponds to their child's zoned high school (parents and guardians of all elementary and middle schools that feed into Northwest High School would attend its event, for instance). Students who will attend Steele Accelerated High School can attend any of the three events.

Families of returning students can complete the registration process at their children's campuses. Families new to the district can also complete the registration process at their children's campuses instead of at the aforementioned registration events if they desire.

Nance students try out principal job for a day

Seven Nance Elementary School students are in the process of trying out their school's principal job for a day after leading a recent PTA fundraiser.

The top seven fundraisers for their school organization received the opportunity to serve as principal for a day alongside Principal Penny Bowles. For their job, the students walked around classrooms during the day and judged how students were learning. They also read the morning announcements and took part in other school festivities.

PHOTO [Principal for a Day 01.jpg]: Nance Elementary School student Ellie Towle poses with Penny Bowles, her school principal, as she serves as the school's honorary principal of the day. Ellie and seven other students earned the one-day position by leading a recent PTA fundraiser.

PHOTO [Principal for a Day 02.jpg]: Ellie and Mrs. Bowles visit with students in one of Nance Elementary School's classes as the principal of the day judges their teacher's work.

Tuition-based pre-K application process now open

Northwest ISD will begin offering tuition-based pre-kindergarten during the 2017-18 school year, and the application process for the program is now open.

Tuition-based pre-K is available for children who live within Northwest ISD boundaries and will be 4 years old by Sept. 1 but do not meet the eligibility requirements to enroll in state-funded pre-K. Those who are accepted into the tuition-based program will have the opportunity to attend half-day pre-K. Tuition for the program is \$419.77 per month over nine months.

Because class space is limited, tuition-based pre-K will select students through a lottery system. Lottery registration for the program will be available until Thursday, June 8, when the application process will close. On Monday, July 31, students will be selected for the program based on available classroom spaces at Hughes, Justin, Lakeview, Love, Nance, Prairie View, Seven Hills and Thompson elementary schools.

Parents and guardians of applicants will be notified of their position by 5 p.m. selection day and will have 48 hours to complete online registration and schedule a document review session with their campus.

To begin the tuition-based pre-K application process or learn more about the program, [click here](#). For information about the state-funded program – available free to those who meet language, educationally disadvantaged, active-duty military parent, foster care or homeless requirements – [click here](#).

Registration for district's summer TechnoCamps now open

Registration for five summer technology camps hosted by Northwest ISD is now open, providing students with opportunities to learn about popular topics at all elementary and middle school grade levels.

Three robotics camps are available for \$95 per student: CampWeDo 1.0 Robotics, CampWeDo 2.0 Robotics and Camp EV3 Robotics. These camps vary by grade level, with at least one course offering available for all kindergarten to eighth-grade students. For students in second to eighth grades, Camp Makey Makey/Stop Motion

Animation comes with a take-home kit for \$150 per student. Camp Raspberry Pi also comes with a take-home kit and costs \$150 per student, providing each attendee with introductory coding tutorials with a small computer system.

Each camp takes place Monday to Thursday over the summer, with dates varying by camp and session. All campers will receive a free T-shirt as part of their participation in a TechnoCamp.

All camps will be held at Pike Middle School, located at 2200 Texan Drive in Fort Worth, featuring both morning and afternoon sessions. To learn more about each camp or register for a camp, visit technocamp.nisdtx.org.

Next school board meeting taking place May 22

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 22, in the boardroom at the Northwest ISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

High school graduations take place in late May

Northwest ISD's graduation ceremonies will begin Thursday, May 25, with Steele Accelerated High School, followed by Byron Nelson and Northwest high schools on Tuesday, May 30.

Steele's graduation ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. in Northwest High School's Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center, located at 2301 Texan Drive in Fort Worth (GPS devices may require Justin to be entered). The PAC is located at the rear of the campus, near the west entrance.

Byron Nelson and Northwest will both hold their graduation ceremonies at the University of North Texas Coliseum, located at 600 Ave. D in Denton. Byron Nelson will hold its ceremony at 3 p.m., while Northwest will hold its ceremony at 7 p.m.

Attendees of Byron Nelson and Northwest's graduation ceremonies are recommended to leave early, as some roads may be blocked off for the ceremony and areas of I-35 near the university campus are under construction. Parking is available across from the UNT Coliseum in lot 20. For information about road closures near UNT, [click here](#). To see a map of UNT that displays the Coliseum and lot 20, [click here](#).

Information on live streams of the graduation ceremonies for those unable to attend in person will be available closer to each event.

For more information about a graduation ceremony, please contact the appropriate school's front office. Byron Nelson can be reached at 817-698-5600, Northwest can be reached at 817-215-0200 and Steele can be reached at 817-698-5800.

Texas Rangers hosting Northwest ISD Night on June 2

Northwest ISD and the Texas Rangers will host a special community night for the school district's students, staff and families, and tickets to the night's game are now on sale.

The Texas Rangers will host Northwest ISD Night on Friday, June 2, when the team faces the Houston Astros beginning at 7:05 p.m. An exclusive voucher to receive a free Texas Rangers baseball cap branded with one of Northwest ISD's three comprehensive high schools (Byron Nelson, Eaton or Northwest) will be provided to the first 300 registrants for each school. Additionally, all Northwest ISD students registered as part of the community night will receive a free whiffle ball set.

Prior to the game's start, the Rangers will also celebrate Northwest ISD education through a special video recording and announced information.

All tickets purchased for the event will receive a discounted price. For more information about the event, [click here to download a PDF flyer](#). To purchase tickets in one of the nine seating areas included for the event, visit www.texasrangers.com/schools.

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