



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, Aug. 17-30

#### **Schools preparing for first day on Monday, Aug. 22**

Northwest ISD schools are preparing to welcome students back for the 2016-17 academic year beginning Monday, Aug. 22, and the district will welcome more than 22,000 students for the new year.

The first day of school will operate on regular schedules, with campuses of the same level having the same start and release times. Elementary schools will have a day schedule of 7:40 a.m. to 3 p.m., middle schools will have a schedule of 8:50 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. and high schools will have a schedule of 8:40 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additionally, Steele Accelerated High School and special programs/DAEP will operate on a schedule of 8:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

For more information about Northwest ISD back-to-school requirements, meet the teacher nights and supplies, visit [www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool](http://www.nisdtx.org/backtoschool).

#### **Roanoke's Monica Lemke named regional Teacher of the Year**

Roanoke Elementary School third-grade math and science teacher Monica Lemke was named the Region XI Education Service Center's Teacher of the Year on Aug. 10, qualifying her for the state Elementary Teacher of the Year award.

Mrs. Lemke's win establishes her as one of the top teachers in an area educational consortium that includes 10 counties, 77 school districts, 52 charter schools and 114 private schools. Her honor came despite just three years as a full-time teacher because of the enormous impact she's already had on her students and Northwest ISD. She has served as a Roanoke Elementary third-grade team leader, Northwest ISD elementary math curriculum writer and presenter, and given or participated in numerous presentations and trainings with fellow educators.

For more information about Mrs. Lemke's honor, [click here](#).

PHOTO INCLUDED [ESC Region XI Winners.jpg]: Northwest ISD's Monica Lemke (right), third-grade math and science teacher at Roanoke Elementary, poses with Lake Dallas ISD's Denise Kennedy (left), band director at Lake Dallas High School, after winning the elementary and secondary Teacher of the Year awards, respectively, for their region.

#### **Eaton preparing to open district aeronautics academy**

In addition to the first day of school, Aug. 22 also marks the opening of Northwest ISD's newest academic offering, the Academy of Aeronautics & Aviation Sciences. The academy is housed at Eaton High School, located at 1350 Eagle Blvd. in Haslet.

The new academy will provide students with classes providing credit for several aeronautic collegiate tracts in partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Tarrant County College. More than 65 students across the district are already enrolled, with the program anticipated to expand each year.

Tim Gamache, a 25-year U.S. Navy veteran who graduated from the prestigious "Topgun" program, serves as head of the academy. [Click here](#) to read more information about Mr. Gamache and the aeronautics academy.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Tim Gamache.jpg]: Tim Gamache, head of Northwest ISD's new Academy of Aeronautics & Aviation Sciences, poses in his office at Eaton High School. Mr. Gamache will use his 25 years of experience in the U.S. Navy to lead the new academy's students and provide them with training that can serve as credit for collegiate courses.

**Byron Nelson students place in top five at national leadership conference**

Three Byron Nelson High School students received top honors at a recent national leadership conference in Atlanta, notching a top-five finish at a meeting that drew more than 12,500 students from across the U.S.

Byron Nelson students Sevine Dandan, Scott Hoppes and Luke Livingston placed fourth in the management decision making competition at the Future Business Leaders of America's National Leadership Conference in Atlanta from June 29 to July 2.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Byron Nelson FBLA.jpg]: Byron Nelson High School students Sevine Dandan, Scott Hoppes and Luke Livingston are seen accepting their fourth-place award at the Future Business Leaders of America's National Leadership Conference in Atlanta. The conference was attended by more than 12,500 students from across the U.S., placing the Byron Nelson students at the top of one of the largest events of its kind.

**Northwest ISD Back-to-School Fair helps more than 1,000 students in need**

More than 1,000 Northwest ISD students in need received free backpacks and school supplies at or in the days leading up to the district's Back-to-School Fair on Aug. 13, the largest output the 4-year-old event has ever seen.

In addition to supplies, 46 students received haircuts, 70 students received immunizations and 24 students received sports physicals. The haircuts were provided by students from the district's Academy of Cosmetology at Steele Accelerated High School, known as the "Shears of Steele."

As a result of generosity from its local community, Northwest ISD still has about 1,000 backpacks filled with supplies that will be provided to students in need during the course of the academic year.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Shears of Steele.jpg]: Students enrolled in Northwest ISD's Academy of Cosmetology at Steele Accelerated High School, collectively known as the "Shears of Steele," provide free haircuts at the district's Back-to-School Fair on Aug. 13. The fair provided more than 800 students in need at the event with free supplies and/or services, and about 200 received free supplies in the days leading up to the event.

**Reception for new superintendent on Aug. 30**

A reception for community members to meet Dr. Ryder Warren, Northwest ISD's new superintendent of schools, will take place 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the district's administration building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

Dr. Warren began his role as superintendent on July 21 and comes to NISD from Midland ISD, where he was also superintendent. He was selected after a five-month search in which 40 applicants from 15 states were screened for the district's top leadership role.

**Register for prekindergarten in Northwest ISD**

Prekindergarten registration is available for NISD children who are four years old by Sept. 1, 2016, and who meet eligibility requirements set by the state of Texas. Appointments can be made at the following elementary schools: Roanoke, Hughes, Clara Love, Thompson, Peterson, Justin, Nance and Seven Hills. Additionally, Prairie View will offer bilingual prekindergarten. For more information about prekindergarten classes, requirements and registration, go to [www.nisdtx.org/prek](http://www.nisdtx.org/prek).

**School board meeting taking place Aug. 22**

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

**NISD to launch new mobile app**

In an effort to match the district's newly designed website, which premiered in July, Northwest ISD will launch a redesigned mobile application available on the iTunes Store and Google Play. The district is currently designing a new mobile application to feature news, events, lunch menus, access to grades and more. The enhanced mobile application will be available early this fall and provide seamless integration with the redesigned NISD website.