



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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August 24, 2020

## New HISD Parent Portal

The district will launch the [HISD Connect Parent Portal](#) on Aug. 31. Your student will soon receive a unique code, or access ID, **via their HISD email inbox**.

1. Parents will need to obtain the code from their student.
2. Use that code to set up a parent account to access your student's profile through the HISD Connect Parent Portal using your web browser.

3. Next, you will set up your account on the **HISD Connect app**, which can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play.
4. Once signed up, you will be able to use the HISD Connect Parent Portal as a tool to track information related to your student's:
  - Schedules
  - Grades
  - Attendance
  - Academic History
  - And more

For more information, you may visit:

[www.houstonisd.org/ParentPortal](http://www.houstonisd.org/ParentPortal)



## Go Wolves!

### Calendar

#### **Mon, August 24**

Laptop & ID Pick-Ups, 4-6 PM, New Enrolled Students, Grades 9-12

#### **August 25-September 4**

All Student Tech Needs By Appointment

#### **Tues., August 25**

Virtual Senior Orientation, 7 PM

#### **Wed., August 26**

Virtual Junior Orientation, 2:30 PM

#### **Thur., August 27**

Virtual Sophomore Orientation, 2:30 PM

#### **Fri., August 28**

Virtual Freshman Wolf Camp, 9-11 AM

#### **Wed., September 2**

Live Chat with Principal Wittpenn on Microsoft Teams, 6 PM

#### **Thur., September 3**

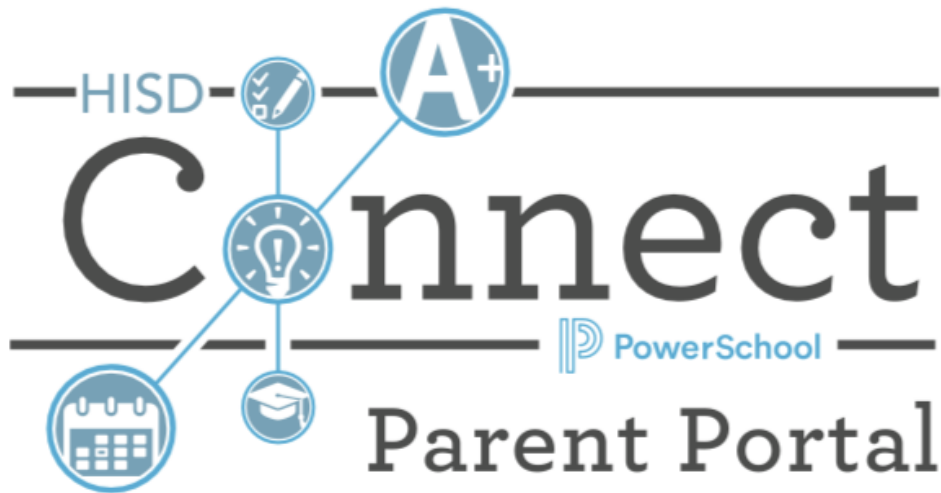
Virtual Back-to-School Bash, 4-6 PM

#### **Mon., September 8**

First Day of Virtual School

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMING SOON



We know keeping track of your student's education is important to you. That's why HISD is making this easier than ever with the new HISD Connect Parent Portal.

The portal will open on Aug. 31 and will be your go-to source to complete start-of-year registration forms and keep track of important student information.

The HISD Connect Parent Portal will include:

- STUDENT PROGRESS & GRADE REPORTING
- SCHEDULES
- ATTENDANCE
- ACADEMIC HISTORY

Parents will receive a unique code, or access ID, for each of their students to set up an account and view their student's profile.

After setting up an account on a web browser, parents will be able to use the login credentials they created to access their student's profile on the HISD Connect app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

For more information, visit [HoustonISD.org/ParentPortal](https://HoustonISD.org/ParentPortal)

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## In Case You Missed It: Westside Launches Virtual Learning Page for Wolves

This is an unprecedented but exciting time for our school community. In an effort to present new information about our remote learning program in a clear and easily-accessible format, we introduce our new [Westside Virtual Learning Plan Website](#). We built this site to help students and parents better understand what our virtual learning plan will look like as we kick-off the 2020-2021 school year.

We hope this helps to alleviate possible concerns surrounding all aspects of blended

learning. Reviewing each section of the site will help our Westside Wolves feel ready to take on distance learning. You can rest assured that our high standards for excellence will continue, and we will be doing our best to help each student feel a part of our Wolf Pack!

To learn more about our Virtual Learning Plan, join Principal Wittpenn for a Live Chat with parents on Microsoft Teams on September 2nd at 6 PM. Click [here](#) for details and the link to join at meeting time.





## Important Information from HISD



The Houston Independent School District has developed a plan to deliver quality education during the upcoming 2020-2021 school year while ensuring the health and safety of our students, families and staff. **All students will begin the 2020-2021 school year virtually on September 8, 2020.** Click [here](#) for all the details regarding the HISD reopening plan.



HISD has created the **"Parent Introduction to Virtual Learning"** course to provide guidance for parents as they support their child's virtual learning experience.

The course is now available at:  
<http://houstonisd.org/parentcourse>



Learn all about volunteering for 2020-21 school year through HISD VIPS program. Click [here](#) for details and to find the link to register online. The HISD VIPS program will begin accepting NEW and Returning Volunteer Applications for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year **August 17, 2020** due to delays related to COVID-19 pandemic.



The Houston Independent School District, in partnership with the Houston Food Bank, is hosting mass community food distributions in August at NRG Stadium.

Distribution is open from 2 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 in the NRG yellow lot. During the final distribution — on Aug. 28 only — families also will receive school supplies donated by T-Mobile, Reliant, and Kroger.

Click [here](#) for additional details.

Go to:

[houstonisd.org](http://houstonisd.org)

For important announcements and information from our school district .

# New Student Registration

Click [HERE](#) to register online!

If you cannot register online:  
Walk-Up/Drive Thru Service

**Mondays & Wednesdays 8 AM-12 Noon**

Please bring a completed registration packet  
and all of the requested documentation.

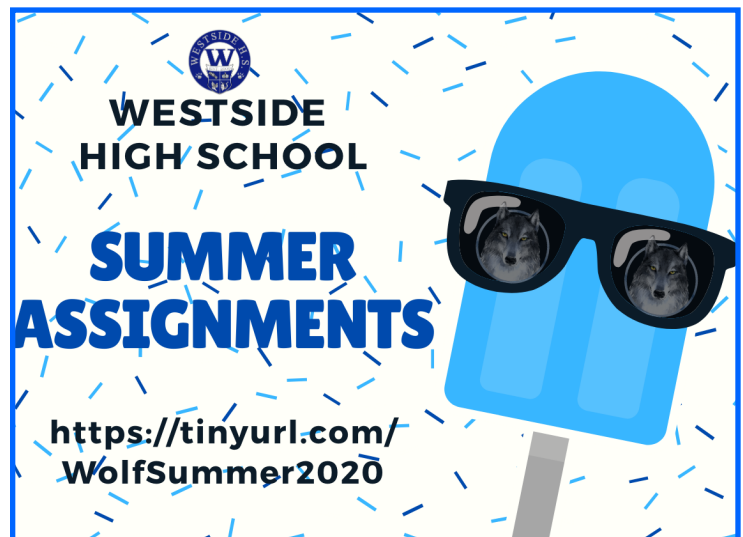
You may pick up your packet in advance.

Look for packets in the acrylic basket mounted on wall to the right of the doors.

**Westside High School**

**It's a  
Great Day  
to be a  
Wolf!**

[www.westsidewolves.org](http://www.westsidewolves.org)



**OR CLICK [HERE](#) !**

## Mark Your Calendar

### ***Laptops & IDs for New Students***

(Completed Enrollment Required)

Drive-Thru Service in the  
Auditorium Lot on Briar Forest  
Masks Required for  
Students & Driver/Parent

**New Students  
Grades 9-12**

Monday, August 24  
4-6 PM

### ***Senior Virtual Orientation***

**Tuesday, August 25  
7:00 PM**

Live Chat on Microsoft Teams  
<http://bit.ly/WestsideSenior21>

### ***Junior Virtual Orientation***

**Wednesday, August 26  
2:30 PM**

Live Chat on Microsoft Teams  
<http://bit.ly/WestsideJunior22>

### ***All Tech Needs***

- *Laptop repairs/exchanges for returning students*
- *Late laptop deployment for new students*
  - *All tech needs for all students*

### **By Appointment**

August 25 through Sept. 4  
9 AM-12 Noon

Click [HERE](#) to sign up

### ***Sophomore Virtual Orientation***

**Thursday, August 27  
2:30 PM**

Live Chat on Microsoft Teams  
<http://bit.ly/WestsideSophomore23>

### ***Calling All Freshmen! Virtual Wolf Camp***

**Friday, August 28  
9 AM-11 AM**

Live Chat on Microsoft Teams  
Meet Principal Wittpenn and the Deans!  
Get the info you need for first day of school.

Go here when it's time to join the meeting:  
[bit.ly/WolfCamp2024](http://bit.ly/WolfCamp2024)

Need help getting  
started on your  
new student laptop?  
Click [HERE](#) for instructions on  
"How to POWER UP"!



## Mark Your Calendar

SAVE THE DATE!

# Live Chat with Principal Wittpenn

SEPTEMBER 2nd at 6 PM  
On Microsoft Teams

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

## VIRTUAL LEARNING PLAN

Click [HERE](#) to join at meeting time!



*Back-to-School*



# BASH

LIVE STREAMING EVENT

ALL ARE WELCOME!  
STUDENTS ~ PARENTS ~ TEACHERS  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

★ 4-6 PM

WATCH FOR  
CODE  
TO JOIN!

Click [HERE](#) for HISD 2020-2021 Academic Calendar



## Announcements

### PTO News and Announcements

- ◆ The PTO in partnership with the College Center will be hosting a virtual College Knowledge night for senior parents on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. You can register for the event at <https://www.westsidehighpto.org/blog>
- ◆ Join the PTO for the series "Together We Can Do...Anything Virtually". Each month we will feature a guest speaker or speaker panel from Westside faculty, staff, and students who will keep us connected to our Westside Community. Our first session will feature Principal Wittpenn on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 pm. You can register for the event at <https://www.westsidehighpto.org/blog>
- ◆ PTO Membership: The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports student learning at Westside by investing in staff, students, and community needs. Please join PTO today at <https://www.westsidehighpto.org/join>
- ◆ Be sure to take the [HISD Online Course for Parents](#). It took about 30 minutes for me to get through it all.



### SIDEWALK CHALK FUN!

#### Description

We'll have lots of chalk, fun, and games in store for everyone so make sure to bring your mask (Follow Designated Social Distancing Procedures), \$5 IN CASH, and a good attitude! Join us to learn more about our team!

Hosted By Westside High School's Very Own FRC Robotics Club!

At Ray Miller Park  
1800 Eldridge  
Parkway, Houston, TX  
77077

Save The Date!  
Join Us Saturday,  
September 5th from  
9-11 AM

Bring the Family for  
Endless Fun!

**WESTSIDE FRC CLUB**

Contact Us:  
westsidefrcrobotics  
@gmail.com

## OUTDOOR HIKE FUNDRAISER

to raise money and support the...

**Westside High School FRC Robotics Team!**

\*Will be guided by an experienced marathon runner, Mt. Kilimanjaro hiker, and MS150 biker of 10 years\*

Join us to learn more about our team!

Saturday, August 29rd, 2020  
7:30-9:00 a.m.  
Terry Hershey Park  
15200 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77079  
\$5 /person (cash only)  
\*bring masks & adhere to strict social distancing guidelines\*



## SAT and PSAT Info

**Saturday SAT Testing**—Due to district Covid-19 building closures, all Saturday SAT Tests originally scheduled at Westside High School are cancelled for August and September. Click [here](#) for additional information from the College Board.

**School Day SAT/PSAT**—based on the current plan (subject to change), school day SAT and PSAT will be administered to Westside students during school on the following schedule :

Test	Grade(s)	Date
PSAT 8/9	8-9	Oct. 26-30, 2020
PSAT/NMSQT	10-11	Oct 29, 2020
SAT School Day	12 only	Oct 27, 2020

## 2020 Yearbook



If you still need to pick-up your pre-purchased 2020 Yearbook, please email Ms. Roberts at [srobert2@houstonisd.org](mailto:srobert2@houstonisd.org)

## Interested in Cross Country?

**BOYS & GIRLS**

**All are welcome,  
everyone makes the team!**

**Contact Coach Guy  
to sign up!**

**[DGUY@houstonisd.org](mailto:DGUY@houstonisd.org)**

**In person practice/conditioning TBD  
when district Covid guidelines permit**



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**HISD College Updates**

[bit.ly/HISD2College](https://bit.ly/HISD2College)

Sign up to receive important college information directly to your phone!

**HISD College Readiness**  
HIGHER EXPECTATIONS. HIGHER EDUCATION.

**Launch HISD**  
Empowering students. Launching futures.

**Need your  
DIPLOMA or TRANSCRIPT?**

Please send an email to:  
**[gsalina1@houstonisd.org](mailto:gsalina1@houstonisd.org)**

**Need to pick up your Senior Packet?**

Please send an email to:  
**[aturner1@houstonisd.org](mailto:aturner1@houstonisd.org)**



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School Web Address:

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>