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from Westside High School

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Wolves in the Home Stretch

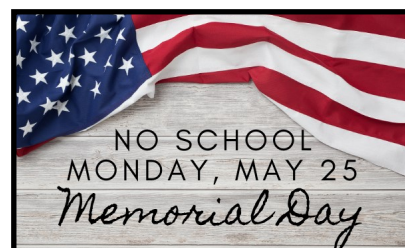
It has been a year for the history books! All of us will surely have stories to tell our grandchildren about experiences during the Covid-19 World Pandemic. Although we navigated some long and stressful adjustments to online learning, our Westside teachers and students have adapted brilliantly and achieved great success with learning at home. We are in the home stretch, so let's FINISH STRONG, Wolves!

Seniors wrap up classes and complete Senior Check-Out this week. They will be receiving their caps and gowns. Principal Stewart will host a Senior Live Chat tomorrow at 4 PM to update students and parents. Click [here](#) to join tomorrow at 4.

For underclassmen, the official last day of school is June 1st. Remember Monday, May 25th is the Memorial Day holiday and there are no classes. If you replied to the survey regarding personal belongings, watch for an email with your

appointment time for next week for pick-ups.

You have made it this far, so don't give up now. Hang in there, Wolves!

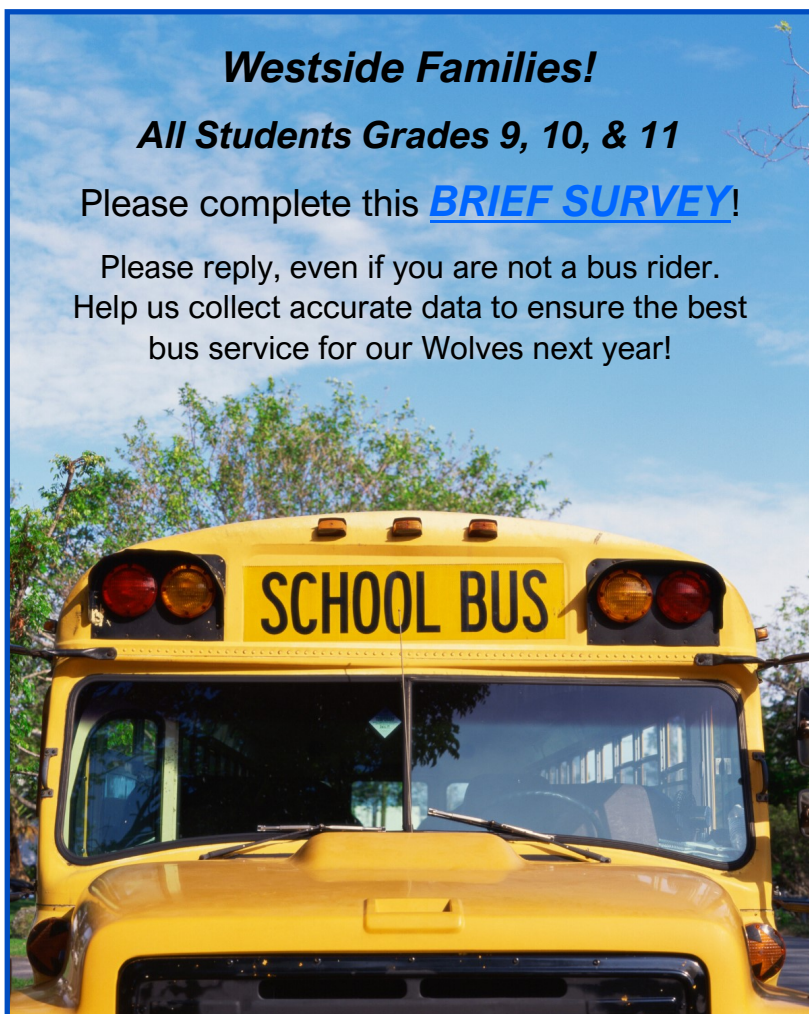


Westside Families!

All Students Grades 9, 10, & 11

Please complete this **[BRIEF SURVEY](#)**!

Please reply, even if you are not a bus rider. Help us collect accurate data to ensure the best bus service for our Wolves next year!



Westside @ HOME

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 Thursdays		Periods 2,4,6 Academic Work: due on Mondays		
	* 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.				

Grading & Student Expectations for Cycle 6

HISD grading policy:

- Teachers will enter numeric grades into GradeSpeed for assignments submitted, and a zero for unsubmitted grades.
- Final exams have been waived for the spring semester, and academic assignments will be weighted evenly.
- The average of Cycle 6 will be posted on the student report card. If there are no grades, a zero will be posted. After grades have been posted, the system will determine whether Cycle 6 will be calculated with the semester grade.

Are students required to keep working? YES!

Teachers are moving forward with teaching and learning. Assignments are NOT excused.

There ARE consequences of opting out:

- Cognitive regression—forgetting what you learned
- Don't get left behind! 85% of our student body are moving forward and getting ready for next year. Be ready to join them.
- Missed opportunity! Seize the opportunity to enjoy school without pressure of STAAR testing and final exams. Teachers are looking for every opportunity to incentivize students. Do your work!

2020 AP EXAMS Schedule

Good luck, Wolves! Do your best!

	Central Time: 11:00 AM	Central Time: 1:00 PM	Central Time: 3:00 PM
Mon, May 18	Chinese Language and Culture	Biology	Environmental Science
Tues, May 19	Music Theory	Psychology	Japanese Language and Culture Italian Language and Culture
Wed, May 20	German Language and Culture	English Language and Composition	Microeconomics
Thurs, May 21	French Language and Culture	World History: Modern	Macroeconomics
Fri, May 22	Comparative Government and Politics	Statistics	Spanish Language and Culture

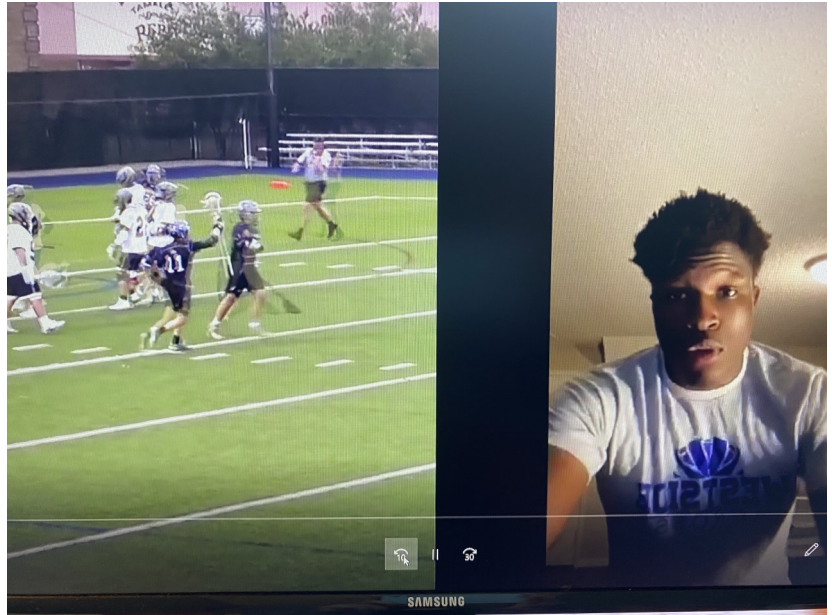
Westside SUMMER SCHOOL 2020 FAQs

1. What are the dates for Summer School?	June 8 th – July 2 nd
2. Who is the Summer School Coordinator?	Ms. Astrid Gonzalez is the Summer School Coordinator and will work directly with teachers to foster a rigorous instructional framework.
3. Will summer be face-to-face or virtually?	Summer School will be virtually. All non-graduating seniors will keep their laptops until after summer school.
4. When is Summer School registration?	June 4 th is registration. Deans are reaching out to students who need to attend summer school. June 8 th & 10 th are late registration. The last day to enroll in Summer School is June 10 th .
5. Is there a limit to the number of courses a student can take?	Yes, the number of courses is limited to 3. This is the same as prior years.
6. Can I take original credit classes?	Yes, if the class is offered in the graduation lab. Contact Ms. King , graduation lab Coach. Original credit courses are offered through the graduation lab only. Please contact your dean to see if you are eligible for original credit through the graduation lab. Click for staff email directory .

Lacrosse Team Shares Message of Strength

Kudos to the Westside boys Lacrosse Team and Coach Song for sharing a message of encouragement during these uncertain times. Click [here](#) to view their inspirational video, *Westside Strong Lax PSA*.

Thanks to the Lax guys for reminding us to never quit, even during the rough times. So much sound advice included...keeping up with grades, getting results, and having faith in family and friends. Their final word; ***We got this!***



StuCo Announcement

Officers for 2020/2021

Student Body President – Amy Garcia
 Student Body VP – Joseph Coolidge
 Student Body Co-Secretaries -
 Saikati Gikonyo/ Ana Noyola
 Social Media Manager - Saiyara Islam
 Club Liaison -
 Owanaemi Bestman-Krakrafaa
 Historian – Anderson Loan

Senior Class President - Sarah Fikes
 Senior Class VP – Ethan Tran
 Senior Class Secretary -
 Zill-e-rukh Fatima Amer

Junior Class President – Amy Jun
 Junior Class VP – Amberlyn Haque

Sophomore Class President -
 Daniel Ensandoost
 Sophomore Class VP – Ellie Tran

Debate Awards



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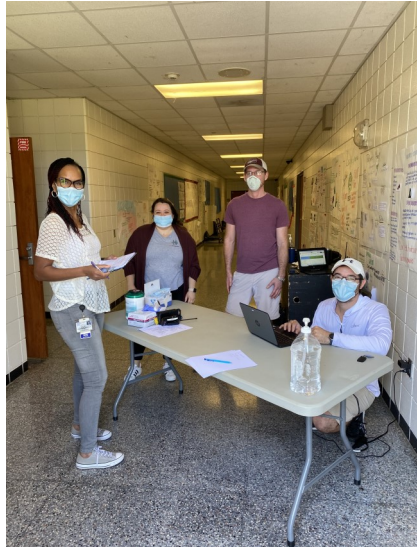
Varsity Debater of the Year



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Rookie Debater of the Year

The New Normal: Socially-Distanced End-of-Year Check-Out



Senior Honors Week Recap

Go to HowlerNews.com for photos, videos, and slideshows!

HISD Board Award Nominees

Demonstrate leadership, character and school service. Winners announced at Virtual Graduation

Cheyenne Butler
Natnael Gizaw
Pranav Gopalkrishnan
Yasin Hamed
Maily Key
Charles Loh
Shivani Saravanan
Lauren Willett

Principal's Award

Exemplify all components of the Westside vision: integrity, appreciation, motivation, work ethic, helpfulness & spirit.

Dylan Babb
Tarun Bobbili
Kylah Carter
Baija Dorough
Mahta Ghotbiravandi
Pedram Hajykarim
Allison Lira
Risa Maida
Olanga Materanya
Daniel Phillips
Julia Ressler
Jason Sanchez
Zoe Schneider
Valeria Silva Gomez
Andre Tijerina
Victoria Vo
Caitlin Jones

Valedictorian

Julia Najm

Salutatorian

Shivani Saravanan

Deans' Awards

Recognized for achievement over the course of their high school career.

Maggie Wong	Erika Williams
Elmira Tahzib	Erika Williams
Mac-Bright Tah	Erika Williams
Kathy Capriel	Heather Eller
Spiridhon Hoxha	Heather Eller
Daelon Clark	Heather Eller
Stephanie Tzunux Laynez	Stephanie Matlock
Daniel Mendoza	Stephanie Matlock
Destinie Hawkins	Stephanie Matlock
Lene Hurter	Edith Gonzalez
Mahtab Ranjbarjafarbadi	Edith Gonzalez
Rognye Maggiorani Linares	Edith Gonzalez
Julio Aular Sousa	Craig Pliskin
Breann Magno	Craig Pliskin
Alicia Coppedge	Craig Pliskin
Zachary Schneider	Craig Pliskin
Carrie East	Sarah Anthony
Arnol Nolasco	Sarah Anthony
Jazzlyn Jefferson	Sarah Anthony
Mairim Alvarez Pausa	Toniette Tinker
Kevon Adewole	Toniette Tinker
Gabriela Hernandez	Toniette Tinker
Liseth Lopez	Ann Mayfield
Kya Carpenter	Ann Mayfield
London Fontenot	Ann Mayfield
Keithan Lee	Cheryl Byrd-Williams
Evan Luo	Cheryl Byrd-Williams
Cherita Cook	Monica Williams
Chandler Taylor	Monica Williams
Jalen Carethers	Monica Williams
Kayla Williams	Bryce Barry
Juan Huerta Jr.	Bryce Barry
Erick Fant	Bryce Barry

Senior Honors Week Recap—continued

Heart of the Wolf —Embody the Westside spirit!

Adrian Abcede	Mr. Wesley Smith
Leila Akhand	Dean Stephanie Matlock
Meriam Al-Awady	Ms. Sharon Roberts
Saman Alidadi	Dean Ann Mayfield
Samuel Allison	Ms. Emily Garza
Mairim Alvarez Pausa	Mrs. Meg Willett
Christian Avalos Minor	Mrs. Yolande McCall
Dorcas Bachunguye	Mr. Robert Alexander
Akeem Benjamin	Dean Sarah Anthony
Tarun Bobbili	Coach Alex Sikkema
Nakya Bynum	The College Center
Brenda Cruz Rivas	Mr. Onnyx Bei
Deja Curtis Woods	Ms. Schandra Holloway
Michaela Dalacat	Dean Edith Gonzalez
Baija Dorough	Ms. Jena Emert
Sergio Estrada	Ms. Avis Jones
Brian Francois	Ms. Emily Gelsinger
Daniela Garcia	Ms. Natalia Douris
Emmanuel Gbehi	Ms. Susan Smith
Rahel Gebrelul	Ms. Astrid Gonzalez
Mahta Ghotbiravandi	Mr. Joshua Tallerine
Natnael Gizaw	The College Center
Banner Guttierrez	Ms. Kristen McClintock
Valentina Haj Velez	Ms. Cynthia Amaya
Yasin Hamed	Mrs. Cathy Duxtater
Jaheim Harris	Ms. Bernadine Brown
Spiridhon Hoxha	Mr. Eric Schwerdtfeger
Jay'len Matthews	Dean Cheryl Byrd-Williams
Theotim Jones	Mr. Lawrence Spence
Caitlin Jones	Dean Craig Pliskin
Chris Loh	Ms. Monique Taylor
Charles Loh	Ms. Abigail Morris
Pedro Lopez Guizar	The College Center
Stephanie Marquez	Coach Sakis Brown
Eduardo Martinez	Dean Heather Eller
Ungelica McGlown	Mr. Craig Miller
Grant Meyers	The College Center
Andrea Minotti	Mrs. Amberly Altamirano-Daniels
Melanie Monreal	Mrs. Renata Kodlubanska
Sheila Morales Becerril	Ms. Nicole Kabatsky
Careyn Olvera	Dean Toniette Tinker
Luis Ortiz Beltran	Mr. David Caldera
Kevin Peden	The College Center
Andrew Perrone	Ms. Aida Perelman
Chris Portillo Barahona	Mrs. Perla Caldera
Perla Reaidy	Mrs. Lee Brochu
Julia Resslering	Ms. Jennalee Ziegler
Danna Salazar Gazcon	Mrs. Ngoc Schrynemeeckers
Jason Sanchez	Mrs. Disa Lyon
Jason Sanchez	Ms. Diana Lara
Yessenia Serrano	Mrs. Elizabeth Cerri-Morgan
Lena Sindawi	Mr. Thomas Liu
Denyse Soto	Dean Bryce Barry
Erin Staskus	Ms. Aida Suleimanji
Marius Streit	Dr. Christopher Cunningham
Angel Chase	Dean Erika Williams
Matthew Phillips	Principal Peggi Stewart
Nicola Cascarano	Principal Peggi Stewart
Brennan Rouhana	Principal Peggi Stewart
Bre'una Lane	Dean Monica Williams
Yureli Bustos	Mrs. Cathy Duxtater
Alyssa Woods	Coach Chelsea Boles

Excellence Award—Superior Performance

Christian Lopez	Athletics: Wrestling
Akeem Benjamin	Athletics: Football
Batyrkhan Timuruly	Athletics: Swimming
Maily Key	Athletics: Soccer
Fatou Samb	Athletics: Basketball
Kylah Carter	Athletics: Volleyball
Emerson Ardon	Theatre
Thalia Vivens	Inertia
Amanda Montiel Montes	Pride
Ariana Pamphile	Choir
Adrian Abcede	Orchestra
Yasin Hamed	Band
Yasin Hamed	English
Mairim Alvarez Pausa	English
Pranav Gopalakrishnan	English
Lauren Willett	AP Statistics
Dylan Cortes	AP Calculus AB
Luke Stodghill	AP Calculus BC
Mary Parra Roman	Government / Econ
Wendy Odigie	Social Studies
Nyla Johnson	Social Studies
Chandler Bannis	Futures / APES
Yasin Hamed	Physics
Edgar Ostos Olivero	Science
Israel Cadena	CTE: Business / Finance
Brianna Aguirre	CTE: Digital Video
Andre Tijerina	CTE: Health Science
Felicity Whitney	CTE: Culinary Arts
Sean Smeds	CTE: Engineering
Brennan Rouhana	CTE: IT/Computer Science
Mason Horn	JROTC
Emma Guzzi	Physical Education
Jazmin Navarro	Visual Arts
Jose Flores	Visual Arts
Luis Lazo	Visual Arts
Cindy Pillado	Visual Arts
Jesus Alvarez Subero	ESL
Angelos Mintzaridis	ESL
Dorcas Bachunguye	ESL
Olga Valentina Haj Velez	Foreign Language
Cristian Robles Rinaldi	Foreign Language
Yessenia Serrano	Foreign Language
Savannah Adamson	Journalism
Jair Briones	Academic Excellence
Brisa Suaste	Academic Excellence
Jamara Toliver	Academic Excellence

Calendar Notes for Seniors



**SENIOR
LIVE CHAT**

Hosted by
Principal Stewart

**TUESDAY, MAY 19
4 PM
SENIORS & PARENTS**

Click [HERE](#)
to Join
@ 4 PM on May 19

City-Wide Senior Celebration June 5th

Stay tuned for more details as Westside plans for an in-person cap & gown celebration on our campus!

Co-hosted by HISD and Mayor, Sylvester Turner.

Click [here](#) for the HISD announcement.

HISD Virtual Graduation Ceremony Watch Day—June 14

HISD will host graduation ceremonies for all 11,000 district seniors virtually.

Stay connected to learn about details for the Westside ceremony as they unfold!

Senior Check-Out In Progress All This Week

Seniors, get ready for Senior Check-Out this week! It is a process of getting signed-off on a checklist of tasks required for:

- Pick-up of your Cap & Gown
- Receipt of your Diploma
- Issuance of Final Transcript

Review the email you received via your HISD email address for specific information regarding outstanding items on your personal check-list. Read instructions carefully!

You will be assigned a time-slot for the week of May 18th-22nd to come to campus. Take care of online items before you attend your assigned campus check-out appointment!

During on-campus check-out appointment, you will:

- Return laptops.
- Drop off school-owned equipment/supplies/books, etc.
- Pick-up caps & gowns after you are cleared.

(Important Note: Face masks are required and social distancing must be maintained during your campus visit)

Check-Out List

Transcript Survey– (Online) Provide details for a final transcript (free) to be sent to your college/university or military.

College Information – (Online) You must update Naviance and scholarship/financial aid info, plus complete the *2020 Senior Exit Survey*.

Power Up – During your assigned time slot, you will visit campus and turn in your laptop and all accessories that were issued to you. If you are missing equipment or your laptop is damaged, pay your fees on School Pay before you arrive on campus..

Finances – If you owe equipment or fees to Westside, you will be on hold for final check-out.

Final Check-Out - This is the last stop! If you have completed or cleared all of the above items, you will receive your cap and gown during your assigned time slot for on-campus check-out. Grab your Senior Wolf Window Poster and display it in your window at home!



Senior Window Poster!
 Grab yours at Senior Check-Out and hang it in your window at home!

Get Ready for 2020/2021

Westside

COLOR GUARD

Auditions
Reminder

Auditions are THIS week

MAY 18TH - MAY 22ND

In Google Classroom

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For more information please contact MS.K at
Nicole.Kabatsky@houstonisd.org

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL WOLF BAND

JOIN BAND

EASY TO SIGN UP!

Sign Up Here:
bit.ly/wolfband

- +MARCHING BAND
- +CONCERT BANDS
- +JAZZ GROUPS
- +PERCUSSION

WOLFBAND.ORG

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WESTSIDE TRYOUTS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

AUGUST
3rd & 4th
7:30 AM

Save the date for Volleyball Tryouts! If health guidelines permit, tryouts will be held on August 3rd & 4th. Need more info? Please contact both Coach King (aking1@houstonisd.org) and Coach Thomas (athoma37@houstonisd.org)

Cross Country

2020-2021

Interested in running cross country?
Contact Coach Guy by email @
dguy@houstonisd.org

Get Ready for 2020/2021



WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN OUR WESTSIDE COMMUNITY? WANT TO WORK WITH OTHER STUDENTS TO CREATIVELY EXPRESS THEMSELVES ON STAGE?

Join Westside Inclusive Theatre!

WIT IS A BLENDED CLASSROOM WHERE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES LEARN THEATRE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE. IT IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO GROW CREATIVELY AND HELP OTHER WEST SIDE STUDENTS!

How do I join?

Either Click the link below
Or Scan the QR Code.
Complete your interests
form. If you are approved,
we will submit your
requests to your Dean!



<https://forms.gle/DurvJSjPG25KnrhA9>

**Have fun while
making a positive
impact on another
students life**

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



Orchestra Info

Audition Information:
<https://bit.ly/westsideorch>

String Orchestra - Chamber Ensembles

WESTSIDEHSORCHESTRA.WEEBLE.COM
WESLEY SMITH, ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR
WESLEY.SMITH@HOUSTONISD.ORG

VIRTUAL AUDITIONS
FOR

Westside Choir




FOR DETAILS GO TO:
[HTTP://WESTSIDEHSCHOIR.WEEBLY.COM/](http://westsidehschoir.weebly.com/)

WESTSIDE

LACROSSE



MAY 18 4:00P

INFORMATION AND TRYOUT MEETING

RECRUITING DEDICATED NEW PLAYERS FOR
JV AND VARSITY FOR FALL 2020 TRYOUTS

FOR Microsoft Teams MEETING INVITE OR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT
CoachMikeSong@gmail.com

#unfinishebusiness

In 2020, the Wolves were fighting to win the THSLL district championships before the season got cut short. All four seniors were recruited for college. 2021 starts now.

Resources You May Need



**Food Distribution Sites
Week of May 18
Click [here](#) for Details**

Westside Student Support Center

- ♦ Attendance Appeals
- ♦ Absences
- ♦ Emotional Support

Monday—Friday 9-12 & 1-3:15

cbyrd@houstonisd.org

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

Ms. Lumpkin:

Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org

Dean Edith Gozalez:

EGonza15@houstonisd.org

Ms. Byrd-Williams:

cbyrd@houstonisd.org

Mr. Scott:

Aaren.Scott@houstonisd.org

Need to talk?

Do you want emotional support?



Email your name & school ID only:

ebony.lumpkin@houstonisd.org

or

ciera.mcintosh@houstonisd.org

Westside High School



Home of the Wolves!

Announcements

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

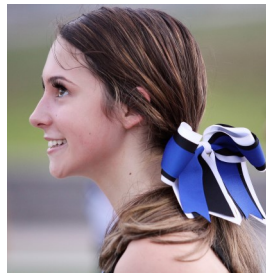
\$85—Only a few books left for sale!

**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.

questions, please email
srobert2@houstonisd.org



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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.

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



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School Web Address:

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>