



## School Notes

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### NISD School Notes, Nov. 9-Dec. 6

#### **Byron Nelson, Northwest hosting signing day ceremonies**

Byron Nelson and Northwest high schools will each soon host signing day ceremonies for their student-athletes who have accepted scholarships with universities to play collegiate sports.

The first ceremony will be held for Bobcat student-athletes at Byron Nelson High School at 2:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the school's practice gym. Northwest Texans who will sign to play sports collegiately will do so at 11:12 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in their school's competition gym.

For more information on the events, please contact Tammy Goetz, secretary to the executive director of athletics, via email at [tgoetz@nisdtx.org](mailto:tgoetz@nisdtx.org) or by phone at 817-698-1041.

#### **Northwest ISD schools celebrate Election Day**

Northwest ISD schools celebrated Election Day with a wide variety of activities, ranging from mock elections for the president of the United States to casting ballots that will actually make a difference on their campus, such as deciding specific initiatives for fundraising money.

At Lakeview Elementary School in Trophy Club, for instance, Mayor Nick Sanders and Councilman Rhylan Rowe discussed the importance of the election process with students, who also voted in a mock presidential election. On the other side of the district at V.R. Eaton High School, students took an online quiz to see which candidate most closely aligned with their views and discussed difficult concepts such as affirmative action.

For information on a specific school's Election Day activities on Nov. 8, please email Anthony Tosie, communications specialist, at [anthony.tosie@nisdtx.org](mailto:anthony.tosie@nisdtx.org).

PHOTO INCLUDED [Lakeview Mock Election.jpg]: Fifth-grader Kate Palmieri poses with her "I Voted Today" sticker on in front of mock election booths at her school, Lakeview Elementary. Students across the school cast mock ballots for one of the four party-endorsed presidential candidates as part of Election Day activities on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

#### **Northwest High School journalism students honored with awards**

Two Northwest High Schools students were honored at the recent Texas Association of Journalism Educators convention in San Antonio with awards in their respective fields.

Senior Abigail Rasmussen won an honorable mention award for her review writing, and junior Elisa Ondertoller also won an on-site award for a photograph of a human subject. The students were among four Texan Times newspaper staffers who attended the convention and competed in several different contests.

More than 900 students from across Texas attended the TAJE's annual Fall Fiesta in downtown San Antonio during October. The TAJE is considered the top association for high school journalism in the state of Texas.

#### **Students learn college opportunities and information at annual event**

Students of all ages and their families learned information about their prospective colleges as well as several career choices during Northwest ISD's annual college and career fair on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Dozens of colleges from across the U.S. provided students with information about their programs, while the University of North Texas offered courses to help families learn about financial aid opportunities at any post-

secondary education institution. Additional courses taught NCAA grade requirements and other valuable college-focused information.

PHOTO INCLUDED [College and Career Fair.jpg]: University of South Carolina admissions representative Ben Nelson speaks with a Northwest ISD parent about the academic programs offered at his university. College representatives from dozens of universities were on hand at Northwest ISD's annual college and career fair on Nov. 3 to provide families with information about academic opportunities.

### **Northwest hosting 'A Piece of My Heart' play Nov. 9-10, 12-13**

Northwest High School's theatre department will perform and host "A Piece of My Heart," a tale of young women who aided U.S. troops in Vietnam, on Nov. 9 and 10-13, with military service members granted free entry.

"A Piece of My Heart" tells the true story of six women who went to Vietnam to assist U.S. troops – five as nurses and one as a singer – before, during and after the war. The play has been called "the most enduring play on Vietnam in the nation" by the Vietnam Vets Association.

Performances take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 9, 10 and 12 and 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school's Vernon Solomon Performing Arts Center, located at 2301 Texan Drive in Fort Worth. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. All Northwest ISD employees and Gold Card members receive free admission; any active or veteran U.S. military member and their families also receive free admission.

### **Application process for Northwest ISD Academies now open**

Incoming 2017-18 Northwest ISD freshmen interested in the district's academies program can now submit applications to apply for the facility of their choosing.

The application, available at [academies.nisdtx.org](http://academies.nisdtx.org), is open until Friday, Nov. 18. In it, students must fill out their general information – as well as parent or guardian information – and select the academy of their choosing. Each student must also complete a self-reflection evaluation and complete a 250-300-word essay explaining his or her college and career plans.

Eight academies are available for selection: Academy of Aeronautics & Aviation Sciences, Academy of Biomedical Sciences, Academy of Business Management & Entrepreneurship, Collegiate Academy, Academy of Cosmetology, Academy of Culinary Arts & Hospitality, Academy of Media Arts & Technology, and Academy of STEM. The Academy of Media Arts & Technology has three designated tracts for application: animation and video game design, graphic design and photography, and TV and film.

For more information on each academy, please visit [academies.nisdtx.org](http://academies.nisdtx.org).

### **Community invited to final Deep Dish Discussions with superintendent**

Northwest ISD and the Northwest ISD Council of PTAs will host the final event in their Deep Dish Discussions series with Superintendent Ryder Warren at Northwest High School on Dec. 6, where community members can learn about the current state and future of the school district.

The event follows two previous sessions – at Byron Nelson on Oct. 26 and Eaton on Nov. 2 – and allows community members to 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. Attendees can enjoy a dish of ice cream while they collaborate on issues facing public education and Northwest ISD.

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

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PHOTO INCLUDED [Eaton Deep Dish Discussions.jpg]: Dr. Ryder Warren, superintendent of Northwest ISD, discusses the state of the district at Eaton High School on Wednesday, Nov. 2, as part of the Deep Dish Discussions series. The next event in the series will take place at Northwest High School on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

**Registration for ninth annual Reindeer Romp run now open**

The ninth annual Northwest ISD Reindeer Romp run benefiting district P.E. departments will take place Saturday, Dec. 10, and online registration is now open.

Runners can take part in either a 1-mile race at 8:30 a.m. or 5K race at 9 a.m. – or both at no additional charge – at Alliance Airport, located at 2221 Alliance Blvd. Registration now costs \$20 for students ages 4 to 18 and \$25 for adults.

Every runner who registers prior to race day will receive a T-shirt in his or her preferred size. T-shirts cannot be guaranteed for those who register at the event on race day.

To register or obtain more information, visit [www.nisdreindeerromp.com](http://www.nisdreindeerromp.com).

**School board meeting taking place Nov. 14**

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

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