

# NDBSL UPDATE

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## NORTH DALLAS BULLDOG SUPPORT LEAGUE

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## What Does Next School Year Look Like for NDHS?

Although many updates are likely before school opens again in August 2020, Principal **Katie Eska** gave the NDBSL Board an insight into what is being discussed for the upcoming year at the June 13 Board Meeting:

- Teachers return on August 6
- First day of school – August 17
- 92% of the staff is returning next school year – those not returning are mostly retirements or promotions
- New NDHS alumni on the staff – **Luis Chaparro** (Social Studies), **Christina Rodriguez** (Assistant Principal) and **Marilyn Duarte** (Teaching Assistant)
- 2020-2021 will be Year One of Design Thinking modules in the curriculum – every class will build at least one design thinking lesson into their plans (students take a problem, analyze, collect data and come up with a solution)
- Career Institute offerings for our students: Aviation, Construction and Carpentry, Electrical and Solar, Interior Design, HVAC, Plumbing and Pipefitting, Mechatronics / Advanced Manufacturing, Cybersecurity
- Dallas ISD is formulating several plans for student instruction, based on Texas Education Agency mandates. Some plans being considered for high school: combination of in person and online instruction; extended day to allow for sets of students in the building at different times; one way hallways. Plans will probably be in flux until late July.
- Students will be provided with masks; plexiglass is being placed in classrooms and common areas
- Summer School is online for seniors who still need a few credits to graduate or who need to pass STAAR and those who are enrolled in Associate Degree programs through Brookhaven CC.
- 188 seniors graduated in May and NDHS is working with the 24 attending Summer School to get them graduated in August.
- 100% of graduating seniors are eligible to attend community college through Dallas ISD's Promise Program.



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## NDHS Construction Updates

- Bids will go out in July and vendor decisions will be made by August
- Construction will start on the gym in the back part of the campus and the kitchen in order to keep classroom disruption at a minimum. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2020
- Dallas ISD still hopes to add artificial turf to the playing fields but the decision will not be final until 2021

## Bulldog Bites

- Next NDBSL Board Meeting via Zoom – *July 25*
- Gil Sandoval's 100<sup>th</sup> NDHS Celebration Report – Historical planning is going on now with alums Judith Olsen, Arlene Colbert, Eddie Reyes, Marian Willard and Bob Longoria collecting information. All committee meeting records are being recorded and kept for planning and preparation. Save the date for *October 2022!*
- NDBSL will once again participate in North Texas Giving Day on *September 17!* Plans for a Bulldog Happy Hour are on hold until Covid guidelines are made for the fall. Look for more information coming soon! This is our one fundraiser each year and your donations are vital to continue our organization's support for needed NDHS programs and academic needs.

## Remembering Our Classmates

**J.C. Fishbeck**, Class of 1959, wanted a special way to remember two of his classmates who passed away in 2019. He asked that their names be listed on the NDBSL website on the "In Memoriam" section and enclosed a donation. Classmates **James P. "Jim" Whitten** and **Loyd Gist "Bobo" Richie**, both Class of 1959, will have their memories honored through donations supporting young athletes. A short article about Jim Whitten is in the latest edition of "Bulldog News," the quarterly newsletter of the Greater North Dallas High School Alumni Association. If you would like to donate in memory of a special Bulldog, go to [www.ndbsl.org](http://www.ndbsl.org) and click on the "Donate to NDBSL" button in the upper right corner. Or you can send a donation to the attention of Treasurer **Brenda Coach** at our mailing address on the first page. Your Bulldog classmate's name will also be listed on our "In Memoriam" page on the website.