



School Notes

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Northwest ISD launches new mobile app

Northwest ISD has launched its new mobile app for the iPhone and Android smartphones, and it can be downloaded immediately from each platform's respective app store, accessible via www.nisdtx.org/app.

The free Northwest ISD app features close integration with the district's website, from calendar updates to news stories and much more. Through the app, users can select schools to receive information specifically about their home campuses directly from those schools' websites. Additionally, users can access the app's school directory to find quick-access information about a school, such as a map to receive directions and links to call the school's front office or view its website, social media accounts or staff directory.

Parents, students and staff can use the app as a one-stop location to quickly access important district services, such as meal payments, grades (through Home Access Center), Moodle and more.

Byron Nelson debate students participating in presidential debate watch party

Students from Carla Reisman's speech and debate class at Byron Nelson High School will participate in a presidential debate watch party at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, and provide feedback to a poll hosted by the National Speech & Debate Association.

Mrs. Reisman's students will use the third and final 2016 presidential debate as a learning tool to analyze each candidate's claims as well as the overall debate the following day in class. During the debate itself, her students will take part in a live national poll and provide updates from their watch party on Twitter using the hashtag #DebatingtheDebates.

For more information on the event, please email Mrs. Reisman at creisman@nisdtx.org. Media outlets interested in attending the watch party should email Emily Conklin, director of communications, at econklin@nisdtx.org.

Byron Nelson, district staffers pick up state counseling honors

Byron Nelson High School counselor Todd Rogers and Jamie Farber, Northwest ISD director of guidance and counseling, were recently honored by the Texas School Counselor Association for winning statewide awards in their respective fields.

Mr. Rogers picked up the TSCA's Counselor Advocate of the Year award for his role in assisting Bobcat students by serving as an exemplar who advances the school counseling profession. Mrs. Farber received Counselor Supervisor of the Year for her work overseeing the district's counseling staff, providing them with top-tier guidance and support of their work aiding students.

The honors, part of the Rhosine Fleming Professional Recognition Awards, are among the top distinction bestowed upon Texas school counseling professionals. The TSCA is the largest division of the Texas Counseling Association, making recognition by the association a rare distinction bestowed upon few counseling professionals in the state each year.

Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Farber will be formally recognized for their honors at the TSCA Awards Luncheon in Dallas on Thursday, Nov. 3.

District students learn engineering lessons at air show

Students from several Northwest ISD secondary schools learned engineering lessons from aviators and other aeronautical professionals at the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show on Oct. 15 and 16, including taking part in challenges from industry professionals.

Chisholm Trail Middle School students in Sheila Greene's STEM – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – team walked away with the Silver Award in a contest to design weight-bearing cargo kits for quadcopters. Students in the contest had to demonstrate teamwork and creativity to complete the challenge, which judged teams based on their ability to fly increasingly large cargo through their designs.

As a result of their accomplishments, each member of the team won a solar-powered robot kit from Bell Helicopter.

PHOTO INCLUDED [Chisholm Trail STEM.jpg]: Students from Sheila Greene's STEM team pose with their solar-powered robot kits won from Bell Helicopter for engineering sturdy cargo kits for quadcopters. The students, from left, are: Alyssa Kruder, Ava Blackburn, John Muths, Megan Muths and Anna Thornell.

Byron Nelson to host 'Macbeth' fall show Nov. 3-6

Byron Nelson High School's theatre department will host its fall show, "Macbeth," daily from Thursday, Nov. 3, to Sunday, Nov. 6, presenting the William Shakespeare classic with a unique new perspective.

"Macbeth" serves as one of Shakespeare's most popular tragedies, telling the tale of a Scottish hero who becomes undone by his relentless ambition for power. Wrapped in psychological intrigue, the play also weaves a political tale with seduction and murder.

While Byron Nelson's play stays true to the Shakespeare classic's story, its director, James Hammer, has placed it in a stylized post-apocalyptic, dystopian land. The change, in the vein of the Mad Max movie franchise, provides a new experience for those familiar with the tale.

Performances take place 7 p.m. Nov. 3-5 and 2 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Byron Nelson High School Performing Arts Center, located at 2775 Bobcat Blvd. in Trophy Club. Tickets to the show are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. Northwest ISD employees and Gold Card members are admitted free of charge.

For more information, please visit bnhstheatre.weebly.com.

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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.

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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.

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.

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