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Free SAT Practice and Prep

The College Board and Khan Academy have partnered together to offer FREE personalized SAT practice for students. Students can simply link their PSAT scores to their Khan Academy account and create highly-personalized practice experiences geared towards improving future PSAT and SAT test performance. On average, students who work on Khan Academy for 20 hours see a 110 point gain on their scores!

Students can easily begin practice by linking their

accounts. They just go to the HUB, click Digital Resources, and then click the Khan Academy/College Board tile. Instructions are also available [here](#).

To incentivize students to practice, HISD's Office of College and Career Readiness has launched "Khanathlon", a friendly competition between schools to earn resources for their campus college centers.

We challenge all Westside students to begin today! **"You KHAN do it!"**

Calendar

Mon., 2/5

Choices Parent Night, 6-7PM in N144

PTO Meeting, 7PM in S-100

Wed., 2/7

Herff Jones Sales, A-Lunch in the Commons

Thurs., 2/8

Black History Month Presentation, Guest Speaker—Chauncey Glover, 11:30 AM in the Mini-Theatre

FAFSA Roadshow, 3:30-6:30 PM in the Library

Thurs., 2/8 – Sat., 2/10

Our Town presented by JV Theatre Production, 7 PM in the Black Box

Sat., 1/10

Super Saturday Credit Recovery Session, 8 AM-12 Noon

Mon., 2/12

Author Visit: Kami Garcia, Library



KHANACADEMY



CollegeBoard

Free, world-class test prep for the new SAT

AP Scholar Awards and Kick-off Breakfast

On Friday, Ms. Shemeika Stewart, our AP Coordinator, along with her team of PTO volunteers, presented the annual AP Kick-Off Breakfast. We honored our “AP Scholar” award recipients and they received t-shirts, medals, and plaques. Additionally, all Westside students who have previously earned at least one 3 on an AP exam were invited to join in and celebrate the kick-off of the 2018 AP Testing season.



February is Black History Month



On Thursday, February 8th, Westside's Black Student Union (BSU) will host Chauncy Glover, ABC 13 Houston's Emmy Award winning anchor and journalist, for a Black History Month presentation. Mr. Glover is the founder of

the Chauncy Glover Project (CGP), a mentoring program based in Detroit, Michigan, which he launched after covering breaking news and witnessing a young man die on the street.

Mr. Glover will share with our Westside students his commitment to CGP, and his mission to empower, encourage, and inspire young men to become strong, moral, and confident leaders of society. He created the program to groom inner-city teenage boys into upstanding and accomplished gentlemen. CGP focuses on education, manhood, self-empowerment, financial responsibility, etiquette, college readiness, relationship building, community service, and more.

Westside BSU is honored to host Mr. Glover and welcomes all students to attend the event on Thursday, February 8th, at 11:30 AM in the Mini-Theatre.

Don't Miss the Author Visit

Calling all Westside readers! There are still a few days left to sign-up in the Library to attend this very special event. Kami Garcia, author of the soon-to-be-released young-adult novel, *Broken Beautiful Hearts*, is making a stop at Westside on her upcoming national book tour. The event will be held in the Library on February 12th and include a talk, Q & A session, and book signing. To participate, interested students must sign-up in the Library by February 8th. Pre-order forms for the book are also available in the Library.

Kami Garcia
author visit

When: 6th Period Feb. 12
Where: Library
How: Signup in the Library by Feb. 8
What: National Book tour promoting "Broken Beautiful Hearts"

BROKEN beautiful HEARTS
KAMI GARCIA

Pre-Order your book, and get it signed! (Pick up form in Library when you sign up)

Inertia and Pride Bring Home the Hardware



Inertia 2, upper level in white, and Pride, lower level in royal and grey, compete at Trendsetters Regional

Inertia 2 kicked off their competition season at the Trendsetters Regional competition at Klein Collins High School over the weekend. With very limited time in preparation, Inertia 2 was able to walk away with the following awards: Super Sweepstakes award (an average of 90 or higher in 3 routines), Technical, Precision, and Choreography Merit awards, Best in Class Hip Hop routine of the day, Award of Excellence (one of the highest averaged scoring teams of the day) and Best in Class JV team.

Congrats on the great start, Inertia! We have three more competitions to look forward to this season: Waltrip HS (February 17), George Ranch HS (February 24) and Cypress Ranch HS (March 3)

Pride also launched into their team contest season at the Trendsetters Dance

Competition. With lots of hard work, extra hours, and a goal in mind, Pride was awarded: Best in class medium ensemble, Superior officer award, Choreography Award for officer Lyrical, Choreography Award for Officer Jazz, Super Sweepstakes team award, Technical Merit Award, Precision Merit Award, Choreography Award Team Open, Choreography Award Team Kick, Choreography Award Team Contemporary, Choreography Award Team Pom, Best in category Team Kick, Best in class medium high school, Overall Award of Excellence (one of the highest average scoring teams of the day).

We are off to a great start! Please come watch Pride at Crowd Pleasers Feb. 17th at Clear Lake and Showtime Feb. 24th at George Ranch. #whoopwhoopride #redlipsandhighkicks

Swimming Spotlight



State qualifiers Annika Ruehlicke (L) and Emma Clark (R)

Westside swimmers competed in the Region IV 6A swim meet in Conroe over the weekend. Region IV is considered to be one of the most competitive in the state and includes schools from Aldine, Spring Branch, Woodlands, Klein and HISD. All of our Wolf region swimmers finished in the top 16 in multiple events on Friday, and returned to swim on Saturday for a chance to advance to the 6A State swim meet. Although several Westside swimmers came up short by just .03, .10 and .08 of a second, we are proud to announce we have two State qualifiers; junior Annika Ruehlicke in the 500yd Freestyle and freshman Emma Clark in the 100yd backstroke.

During the region meet, our Wolves broke four team records: Girls 200yd &

500yd Freestyle (Annika Ruehlicke), Girls 100yd Backstroke (Emma Clark) & Girls 100yd Breast stroke (Claudia Kuck, senior).

Region finalists:

Annika Ruehlicke (State qualifier 500yd freestyle)

3rd 500yd freestyle, 4th 200 Medley relay, 6th 200yd Freestyle & 7th 400yd Freestyle relay

Emma Clark (State qualifier 100yd Backstroke)

4th 200 Medley Relay, 5th 100yd Backstroke, 7th in both 200yd freestyle & 400yd Freestyle relay

Claudia Kuck

4th 200 Medley Relay, 5th 100yd Breast stroke, 7th 400yd Freestyle Relay & 11th 200yd Indv. Medley

Valeria Zanetti

4th 200 Medley Relay, 7th 400yd Freestyle relay, 12th 100yd Freestyle & 14th 50yd Freestyle

Nathan O'Neil

11th in 200yd Indv Medley & 400yd Freestyle relay, 12th in 200 Medley relay & 100yd Breast Stroke

Batyrkhan Timuruly

11th 200yd Freestyle relay, 12th in 200 Medley relay & 200yd Indv. Medley, 13th 100yd Butterfly

Tarun Bobilli

11th in 200yd Freestyle relay & 400yd Freestyle relay, 12th 200 Medley relay

Hector Bayaborda

11th 200yd Freestyle relay, 12th 200 Medley relay & 16th 200 Indv. Medley

Kendall Hoffman

11th 100yd Breast Stroke, 12th in 200yd Indv. Medley & 200yd Freestyle relay

Sabrina Schlather

12th 200yd Freestyle relay, 16th 200yd Indv. Medley & 100yd Butterfly

Dion Vrijland

11th 200yd Freestyle & 400yd Freestyle relays

Olivia Grobowsky

12th 500yd Freestyle

Vanessa Pacheco & Abby White

12th 200yd Freestyle relay

Evan Fowler-Cook

11th 400yd Freestyle relay

Veronika Krylova

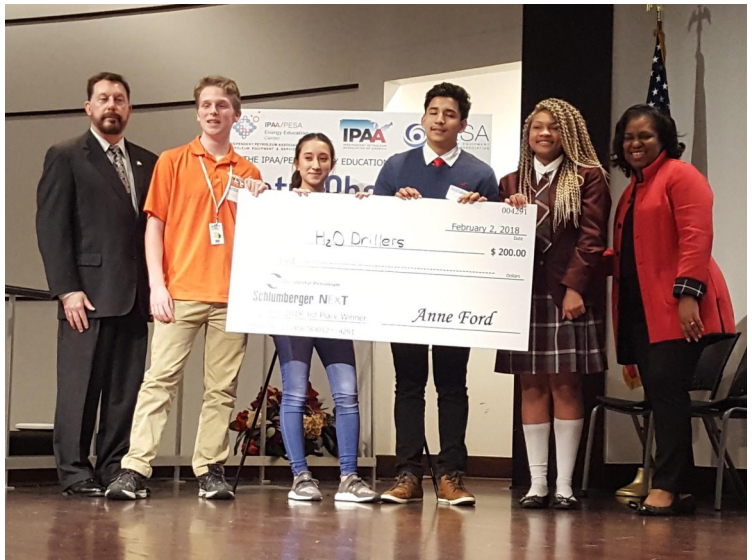
15th place 1 mtr diving

OVERALL; Girls' team finished 5th out of 16 schools & boys' team finished 12th out of 21 schools

Coach Sikkema is proud of his Wolf Swimmers and congratulates them on a great season. Best of luck to Annika and Emma at the State Meet on the University of Texas campus in Austin on February 16 and 17. Go Wolves!

WEGA Students Place at Petro-Challenge

Westside Engineering and Geoscience Academy (WEGA) students competed last week in the PetroChallenge, an oil and gas business simulation competition. Students undertake a series of tasks, from research, appraisal drilling, creating field development plans and finally reaching oil. Mixed teams of students from different schools collaborate to discover oil and gas, while minimizing costs, and acting in a socially- and environmentally-responsible way. All three winning teams at this years event included a Westside engineering student.



Golf News



Congratulations to our Lady Wolf golfers! They participated in the Crosby Tournament last week and each came home with a medal. (Left to right) 3rd place Lauren Stone, 2nd Place Saikati Gikonyo and 1st place Niccia Pollard. Way to represent ladies.

Announcements

PTO
Meeting
Tonight!!
MONDAY
Feb. 5
7:00 PM
In the S-100



BSU
Valentine Telegrams
& Raffle
On sale in the Commons during lunch
February 1st through 9th

Choices Presents
Parent Nights
February 5, 2018
Sex: Protect & Prepare Your Teen From Hook-Up Culture
March 5, 2018
Prevent Teen Alcohol Use, Binge-Drinking & Driving Under the Influence
April 5, 2018
Current Drugs of Abuse; What Parents Need to Know
Once a Month

Ms. Lumpkin
CHOICES Counselor
6:00PM - 7:00PM
N-144

January is
School Board
Recognition
Month

Thank You
Holly
Flynn
Vilaseca!

Announcements

★ *Westside High School Presents* ★

Together with Tech Competition

February 23, 2018
2-5 Students Per Group

Contact: amerrive@houstonisd.org

How To Participate

Join Hub Course - "HISD Together with Tech"

Choose a Topic

- Mind
- Body
- Soul

Choose a Division

- Digital Voice
- Engineer a Solution
- Code it (apps)

Prizes: Community Hours, Credit Recovery, Medals!!

OUR TOWN

Thursday, Friday & Saturday
February 8-10
7:00 pm
Black Box

Saturday Tutorials

Spring Semester

February	2/17
March	3/3 & 3/24
April	4/7, 4/21, & 4/28
May	5/5 & 5/19

9 AM — 12 Noon
Students must arrive by 9:15!
Bring ID's, laptops & assignments

Credit Appeal Super Saturdays

Spring Semester Dates

Feb. 10	8am-12Noon	Credit Appeal Session
Feb. 17	8am-12Noon	Credit Appeal Session
Feb.24	8am-12Noon	Credit Appeal Session

Announcements

Seniors: Get personalized help on the Westside campus filling out your college financial aid application!

Thursday, Feb. 8, 3:30-6:30 PM in the Library

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2018 HISD **FAFSA** ROADSHOW

Cash!

GET ON TRACK WITH MONEY FOR COLLEGE!

You may qualify for up to **\$5,920** per year in FREE Federal Pell Grant money.

STEP 1 STOP!

- Create Student and Parent/Guardian FSA ID
- Gather 2016 tax documents (Data Retrieval Tool)

STEP 2 GO!

- Complete 2018-2019 FAFSA at your campus or community FAFSA Roadshow
- Submit your FAFSA or TABFA for a chance to **WIN A SCHOLARSHIP** for college!

TASFA - Did you know non-citizens may qualify for financial aid? Visit <http://bit.ly/collegeforalltexans> and TASFA.net for information!

HISD College & Career Readiness
713-967-5231 • CollegeReadiness@HoustonISD.org
#FAFSARoadshow • #ReachHigher
www.hisd-fafsa.org

ROOM/LOCATION: **WHS Library**
DATE/TIME: **Feb.8, 3:30-6:30**



February Is Black History Month Programs: Feb. 8 & Feb. 28 11:30 AM Mini-Theatre

Click [here](#) for more information or email jmaquire@houstonisd.org

YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS

HIF FORUM

32nd ANNUAL CAREER & EDUCATION DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018
9am - 3pm at the DRB CONVENTION CENTER

TALK TO COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, AND CAREER COUNSEL IN AFTERNOON SESSIONS

- BUSINESS MENTORS
- MULTICULTURAL STUDIES
- POLICE SERVICE
- TRAVEL

FINANCIAL AND EDUCATION SERVICES AND TRAVEL EMPLOYMENT ON SITE

- SCHOLARSHIPS
- TAP - TAB ID

FREE

- FAMILY EVENT
- LUNCH
- TRAVEL VOUCHER
- METRO FARE

www.hispanicforum.org/ced2018/

32nd Annual Career & Education Day

Exposing Students to New & Growing Careers in Our Region

FREE

Saturday, February 10th
9 AM-3 PM

George R. Brown Convention Center

<http://hispanicforum.org/events/ced2018/>



Class of 2018 News

Yearbooks Are On The Move!

<https://www.smart-pay.com/>

Don't delay!

We only have **100 left to sell!**
43 online
67 in cash

We expect to sell out very soon and cannot increase our order

\$85

Contact Ms. Roberts at
srobert2@houstonisd.org

Or see her in E244

For cash purchases/more info



Senior Countdown

Herff Jones on Campus

Our exclusive vendor for Official Westside HS Graduation Announcements and Class of 2018 Memorabilia and Merchandise

Tuesday, January 30 for Last Names A-L
Wednesday, February 7th for Last Names M-Z

A-Lunch in the Commons

Senior Dues

\$200

Submit payment in cash in A205
Pay by credit card:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/>

Prom 2018

Enchanted Garden!

May 4th, 8pm-12:30am

*Omni Houston Hotel Westside
Eldridge Parkway at Katy Freeway*

Followed by After Prom, 1-5:30am

Dave & Busters

6010 Richmond

Senior Honors Night

Monday, May 21
6:30-9:00 pm

Senior Picnic June 1st, 12-2 pm

Graduation
Saturday, June 9th
3:00 PM at NRG Stadium

Pride Valentine's Fundraiser
February 13 & 14



MINI BUNDT CAKES
FOR SALE DURING
LUNCH TIME
\$5.00

"Nothing Bundt Cakes" will be sold on February 13 & 14 during A and B lunch. Surprise your "Valentine" with this mini cake!
Also selling silk flowers:
Flowers & Bundt Cake \$10.00

Want to try
YOGA?
Thursday
A and B Lunch
N144
Ms. Lumpkin, Choices Counselor

Quick Links

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HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>

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<https://www.smart-pay.com/>

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School Pay:

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<https://www.schoolpay.com/>