



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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May 4, 2020

## Celebrating Our Seniors & Our Staff

As we put the long and arduous month of April in the rear-view mirror, we look forward to the month of May with celebrations! We lament that we cannot be together to share the usual award ceremonies and appreciation opportunities, but we are "Westside Strong" and will make our memories with virtual honors and dedications for the moment.

### Staff Appreciation Week:

**May 4-8**

Celebrate the Best "Quaran-TEAM" Ever!

Monday: Facebook Fans Day. Go to Westside High School on Facebook and LIKE our post to show your appreciation to our staff!

Twitter Tuesday: Post a shoutout and tag @westsidehigh.

Chalk Your Walk Wednesday: Create a feel-good chalk masterpiece (or make a poster). Post a pic on Instagram and tag gowestsidewolves.

Tik Tok Thursday: Show our staff they rock by posting a video and tag Westside.

Friday Zoom with the Wolves! Drop in and say hi to show our staff your appreciation. Watch for invite later this week.

### Celebrating Our Seniors

**May 2020**

To celebrate the Class of 2020, we will host live social media events and series of posts to highlight and feature our graduates throughout the month of May. Photos and videos will be archived on HowlerNews.com so you can keep up with all the updates. See page 8 for more details.

### Senior Superlatives May 4-7

Follow @whshowlernews on Twitter for daily updates brought to you by Howler News and Yearbook staff. Check back on the Class of 2020 tab on [www.HowlerNews.com](http://www.HowlerNews.com) for anything you may miss.

### Senior Honors Week May 11-15

Follow Westside's social media platforms for new award presentations each night at 20:20 (8:20 PM).



**STAFF  
APPRECIATION  
WEEK  
MAY 4-8**

**20 WESTSIDE SENIOR  
20 HONORS WEEK  
MAY 11 - MAY 15**

**#2020WOLFPACKHONORS**

## 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 <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.				

## 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!

## AP Testing Schedule

Good Luck on Your AP Exams, Wolves!

	Central Time: 11:00 a.m.	Central Time: 1:00 p.m.	Central Time: 3:00 p.m.
<b>Mon, May 11</b>	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	United States Government and Politics
<b>Tues, May 12</b>	Latin	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Human Geography
<b>Wed, May 13</b>	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	English Literature and Composition	European History
<b>Thurs, May 14</b>	Spanish Literature and Culture	Chemistry	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
<b>Fri, May 15</b>	Art History	United States History	Computer Science A
<b>Mon, May 18</b>	Chinese Lang & Culture	Biology	Environmental Science
<b>Tues, May 19</b>	Music Theory	Psychology	Japanese Lang/Culture Italian Lang/Culture
<b>Wed, May 20</b>	German Language and Culture	English Language and Composition	Microeconomics
<b>Thurs, May 21</b>	French Language and Culture	World History: Modern	Macroeconomics
<b>Fri, May 22</b>	Comparative Government and Politics	Statistics	Spanish Language and Culture



## Yasin Hamed Receives National Merit Scholarship



**Westside senior, Yasin Hamed**

Westside High School is proud to congratulate our senior, Yasin Hamed, 2020 National Merit Scholarship award recipient. Yasin is one of just three HISD students to receive this prestigious award. It is one of the nation's most competitive academic honors. Click [here](#) to read the District's recent announcement celebrating these elite scholars.

Yasin has made a distinctive impact on our campus as a pivotal player in a multitude of Westside's student organizations. In his various roles, including National Honor Society President, Head Drum Major in Marching Band, and Senior Class President, to name just a few, he is both a natural leader and a diligent contributor to getting the actual work done.

Principal Stewart regards Yasin as one of the most accomplished and amazing students she has encountered in her career. "Yasin is truly outstanding and exudes integrity, a strong work ethic, kindness, and compassion," she said. "He has been accepted to MIT. We are certain he will continue to accomplish amazing things there."

National Merit Scholarships are awarded to only about 1000 distinguished students from across the country per year. Later this month, HISD will announce the list of finalists from our District who were considered for the awards.

Congratulations to Yasin on achieving this most distinguished honor. We are proud of our Wolf!

## VASE Photography Medalists

Westside photography teacher, Ms. Schrynmeeckers, announced that four of our Wolves received prestigious IV ratings in the state VASE. VASE is the Visual Arts State Event.

Congratulations to:

Jose Flores (top left)

Dharma Lopez (top right)

Maya Cano (bottom left)

Parker Arbaugh (bottom right)





### STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 4-8

**MONDAY**  
LET'S HEAR IT FROM OUR FACEBOOK FANS! PLEASE LIKE OUR MONDAY POST AND LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET TO 2,020 LIKES!

**TUESDAY**  
TWITTER TUESDAY! POST A SHOUTOUT TO TEACHERS/STAFF AND TAG @WESTSIDEHIGH #BESTOFTHEWEST

**WEDNESDAY**  
IG WEDNESDAY! CHALK YOUR WALK, OR MAKE A POSTER AND POST A PIC ON INSTAGRAM! TAG GOWESTSIDEWOLVES AND #BESTOFTHEWEST

**THURSDAY**  
TIKTOK OUR TEACHERS ROCK! POST A QUICK VIDEO TO INSTAGRAM. TAG GOWESTSIDEWOLVES AND #BESTOFTHEWEST

**FRIDAY**  
ZOOM WITH THE WOLVES! POP-IN AND SAY HI TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR TEACHERS & STAFF. WATCH FOR DETAILS SOON!



## Virtual Auditions

# WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL AUDITIONS

## BAND CHOIR ORCHESTRA THEATRE

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL WOLF BAND

# JOIN BAND

Sign Up Here:  
[bit.ly/wolfband](http://bit.ly/wolfband)

+MARCHING BAND  
+CONCERT BANDS  
+JAZZ GROUPS  
+PERCUSSION

**WOLFBAND.ORG**

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VIRTUAL AUDITIONS  
FOR

# Westside Choir

SUBMIT BY  
MAY 10TH  
FOR GUARANTEED PLACEMENT

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

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE WHS  
THEATRE PRODUCTION COMPANY.

## Virtual Auditions for Westside Theatre Production Company

Auditions will be held as a video  
audition submission through Google  
Classroom. Submissions will have to  
be turned in with an audition packet  
by May 15. Email Mr. Nieves at  
[Anthony.Nieves@HoustonISD.org](mailto:Anthony.Nieves@HoustonISD.org) for  
more information.

Join us in a fun filled year!

# T-Pro VIRTUAL AUDITIONS

Join our Theatre  
Production Family today.

HELP US BRING A PLAY FROM PAGE TO  
STAGE

What to prepare for the audition:  
-If you are an incoming freshman or  
auditioning for the JV Theatre Company  
only prepare one two minute monologue  
from a published play.  
-If you are a sophomore or junior and want  
to audition for our Varsity Theatre  
Company, prepare two Contrasting  
Monologues from published plays.  
-Complete the audition packet located in  
the Google Classroom -

Please make sure to complete all the  
required audition material. Email Mr.  
Nieves for any questions or clarity!

Deadline  
May 15

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](mailto:WESLEY.SMITH@HOUSTONISD.ORG)

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## Virtual Auditions

# 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

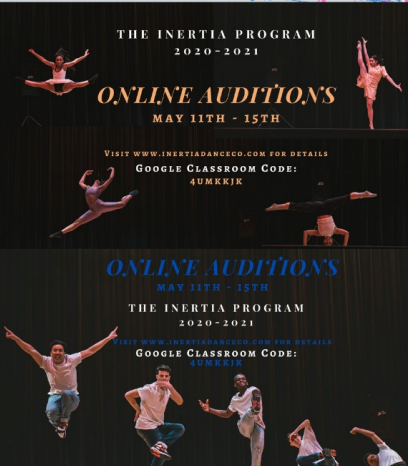
**ONLINE AUDITIONS**  
MAY 11TH - 15TH

VISIT [WWW.INERTIADANCECO.COM](http://WWW.INERTIADANCECO.COM) FOR DETAILS  
GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODE:  
4UMKKJK

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

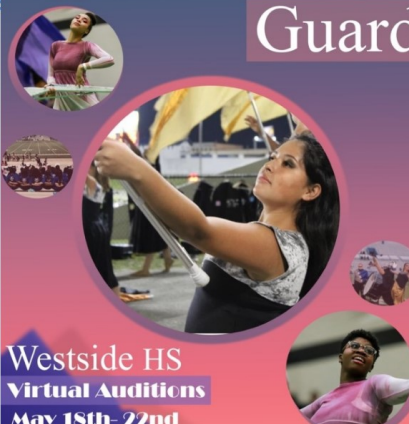
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GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODE:  
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**Color Guard May 18-22**

**Color  
Guard**



Westside HS  
Virtual Auditions  
May 18th- 22nd

Join our Google Classroom!  
Code: 34k444g

no experience needed  
Extra 3G and Fine Arts credit

Questions? Feel free to email [nicole.kabatsky@houstonisd.org](mailto:nicole.kabatsky@houstonisd.org)



# WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



## Celebrating the Class of 2020

May 4-7

### Senior Superlatives

Join Westside's Howler News & Canidae Yearbook as we celebrate our CLASS OF 2020.

May 4 – 7 will feature the Superlative Seniors of 2020

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

Daily updates  
Under  
the tab  
Class of  
2020



#2020wolfpackhonors

May 11-15

### 20 WESTSIDE SENIOR 20 HONORS WEEK MAY 11 - MAY 15

**MON: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**  
(EACH SUBJECT AREA INCLUDING ATHLETICS)

**TUE: DEANS' AWARDS**

**WED: "HEART OF THE WOLF"**  
(FROM ANY TEACHER TO ANY STUDENT)

**THU: PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

**FRI: HISD BOARD AWARDS, PLUS  
SALUTATORIAN & VALEDICTORIAN**

**AWARDS WILL BE REVEALED ON SOCIAL  
MEDIA STARTING 8:20 PM EACH NIGHT**

**#2020WOLFPACKHONORS**



## Senior Yard Signs

Show everyone how proud you are of your  
Westside Senior

# \$10

Click [HERE](#) to order!

Includes free delivery on Thursday, May 7

by PTO volunteers to 77077, 77042 & 77063

Please [email](#) to coordinate delivery to other zip codes.

**Supplies are limited! Order Now!**

To volunteer to assist with deliveries, please email:

[whsptovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:whsptovolunteers@gmail.com)



## 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*

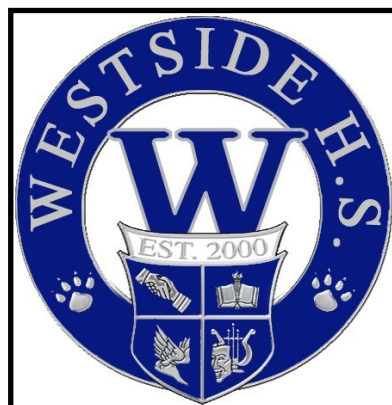
**SOME OF OUR FAMILIES  
ARE IN NEED**

Make a donation toward  
**GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

Scan or Click [HERE](#)



*Westside PTO*



## 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**

Stay tuned for meeting invitation link,  
coming soon!



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

**Food Distribution Sites**

**Week of May 4**

**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!**

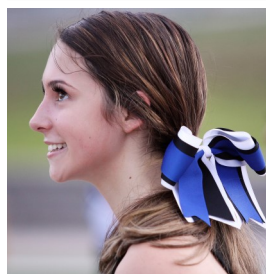
**\$85—Only a few books left for sale!**

**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)



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## *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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Submit stories and photos for eNews:

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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:

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>