



## School Notes

For Immediate Release  
Dec. 7, 2016

### NISD School Notes, Dec. 7-Jan. 2

#### **Northwest ISD schools preparing for winter break Dec. 19-Jan. 2**

Northwest ISD schools are in their final three weeks before the end of the first semester, with all schools scheduled to be closed from Dec. 19 to Jan. 2 for winter break.

The two days preceding winter break – Thursday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 16 – will serve as early-release days for students. On these days, students will be released at the following times:

- **Elementary Schools:** 11:40 a.m.
- **Middle Schools:** 12:50 a.m.
- **High Schools:** 12:40 p.m.
- **Steele Accelerated High School & Special Programs:** 12:30 p.m.

Northwest ISD's staff calendar largely mirrors the student calendar, though Monday, Jan. 2, is a staff development day, meaning teachers and personnel will return to their campuses and offices on that day.

To view the entire 2016-17 Northwest ISD academic calendar, [click here](#). For more information about the 2016-17 Northwest ISD academic calendar, [click here](#).

#### **Shears of Steele hosting charity haircutting event Dec. 8 to benefit Cook Children's**

Shears of Steele, the student-run salon at Steele Accelerated High School, will host a charity event to benefit Cook's Children on Thursday, Dec. 8.

As part of the benefit, any customer who donates new pajamas will receive a free haircut and style from the salon's student staff. The pajamas will then be donated to Cook Children's pediatric health care system to help sick children. The salon charity event also took place on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Shears of Steele is located at 606 N. Walnut St. in Roanoke. The salon is open from 1-7 p.m. Tuesdays as well as 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information, please contact the salon by phone at 817-698-5820 or via email at [shearsofsteele@nisdtx.org](mailto:shearsofsteele@nisdtx.org).

PHOTO INCLUDED [Shears of Steele.jpg]: Steele Accelerated High School students cut hair at the school's student-run salon, Shears of Steele. The salon will host a charity haircutting event on Dec. 8 to benefit Cook Children's, where patrons can bring a pair of pajamas for a free haircut and style.

#### **Reindeer Romp packet pickup set for Dec. 7, 8**

Packet pickup of race-day materials for the annual Northwest ISD Reindeer Romp will take place Wednesday, Dec. 7, and Thursday, Dec. 8, and pickup will also be available the day of the race on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Packets for the 1-mile and 5K race can first be picked up from 5-8 p.m. Dec. 7 at the district athletic department office, located behind Northwest ISD Stadium at 1937 Texan Drive in Fort Worth. Pickup the following day, Dec. 8, will also last from 5-8 p.m., though it will take place at Lakeview Elementary School, located at 100 Village Trail in Trophy Club.

On race day, Dec. 10, packets can be picked up at the event beginning at 7 a.m. The race takes place at Alliance Airport, located at 2221 Alliance Blvd. in Fort Worth. The 1-mile race will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the 5K race will begin at 9 a.m.

While online registration is now closed, race-day registration will also be available until the events begin. Registration is \$20 for students ages 4 to 18 and \$25 for adults; the costs covers both the 1-mile or 5K, as registrants can run both races if they desire.

The 2016 Northwest ISD Reindeer Romp is sponsored by the Bell Helicopter Fort Worth Alliance Air Show and presented by the Highlands of Northlake. Proceeds benefit Northwest ISD P.E. departments at all campuses.

LOGO INCLUDED [Reindeer Romp.png]

### **Byron Nelson, Haslet, Hughes counselors win CREST awards**

Counseling staffs at Byron Nelson High School and Haslet and Hughes elementary schools have been awarded with the Texas School Counseling Association's CREST award, the top award in their profession.

The CREST award, which stands for Counselors Reinforcing Excellence in Texas, is annually presented by the TSCA to the school counseling staffs that demonstrate continuous improvement through effective communication and a commitment to obtaining results in counseling. The win marks the first year three Northwest ISD schools have earned the CREST award, and the second consecutive year multiple district schools have won the award (Byron Nelson won the award in 2015-16 with Beck Elementary).

Jamie Farber, Northwest ISD's director of guidance and counseling, said the schools' honor represents a commitment to their counseling programs and, as a result, student success.

"This award demonstrates the counselors' dedication in demonstrating the continuous improvement of their counseling programs in serving students through academic, career, and personal or social domains," she said. "As the top award from TSCA, CREST award winners are viewed by their peers as the top in the state for pursuing excellence in their counseling programs and the support of students."

As a result of their win, the three schools will be recognized by the TSCA at its annual conference on Sunday, Feb. 12, in Arlington.

### **Medlin hosting Merry Mustang Carnival on Dec. 8**

Medlin Middle School will host its student-run Merry Mustang Carnival from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, providing community members with fun activities that benefit a local charity.

This year's carnival has tripled in size over its inaugural 2015 event, with 150 student volunteers, 25 staff volunteers and 40 student-run booths planned. That personnel will help with five food trucks, student council inflatables, bubble soccer and laser tag.

Proceeds will benefit the local Summer Santa charity, which aims to extend the spirit of giving beyond the holiday season to children throughout the year. The charity pays for summer camp costs, donates toys and provides back-to-school supplies to children in Northeast Tarrant County. Last year, the Merry Mustang Carnival's proceeds resulted in a \$4,000 donation to the charity.

For more information about the event, please contact Julie Hinshaw, Medlin English teacher and AVID instructor, via email at [jhinshaw@nisdtx.org](mailto:jhinshaw@nisdtx.org).

### **Athletic apparel on sale at spirit shop Dec. 10**

The Northwest ISD Stadium will host a spirit shop sale on Saturday, Dec. 10, where attendees can receive significant discounts on school-branded apparel and merchandise.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 10, select items will be on sale and can be purchased with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. During the sale, sweatshirts, dri-fit shirts, long-sleeve T-shirts, hats and stadium seats featuring or for the Byron Nelson Bobcats, Eaton Eagles and Northwest Texans will be available.

The spirit shop, part of Northwest ISD Stadium, is located at 1937 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

For more information about the sale, please contact Cyndi Huizenga, spirit shop manager, by phone at 817-781-9400 or via email at [chuizenga@nisdtx.org](mailto:chuizenga@nisdtx.org).

PHOTO INCLUDED [Northwest ISD Stadium.jpg]: Northwest ISD Stadium's spirit shop, located at 1937 Texan Drive in Fort Worth, will host a sale on apparel and merchandise on Saturday, Dec. 10. The sale will include items for the district's three high schools, Byron Nelson, Eaton and Northwest.

**Byron Nelson hosting 'A Christmas Carol' performances Dec. 15, 16**

Byron Nelson High School's theatre department will host performances of the classic play "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 15 and 16 at the school's performing arts center.

In the play, students will tell the story of Mr. Scrooge, a miserable man who resents generosity and is known for his "bah humbug" attitude. Mr. Scrooge is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Future. Byron Nelson's performance is student-directed by Maclaine Bolden and stars Joey Witten as Mr. Scrooge.

Tickets to performances are \$5 each, and Northwest ISD employees receive free admission.

For more information about the performances, please contact Wendy Bramlett, Byron Nelson theatre director, by phone at 817-698-5680 or via email at [wbramlett@nisdtx.org](mailto:wbramlett@nisdtx.org).

**School board meeting taking place Dec. 12**

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the Board Room at the NISD Administration Building, located at 2001 Texan Drive in Fort Worth.

**GEM Award nominations due by Dec. 12**

Nominations for Northwest ISD's GEM – Going the Extra Mile – Award are due by Monday, Dec. 12. The award honors a top central office staff member who goes above and beyond to assist the community – including families, teachers and others. For more information and to nominate an employee, visit [www.nisdtx.org/gem](http://www.nisdtx.org/gem).

###