

April 13, 2020

Emotional Support During Distance-Learning

HISD's Social and Emotional Learning Department is hosting a webinar for parents this week to address the challenges of families coping with distance-learning.

"Incorporating Social -Emotional Learning (SEL) At Home" will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15. Parents and students will learn ways to incorporate SEL practices into their daily routines, understand the importance of mindfulness, and learn exercises and techniques that can be done by adults and students of all ages. Click <u>here</u> for details and to join the webinar on Wednesday.

In addition to district resources, Westside's counselors are offering

emotional support for our Wolves. Students may reach out to <u>Mrs. McIntosh</u> or <u>Ms</u>. <u>Lumpkin</u> to schedule a virtual counseling session.

Our Student Support Center is also assisting students with attendance appeals and credit recovery, as well as emotional support. Email <u>Ms. Byrd-</u> <u>Williams</u> or <u>Mr. Scott</u>.



EMAIL YOUR NAME AND ID NUMBER ONLY

One of us (Ms. McIntosh or Ms. Lumpkin) will create an appointment with you. Check your notification via school email within 24 hours.

Email:

ciera.mcintosh@houstonisd.org Email: ebony.lumpkin@houstonisd.org

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Student Virtual Daily Schedule Spring 21 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY Periods 1,3,5,7 ONLY Periods 2,4,6 ONLY Periods 1-7 Parioda 1,3,5,7 academic work due on Thursdays Normal Pariods 2,4,5 a cademic work Student interventions Differentiated Support Supplemental Teacher Directed Instruction pendent Student Proce Directed Instru re to Learning Object Weekly ional Process Stud ent Sup ports ince Task Con er-Student Engage ormance Task Completi Progress Manitoring live or Pre-recorded Lesus 9:30-12:00 Special Populations: Co-Teach Support and Per 1- 9:30-10:30 Schedule Per 1- 9:30-10:30 Per 2- 9:30 - 10:30 Per 2 - 9:30 - 10:30 Collaborati Social Emotional Referral/Support Per 3- 11:00-12:00 Per 3-11:00-12:00 Per 4- 11:00-12:00 Per 4- 11:00-12:00 ssons recorded & saves for student viewing-Lessons recorded & saved Teacher Supports PO/Training Peer Suppo Network; Grading Practic More student-teacher More student-teacher Beginning for student viewinginteraction on this day interaction on this day anytime. anytime. 12:00-1:00 LUNCH LUNCH LUNCH LUNCH Per 5- 1:00- 2:00 Per 5- 1:00- 2:00 April 13th 1.00-3:00 Per 6- 1:00 - 2:00 Per 6- 1:00 - 2:00 TEACHER MEETING Per 7- 2:00- 3:00 Per 7- 2:00- 3:00 bleshooting/ Parent nt Contact/Dean Refe shooting/ Parent 3:00 3:30 t Contact/Des

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HISD Virtual Spirit Week

Are you ready for a fun challenge to showcase distance-learning? As everyone adjusts to the new reality of online instruction, flood social media with positive learning activities and create a sense of community, school spirit, and inclusivity. **Monday, April 13:** *Move-it Monday* It's important to keep moving while staying home. **Tuesday, April 14:** *Career Day* Picture yourself in your dream job. **Wednesday, April 15:** *Whatcha Reading Wednesday* What's on your current reading list? **Thursday, April 16:** *College Colors Day* Wear a college t-shirt! **Friday, April 17:** *Fine Arts Friday* How are you are expressing your creativity at home?

Don't forget to share your photos and videos on social media each day using the hashtag #HISDSpiritWeek and mention Westside, and they will be shared on the district's <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> accounts. Happy Virtual Spirit Week!

Grading Guidelines:

- The Cycle 5 Grading Period is extended to April 9th
- HISD has waived final exams and therefore grades for spring term will be based on Cycle 4, 5, and 6
- Teachers will enter one academic grade in Gradespeed each week

HOW IS STUDENT ATTENDANCE DOCUMENTED?

Teachers are recording participation, engagement, and productivity in a variety of ways. A few examples include, but are not limited to the following:

- Posting a response during direct instruction
- Responding to a prompt
- Being present for live or recorded teacher lessons
- Live student check-in with teacher
- Answering discussion questions using embedded code within lesson

Senior Yasin Hamed Featured in HISD's Weekly Wrap

Westside senior. Yasin Hamed, was featured in an article in last Thursday's edition of Weekly Wrap, HISD's online weekly newsletter. Yasin was interviewed for the article about HISD seniors' experiences transitioning to distancelearning. Click here to read the article, "While making the shift to online learning. Class of 2020 copes with an interrupted senior year".



One-on-One College Center Advising Appointments



Juniors and seniors may now set up individual virtual advising appointments with the Westside College Center via Microsoft Bookings. Using this tool in a new way, our college counselors will provide support on an individual basis to our students. To schedule an appointment, click here:

> WHS College Center Appointments

Motivational Monday Message



Our Varsity Softball ladies helped to get us motivated this Monday morning by reminding us to stay active and healthy during distance-learning.

Last week, they kicked off the 3-day weekend with two fun videos. Check out how they demonstrate team spirit and staying sharp here:

https://twitter.com/ WHSsoftball11

Thanks for sharing your fabulous socialdistance style with us!

Free eBooks on Destiny Discover

Looking for something to read? Westside students may access free eBooks on Destiny Discover.

How to Access Destiny Discover

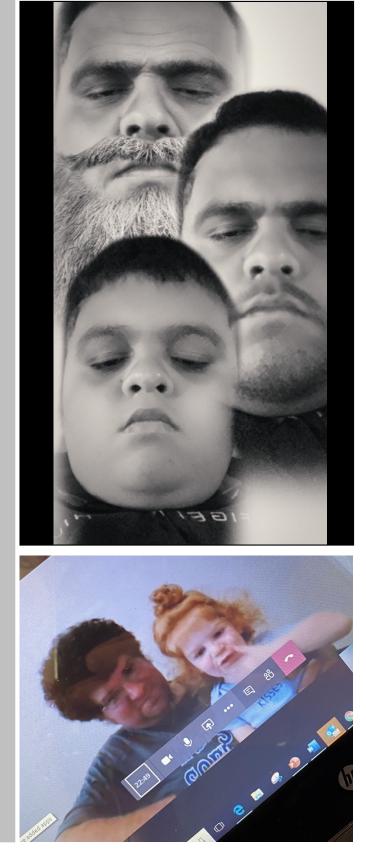
- 1. Log into the Hub and go to Digital Resources
- 2. Scroll to Library References and click on Destiny
- 3. Click on Westside High School
- 4. This will take you into the Destiny Program.

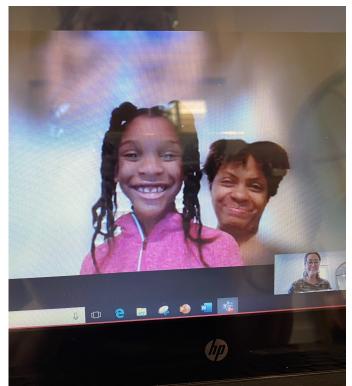
Watch this video to learn how to find, check out and open books:

https://www.follettcommunity.com/s/article/ Searching-for-and-Accessing-eBooks-vid



Bring Your Family Members & Pets to School Day







Just for Seniors

\$500 Challenge Scholarship

Sponsored by Westside Alumni & Friends

Awarded to 2 graduating seniors who have shown perseverance to overcome an obstacle in pursuit of their education.

Click <u>here</u> to apply! Deadline May 1st

PTO Spirit Scholarships

Parents: did you join PTO by January 15th? Your senior student is eligible to apply for \$1000 WHS PTO Spirit Scholarship. If you have not received an email with links to the 2020 Scholarship application, please contact <u>Mrs. Turner</u> or <u>Mrs. Maguire</u> from the College Center.

Click here for application! Deadline: May 1st



Do you need support figuring out your next steps after high school such as:

-Applying to 2 year college, 4 year college, certification program, etc.

-Completing your enrollment steps if you have already applied to college/certification program and have been accepted

-Filling out the financial aid application, understanding your award letter, submitting your verification documents, etc.

If so, OneGoal, our college access partner is offering all seniors FREE support right now through pre-recorded "how to" videos, live webinars, and one-on-one appointments to help you complete your college/post-secondary enrollment process successfully.

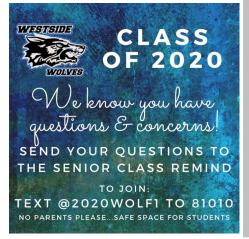
CLICK THIS LINK TO LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP: https://sites.google.com/a/onegoalgraduation.org/ co 2020 collegeenrollmentresources/



In light of the current social distancing restrictions due to COVID-19, the Houston Independent School District is exploring alternative plans for Spring 2020 graduation ceremonies, should that need arise. As a graduating senior or parent of a graduating senior, we would like your input.

Please complete the survey below to provide your feedback on a virtual, postponed or alternate graduation ceremony plan:

Class of 2020 Graduation Survey



Announcements





Please join our google classroom for access to auditions code:ja24ofg



Announcements

Rice Elite Camp

Application is open!

Click <u>here</u>!

WHAT IS RICE ELITE CAMP?

Are you prepared to lead the future of engineering, technology, and an emerging global high-tech society?



Uniquely focused on preparing young people to be tomorrow's leaders in technology & engineering Engage in rigorous STEM activities and learn to excel in team environments.

Premier pre-college engineering summer program for high school students Learn about engineering at one of the nation's top institutions.

Created and taught by faculty from Rice University & the Rice Center for Engineering Leadership (RCEL) Reinforce engineering leadership while applying the engineering design process to solve real-world problems.

Four Sessions at Rice University Rice ELITE Camp will host four identical sessions during

> Session 1: June 1 - 5 Session 2: June 8 - 12 Session 3: June 15 - 19 Session 4: June 22 - 26

Camp sessions run 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Applicants will be able to select their session preference on the camp application.

Session Tuition: \$1,500

Rice ELITE Camp - COVID-19 Statement: As we at Rice ELITE Camp continue to watch the situation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to prepare for all sessions of the Rice ELITE Camp to take place as scheduled in the month of June. Rice ELITE Camp sessions are small (less than 30 people), with participants often breaking up into teams of 4-6 students. This is a constantly changing situation, and Rice ELITE Camp is closely monitoring the news and will follow all guidelines set by the CDC and Rice University, as we get closer to the first day of camp. Should it be determined that we must cancel Rice ELITE Camp 2020, all registered students will receive full refunds. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Prestia.

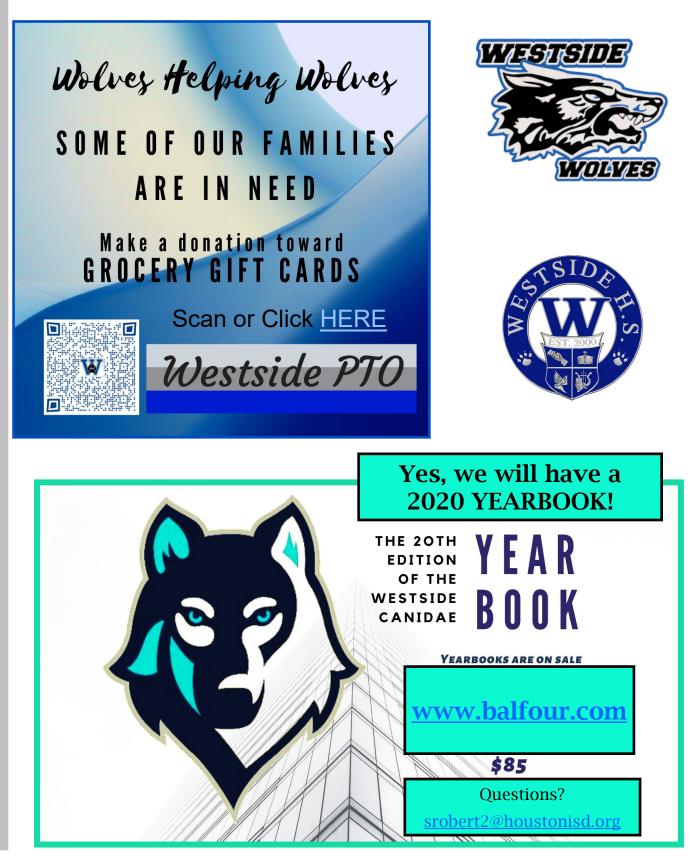


HISD launches HISD @ H.O.M.E. Hotline to support distance learning

The Houston Independent School District will be launching the HISD @ H.O.M.E. Hotline starting Monday, April 13, to provide timely answers to questions from students and parents about distance learning. Starting on April 13, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., students and parents can call the HISD @ H.O.M.E. Hotline at **713-556-INFO (4636)**. Operators will be on hand to answer questions in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic. The hotline will remain in place for as long as it is needed to support the transition to at-home learning.

It's a Great Day to Be a WOLF!

Announcements



Stay Connected!

During these challenging times of students learning from home, it is important to stay connected. Please be proactive in keeping up to date on the information you need. Things change rapidly so you will need to be vigilant.

Are you subscribed to the eNews? The Wolf eNews contains valuable announcements and school news. Click <u>here</u> to subscribe and get it delivered to your email inbox.

Are you signed up to use Grade Speed? Parents and students can stay on top of grades and assignments. Click <u>here</u> to register.

Are you still trying to get connected? If you have questions or concerns, students and parents may email their teachers/dean. If students are still confused about online access or do not know where to begin, they may contact Ms. Merriweather, our Curriculum Instructional Technologist, at ameriwe@houstonisd.org.



Seek out reliable information to stay on top of the latest updates and details. Now is a great time to follow *trusted* social media resources and sign-up for notifications from official entities. Do not rely on word of mouth nor internet rumors.

SEEK OUT RELIABLE INFORMATION TO STAY UPDATED

Houston Independent School District

Main Website: <u>www.houstonisd.org</u> HISD/Covid-19 Alerts: <u>www.houstonisd.org/HealthAlerts</u> Twitter: @HoustonISD Instagram: houstontxisd FaceBook: Houston Independent School District

City of Houston

Main website: www.houstontx.gov

Covid-19 Updates: <u>https://houstonemergency.org/</u> covid19

Twitter: @HoustonTX

Westside High School

Main Website: <u>www.westsidewolves.org</u> Twitter: @westsidehigh Instagram: gowestsidewolves Facebook: Westside High School

Harris County

Main Website: www.harriscountytx.gov

Covid-19: <u>https://publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/</u> Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus

Twitter: @ReadyHarris

Resources You May Need



 assistance with groceries may contact a staff member below to request a
\$25 grocery store gift card: Ms. McIntosh:
<u>Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org</u> Ms. Lumpkin:
<u>Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org</u> Dean Edith Gozalez:
<u>EGonza15@houstonisd.org</u> Ms. Byrd-Williams:
<u>cbyrd@houstonisd.org</u> Mr. Scott:
<u>Aaren.Scott@houstonisd.org</u>

Click here for Details

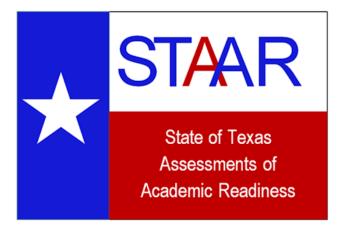
- Westside Student Support Center • Attendance Appeals
 - Absences
 - Emotional Support

Monday—Friday 9-12 & 1-3:15 <u>cbyrd@houstonisd.org</u> aaren.scott@houstonisd.org

Testing Updates

STAAR Testing Cancelled

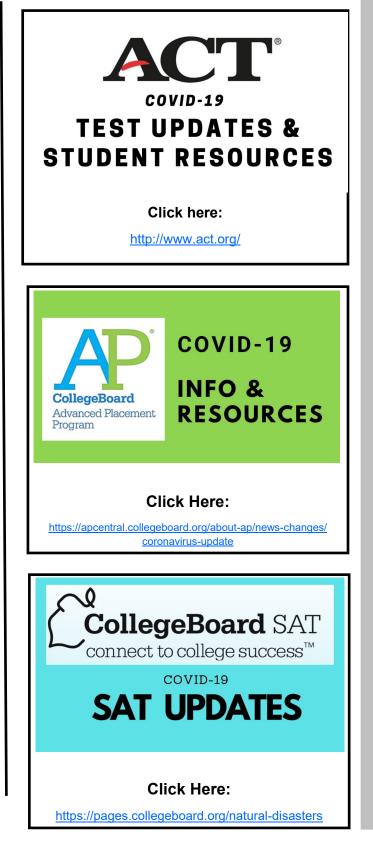
Due to the impact of Covid-19, STAAR testing is cancelled for the remainder of the school year. This includes all STAAR Assessments and EOC (End of Course) Assessments. Click <u>here</u> for the announcement released by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

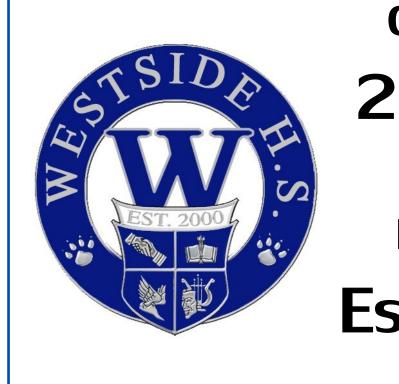


Attention Juniors! School Day SAT Postponed

HISD has announced that the administration of the SAT School Day test planned for April 28, 2020 is rescheduled for October 14, 2020. Our class of current juniors will sit for the test in October when they are seniors.

It is important to note, juniors are advised to sign up for the June or August 2020 SAT if they wish to meet early action/ early decision college application deadlines for Fall of 2021 admissions.





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School Web Address: https://www.houstonisd.org/westsidehs Register for Parent Student Connect/ GradeSpeed:

https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/42143

School Pay:

https://www.schoolpay.com/

HISD Web Address: https://www.houstonisd.org