

First Day of School Edition



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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A Letter from the Principal

August 26, 2019

Dear Westside Families,

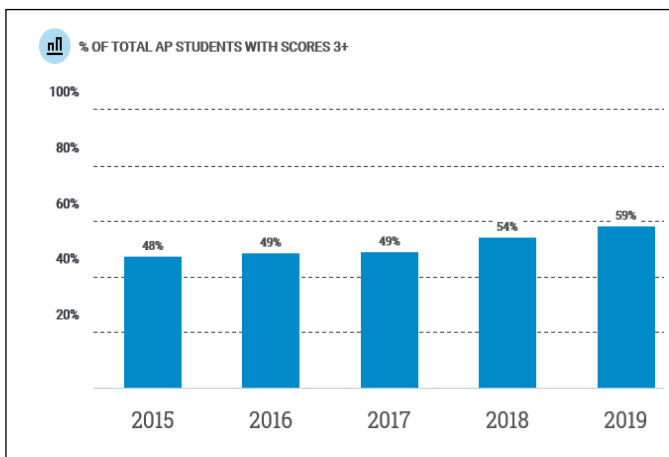
Welcome back to the pack, Westside Wolves! As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary year, we are reflecting on 20 years of academic excellence, building on pillars of success, while raising the bar of innovative program design, and an inclusive school culture whereby the unique contributions of our students and staff are honored and celebrated!

Since Westside opened its doors in 1999, the Advanced Placement program has been a cornerstone of our academic culture. Today, Westside boasts

35 AP course offerings, and 70% of our students are enrolled in one or more advanced level courses. In May 2019, we administered almost 2000 AP Exams, and celebrate the upward

trajectory of the % of students earning 3's or higher! Go Wolves!

If you are a new family to Westside, allow me to brag about the top three things our students say they love most about Westside: 1. *Teachers really care about their students!* 2. *TONS of opportunities for students to pursue their passion!* 3. *Diversity... appreciation of global perspectives fosters a safe and positive school culture.* One of my core beliefs as a principal is that the classroom teacher is the single most influential factor in a student's learning experience. Westside's numerous academic distinctions over many years is wholly attributable to their dedica-



Calendar

August 26

First Day of School

September 2

Labor Day, No School

September 9

PTO Social 6:30 PM
in the Learning Commons

PTO Meeting 7 PM in
the Learning Commons

September 10

Senior Parent Meeting,
6 PM in the Auditorium

September 17

5:30 PM Parent U:
Freshman 101

6-8 PM Meet the
Teacher Night

tion to our students; our overarching vision is *Seeing the Potential of all Students Realized*.

The support of the West's parent community is another source of Wolf Pride! Though your teen is growing into an adult-looking body, the incredible brain and social development ahead is a great case for parent engagement throughout high school! When our teachers, leaders, and parents work as a team, tremendous results are inevitable. My charge to every Westside parent is to commit to three things:

1. Engage:

- ⇒ Register for Parent Student Connect: You can access your child's daily grades, schedule, report cards, progress reports, and period attendance! You will need the last 5 digits of social security number OR student ID number. www.houstonisd.org/psc
- ⇒ Teacher-Parent Night: Attend Teacher-Parent Night on **Wednesday, September 17th, 6-8 PM**
- ⇒ Join the PTO. Click [here](#) to join and get details about volunteering. Your membership benefits all of our students by supporting efforts to enhance the educational experience at Westside HS.

2. Volunteer: Commit to one activity during the 2019-2020 school year! I personally invite you to attend the first PTO meeting on Monday, September 9th-, 6:30pm-Social; 7:00pm PTO meeting.

3. Be Informed: There is a saying around campus that "Westside never sleeps". Academics, Athletics, Fine Arts, and Extra-curriculars reign supreme! There are many ways to be in-the-know!

- ⇒ Browse the school's website, www.westsidewolves.org
- ⇒ Read the **Westside Weekly eNews** to stay informed about news and events. Subscribe [here](#).
- ⇒ Take advantage of the offerings showcasing our students' talents. See the [school calendar](#) for games, shows, and concerts.
- ⇒ Like our social media sites on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Other Westside Updates:

Student Success Center

Cheryl Byrd-Williams, Coord

Work individually with Wolves in our student body to address behaviors which interfere with realizing their full potential at Westside HS.

Team with deans and faculty to proactively engage families in removing barriers which affect learning and progress, such as attendance, absences, punctuality, standards of conduct, school-home communication, and transition.

(next door to nurse office)

New Administrative Staff

Associate Principal: Congratulations to Mr. Tyrone Davis, recently promoted from Dean of Students;

Dean of Instruction: Welcome Ms. Lea Mishlan, a veteran instructional leader and excited about Wolf Pride!

Deans of Students: Welcome to Pack...Ms. Toni Tinker (N1), Mr. Gabriel Cabral (N2). Congrats to Ms. Heather Eller (E1), recently promoted from a different leadership role at Westside.

Student Food Delivery Policy:

- ⇒ Students are prohibited from having food delivered at lunch from outside vendors or delivery service.
- ⇒ Students are not permitted to leave the building to retrieve a delivery.

The registered parent/guardian may drop off a lunch for their child under the following circumstances:
Parent/Guardian must walk the lunch into the building and leave it at Welcome Desk, and it has been left before the lunch period begins. 11:30 on M, T, W and 11:10 on W, TH.

Westside Wear/School Uniform Policy... was developed to enhance campus security from the standpoint of identifying unauthorized visitors, and minimizing the architectural challenge of monitoring numerous entrances. The Site-Based Decision-Making Committee makes recommendations annually in response to student and staff feedback data. Every student is expected to be in uniform on the first day of school and beyond. Be advised:

- ⇒ Tops: All uniform Shirts/Tops/Sweatshirts must be purchased at Westside school store;
 - ⇒ Bottoms: Only khaki bottoms are allowed Monday through Thursday; students with excessively short skirts will be sent home;
 - ⇒ Athletic/Club Jackets may not be worn Mon-Thurs; allowable on Fridays;
 - ⇒ Friday/Spirit Days...in addition to Mon-Thurs uniform items, students have additional options:
Black solid uniform-style bottoms* and blue jeans; athletic shorts, leggings, sweatpants are not permitted;
Official Westside club/org shirts, non-hooded jackets**
- * Continuation of policy will be contingent on student body compliance;
- ** Criteria: "Westside" or official logo imprinted; base color must be white, black, royal blue, gray

Bus Transportation

To find your student's bus route:

- ⇒ Click [here](#) to go to the HISD Transportation Page
- ⇒ Enter correct address; must be in our database
- ⇒ Select Westside HS

Important Notes:

Students with approved CTE or Magnet student transfer and zoned students are eligible for transportation; boundary option, space available transfers, etc...are not eligible for transportation even though a route might be displayed on the route finder.

Thank you for choosing Westside High School. I look forward to a successful and enriching school year for our Wolves!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Peggi Stewart

Principal



Don't Be Late! New Bell Schedule

2019-2020 Bell Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday		Min
1st Period	7:45 - 8:45	60
2nd Period	8:51 - 9:41	50
3rd Period	9:47 - 10:37	50
4th Period	10:43 - 11:33	50
LUNCH	11:34 - 12:24	50
5th Period	12:33 - 1:23	50
6th Period	1:29 - 2:19	50
7th Period	2:25 - 3:15	50

Wednesday/Thursday		Min
1st Period	7:45 - 8:45	60
3rd/2nd Period	8:51 - 10:21	90
Guidance	10:27 - 11:07	40
LUNCH	11:08 - 11:58	50
5th/4th Period	12:09 - 1:39	90
7th/6th Period	1:45 - 3:15	90

Westside's Bell Schedule has been adjusted for the 2019-2020 school year. The first bell will ring at 7:35 AM and classes begin at 7:45 AM. Dismissal will be at 3:15 PM.

New School Hours

2019/2020

7:45-3:15

How Do I Stay Up To Date With School News and Info?

For news and information you need for back-to-school, please read all the details in this special summer edition of the eNews. During the school year, the *Wolf eNews* is published every week and helps keep you informed and up to date with school news and information. If you are not already receiving a link to the eNews in your email inbox on Monday evenings during the school year, please subscribe [here](#).

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Dress Code Updates:

Please Note Monday through Thursday Khaki Only



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL (Updated July 17, 2019) OFFICIAL DRESS CODE/UNIFORM POLICY AT-A-GLANCE

OFFICIAL WESTSIDE UNIFORM, MONDAY-THURSDAY

Tees/Polos with School Logo Purchased at School Store

- Students are required to wear the official Westside tee/polo even when wearing a uniform jacket/sweatshirt.
- Temperatures vary and students must remain in compliance if jacket is removed.



\$10 Short Sleeve Tee



\$12 Long Sleeve Tee



\$15 Polo

Purchase a sweatshirt in August—A/C can be cold!

IMPORTANT
No Hoodies Permitted!

Sweatshirts/Jackets with School Logo Purchased at School Store

- Official uniform jackets/sweatshirts only. No options from outside retailers.



\$35
White
Warm-Up
Jacket



\$35
Westside
Spirit
Jacket



\$15
20th
Anniversary
Sweatshirt



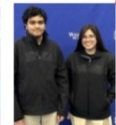
\$15
Crewneck
Sweatshirt



\$25 Black
1/4-Zip Jacket



\$30 Royal
Fleece



\$45 Black Full-
Zip Jacket
Lightweight;
warmth to 30°!



Official Letterman
(UIL eligibility required;
purchase from
authorized vendor)

Khaki Pants, Shorts and Skirts/Skorts Purchased from Retailer of Choice

- Students must wear uniform-style bottoms in khaki only, including pants, jeans, shorts, skirts/skorts
- An optional official plaid skirt is available and can be ordered: (<http://custompromostore.com/westside/>).
- No rips, tears or frays, no embellishments, no cut-offs. No excessively loose nor tight clothing, no sagging
- No athletic wear such as track pants/gym shorts. No leggings as bottoms.
- Solid color navy, royal blue, black, gray, or white tights may be worn under skirts/shorts.



Skirts/Skorts/Shorts must be no shorter than 3-inches above the knee. Biker shorts recommended under skirts.

FRIDAYS OR DESIGNATED SPIRIT DAYS

Spirit Day Shirts and Jackets: In addition to regular uniform shirts and jackets, students may wear an official Westside-sponsored club/org spirit shirt/jacket with a Westside logo, a "W", or "Westside".

Bottoms: In addition to normal khaki colored uniform-wear, on Fridays/Spirit Days students may wear:

- Blue and Black Jeans
- Black Uniform-Style Bottoms, including pants, shorts, skirts/skorts.
- Jeans may have tears/frays but must have lining covering skin. No excessively loose or tight clothing, no sagging.
- No athletic wear such as track pants/gym shorts. No leggings

Black bottoms are popular! Don't risk losing this privilege by wearing athletic wear/leggings



Blue Jeans✓ Black Jeans✓ Frayed Jeans with Lining✓ Black Pants✓ Black Shorts✓ Black Skirt/Skort✓



No hoodies No leggings No gym shorts No track pants

All Five Days Per Week

No Hoodies, No Leggings, No Gym Shorts, No Track Pants, No Bandana Print of Any Kind-no exceptions

Headwear-No wraps, hats, caps, visors, scarves, durags, wave caps, skull caps, nor headbands wider than 1-inch.

Allowable Headwear-religious headwear and headbands less than 1-inch in width are permitted

Accessories-jewelry, shoes, socks, backpacks, bags, etc. must not display offensive language, images or symbols

Student School IDs-must be worn around the neck at all times during the school day

For detailed Uniform Policy go to www.westsidewolves.org

Parent Volunteers Needed!

Bash & Back to School

WHS PTO needs you! Volunteers are needed for First Week of School: Laptop Deployment and New Student Registration assistance:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ea9aa2aa4fd0-whspto2>

Join PTO online:

<https://westsidehighpto.wixsite.com/whspto>

2019-2020 School Year

Do you want to get more involved this year? WHS PTO also needs volunteers to serve on various committees, including the Homecoming Dance, Teacher Appreciation, and Class of 2020 Senior activities. If you are interested in serving on a committee, send an email with your contact information to whsptovolunteers@gmail.com.

PTO Meetings

7 PM Library/Learning Commons

September 9 (Social at 6:30 PM)

October 7

November 4

January 6

February 3

March 2

April 6

Do you plan to
VOLUNTEER
this year?

Athletics
Band
Field Trips
PTO
T-Pro

**You must be cleared
through HISD**

Renewal required every year

Click [here](#) to get cleared!

WEGAns Going to Denver to Present Project



Left-Right—Charles Loh, Breann Magno, Mr. Barry Russell, Yasin Hamed, and Sean Smeds

On Monday, August 19, 2019, Westside students Charles Loh, Breann Magno, Yasin Hamed, and Sean Smeds presented their award-winning tidal energy project to the IPAA/PESA Education Advisory Board. Pictured with the team is Mr. Barry Russell, President and CEO of the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA). The students also shared some of their experiences as part of Westside's WEGA program, including highlights of their summer externship assignments and their future plans for college and career.

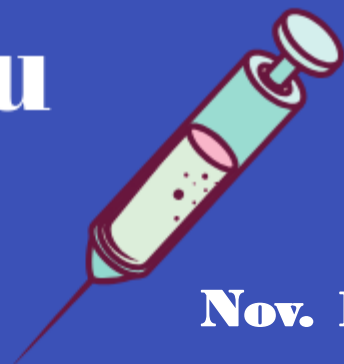
The team has received a grant from ASME to present at the Advanced Clean Energy Summit in Denver on September 17. They will be part of the Young Innovators session.

Congratulations and Go Wolves!

Free On-Campus Flu Shots for Westside Students

HISD has once again partnered with [Healthy Schools](#) to offer free flu vaccines for all students. Westside students can get a free vaccine during the school day in the nurse's clinic at school on November 12. Click [here](#) for details and to fill out the [online consent form](#) required for your student to get a vaccine.

**Free Flu
Shots**



Nov. 12



Back to school started early for the Westside Cross County team. On Saturday, August 17, the team competed in the CY Fair Relays at Spring Creek Park in Tomball. On Saturday, August 24th the Westside Wolves brought home six medals from the Sam Houston Invitational at TC Jester Park. Alix Rubi got a 5th place medal and Brett Planck got 9th place in the Freshman 2 mile race. Sophmores Andrew Chavez and Asad Ahmad placed 5th and 6th in the JV 3 mile run. Junior Joseph Coolidge placed 12th and Senior Marius Streit placed 16th in the Varsity 3 mile run.



- ◆ Free home internet access for eligible students in Gr. 9-12
- ◆
- ◆ Students must complete the survey on their school laptop
- ◆
- ◆ Deadline to complete survey is September 27



Late Laptop Pick-Up

Aug. 26-30th

Learning Commons

BEFORE SCHOOL
DURING LUNCH
AFTER SCHOOL

The deadline to pay and pick-up
laptops is Monday, Sept. 9th.

NOTE:

WHS does not permit outside devices on campus therefore, it is required that ALL students rent the laptop provided by HISD.



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Dominican Republic Service Trip

The Global Services Club went on a summer service learning trip to the Dominican Republic.

They stayed in Hato Mayor and worked in local communities building toilets, repairing and painting the basketball court, and delivering water filtration units.

The group interacted with the locals, tried the local cuisine, learned the merengue and bachata, toured the local market, played dominoes the Dominican way!

It was a great experience for both students and teachers! Way to go out and serve, Wolves!





WESTSIDE
WOLVES

FOOTBALL

BUY GAME TICKETS ONLINE

Click [Here](#)



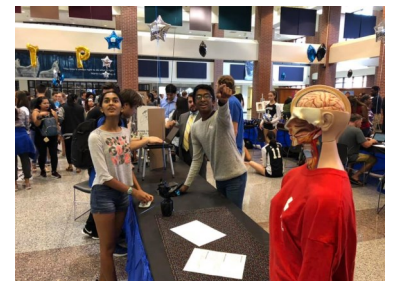
Class of 2020

Senior Parents!

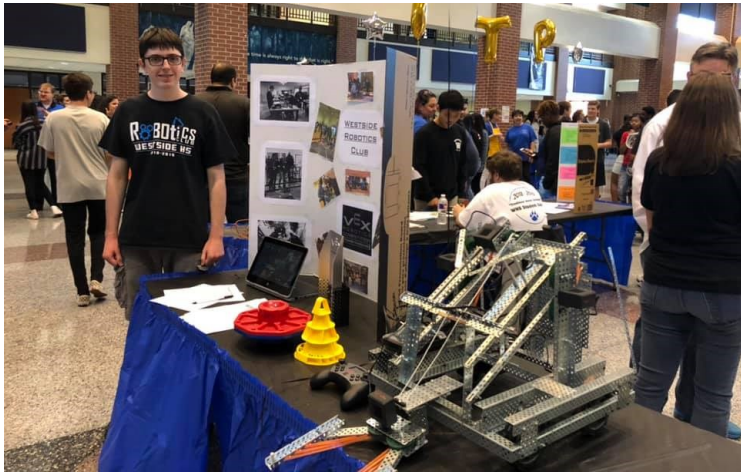
**Do you want to help your students shop
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Check out this new resource from the
Westside College Center!**

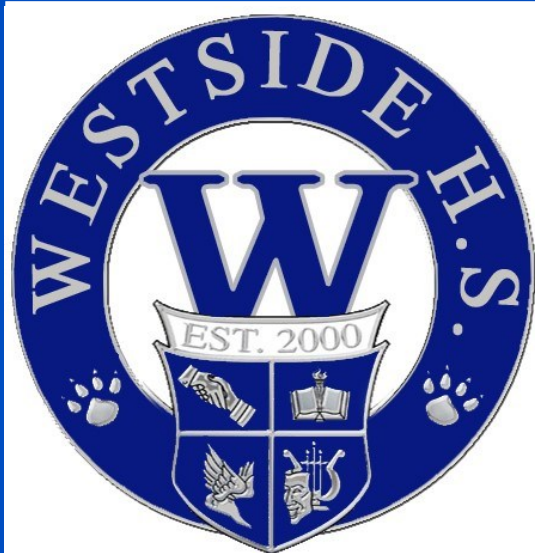
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