



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, Oct. 12-24

#### **Byron Nelson, Eaton junior drill team members to perform at upcoming football games**

Junior members of the Byron Nelson Bobcat Dazzlers and Eaton Sapphires – participants in recent dance clinics – will perform prior to upcoming football games for both high schools.

Junior Bobcat Dazzlers will perform at Byron Nelson's Friday, Oct. 14, home game against Lewisville at Northwest ISD Stadium, located at 1937 Texan Drive in Fort Worth (some GPS devices may require Justin to be entered as an address). The Junior Sapphires will perform at the Eaton home game at Northwest ISD Stadium against Aledo the following day, Saturday, Oct. 15. Each performance will take place prior to the start of its respective game.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Eaton Sapphires Junior Clinic.jpg]: Sendera Ranch Elementary School first-grader Brooklyn Vercher (right) dances with Eaton High School Sapphire drill team member Kelsey Morris. The Sapphires hosted students from around the area at their dance clinic on Saturday, Oct. 8, and will perform with them prior to the school's football game on Oct. 15.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Bobcat Dazzlers Junior Clinic.jpg]: Young girls from across the area take part in the Byron Nelson High School Bobcat Dazzlers dance clinic on Saturday, Oct. 8. The girls learned part of the Bobcat Dazzlers' routine that they will later perform prior to the school's football game on Oct. 14.

#### **Byron Nelson softball tops in the nation for team GPA**

The Byron Nelson High School Bobcat softball team has again been recognized for having the top team GPA in the nation, earning a prestigious academic award for the fourth consecutive year.

Byron Nelson's softball team earned the National Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association's All-Academic Team award with a weighted GPA of 4.916, significantly ahead of all other teams in the United States.

The NFSCA annually ranks the top teams across collegiate divisions as well as junior colleges and high schools throughout the entire U.S.

#### **NISD to host Deep Dish Discussions**

Northwest ISD and the Northwest ISD Council of PTAs will host Deep Dish Discussions with Superintendent Ryder Warren this fall, where community members can learn about the current state and future of the school district.

Join Dr. Warren and district leaders for the inside scoop on Northwest ISD's academic future, growth projections and details on the Texas Legislature's upcoming session. Collaborate on issues facing public education and Northwest ISD and enjoy a dish of ice cream at one of three meetings:

- Oct. 26 – Byron Nelson High School
- Nov. 2 – Eaton High School
- Dec. 6 – Northwest High School

All meetings will take place 6-7 p.m. in the host school's student union. Community feedback from the meeting will be used to help Northwest ISD prepare for the future.

#### **Northwest ISD honored with top financial transparency awards**

The Association of School Business Officials and Government Finance Officers Association have each awarded Northwest Independent School District with their top awards for financial transparency, the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Northwest ISD's Financial Services Department was recognized by both associations for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending in 2015. The awards signify the district's commitment to financial accountability and transparency, and its recognition can help strengthen a district's presentation for bond issuance statements and promotes a high level of financial reporting.

Each Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded by an impartial panel selected to determine government organizations that meet high standards of disclosure.

#### **Northwest ISD Twitter account ranked top in area**

The Texas Social Media Research Institute, a part of Tarleton State University, has named Northwest ISD's Twitter account as the No. 1 Texas school district account for Region 11, a geographic area that spans 10 counties and 77 public school districts in North Texas.

Northwest ISD's Twitter account, [@NorthwestISD](#), was ranked first ahead of several larger school districts, including Fort Worth ISD, Arlington ISD, Lewisville ISD, Mansfield ISD, Keller ISD and Denton ISD. Rankings were determined based on a culmination of factors, including Klout score – a metric used to rank online influence via social media – and amount of followers.

The TSMRI will honor the top Twitter accounts across a variety of categories at the 6th annual Texas Social Media Conference at Tarleton State University Fort Worth on Friday, Nov. 4. For more information about the conference, visit [www.txsocialmedia.org](http://www.txsocialmedia.org).

#### **District hosting college and career fair on Nov. 3**

Northwest ISD will host a college and career fair for all students and their parents or guardians on Thursday, Nov. 3, where they can learn about a variety of topics through multiple breakout sessions.

The event will take place at Byron Nelson High School, located at 2775 Bobcat Blvd. in Trophy Club, and is scheduled to last from 6-8 p.m. Attendees will be able to take two breakout sessions at the event, with sessions taking place at 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

At the earlier breakout timeslot, the following sessions will be available: college admissions, financial aid and scholarships, Naviance Family Connections for middle school, and NCAA eligibility. At the latter breakout timeslot, college admissions, a Spanish-language college 101, financial aid and scholarships, and Naviance Family Connections for high school sessions will be available.

For more information about the college and career fair, please contact Jamie Farber, director of guidance and counseling at Northwest ISD, by phone at 817-215-0187 or via email at [jfarber@nisdtx.org](mailto:jfarber@nisdtx.org).

#### **Name submissions now being accepted for Middle School No. 6**

Northwest ISD is now accepting name submissions for its next facility, Middle School No. 6, which is anticipated to open in August 2018 across the street from Eaton High School and Schluter Elementary School in the Haslet area.

Submissions can be made online at [www.nisdtx.org/nameschools](http://www.nisdtx.org/nameschools). For those who prefer to submit a nomination through a paper format, the naming submission form can be [downloaded here](#), printed and submitted to the Northwest ISD central office, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth (though GPS devices may require Justin to be entered as the location). To submit via mail, forms can be sent to P.O. Box 77077 in Fort Worth, with the zip code 76177.

The submission process will close after Monday, Oct. 17, after which the selection committee will present a recommendation to the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees on Monday, Nov. 14. Trustees will vote to approve or deny the recommendation on Monday, Dec. 12.

**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. 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.

**School board meeting taking place Oct. 24**

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, 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 in mid-October and provide seamless integration with the redesigned NISD website.

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