



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, Aug. 31-Sept. 30

Northwest ISD schools closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day

All Northwest ISD schools and facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day, which is a student and staff holiday.

Schools will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and operate on their regular schedules. Elementary schools operate from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., middle schools operate from 8:50 a.m. to 4:10 p.m., high schools operate from 8:40 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Steele Accelerated High School and special programs operate from 8:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Annual middle school musical set for Sept. 16, 17

Northwest ISD middle schools will host their annual musical performance on Sept. 16 and 17 with their rendition of “The Lion King Jr.”

Performances are set for 7 p.m. on both Friday, Sept. 16, and Saturday, Sept. 17, with an additional matinee performance at 2 p.m. on the latter date. All performances will take place at 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 as the location).

Tickets will be available via the Fine Arts portion of the Northwest ISD website at www.nisdtx.org/finearts closer to the performance dates. Additionally, tickets will be purchasable at the door prior to each performance. General tickets for adults are \$10, while student tickets are \$5. Northwest ISD and Gold Card members receive free admission.

POSTER INCLUDED [NISD Lion King.pdf]

Byron Nelson state-winning FFA team honored

Byron Nelson High School’s veterinary science team was recently honored for their 2015-16 state championship with a special ceremony held by teachers and Northwest ISD FFA alumni and supporters.

At the ceremony, held at the district’s Kelly W. Box Agricultural Science Center on Tuesday, students of the state-winning team were presented with a commemorative belt buckle celebrating their state championship. Members of the championship team include Lauren Hartmann, Jennie Powell, Kylie Scott, Madison Staab and Matea Tirado.

The Byron Nelson veterinary science team is currently preparing to compete at the National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis this October. For more information about their participation in the national event, [click here](#).

PHOTO INCLUDED [Buckle Ceremony.jpg]: From left: Raymond Wood (of James Wood Autopark), Kylie Scott, James Wood (of James Wood Autopark), Madison Staab, Lauren Hartmann, Jennie Powell and Byron Nelson High School FFA instructor Mark Goggins pose with honorary belt buckles for winning the state championship in veterinary science. Kylie, Madison, Lauren, Jennie and Matea Tirado will next compete in a national competition in the same category in October. James Wood Autopark has sponsored Northwest ISD FFA programs and provided funds necessary to help schools provide vital equipment, services and training for FFA students.

Superintendent meets with community members

Dr. Ryder Warren, Northwest ISD superintendent, recently met with community members during a meet-and-greet reception at the district's administration building.

During the meeting, Dr. Warren accepted questions from community members and provided highlights from his time with the district thus far, which began in July. Dr. Warren comes to Northwest ISD from Midland ISD, where he was also superintendent, and was mentored by Dr. Keith Sockwell, former Northwest ISD superintendent.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Warren Meet and Greet 01.jpg]: Dr. Ryder Warren, Northwest ISD superintendent, speaks with community members and staff during meet-and-greet reception on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Warren Meet and Greet 01.jpg]: Dr. Ryder Warren talks to Byron Nelson High School ambassadors during his meet-and-greet reception on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Byron Nelson sets homecoming festivities

Byron Nelson High School has set homecoming festivities for its homecoming football game next month, with community members invited to a parade prior to the game.

The Byron Nelson Bobcats will host their homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 30, taking on the Flower Mound Jaguars at 7:30 p.m. A homecoming parade and pep rally scheduled for 6:20 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, will precede the game.

For more information on Byron Nelson's festivities, please call the school front office at 817-698-5600.

Gold Card membership offers free activities to senior citizens

To show appreciation for 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, 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 and reserve your seat at the luncheon on Oct. 18, please call 817-215-0175.

GEM award to honor outstanding central office employees

Northwest ISD will launch its GEM award program to honor a central office employee who goes above and beyond to provide customer service that aids the district's core belief providing the best support and environment for students to ensure they are put first.

In partnership with Chick-fil-A Roanoke, the district will honor an outstanding employee each six weeks based on anonymous recommendations. These recommendations will be judged based on the examples provided by the submitter, including the ways the employee provided excellent customer service and how he or she positively represents Northwest ISD. Any community member – including students and parents – as well as NISD teachers and staff are invited to nominate an administrative employee.

For more information about the GEM award or to nominate an employee for the honor, visit www.nisdtx.org/gem.

School board meeting taking place Sept. 12

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, 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.