

# WOLF E-NEWS from Westside High School

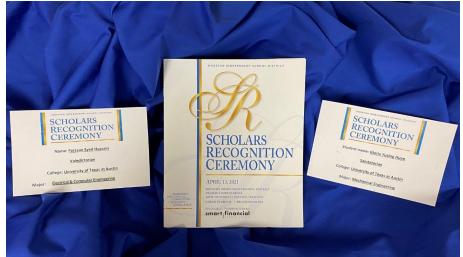
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April 19, 2021

## Congratulations to our Class of 2021 Valedictorian & Salutatorian



We are proud to announce our Class of 2021 Valedictorian and Salutatorian, both of whom were honored last week at the HISD Scholars Recognition Ceremony. Pictured along with Principal Wittpenn, are Farzaan Hussein, Valedictorian. and Gloria Huan, Salutatorian. Congratulations to them on their top academic achievement at Westside!



<u>Calendar</u>

**April 23** STAAR Sign-Up Deadline, see page 3

April 24 Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

May 3 Begin Sixth 6-week Cycle

May 4 US History STAAR Virtual Day for Non-Testers

May 5 Biology STAAR Virtual Day for Non-Testers

May 6 Algebra I STAAR Virtual Day for Non-Testers

## Westside

## Welcome Back to the Pack, Principal Wittpenn!





Congrats again on your little Wolf!

# NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK APRIL 18-24

# THANK YOU TO OUR WESTSIDE VOLUNTEERS!



## STAAR Sign-Up Deadline on Friday

#### May STAAR Tests

US History – Tuesday, May 4

Biology – Wednesday, May 5

#### Algebra I – Thursday, May 6

STAAR Tests are administered on campus. To properly prepare for socially-distanced spacing, we require you to please fill out the following survey(s) to let us know to expect you on test days:

US History STAAR Sign-Up Survey

Algebra/Biology STAAR Sign-Up Survey

#### Survey completion deadline: Friday, April 23, 2021

Test day info: 8 AM arrival, dismissal approx. 1:30 PM

Students should wear a mask, bring pencils (non-mechanical), a photo ID, and if they have their own calculator, they should bring it with them for both Algebra and Biology. We will have calculators available as well.

If you have any questions, you may contact our Testing Coordinator, Ms. Holloway, at: <u>schandra.holloway@houstonisd.org</u>.

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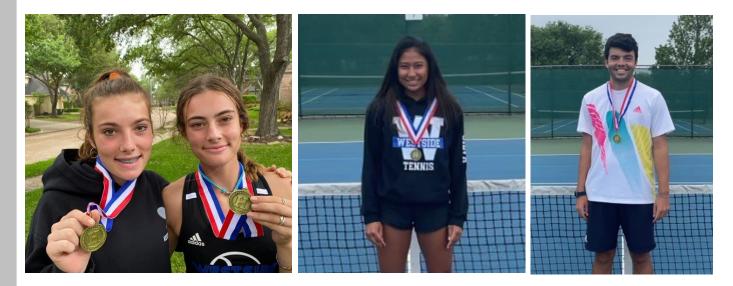
Westside HS Spring Final Exam Schedule

2021

\*Note- Some classes are not in their typical order.

## **Tennis Takes Three Firsts in District**

Last week, the Westside Varsity Tennis Team took home three first places from the HISD District Tournament. Lucia and Elisa Rodriguez got 1st in Girls Doubles, Moira Silva got 1st place in Girls Singles, and Mario Urdaneta got 1st place in Boys Singles. Way to go,Wolves!



## Staff Spotlight Presented by PTO

#### Staff Spotlight of the Week Lee Brochu



Administration East 2-Secratary

My college experience... I attended Everett Community College in Washington state.

I have been at Westside for... I have been at Westside High School for 15 years.

#### I chose to be an educator because...

My children graduated from Westside High School, and I volunteered when they attended. I was offered the position in the East 2 house, accepted it, and here I remain.

I love Westside High School because... The students, the teachers, the staff – we are one big family! Go Wolves!

**My favorite memory from when I was in high school...** Going to the football games on Friday nights with my friends.

If I wasn't at Westside, I'd be... volunteering at a cat shelter and probably be sneaking some home.

## Wrestling: All Region Honors & 3 State Wrestlers By Coach Froehlich



Juan Cantu & Freddie Pagan

Westside Wrestling had another amazing weekend, with its 5th consecutive top 10 finish at the regional Tournament.

The following wrestlers earned All Region honors and 3 punched their ticket to STATE on Saturday at the Berry Center in Cypress!

106- Juan Cantu- 3rd Place STATE QUALIFIER!
138- Kyle Lew- 4th Place STATE ALTERNATE
145- Freddie Pagan- 2nd PlaceSTATE QUALIFIER!
152- Ramses Durazo- 6th Place- All Region
285- LaRonte Lewis- 6th Place- All Region

Juan and Freddie will compete this Saturday for an opportunity to wrestle for a State Championship. They are top 12 in the State at their weight.

Great job wolves and good luck at STATE!

# HISD

## **2021-2022 Academic Calendar**

Click <u>HERE</u> for more details regarding 2021-2022 Academic Calendar, recently approved by the Board of Education

## From HOSA: Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday



dispose of the unused or expired prescription drugs in your home, they might find a new one.

Visit **DEA**TakeBack.com for a collection site near you.

Westside HOSA is encouraging the community to participate in the DEA Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

For the past decade. the DEA (or Drug Enforcement Agency) holds two annual events to raise awareness about safe and effective methods to dispose of drugs properly and to avoid accidental death and poisoning to

pets and children. They follow COVID social distancing protocols as well.

- The DEA Drug Take Back Day is an easy and non-judgmental way to return drugs, expired medications, legal or illegal drugs and other devices with no questions asked.
- Simply ask family members or friends to collect their unused and expired drugs into a plastic bag and drop it off at any of the DEA take back locations. Note: batteries should be removed from Vape pens and devices.

#### **DEA Drug Take Back Day Locations**

Locations are throughout the city of Houston, including the local Walgreens and CVS pharmacies. Click the <u>here</u> to find a convenient location.

- Remember, drug addiction and abuse is a mental health condition. While much of society has a stigma associated with drug use, it is important to show compassion and to help educate others about the potential dangers of drug use and abuse.
- Disposing drugs safely is the first step in preventing accidental poisoning and death.

#### **Statistics and Data**

- Results from October 2020 19th DEA National Take Back Day:
- Total Law Enforcement Participation: **4,153** (Covid social distancing in place)
- Total Collection Sites: 4,587
- Total Weight\* Collected: 985,392 lbs. (492.7 Tons)
- \*Collection results may include materials other than prescription drugs.
- Over the past ten years, millions of pounds of drugs and devices have been returned preventing thousands of accidental deaths.
- Share the news and let's do our part to spread the word about safe drug disposal and drug awareness.

Helpful resources:

Center for Disease Control

**Department of Justice** 

# College Readiness Scholarship Opportunities <u>https://</u> www.houstonisd. org/

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Juniors!!

Scholarship

Information

Posse



Seeking Juniors with 3.5 or higher GPA's for possible Full Tuition and Fees Scholarship

Want to pursue 4 year colleges and have an OPEN MIND about where you may attend, including consideration of schools in Maine and Minnesota

Complete a Westside-specific application and then 16 students move forward with the Posse application process

Visit information on the HUB. Course is Westside Class of  $2022 \rightarrow \text{Resources} \rightarrow \text{College Center} \rightarrow \text{Timeline and Information, School Chart, and the Application.}$ 

Application Due May 14<sup>th</sup>.



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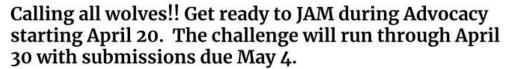
Foundation Scholarships Offered by Westside Alum Shannon Shorter

Class of 2021 \$500 Scholarships For TEN WESTSIDE WOLVES

Click <u>HERE</u> for requirements & application! Deadline: May 30th



Click on the QR code to register Click "Register" and a password will be sent to your email.



- Are you passionate about a topic happening in society?
- Are you passionate about making a change in today's environment?
- Do you have a great idea for a boredom buster?
  - Can you express an idea through art?
- Do you have a challenge you want to address? Then participate in Westside's Yourth Code JAM: https://www.communitycodejam.org/







Go to our workshop and resources

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BUILD SOMETHING COOL

Submit your project on the website. Prizes will be awarded!!

VIRTUAL SCHOOL EVENT We couldn't meet in person, but we can still jaml Beginners to advanced. plugged or unplugged\_laptop or tablet\_everyone can participate!

0	Senior Anno	ouncements						
	Monday 6/7	Tuesday 6/8 Final Exams: 6 <sup>th</sup> Period						
	Final Exams: 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Periods (begun the prior week)	Senior Honors Night 7 PM / Auditorium Winners will receive invita- tions in mid-May for this award presentation.						
	Wednesday 6/9 Thursday 6/10							
	Various Timeslots / Room TBD Students will report to Westside for appointments in their al- phabetic group to submit some paperwork and receive their cap/gown for graduation. Look for updates from the College Center.							
	Friday 6/11	Sunday 6/13						
	Graduation Practice 9 AM / Commons	Graduation 5 PM / Delmar Field						
	Senior Picnic Tentatively 1-3 PM / Athletic Fields The PTO is celebrating our grads with food and games.	The Class of 2021 will walk across stage and their diplo- mas! See below for more de- tails.						

#### Everything we know about Westside's Graduation as of 4/15:

#### Ticketing and Parking

Tickets are required, and they will be distributed electronically.

Each student will have a set number of tickets for their family. **HISD has not announced how many tickets each student will receive.** When this information is released, it will be shared.

No additional tickets will be made available at the gate entrances.

Parking is free, but parking passes will be required to enter the HISD Sports Complex. Each vehicle will be required to print a parking pass to display on the dashboard.

#### Venue Rules

No flowers, balloons, banners, signs, noise makers, food or drinks will be allowed into the venue.

Students must arrive dressed in cap and gown (distributed 6/9-6/10 at Senior Check-out – students will be given an appointment by the College Center).

Students will walk across stage to receive their diploma, but no handshakes permitted (elbow bumps are encouraged).

No cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed on the venue floor by students.

The doors will open for guests at 4pm, and the ceremony begins 5pm. Late arrivals will be seated on the last row to limit distractions.

Students will receive more details about their arrival and other procedures at Westside's graduation practice: 9am on Friday 6/11 in the Commons.

Every person must wear a mask.

#### STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for the Westside E-News: <u>https://mailman.listserve.com/listmanager/listinfo/whscommunity</u> Westside Instagram: @gowestsidewolves

"Westside Class of 2021" course in the HUB (seniors are already enrolled)

Remind app: @wolvese1 (East 1), @wolvese2 (East 2), @wolvesn1 (North 1), @wolvesn2 (North 2), @wolvess2 (South 2) Senior Class Coordinator Mr. D'Onofrio's page on the Westside website: <u>www.houstonisd.org/Domain/47006</u> Make sure email address and cell phone number are correct in Naviance.

ORDER A YEARBOOK, BEFORE THEY ARE GONE www.Balfour.com

# **Countdown:**

# books left





Saturday Tutorials

April 24 May 8, 15 & 22

## 9 AM-12 Noon

Must enter via main doors from horseshoe driveway on Briar Forest Wear an appropriate face mask and get temperature checked upon arrival Adhere to dress code, bring IDs, assignments & charged laptops

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## **Summer Opportunities**

#### Learn more about Rice Elite Tech Camp by clicking <u>HERE</u>!

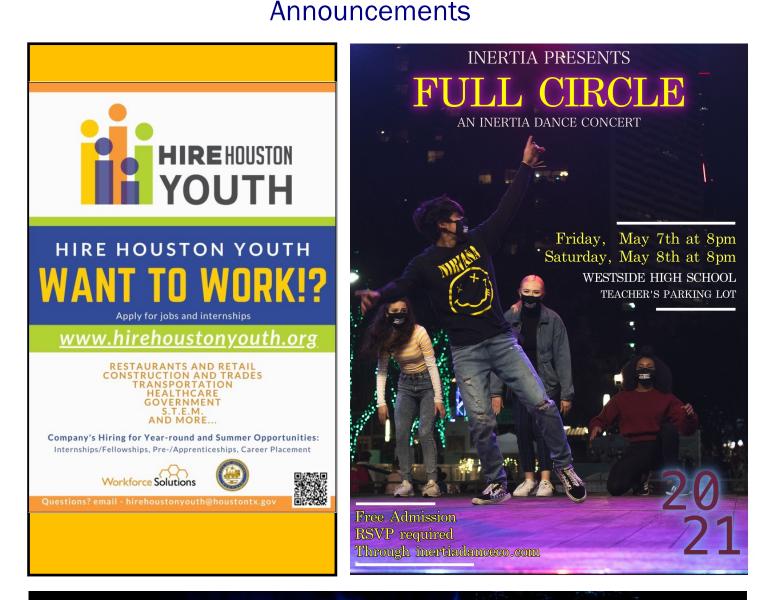


Registration for Rice ELITE Tech, a virtual summer camp experience created by the Rice Center for Engineering Leadership, Is now OPEN.



<u>https://</u> signup.rice.edu/ tapiacamps2021/





## WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



## Get Involved!



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Click for LIST

## Student Parking

## **Permits Required**

Click <u>HERE</u> for details and to fill out the Online Application

Note: Street parking is prohibited and cars will be towed at owner's expense.



## PARENTS

Do you plan to volunteer this year? Click <u>here</u> for: NEW Online VIPs Orientation & Application!



HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Pay school fees to Westside High School online by credit card using this convenient service: Click <u>HERE</u>

## **Daily Schedule**

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#### Westside HS Daily Virtual Schedule

2020-2021

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9:00 - 10:00 Flex	1st Period	2nd Period	1st Period	2nd Period	A - 1st / B - 2nd
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10:35 - 11:35 Flex	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	A - 3rd / B - Adv/Int
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*4:45 - 5:45 Flex	0 Period	8th Period	0 Period	8th Period	A - 0 / B - 8th

\*Not all students have a 0 or 8th period.

\*See Rotating Friday A/B Calendar

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## **Testing Information**

## No Saturday ACT / SAT Testing at Westside

All Saturday SAT and ACT testing originally scheduled to take place at Westside High School during Spring Semester has been canceled by the district.

## **STAAR Testing Dates**

Virtual Learning Days for Non-Testers

May 4, 2021 – US History STAAR May 5, 2021 – Biology STAAR May 6, 2021 – Algebra I STAAR

#### **AP Testing Updated Schedule**

<u>AP 2021 Testing Updates Page</u> – The majority of Westside AP courses will take their AP exams during Admin 2 of the new, updated College Board testing schedule. Use this <u>link</u> for more information.

**Exam Schedule** – click to view the College Board's AP Exam Schedule <u>HERE</u>. Students should be notified about their exam date and information directly from their teacher.

## 2021 Ap Testing Windows

AP Exams

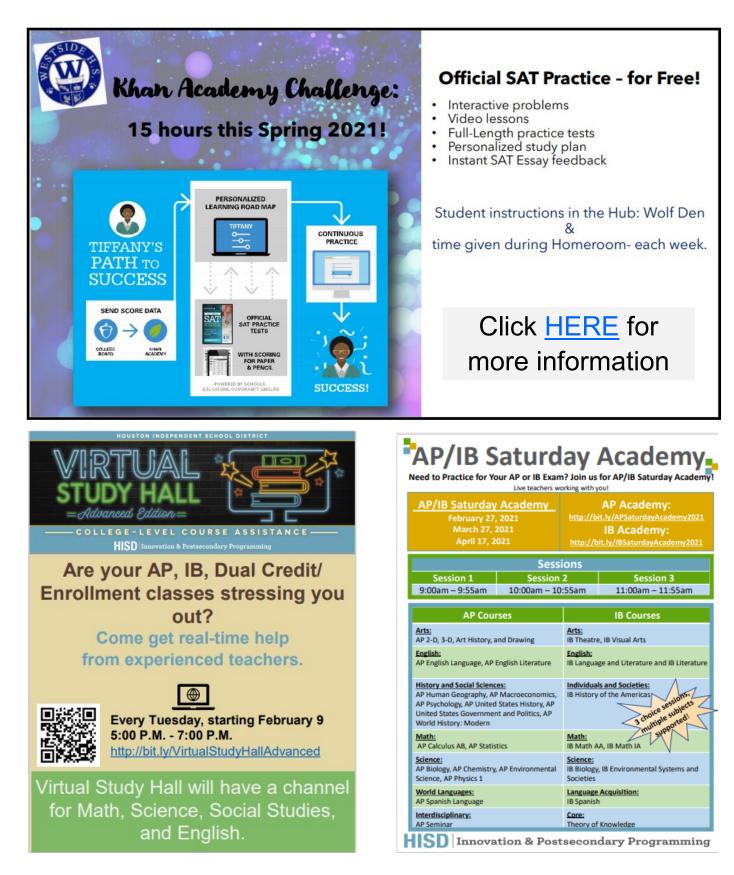
#### Westside will mostly use ADMIN 2, and ADMIN 3 will be for make-ups only. \*

· Contact the student's AP teacher for the specific testing days for their course.

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## Test Prep info





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