



# NDBSL UPDATE

JANUARY 2012

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Students have placed in the district Math Olympiad.
- \* The visual arts department received two school board resolutions honoring student art work
- \* Students have been chosen to participate in the British-American Business Council Summer Program
- \* The dance program at North Dallas High School is a performance based program that incorporates four genres: ballet, social, cultural, and modern dance. Students won the Texas Salsa Championship in 2007

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## PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF ADVISORY GROUP

As part of her plan for sustainability at North Dallas, Principal Dinnah Escanilla has formed a Community Advisory Group made up of representatives from support organizations and other interested persons.

The second meeting of the new group was held December 14, 2011. Ms. Escanilla spoke about requirements of the recent \$6 million grant and the tremendous effort it will take on the part of all of us. She announced several Student Success Initiatives which have been put in place. They include tutoring, mentoring, SAT Prep, and enhanced parent involvement. Special attention has been given to raising student attendance and a crackdown on tardiness.

Pete Ball, a retired engineer living in the North Dallas/Uptown area has personally adopted North Dallas and has been instrumental in arranging a partnership with Louisiana Tech University, his alma mater. Louisiana Tech is a coeducational public research university located in Ruston, Louisiana. It conducts research into ongoing projects funded by agencies such as NASA, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Department of Defense. It is best known for its engineering programs. The partnership with North Dallas will provide involvement with curriculum planning, scholarships and monitoring of gifted students who would benefit from the university programs in math, physics and chemistry.

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## ND Students Focus on Academics

The North Dallas High School Class of 2015 is already reaping the benefits of the new Technology Academy format. Class sets of laptops and docking stations have been purchased and are in use by eager Freshmen. The Technology Academy will also fund printers for kiosks that will be placed in the classrooms and in the library. Plans are to add Robotics to next year's curriculum.

Two graduation commitment programs were held on November 4 and November 10 for Freshmen and Sophomores. The students signed the banners, provided by NDBSL, pledging that they will graduate on time. Look for the banners hanging in the hallways. Pictures of the event are also posted on the bulletin boards. Principal Escanilla reported that six weeks grades and attendance have greatly increased this year compared to last and that students are taking their commitments seriously. We are proud to support our future graduates!



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Academics

## Academics (Continued from Page One)

North Dallas also held a Parent/Student Science Night on November 16. Parents were invited to participate with their teens to learn about the scientific method, how chemicals react and how to do simple experiments. Again, NDBSL provided funding for the Science Night event.



NDBSL plans to provide monetary support in the efforts to expand the Fine Arts, and World Languages offerings, as well as student extra-curricular groups at the high school. The six million dollar grant can only fund the core subject areas (English, math, science and social studies). Our organization is exploring fine arts grants and corporate sponsorships to help with these unfunded needs.

## Advisory Group (Continued from Page One)

Also present at the meeting were representatives from three local churches who have adopted North Dallas as part of their community outreach programs. Each is recruiting volunteers for mentoring and will take on building maintenance and landscape projects as needed.

The Advisory Group is highly recommended for those who would like to be involved in the positive transformation of North Dallas High School. The meetings, which will be monthly, are opportunities to track the state of the school. **All are invited.**

The date of the next meeting has not been set. Contact Janice Peacock (janicendhs@grandecom.net, 972-363-0185) if you're interested in attending.

## NDBSL SUPPORTS THE BULLDOGS with the Second Annual Valentine Gala

NDBSL is planning its first fundraiser of the year, a Valentine Gala, to be held at Maggiano's NorthPark on February 4, 2012 from 6-10 p.m. A thousand invitations were mailed earlier this month to alumni in the classes of 1956-1973. Last year's Gala had 125 attendees and raised \$10,000 for North Dallas High School; this year we are expecting 150 and hope to top last year's donations by \$5,000. Festivities include dining on heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, dancing with the music of DJ **Al Taylor** (Class of '68), a live auction conducted by **Les Miles** (Class of '60) and a silent auction with great basket items – wine, restaurant packages, and more! **Rose Mary Rumbley** (Class of '49) will again be our Honorary Chair.

Live auction items will include a Premier Wine Tasting Party, Champagne and Flowers, a golfing package for four, an evening with **Rose Mary Rumbley** and much more.

Dress is holiday casual and tickets are \$45 per person. All profits go to support the academic needs of North Dallas High School. Please make plans to come and enjoy the company of high school friends while supporting a very worthy cause. Reservations and money are due by January 27 to our NDBSL mailing address. Contact **Kay Edwards Pinkham** (Class of '60), at 214 341-9642 with any questions.



Last year's Valentine Gala

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