



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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April 16, 2018

## Principal's Letter: Walking with the Pack

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Recently, you may have heard about a student movement, National School Walkout, which will take place this Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, to recognize the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Columbine High School tragedy. In the aftermath of the most recent tragedy in Parkland, Florida, Westside student leaders reached out to me to express ideas for supporting their peers at Douglas High School. These students have worked to initiate a thoughtful and reasonable method to participate in the national walk-out, while at the same time demonstrating their support for Parkland, in a safe, respectful, non-disruptive manner that is inclusive of many student perspectives. They have designed a "Westside Way" to participate in the national student movement right here on the Westside campus-- ***Walking with the Pack***. By design, the stated purpose of the

student-led walk is to:

- Demonstrate support for the victims and survivors of Parkland, Florida
- Advocate for safe schools

Westside students have the option of "Walking with the Pack" this Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> during Guidance Period at 10:00 AM, thus minimizing loss of instructional time. Students who wish to participate will walk as a unified group around the perimeter of our campus and return to their classrooms. Alternatively, students may choose to remain in Guidance class. Accommodations for students with physical disabilities will be established if requested. The goal is to respect the spectrum of different perspectives with safe options for expression of free speech. The school day will continue as scheduled and attendance will be taken at

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### Calendar

#### **April 16-19**

Colorguard Training Camp, 4-5:30 PM, Lego Gym

#### **April 16-20**

Prom Ticket Sales, Commons, A-Lunch

#### **April 17**

Westside Film Festival, 5:30 PM, Commons

#### **April 19**

Dual Credit Parent Meeting, 6:00 PM, S100

#### **April 19-21**

Inertia Show: Pardon the Interruption, 7:00 PM, Auditorium

#### **April 20**

Comedy Sportz, 7:00 PM, at St. John's

Last Day of Prom Ticket Sales, A-Lunch, Commons

#### **April 21**

Saturday Tutorials, 9:00 AM-12 Noon

## Principal's Letter (continued)

the beginning and end of the Guidance period. We do want to make you aware that media may be present and film activities from a distance off-campus.

**Students** are expected to express their views in a peaceful manner. Students who engage in disruptive speech/expression that impedes school operations, or impinges on the rights of other students, will face disciplinary consequences according to the Student Code of Conduct and may not be allowed to participate. Students who wish to attend the protest at City Hall will require parent permission to leave campus. HISD's policy is for its **employees** to remain viewpoint-neutral, meaning that our individual and collective role of the staff is to allow students' freedom of expression, while en-

suring the safe and orderly operation of school (supervision). Because safety will be our top priority, parents and visitors may not participate in the walk.

This school year will go down in the books as one of the most interesting! I could not be prouder of the resiliency and courage among our student body. If you have any questions, you may contact our Communications Director, Barbara Nassab, at [barbara.nassab@houstonisd.org](mailto:barbara.nassab@houstonisd.org) or 281-920-8000. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Most Sincerely,  
Peggi Stewart  
Principal

Week of <u>4/16-4/20</u>	Friday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	
	Period	Instructional Minutes
<b>Monday:</b> Periods 1-7	1 <sup>st</sup> (7:55-8:45)	50 mins
<b>Tuesday:</b> Periods 1-7	3 <sup>rd</sup> (8:50-9:45) ADA 9:20	55 mins
<b>Wednesday:</b> Periods 1-7	Guidance (9:50-10:50)	60 mins
<b>Thursday:</b> Even Block w/ Guidance	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:55-11:30	35 mins
	A Lunch (11:30-12:15)	45 mins
	A 5 <sup>th</sup> (12:20-1:45)	85 mins
	B 5 <sup>th</sup> (11:35-1:00)	85 mins
	B Lunch (1:00-1:45)	45 mins
	7 <sup>th</sup> (1:50-3:15)	85 mins

## Young Culinary Team Places at State

Westside culinary students competed at the 2018 SkillsUSA Texas State Leadership Conference in Corpus Christi earlier this month.

Our team of six advanced to State after winning first place in the district competition in March. Team members include:

Kamryn Mainer—9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Tamiera Walker—9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Karla Monteon—9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Victoria Matson—10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Luna Wedeking—10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Tamar Ikwuagwu—10<sup>th</sup> Grade

In Corpus Christi, our young team went up against 22 other teams from around Texas, including many comprised of seasoned upperclassmen. Our Wolves held their own and placed third, bringing home bronze medals. Congratulations to these six young ladies. We can't wait to see how well you do next year!

In other news, Westside Culinary Academy is gearing up for HISD's **Cooking Up Change** competition. We have two teams competing this upcoming Saturday



morning, April 21, 2018:

*Los Cilantos*: Leslie Rubi—11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Hugo Araiza—11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Ismael Soto—12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
*All Fired Up*: Victoria Matson—10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Felicity Whitney—10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Cindy Pillado—10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Good luck to both teams!



## Interview Day

A group of Westside business students from Ms. Jones' and Ms. McCall's classes prepares for departure to Shell Oil Company for internship interviews. Good luck to our Wolves!



## The Choices Newsletter

By Ebony Lumpkin, Choices Counselor

**The Vaping Craze:** Students are struggling with nicotine addiction in ways they could not predict due the potency of e-liquid. E-cigarette and vaporizer companies report that inhaling e-liquid is “safer” than tobacco. This is how they are getting away with it. Tobacco products contain 5000-3500 harmful, toxic chemicals compared to e-liquid’s 25-50 harmful, toxic chemicals. What they are not telling the public is that e-liquid is composed primarily of propylene glycol, the base ingredient of antifreeze. When propylene glycol or its derivatives are heated, toxic chemicals and metals are emitted. These have been shown to cause cancer, lung disease, bronchial infections, and chronic pulmonary disease.

Read the latest New York Times article about the Vape Explosion phenomenon

and the most popular vaporizer, the Juul. Click <https://nyti.ms/2GBCvrl>

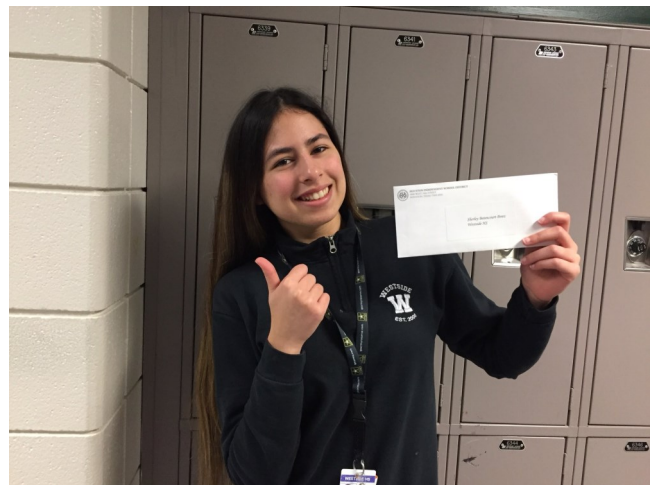
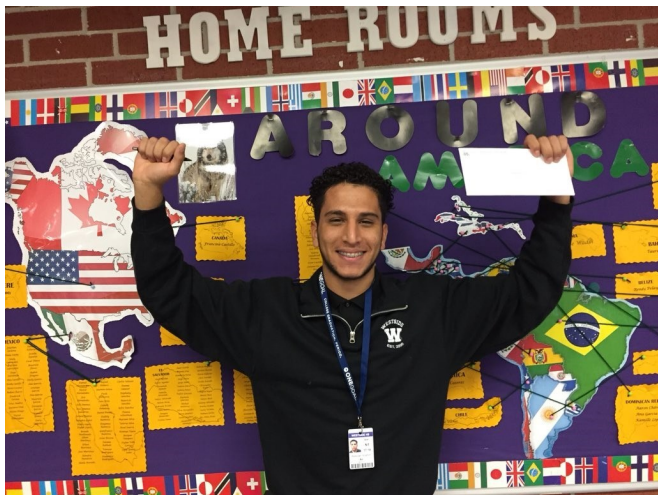
**Schools Beware!** The Juul vaporizer is easily concealed as it looks like a large usb drive. Check out this company who created a backpack and clothing line that conceals vape products: <https://vaprwear.com/pages/how-it-works>

**Webinar:** Public Health Consequences of E-Cigarettes: <http://bit.ly/2GE76oc> (video 58:34 minutes) *Best take away fact: Youth are MORE likely to transition to tobacco after starting vaping.*

If you have questions, you may contact Ms. Lumpkin at:

[elumpkin@councilonrecovery.org](mailto:elumpkin@councilonrecovery.org)

## Two Westside Students Awarded Close-Up Scholarships



Abdullah Ali (left) and Sherley Betancourt (right) were honored by Houston ISD's Multilingual Department, as recipients of a scholarship to travel this summer to Washington DC. They will participate with the Close Up program and spend a week visiting historical landmarks, participate in a debate with state representatives, and experience first hand how our democratic process works.

## Announcements

**HOST A FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENT  
OCTOBER 17TH - OCTOBER 29TH**



**YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK FRENCH!  
ALL WESTSIDE STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!**

- \* Learn firsthand about a new culture! \* Add experience to your résumé!
- \* Students who host a French student can go to France next year!

**See Mr. Alexander in S227 or email [ralexan6@houstonisd.org](mailto:ralexan6@houstonisd.org) for information!**

Westside student, Joseph Coolidge, hosted students as part of the program last month. He said, "I enjoyed my experience with Paul and Arthur very much and thought that both of my students were very nice and respectful. I enjoyed learning more about France from them and one of my favorite parts was hearing the differences between French and American culture. I can easily say that it was an experience that all of us will remember 👍. »

**WESTSIDE  
THEATRE  
AUDITION  
PACKETS**

**Available in the  
Main Office**

Or click [here](#) to print at home



## Announcements

The INERTIA DANCE CO.  
presents



# PARDON THE INTERRUPTION

WESTSIDE THEATRE  
PRE: \$8 DOOR: \$10

APRIL 19 -21, 2018  
7:00 PM

TICKETS SOLD IN RM. X121

\*LIMITED SEATING | CHILDREN AGES 3+ WILL REQUIRE A TICKET  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT [BPAULE@HOUSTONISD.ORG](mailto:BPAULE@HOUSTONISD.ORG)

## Announcements

### Dual Credit Parent Meeting

Thursday, April 19, at 6:00 PM in S100

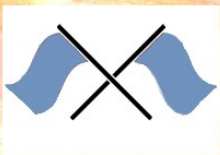
- ♦ Learn more about the courses offered
  - ♦ Meet the professors
- ♦ Get a head start on college!

Go to the HUB to find registration instructions, forms, and deadlines.

Questions? See Dean Matlock in N2 or contact [smatlock@houstonsid.org](mailto:smatlock@houstonsid.org).

## Colorguard Camp & Tryouts

**Training Camp April 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in Lego Gym  
each day from 4:00 – 5:30pm**



**Tryouts on  
Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**



**All Westside students are welcome to train and learn to spin!**

**No experience required!**

**Information and tryout packets available in front office  
and in E117 refer to Biswell with any questions**



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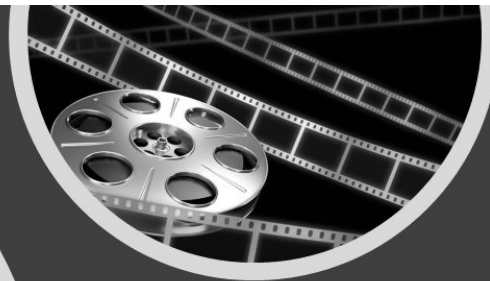
### SAVE THE DATE Induction Ceremony

Saturday, April 28th  
Westside Auditorium  
2-5 PM

Reception to follow in the Commons

Family members cordially invited to  
attend ceremony & reception

Questions about NHS? Contact [JSCHROE1@houstonisd.org](mailto:JSCHROE1@houstonisd.org)



### Film Festival

**Come Join Us for the Film  
Festival!!!**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Get your tickets from Film  
Club Officers and Members**

Have you got your golden ticket? The 2018 Westside High School Film Festival is on Tuesday, April 17th from 5:30 to 8:30. Come and join us in the Learning Commons and enjoy a night of student-created films. You can purchase your \$10 golden ticket from any WHS Film Club member or stop by L110 during lunch or after school.





## Class of 2018 News

### Senior Countdown

Senior Dues \$200  
Submit payment in cash in A205  
Or pay by credit card:

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

*Prom May 4*

Senior Honors Night  
Monday, May 21  
6:30-9:00 PM

Senior Check-Out  
May 30, 1-3 PM

**May 31**

8:30 AM Senior Panoramic Photo  
10:30 AM Grad March

Senior Picnic June 1st, 12-2 PM

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



Prom May 4  
8 PM—12 Midnight  
Omni Houston Hotel Westside  
Eldridge Parkway at Katy Freeway

After Prom, 1-5 AM  
Dave & Busters  
6010 Richmond

**Ticket Sales**  
April 16—20.....\$100

Click [here](#) for contracts

Must present:  
Westside Student ID  
Signed Contract(s)  
Copies of Required IDs

No ticket sold if:  
Senior Dues is Unpaid  
Credit Appeal is Incomplete

## Announcements

**Last week to buy  
Prom Tickets!**

***Last day  
Friday, April 20  
No exceptions!***

**Tickets are now  
\$100 per person**

**For sale during A Lunch  
in the Commons**

**Want to try YOGA?**

**Thursdays**

**A and B Lunch**

**N144**

Ms. Lumpkin, Choices Counselor

Westside High School

### **Scholarship Applications Now Available**

PTO Spirit Scholarships  
and  
Alumni & Friends Scholarships

Applications available in the College Center  
See applications for eligibility criteria

**Due May 1st**

Click [here](#) to print applications

### **Saturday Tutorials**

**Spring Semester**

**9 AM — 12 Noon**

**Students must arrive by 9:15!  
Bring ID's, laptops & assignments**

April	4/21 & 4/28
May	5/5 & 5/19

# Westside Wishes 2018

Time is  
running out!

Can you help  
with our teachers'  
wishes?

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## Please support our PTO Business Partners!

A Cut Above Florals  
1396 Eldridge Parkway

AMAZON SMILE  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-0633700>

Josephine's Day Spa & Salon  
Now re-opened on Eldridge!

Kroger Community Rewards Program  
Link your card to Westside HS PTO, #79002

RANDALL'S  
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