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from Westside High School

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Wolves Celebrate World Kindness Day



Students in Westside's Ambassadors club decorated a bulletin board for World Kindness Day last week. World Kindness Day is observed in more than 28 nations around the world and is growing in popularity. The goal is to promote and inspire acts of kindness. The movement began in 1997 and participants seek to focus on the universal power of positivity and common threads of kindness to bind us together

as fellow humans.

Westside Ambassadors is a club for newcomers to the United States. Students enjoy a friendly and supportive group as they acclimate to a new place, learn a new language, and experience new cultural norms.

For the bulletin board, students translated "please", "thank you", and "I'm sorry" into 10 languages.

More World Kindness Day photos on p. 5

Calendar

November 19
Futures Academy
Parent Meeting, 6
PM in S100

ComedySportz vs.
Houston Christian &
Cy-Woods, Black Box
at 7 PM

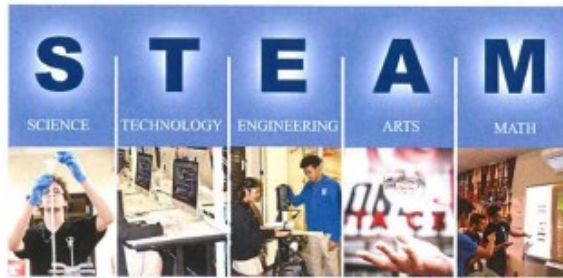
November 20
No Costume Concert,
6 PM in the Auditori-
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November 21
Showcase Open
House, 5:30-8 PM

ComedySportz, 7 PM
at Houston Christian
High School

November 25-29
No School, Thanks-
giving Break

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



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COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

NOVEMBER 21, 2019

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Meet the Principal • Check out our Academics, Athletics, Fine Arts & Clubs
Enjoy Student Performances

14201 Briar Forest, Houston, Texas 77077

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL WISHES YOU...

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Enjoy your break: November 25-29

December 2019 Final Exams Schedule

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
12/16/2019		12/17/2019		12/18/2019		12/19/2019	
First	7:45 - 8:25	First	7:45-9:45 (9:00 ADA)	Third	7:45 - 9:45 (9:00 ADA)	Fifth	7:45-9:45 (9:00 ADA)
Second	8:30 - 9:10	Second	9:50 - 11:50	Fourth	9:50 - 11:50	Sixth	9:50 - 11:50
Third	9:15 - 9:55	Bus runs at 12:15		Bus runs at 12:15		Bus runs at 12:15	
Fourth	10:00 - 10:40	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Mark your calendar and make your study plans accordingly!</i></p>					
Lunch	10:45 -11:40						
Fifth	11:45 -12:25						
Sixth	12:30 - 1:10						
Seventh	1:15 - 3:15						

Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Recipient



Westside Senior, Daniel Mendoza, was honored as a finalist for the Touchdown Club of Houston high school football scholar-athlete award. Daniel received a \$500 college scholarship. Students were nominated by their coaches and were considered based on GPA, athletic ability, good citizenship, and extra-curricular involvement. Congratulations to Daniel! Way to represent the Wolves!

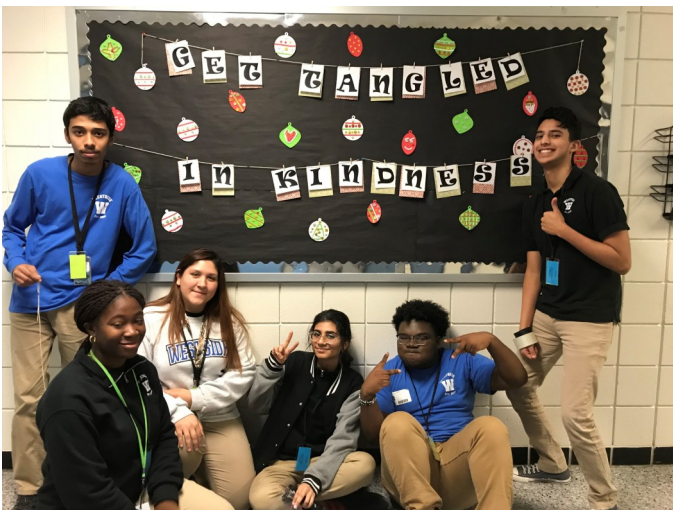
Nerdy Girl Summit By Ms. Prince

The Nerdy Girl Success Breaking Barriers summit was an amazing event! Our female students enjoyed a fun-filled event that focused on breaking barriers in the work world and society from a female perspective. Women leaders from across the globe were present at the event to educate our students on how to use their voice within organizations and life, to make a difference in the world. Each participant attended break-out sessions that ranged from managing finances in a business, self-esteem, starting non-profits, running for public office, organizational leadership and much more. Our female leaders wrapped up the event with panel discussions of career journeys, failing up, and self-actualization practices.



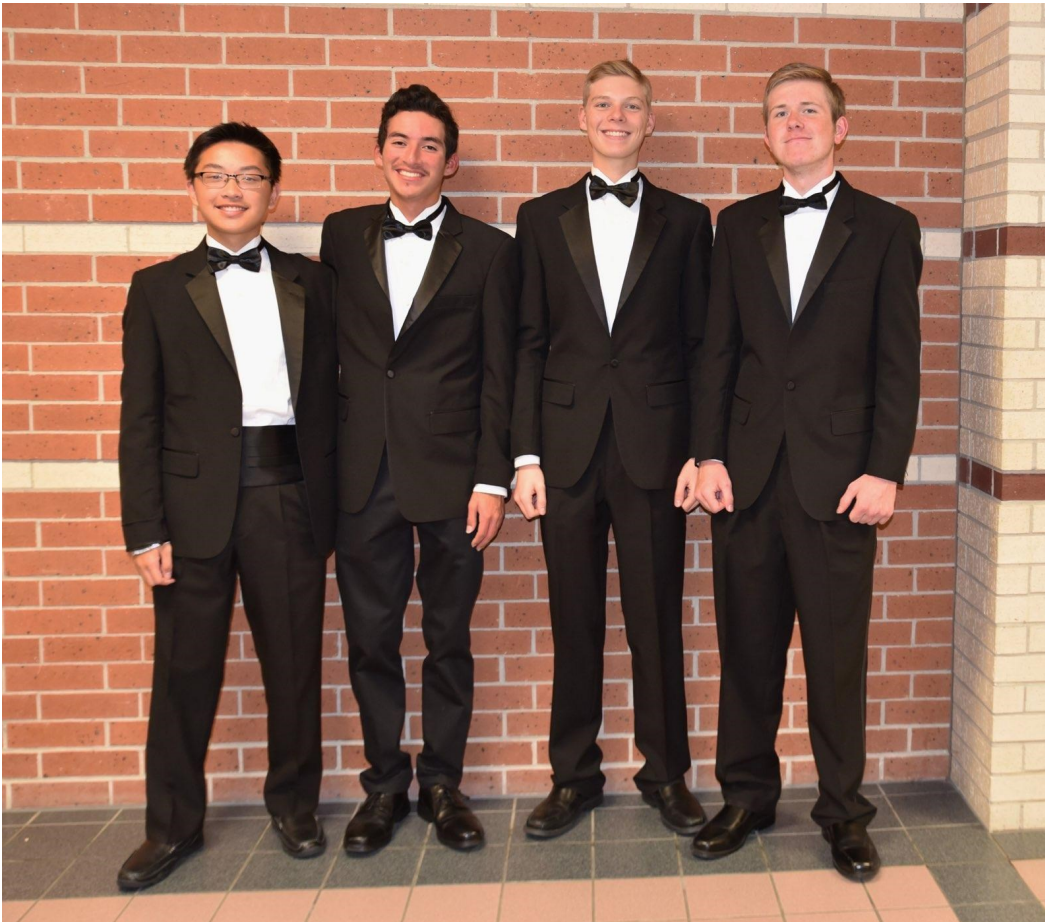
Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy Shares Kindness

'Tis the season to be kind! To celebrate World Kindness Day, Westside's members of [Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy](#) decorated house bulletin boards. With Ms. Astrid Gonzalez as their facilitator, students in this program will proudly dedicate their time to serving the school and community this year. They will focus on impact through action using tools, inspiration, and support provided by the academy.



Band Students Make TMEA Orchestra

By Joey Brunson, Band Director



Left to Right—Ethan Tran, Trey Ayala, Dylan Babb, and Josh Hubbard.

Making history at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Orchestra Auditions! Four Westside band students were selected to the TMEA Orchestra. Ethan Tran earned 4th chair in the Phillharmonic Orchestra, Dylan Babb earned 3rd chair in the Phillharmonic Orchestra, Josh Hubbard earned 4th chair in the Symphony Orchestra and Trey Ayala earned 2nd chair in the Symphony Orchestra. They also advanced to the TMEA ALL Area auditions!! **HUGE ACHIEVEMENTS!** They performed in the concert last weekend at Cinco Ranch High School. Bravo! Bravo! Go Wolf Band!



Football Season Comes to a Close

The Westside football team put up a good fight against a very formidable Cy-Creek team in Round 1 of the play-offs. They came up short but closed out the season with heads held high. Special thanks go out to all of the players, along with Wolf Band, Cheer, Color Guard, Pride, Wranglers, and JROTC for a fabulous Fall season. Go Wolves!



Westside Athletes Take Part in Special Olympics Volleyball



Cell Phone Policy Reminder



2019-2020 Westside High School Campus-Wide Cell Phone/Device Policy

Updated 10_08_19

Cell Phones	Includes: Blue Tooth Devices	Head Phones
Ear Buds	Air Pods	Other Electronic Devices (except school laptops)

Rationale for limiting student cell phone/device use during the school day:

- Cell phone use causes a distraction for the user, other students, and the teacher during instruction;
- Cell phones have been used as tools in incidents of compromised academic honesty;
- Research studies show negative impact of cell phone use on student learning outcomes;
- HISD students have the privilege of utilizing school-issued laptops making cell phones less useful for academic purposes;
- The aim is to establish a balance between academic focus and responsible student phone use.

APPROVED TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE	
Inside the Academic Houses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before 7:35 AM; • Not Between Classes; • During Lunch; • After 3:15 PM or Dismissal Bell. 	Outside the Academic Houses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before 7:45 AM; • Between Classes (after end bell and before tardy bell has rung); • During Lunch; • After 3:15 PM or Dismissal Bell.
<p>Students are expected to put devices and ear buds out of sight before entering any of the Academic Houses. Entry point is defined as the location where the gate drops in N1, N2, E1, E2, and S2.</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upholding Westside's Honor Code • Protecting Academic Integrity of Student and Teacher Work Products • Test Security • Academic Climate • Maintain Academic Focus and Encourage Human Interaction 	

Parent Calls and Texts: Please do not call or text your child, urgent or otherwise, during non-approved student cell phone-use times as outlined above. A call or text from a parent or family member does NOT exempt your student from disciplinary consequences. As an alternative, please call the appropriate office, and a staff member will relay the message to your student. During standardized testing, students are not available to be released for messages until the testing period is concluded. We ask for your cooperation in this regard.

POLICY DURING MAJOR ASSESSMENTS, STANDARDIZED TESTING, AND FINAL EXAMS:

- Students are required to relinquish electronic devices to the teacher or testing proctor prior to a test (to be placed in a labeled container), and the device will be returned immediately after the exam.
- Violators of this policy will receive a "no score" on End of Course/STAAR Exams (equivalent of failure to meet standard), or will receive a zero on the assessment.
- The cell phone will be confiscated for a two-week period or all cell phone privileges will be lost if repeated offenses have occurred.

Refer to the HISD Code of Conduct for offenses related to hacking, fraud, and plagiarism, via cell phone use.

Cell Phone Policy Reminder

Consequences for Electronic Device Violations

If a student violates any of the policies stated above, the phone/electronic device will be confiscated, and the student will face disciplinary action:

- The device will be powered off and stored in a safe;
- Parent/guardian may pick it up after school from 2:30-4:00 PM;
- A \$15 fine must be paid.
- If the student refuses to relinquish a phone/device, the \$15 fine is still applicable and additional disciplinary consequences apply;
 - If the student refuses to relinquish the phone to a teacher during classroom instruction, but relinquishes the phone to an administrator, the student will be assigned to Saturday Work Force;
 - If the student refuses to relinquish phone to an administrator, the parent will be contacted, and the student will receive a 1-day suspension;
 - If the student refuses to relinquish the phone to an administrator and engages in disrespectful/disruptive behavior in the process, 3 days of suspension/Saturday Work Force will be assigned

Procedure for Adult Pick-Up of Confiscated Phone/Device

- An adult listed as a contact in the Student Information System for that student may pick up the confiscated electronic device on regular school days between 2:30 – 4:00 PM.
- A \$15 administrative fee will be charged, payable to HISD in cash only. A receipt will be provided as proof of payment. The authorized adult must present the receipt in the Main Office and the electronic device will be returned.
- In the event a phone/device is left unclaimed for more than 30 days, the principal or other administrator will notify the parent/contact of the school's intent to dispose of the confiscated electronic device.

OTHER:

STUDENT IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICE AT SCHOOL:

A student who brings an electronic device to school is financially responsible for the electronic device. HISD, Westside High School, nor employees of Westside High School, will be held responsible for lost, stolen or damaged devices; it is the responsibility of the student to safeguard the electronic device while on school property. Stolen devices should be reported immediately to the Westside campus police officer. HISD, Westside High School, and employees of Westside are not responsible for any maintenance, repair, or support of students' electronic devices.

DISTRICT FACULTY AND STAFF MAY SUSPEND THE RIGHT OF A STUDENT TO USE AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE ON CAMPUS:

At any time, if it is determined that the user is engaged in unauthorized activity or is violating the Acceptable Use Policy or HISD Code of Conduct, the right to use an electronic device may be suspended. Discipline will be administered in accordance with HISD Code of Student Conduct

DISCIPLINARY AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS:

If an electronic device is involved in an ongoing disciplinary investigation, the administration will temporarily hold device to prevent interference with the investigation or until the outcome of the investigation is determined. The device is not subject to search. If a cell phone or electronic device is involved in a criminal investigation, administration will hand over the device to law enforcement pending charges. At that point, the custody of the phone is with the police department and not with the campus.

Important Note:

Most cell phones are owned by parents/guardians and they rely on the phone for communication with their child. No teacher, administrator, or staff member wishes to confiscate a student's cell phone. For this reason, we have communicated this policy clearly, repeatedly, and through a variety of means to our entire student body. Therefore, please understand that if a student's cell phone has been confiscated, he/she blatantly disregarded campus policy, and exceptions will not be made for any reason.

Announcements

SENIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER DELIVERY

**Pick-up
orders during
LUNCH this
THURSDAY.**

**If you sold over 10 items, you
might need a friend to help
you carry the boxes!**



Senior Ads

Place a personalized ad in the Yearbook
for your Senior!
Contact Ms. Roberts

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Class of 2020

Scholarship List

[https://
www.houstonisd.org/
Page/171983](https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/171983)

Announcements

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOGETHER WE STAND
TOGETHER WE DREAM

DREAM SUMMIT

A day of college exploration for HISD students born outside of the U.S.

Free Event

Five \$500 Scholarships for College (12th Grade Students)

College & Resource Fair

State Financial Aid and College Application Q&A

All HISD DREAMers, DACA recipients, visa holders, permanent residents, refugees, and asylum grantees along with their parents are invited.

Saturday, December 7, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center
4400 West 18th Street, Houston, TX 77092

Admissions Representatives from Community Colleges and Texas Universities

State Financial Aid Application Lab for 12th Graders

Transportation may be available (ask your school)

For more information, contact
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IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE

AUDITION DATE: 12.2.19
ROOM X121
3:30-5:30PM
TALENT SHOW DATE: 12.13.19
WESTSIDE AUDITORIUM
4:00PM

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
TALENT SHOW
HOSTED BY INERTIA DANCE COMPANY

PLEASE VISIT ROOM X121 FOR DETAILS & REQUIREMENTS

*Does your student need some extra help?
Send them to tutorials!*

Click [here](#) for the Westside Tutorials Schedule

They may attend any teacher's session to suit their own schedule.

Girl's Group
Every Thursday

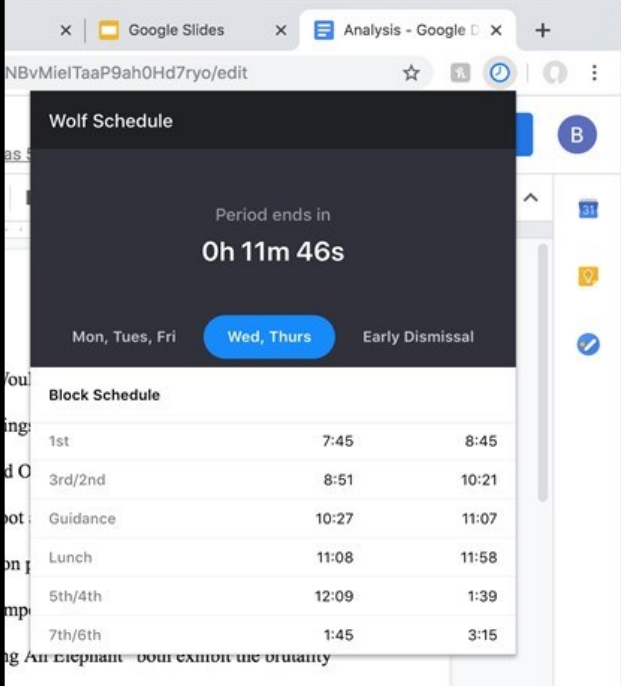
Sign Up & Get More Information
N-144

Reset Tuesday's
N-144
7:25am-7:40am

Take 15 minutes to...

Every Tuesday at 7:25am-7:40am in N-144


Announcements



Block Schedule		
1st	7:45	8:45
3rd/2nd	8:51	10:21
Guidance	10:27	11:07
Lunch	11:08	11:58
5th/4th	12:09	1:39
7th/6th	1:45	3:15

Do you have the Wolf Bell Schedule??

A quick and effortless way to view the bell schedule on your browser in a single click.



Available in the
Chrome Web Store

Created by one of our very own wolves!!!

**No
Saturday
Tutorials
This Week!**

Next session on
December 7th



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VIPS 

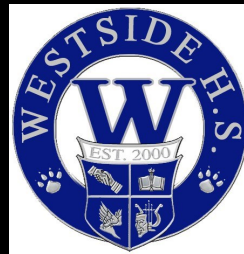
Do you plan to **VOLUNTEER**
this year?

Athletics ~ Band
PTO ~ Field Trips ~ T-Pro

- You must be cleared through HISD
- Renewal required every year


Click [here](#) to get cleared!

Do you know any
students/families
interested in
attending Westside?



School Tours

For Prospective
Students & Families
Nov. 21 & Dec. 5
1 PM
Drop-In,
No Reservations Required



THE 20TH
EDITION
OF THE
WESTSIDE
CANIDAE

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AT SCHOOL: IN A216
\$85

Questions?
See Ms. Roberts, A216

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