



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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Westside Gets the Win in Game 1

Westside got the win in our season opener against Madison High School at Delmar Stadium last Saturday night. The team was able to take home the "W" with a decisive 34-6 score, despite a power failure ending the game at half time.

Cheer, Pride, Color Guard, and the Wolf Band assisted the team on the field by revving up the big crowd in the stands, kicking off the season with an enthusiastic display of Westside spirit.

The band debuted their impressive new show, "Glimmer of Hope", which promises to be a crowd-pleaser this season.

Catch the next wave of Westside spirit on Thursday, September 5th, when the Wolves take on Stephen F. Austin High School at 7:00 PM at Barnett Stadium.

New this year! Buy your game tickets online: click [here!](#)

See pages 4-5 for more photos

Calendar

September 7

Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM-12 Noon

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

5:15-6 PM Parent U:
Freshman 101 in the
Commons

6-8 PM Meet the
Teacher Night



Student Cell Phone Policy Update



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

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Cell Phones
Ear Buds

Includes:
Blue Tooth Devices
Air Pods

Head Phones
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	Outside 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. 	<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.

Student Cell Phone Policy Update

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 3:15-4:00 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 3:15 – 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.

Westside vs. Madison



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WOLFLINKS

Technology Training for Westside HS Parents!

Join us for concurrent sessions:
9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, & 2:00 PM

REGISTER @ <http://bit.ly/WolfLinks>
Location: TBA



Date	Session	Description
October 8th	PSC: Parent Student Connect	Parents will create PSC accounts and get an overview of the PSC platform.
November 5th	Accessing Digital Resources	Parents will receive an overview of the digital resources that are available to their students.
November 19th	Intro to Google	Parents will create Google accounts and learn the basic functionality of Chrome, web store, and Google Drive.
December 3rd	Twitter	Parents will learn the basics of account creation, tweeting, retweeting, adding links, images, who to follow and what to say?
January 14th	Intro to Microsoft Office	Parents will learn the basics of Office 365 applications: OneDrive and Microsoft Word.
January 28th	The Creative Parent	Parents will learn how to create various communication products such as flyers, newsletters, etc.
February 25th	The Business-Savvy Parent	Parents will learn how to create a resume and cover letter.



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- ♦ 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



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Announcements



**WESTSIDE
WOLVES**

FOOTBALL

BUY GAME TICKETS ONLINE

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Saturday Tutorials Begin This Week!

Three Sessions on Sept. 7

9-10 AM

10-11 AM

11 AM-12 Noon

Bring Laptops, IDs & Assignments

HISD 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 High School

Important Notes:

Who is eligible?
CTE ~ Magnet ~ Zoned

Who is not eligible?
Boundary Option & Space Available Transfers
(even though a route might be displayed on the route finder)



Announcements

CLASS OF 2020

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Parent Meeting

Tuesday, September 10th

**6:00 PM in the
Auditorium**



Class of 2020 Senior Parents!

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

New listings added this week!

Click here: <http://bit.ly/2zo7wNt>

Announcements



**Save the Date
September 17**

5:15 - 6 PM



FRESHMAN 101

6 - 8 PM

Meet the Teacher Night

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!

First Day Packets

Parents, have you sent
your annual “homework”
packet back to school
with your student?

Thank you in advance for
your patience and coopera-
tion in filling out and return-
ing all of the required forms.



Take Care of Fees Online Using School-Pay

For your convenience, Westside offers School Pay to pay for some school services online! The district has contracted with School Pay so you can pay using a credit card. Go to schoolpay.com to pay your school fees online!

Please note there is a **convenience fee** and all payments are **non-refundable**. Click [here](#) to learn how to use School Pay.



Art 1 Fee	HOSA Fee
Art Honor Society Fee	Inertia Fee
AP Art History Fee	Orchestra Fee
Art Ceramics Fee	Paw Print
Art Drawing Fee	Power Up
Art Photo Fee	Pride Fee
Art Painting Fee	Senior Dues
Band Fee	Soccer (Girl's) Fee
Baseball Fee	Student Council Fee
Basketball (Girl's) Fee	Swimming Fee
Choir Fee	Tennis Fee
Cross Country Fee	Theater Fee
Football Fee	Wrestling Fee

First PTO Meeting of the Year

Monday, September 9th In the Learning Commons

Social at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM

Come check us out!

Meet other Westside parents and find out how to get involved!

Save the dates for future meetings:

October 7, 2019 November 4, 2019

January 6, 2019 February 3, 2019

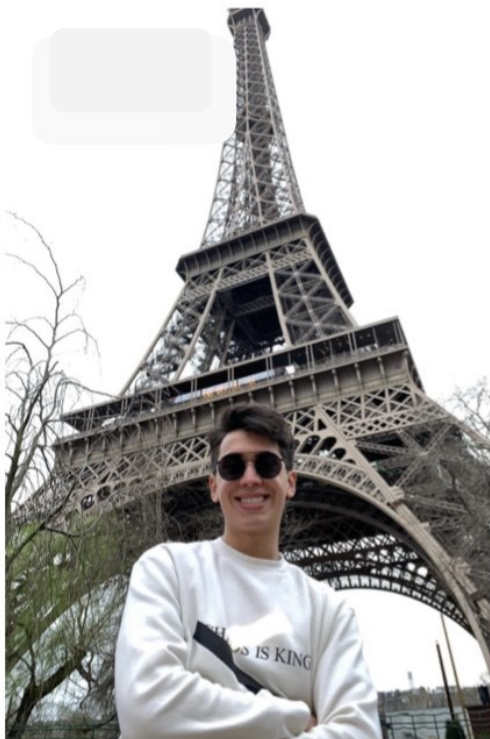
March 2, 2019 April 6, 2019

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Host an exchange student
from France
Oct. 18th – Oct. 28th

Contact
Mr. Alexander
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**BE AN EXCHANGE STUDENT IN
FRANCE
MARCH 11TH – 24TH, 2020**

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