



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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District Faces Budget Challenges

HISD has recently announced that it will need to cut approximately \$200 Million from next year's budget. School Superintendent Richard Carranza stated, "School next year will look different."

HISD has cited a variety of issues which have resulted in this dire situation, including:

- State mandated "recapture" payment is due to be paid; Houston must "share our wealth" from property tax proceeds
- Lower student enrollment due to devastation of homes and schools by Hurricane Harvey
- Projected loss in tax revenue due to property damage by Hurricane Harvey

The district is in the early stages of planning for the impact of the shortfall. Proposals which are being considered include:

- Significant changes to the HISD Magnet Program and School Choice systems.
- Centralized school funding, as opposed to individ-

ual principals controlling school budgets.

- Standardized staffing formulas based on student:staff ratios

Rene Barajas, the district's chief financial officer, said, "It's a sea of change for HISD, but at end of the day, from a budgetary perspective, we're still going to get the job done. It's just going to be harder."

Westside parents are encouraged to get informed and stay up to speed on the details as the district faces this major budgeting challenge. Please watch for updates in future issues of the eNews, as well as on the school's and district's social media accounts. Also, check local news and media coverage, such as these two articles linked here:

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/education/article/Houston-ISD-proposes-drastic-changes-to-school-12512316.php>

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Sit-up-and-listen-folks-HISD-is-about-to-make-12530850.php?cmpid=gsa-chron-result>

Calendar

Wed., 1/31

Hawaii Trip Parent Meeting, S-100, 6:30 PM

Fri., 2/2

AP KickOff Breakfast for AP Scholars, 9:50 AM in the Commons

University of Houston College Visit, 11:00 AM in S-100

Sat., 2/3

Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

Super Saturday Credit Recovery Session, 8AM-12 Noon

Mon. 2/5

Choices Parent Night, 6-7PM in N144

PTO Meeting, 7PM in the Library

Wolf Band Hosts Prestigious Composer

The Wolf Band was honored to host John Mackey, one of the most prestigious band composers of our time, for a Q & A session and educational clinic in the Westside Auditorium last week. Mr. Mackey is a prolific composer of contemporary music, primarily for high school and university wind bands and orchestras. Westside's Wind Ensemble worked on Mackey's piece, "Sheltering Sky", under his guidance. They prepared the composition for their performance at the "John Mackey Festival" at Lamar Consolidated High School later in the week.



John Mackey, 2nd from left, with Westside's Band Directors



What's Happening in the Westside 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"

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

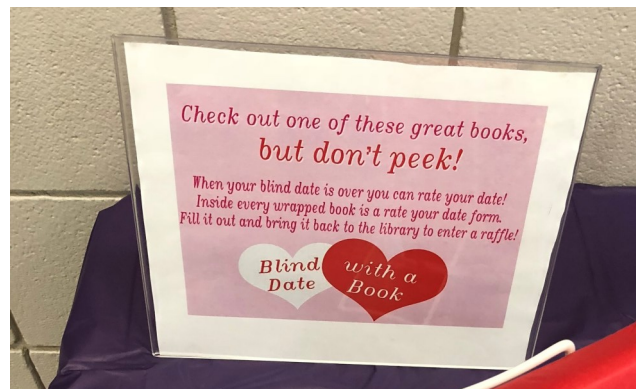
Author Event

Kami Garcia, author of the soon -to-be-released young-adult novel, *Broken Beautiful Hearts*, will be 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 available in the Library.

Literacy Empowers You Celebration



Blind Date with a Book



Announcements

**PTO
Meeting**

**MONDAY
Feb. 5**

7:00 PM

In the Library



BSU
Fundraiser

***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!!

Save the Date!

HAWAII TRIP 2019
PARENT MEETING
JAN. 31ST
5:00 - 6:30PM
SEE MS. ZIEGLER IN E213
FOR DETAILS!

Saturday Tutorials

Spring Semester

February	2/3 & 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. 3	8am-12Noon	Credit Appeal Session
Feb. 10	8am-12Noon	Credit Appeal Session
Feb. 17	8am-12Noon	Credit Appeal Session
Feb.24	8am-12Noon	Credit Appeal Session



Class of 2018 News

Yearbooks for Sale

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

Don't delay!
We only have **145**
2018 yearbooks left to sell!

Contact Ms Roberts at
srobert2@houstonisd.org
for information and details.



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

HOST A FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENT FEBRUARY 21ST – MARCH 5TH



**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 for information!

Quick Links

School Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org/westsidehs>

Yearbook Orders:

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>

Submit news and pics to the eNews:

newsatwhs@gmail.com

Subscribe to receive eNews by eMail:

[click here](#)

School Pay:

Pay your senior dues, Power Up, band/orchestra/choir fees, and some athletics fees. [Instructions](#) if needed.

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