



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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## Where Can Parents Find... Grades, Lesson Plans, Contacts?

As we head into the final stretch of this turbulent spring term, we encourage parents to check-in on your student's performance in "virtual school".

The best place to start is on HISD's parent engagement tool, **Parent Student Connect/GradeSpeed**. If you already have an account, click [here](#) to sign-in. To register, click [here](#). (See page 2 of this eNews for detailed registration instructions.) With this tool, you may:

- Check current grades and assignments;
- Find a list of your student's courses and teachers' names; and
- View report cards and progress report.


If you would like to view lesson plans or contact your student's teachers/dean, please use our [Staff Directory](#). Once you click on a teacher's name, you will

go to their page, which includes email addresses and Virtual Lesson Plans (see example to the right).

Overall, our Wolves have shown great resilience during these challenging weeks of distance-learning. We ask you to hang in there and stay engaged for these last few weeks. Together in spirit, yet safely apart, we will finish WESTSIDE STRONG!

Regular Schedule of Virtual Classes					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Periods 1,3,5,7 ONLY		Periods 2,4,6 ONLY		Periods 1-7
9:30-12:00	<u>Per 1-</u> 9:30-10:30	<u>Per 1-</u> 9:30-10:30	<u>Per 2-</u> 9:30 - 10:30	<u>Per 2-</u> 9:30 - 10:30	Student Interventions / Tutorials for all periods (Teachers available for help.)
	<u>Per 3-</u> 11:00-12:00	<u>Per 3-</u> 11:00-12:00	<u>Per 4-</u> 11:00-12:00	<u>Per 4-</u> 11:00-12:00	
12:00-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-3:00	<u>Per 5-</u> 1:00- 2:00	<u>Per 5-</u> 1:00- 2:00	<u>Per 6-</u> 1:00 - 2:00	<u>Per 6-</u> 1:00 - 2:00	Teacher prep time / Teacher Meetings
	<u>Per 7-</u> 2:00- 3:00	<u>Per 7-</u> 2:00- 3:00			
3:00-3:30	Troubleshooting/ Parent-Student Contact/Dean Referral		Teacher prep time / Teacher Meetings		
	IMPORTANT NOTES				
	Periods 1,3,5,7 Academic Work: due on <b>Thursdays</b>		Periods 2,4,6 Academic Work: due on <b>Mondays</b>		
	* All Lesson are recorded and can be accessed by students at any time.				
	* Mondays & Wednesdays are for teacher instruction.				
	* Tuesdays & Thursdays are for reinforcement and student assistance.				

# Westside @ HOME



## Register

for

## Parent Student Connect/GradeSpeed

View your student's grades online and set up alerts & notifications!

1

Gather required student details:

- HISD Student ID Number
- Student's Social Security Number or HISD "S" number

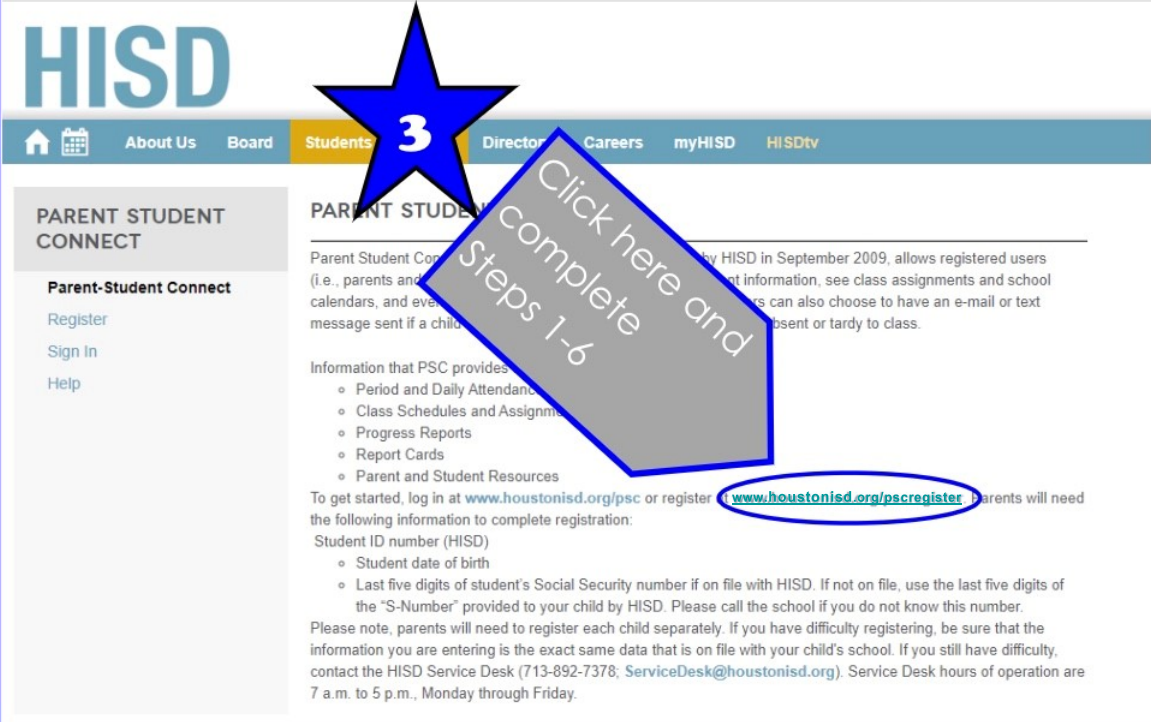
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Click or copy into your internet browser:

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

3

Click here and complete steps 1-6



The screenshot shows the HISD website with the 'Students' tab selected. On the left, under 'PARENT STUDENT CONNECT', the 'Register' link is highlighted. A blue star with the number '3' points to a callout box that says 'Click here and complete steps 1-6'. The callout box points to the 'Register' link. Below the callout box, the URL [www.houstonisd.org/pscregister](https://www.houstonisd.org/pscregister) is circled in blue.

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## Normal Weekly Schedule

Westside HS Student Virtual Daily Schedule Spring 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Periods 1,3,5,7 ONLY		Periods 2,4,6 ONLY		Periods 1-7
Periods 1,3,5,7 academic work due on <b>Thursdays</b>		Periods 2,4,6 academic work due on <b>Monday</b>		Student interventions Differentiated Support
Teacher-Directed Instruction Intro to Learning Objective Instructional Process Teacher-Student Engagement (Live or Pre-recorded Lessons)	Supplemental Teacher-Directed Instruction Independent Student Practice Performance Task Completion Progress Monitoring	Teacher-Directed Instruction Intro to Learning Objective Instructional Process Teacher-Student Engagement (Live or Pre-recorded Lesson)	Supplemental Teacher-Directed Instruction Independent Student Practice Performance Task Completion Progress Monitoring	Student Supports
9:30-12:00 Per 1- 9:30-10:30 Per 3- 11:00-12:00 Lessons recorded & saved for student viewing-anytime.	Per 1- 9:30-10:30 Per 3- 11:00-12:00 More student-teacher interaction on this day	Per 2- 9:30 - 10:30 Per 4- 11:00-12:00 Lessons recorded & saved for student viewing-anytime.	Per 2- 9:30 - 10:30 Per 4- 11:00-12:00 More student-teacher interaction on this day	Special Populations: Co-Teach Support and Collaboration Social Emotional Referral/Support Teacher Supports PD/Training Peer Support Network, Grading Practices
12:00-1:00 LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-3:00 Per 5- 1:00- 2:00 Per 7- 2:00- 3:00	Per 5- 1:00- 2:00 Per 7- 2:00- 3:00	Per 6- 1:00 - 2:00	Per 6- 1:00 - 2:00	TEACHER MEETING
3:00-3:30 Troubleshooting/ Parent-Student Contact/Dean Referral	Troubleshooting/ Parent-Student Contact/Dean Referral	2:00 PM on WED & THURS TEACHER MEETINGS/ TECH TRAINING AND/OR SUPPORT UPON REQUEST		Teacher Lesson Plans posted for following week

## Daily Classes at a Glance Thru May 8

Monday, 4/6 1,3,5,7	Tuesday, 4/7 1,3,5,7	Wednesday, 4/8 2,4,6	Thursday, 4/9 2,4,6 <b>LAST DAY CYCLE 5</b>	Friday, 4/10 Good Friday Holiday
Monday, 4/13 1,3,5,7 <b>FIRST DAY CYCLE 6</b>	Tuesday, 4/14 1,3,5,7	Wednesday, 4/15 2,4,6	Thursday, 4/16 2,4,6	Friday, 4/17 Pds 1-7 Flexible Supports
Monday, 4/20 1,3,5,7	Tuesday, 4/21 1,3,5,7	Wednesday, 4/22 2,4,6	Thursday, 4/23 2,4,6	Friday, 4/24 Pds 1-7 Flexible Supports
Monday, 4/27 1,3,5,7	Tuesday, 4/28 1,3,5,7	Wednesday, 4/29 2,4,6	Thursday, 4/30 2,4,6	Friday, 5/1 Pds 1-7 Flexible Supports
Monday, 5/4 1,3,5,7	Tuesday, 5/5 1,3,5,7	Wednesday, 5/6 2,4,6	Thursday, 5/7 2,4,6	Friday, 5/8 Pds 1-7 Flexible Supports

## Westside @ HOME

### What are Westside Students Saying?

Continued from last week: We surveyed the students and they let us know some of their thoughts on Westside @ HOME. Here is a sampling of what they said:

#### What have you enjoyed most about Westside @ HOME?

*I like seeing my teachers and classmates*

*I've enjoyed the simplicity of it. i can receive an assignment, turn it in, and the whole process is very smooth and it doesn't stress me out.*

*I enjoy everything*

*Although it's been different, being able to manage my own work schedule and get my work finished early has been a great freedom. Being able to ask my teachers questions anytime is also helpful, and KhanAcademy has been a useful medium that some of my teachers are using.*

*dance assignments*

*relaxed environment from the majority of my teachers*

*I can create my own schedule*

*Time flexibility*

*it's easy*

*I can take my time and learn stuff on my own. I don't have to rush through questions*

*i just like its shorter than regular school*

#### Student Voice! What might teachers do differently?

*Students will stay better engaged with more interactive activities or games.*

*Every teacher using a different platform for homework is confusing. If all the teachers could have one place to put homework and turn it in that would be great.*

*Everything is good, keep it up*

*Need to know that some people can't do it because of work or certain situations at home*

*More reminders, daily mental health check ins, being able to talk to teachers one on one.*

*I feel like what they're doing now is working well. I can't really think of what I might want to be changed.*

*That teachers don't talk the whole hour straight without stopping*

*I'd like to do group work*

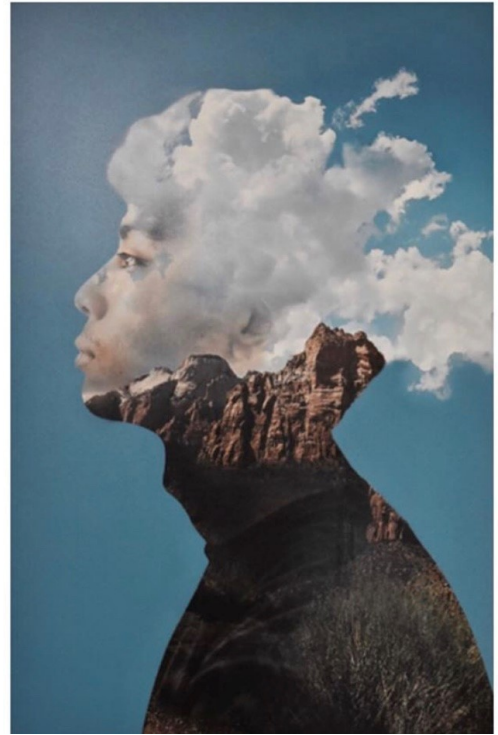
*I am motivated to stay engaged for the remainder of the cycle. I think teachers should set aside five minutes in each class to let students talk to each other an the teacher*



## State Gold Seal Award Winner



Congratulations to Sarah Alvarado, Gold Seal winner in 2020 Visual Art State Event (VASE). Sarah is a junior in Ms. Schrynmeecker's Art III Photography class. Her award-winning photograph is called "Zenith".



## Staff Appreciation Shout-Outs from StuCo

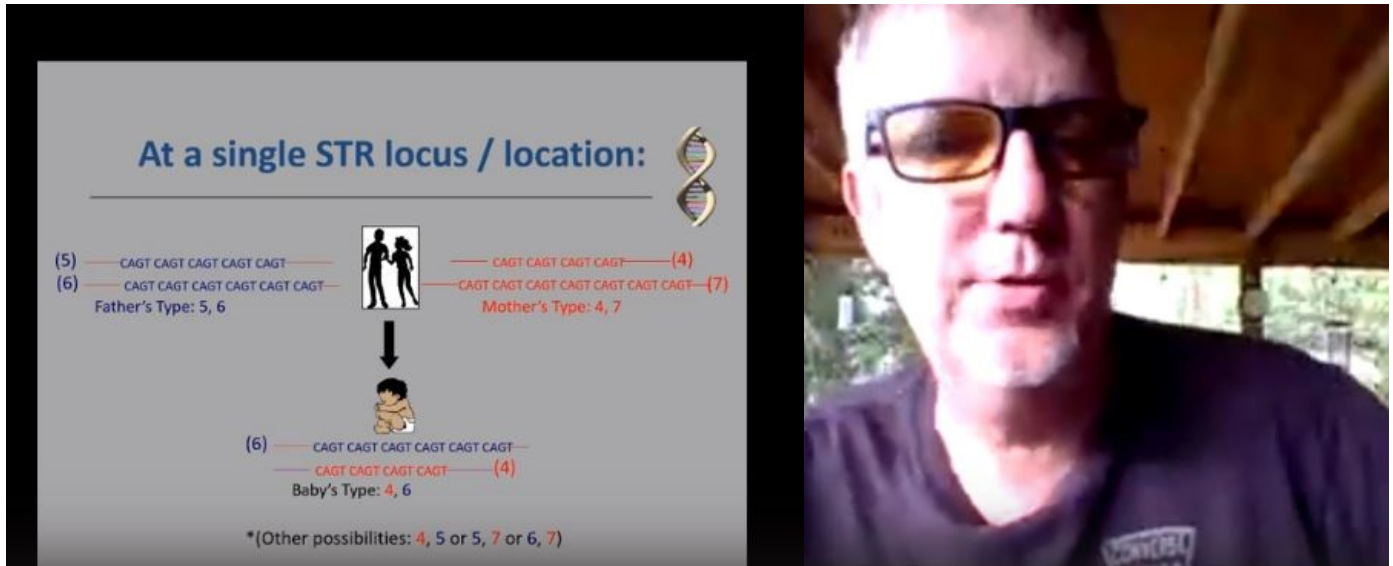


Freshman Collage



Senior Collage

## DNA Expert Attends Westside Forensics Class



Ms. Phillips' Forensic Science class recently hosted a live Microsoft Teams event featuring a guest speaker from Houston Forensic Science Center. Mr. Clay Davis, a forensic DNA expert, joined in the hour-long meeting, presenting to students about forensic DNA analy-

sis in the Crime Lab. He displayed actual case images, discussed how he interprets data, and shared challenges that he faces in different types of cases and evidence analysis. Over 100 students virtually attended the class, which included a Q & A session.

## Westside Alumni in the Spotlight

### Michael Letko

**Westside Class of 2007!**

Check out this [story](#) on Wired.com. It's about our Wolf alum and his cutting edge work related to containing the COVID-19 virus. Wired is a prestigious monthly publication focused on the impacts of emerging technologies.

Proud of our Wolf, Dr. Letko, literally helping to save the world!

### Amelia Khoei

**Westside Class of 2014!**

Check out this [blog post](#) by our Westside HST (Health Science Technology) grad, Amelia Khoei. Amelia is a second year Med Student at Baylor College of Medicine here in Houston. In her blog, she shares her experience doing community outreach during the Coronavirus pandemic.

### Jordan Elliott

**Westside Class of 2016!**

If you tuned into the NFL Draft last week, you may have seen our former Wolf. Jordan played defensive tackle at Mizzou and was just drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the 3rd Round! Go Jordan!



## Just for Seniors

HERE to join!' in white text on a dark blue background."/>

**2020**  
**SENIORS & PARENTS**  
**LIVE CHAT #3**  
**with Principal Stewart**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, AT 3:30**  
**TOPICS:**  
**SENIOR HONORS, TRIBUTES & GRADUATION**  
Click [HERE](#) to join!

### 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 did not receive links by email to the  
2020 Scholarship application, please contact:  
[Mrs. Turner](#) or [Mrs. Maguire](#)  
from the College Center.

Click [here](#) for application!  
Deadline: May 1st

**\$500**

### Challenge Scholarship

Sponsored by  
Westside Alumni & Friends

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

Click [here](#) to apply!  
Deadline: May 1st

## We Need Your Help!

### Microsoft TEALS Partnering with Westside for 2020/2021!

We need your help to empower  
the next generation of Tech Leaders  
from Westside High School!

- Seeking technical professionals from our community.
- Volunteer to work with our teachers to team-teach computer science.
- Help bring computer science to a broader and more diverse pool of students at Westside.

For more information about our new program, please contact Computer Science teacher, Mrs. Willett:

[margaret.willett@houstonisd.org](mailto:margaret.willett@houstonisd.org) .

For more information about TEALS or to apply to volunteer at Westside, go to:  
<https://microsoft.com/TEALS> .



**TEALS Program**  
Volunteer to give  
students access to  
computer science




Medgar Evers College Preparatory School, Brooklyn, NY


#### Help teachers equip students with computer science skills

The Microsoft Philanthropies TEALS (Technology Education and Literacy in Schools) Program connects technical volunteers with high schools to team teach computer science (CS) alongside classroom teachers. By increasing the number of CS teachers, the TEALS Program gives high school students the opportunity to participate in equitable high-quality CS education.

 21,000  
students  
served

 1,800  
volunteers from  
750 companies

 625  
TEALS  
schools

 29 US states,  
Washington DC, and  
British Columbia, Canada

#### Volunteers are the backbone of TEALS

TEALS volunteers are essential to inspiring the coders and creators of tomorrow. They work directly with students while coaching teachers to lead courses on their own. Anyone with a CS background and a passion for giving back can apply.

"I learned so many things from my CS class I wouldn't have gotten from books or on my own. Our TEALS volunteers were actual programmers who shared what they were working on."

—Saad Rafiq  
TEALS student, Austin, TX

**80%**  
of students recommend  
their TEALS course\*

**43%**  
now envision a career in CS\*

\*2018-19 TEALS student end of year survey

*Wolves Helping Wolves*

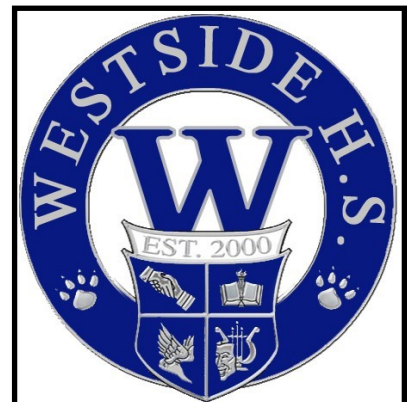
**SOME OF OUR FAMILIES  
ARE IN NEED**

**Make a donation toward  
GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

Scan or Click [HERE](#)



*Westside PTO*





# Announcements

## CHECK OUT OUR VIRTUAL TRY-OUTS! CHEER COLOR GUARD INERTIA PRIDE

**Pride Thru April 24**

*Pride Dance Team*



*Virtual Auditions begin April 13th-24th*  
Please join our google classroom for access to auditions code:ja24ofg



**Cheer May 4-7**

WESTSIDE  
HIGH SCHOOL

**CHEER**  
VIRTUAL  
TRYOUTS  
**May  
4th- 7th**

Stay connected  
@westsidevarsitycheer

With continued closures and restrictions Westside Cheer  
will be conducting Virtual Tryouts.  
ONLINE APPLICATION AND TRYOUT INFORMATION  
COMING SOON!  
Google Classroom Code otrlh5a

**Inertia May 11-15**

THE INERTIA PROGRAM  
2020-2021

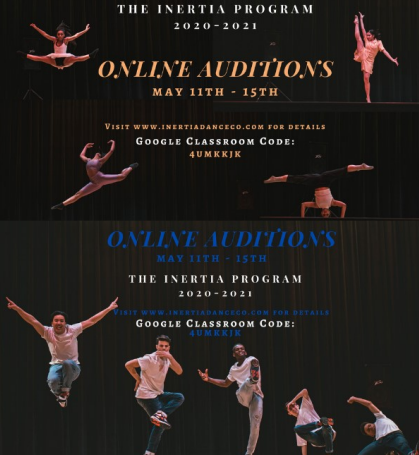
**ONLINE AUDITIONS**  
MAY 11TH - 15TH

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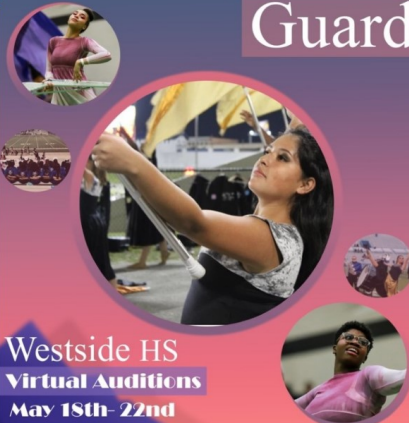
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**Color Guard May 18-22**

**Color  
Guard**



Westside HS  
Virtual Auditions  
May 18th- 22nd

Join our Google Classroom!  
Code: 34k444g

no experience needed  
Basic PE and Fine Arts credit

Questions? Feel free to email nicole.kabatsky@houstonisd.org



# WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

## Resources You May Need

**Need to talk?**

**Do you want emotional support?**



**Email your name & school ID only:**

[ebony.lumpkin@houstonisd.org](mailto:ebony.lumpkin@houstonisd.org)

or

[ciera.mcintosh@houstonisd.org](mailto:ciera.mcintosh@houstonisd.org)

### Wellness Wednesdays

with Ms. McIntosh and Ms. Lumpkin

Hey Westside! Join us live every Wednesday at 12pm

**Topic: Strategies for Coping with Stress**

Click the link to join!

[https://zoom.us/j/95497886846?  
pwd=NHUzTXY1K1ljQXhZalB0Zk9YZFBkZz09](https://zoom.us/j/95497886846?pwd=NHUzTXY1K1ljQXhZalB0Zk9YZFBkZz09)



Meeting ID: 954 9788 6846  
Password: 9WMmXT

**HISD** houston   
& **foodbank**

**Food Distribution Sites  
Week of April 27  
Click [here](#) for Details**

### Westside Student Support Center

- ♦ Attendance Appeals
- ♦ Absences
- ♦ Emotional Support

Monday—Friday 9-12 & 1-3:15

[cbyrd@houstonisd.org](mailto:cbyrd@houstonisd.org)

[aaren.scott@houstonisd.org](mailto:aaren.scott@houstonisd.org)



Westside students in need of assistance with groceries may contact a staff member below to request a

\$25 grocery store gift card:

Ms. McIntosh:

[Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org](mailto:Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org)

Ms. Lumpkin:

[Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org](mailto:Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org)

Dean Edith Gozalez:

[EGonza15@houstonisd.org](mailto:EGonza15@houstonisd.org)

Ms. Byrd-Williams:

[cbyrd@houstonisd.org](mailto:cbyrd@houstonisd.org)

Mr. Scott:

[Aaren.Scott@houstonisd.org](mailto:Aaren.Scott@houstonisd.org)

## Announcements

**YES! We will have a  
2020 YEARBOOK!**

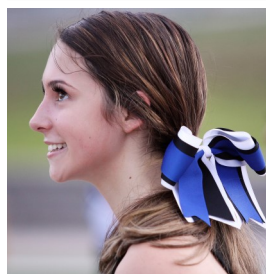
**\$85—Only a few books left for sale!**

**The *2020 Westside Canidae*  
has been sent off to the Printer!**

Completion Date: Pending  
Distribution Dates/Method: TBD  
(according to public health ordinances)

[www.Balfour.com](http://www.Balfour.com).

questions, please email  
[srobert2@houstonisd.org](mailto:srobert2@houstonisd.org)



Order yours today! [www.Balfour.com](http://www.Balfour.com).

## *Westside College Center*

One-on-One

### Virtual College Advising Appointment

Juniors and seniors! Set up individual virtual advising appointments via Microsoft Bookings. To schedule an appointment, click here:

[\*\*WHS College Center Appointments\*\*](#)



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**High School**  
Home of the Wolves





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Of  
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GradeSpeed:

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

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listinfo/whscommunity](https://mailman.listserve.com/listmanager/listinfo/whscommunity)

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

School Web Address:

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