



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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August 31, 2020

## Virtual School Starts Next Week!

Ready, Set, Go Wolves! Virtual school starts next week on **Tuesday, September 8th**. Before school begins, be sure students charge up their laptops and check their Houston ISD email and the Hub for possible messages and updates.

If students need tech support for any is-

sues, please fill out this [FORM](#) to connect with our IT specialists and rectify before school starts.

Go to our [Virtual Learning Plan](#) page for details about our remote-learning program. Also, check out our [Updated Virtual Daily Schedule](#) on page 4 to plan your days.

Have a great year!

### Calendar

#### **Wed., September 2**

Junior Virtual Orientation on Microsoft Teams, 2:30 PM

Live Chat with Principal Wittpenn on Microsoft Teams, 6 PM

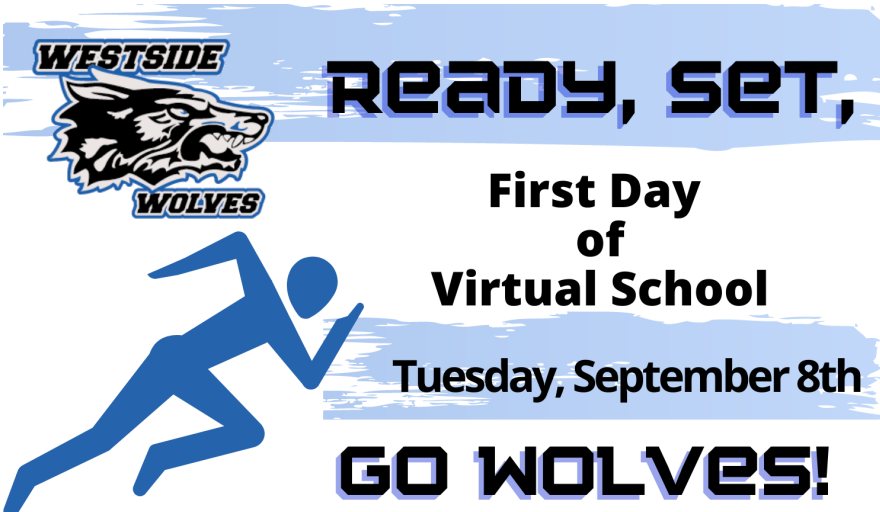
#### **Thur., September 3**

Sophomore Virtual Orientation on Microsoft Teams, 2:30 PM

Virtual Back-to-School Bash, 4-6 PM

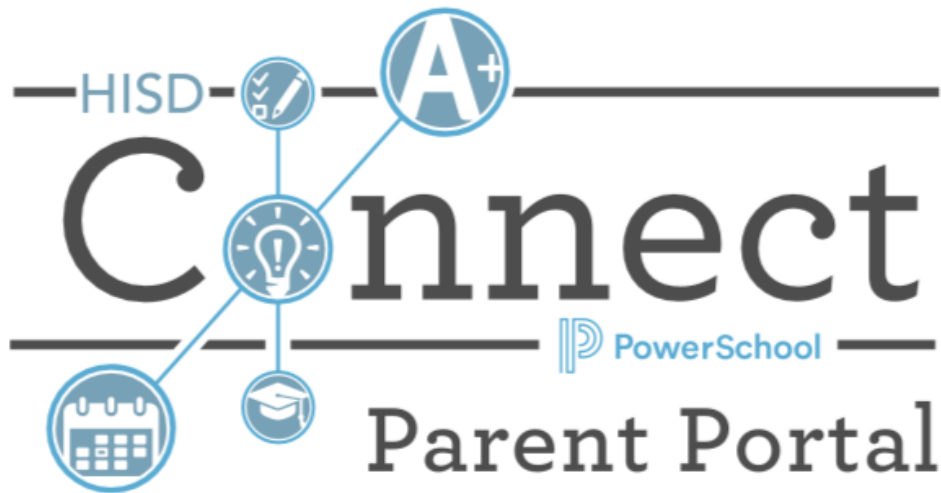
**Mon., September 7**  
Labor Day Holiday

**Tues., September 8**  
First Day of Virtual School



HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMING SOON



We know keeping track of your student's education is important to you. That's why HISD is making this easier than ever with the new HISD Connect Parent Portal.

The portal will open on Aug. 31 and will be your go-to source to complete start-of-year registration forms and keep track of important student information.

The HISD Connect Parent Portal will include:

- STUDENT PROGRESS & GRADE REPORTING ●
- SCHEDULES ●
- ATTENDANCE ●
- ACADEMIC HISTORY ●

Parents will receive a unique code, or access ID, for each of their students to set up an account and view their student's profile.

After setting up an account on a web browser, parents will be able to use the login credentials they created to access their student's profile on the HISD Connect app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

For more information, visit [HoustonISD.org/ParentPortal](https://HoustonISD.org/ParentPortal)

[www.houstonisd.org/ParentPortal](https://www.houstonisd.org/ParentPortal)

## In Case You Missed It: District Launches HISD Connect Parent Portal Today

Today the district launched their new [\*\*HISD Connect Parent Portal\*\*](#). Your student should have received a unique code, or access ID, **via their HISD email inbox**.

### **How to Get Connected:**

1. Parents will need to obtain the code from their student.
2. Use that code to set up a parent account to access your student's profile through the HISD Connect Parent Portal using your web browser.
3. Next, you will set up your account on the **HISD Connect app**, which can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play.

Once signed up, use the HISD Connect Parent Portal as a tool to track information related to your student's:

- Schedules
- Grades
- Attendance
- Academic History
- And more

For more information, you may visit:

[www.houstonisd.org/ParentPortal](http://www.houstonisd.org/ParentPortal)

*Wishing our Wolves*  
**GOOD LUCK**  
*in 2020-2021*

## Updated Virtual Daily Schedule Released



### Westside HS Daily Virtual Schedule

2020-2021

	Monday (A)	Tuesday (B)	Wednesday (A)	Thursday (B)	Friday (Alternating A/B)
8:30 - 9:00 Live	1st Period	2nd Period	1st Period	2nd Period	1st Period
9:00 - 10:00 Flex	1st Period	2nd Period	1st Period	2nd Period	1st Period
10:00-10:05	Break/Passing				
10:05 - 10:35 Live	3rd Period	4th Period	3rd Period	4th Period	3rd Period
10:35 - 11:35 Flex	3rd Period	4th Period	3rd Period	4th Period	3rd Period
11:35 - 12:05	Lunch				
12:05 - 1:00	Office Hours				
1:00 - 1:30 Live	5th Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	5th Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	5th Period
1:30 - 2:30 Flex	5th Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	5th Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	5th Period
2:30 - 2:35	Break/Passing				
2:35 - 3:05 Live	7th Period	6th Period	7th Period	6th Period	7th Period
3:05 - 4:05 Flex	7th Period	6th Period	7th Period	6th Period	7th Period

### Westside HS

### Rotating Friday A/B Calendar: Semester 1

A DAY							B DAY						
September							October						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
											1	2	
	7	8	9	10	11			5	6	7	8	9	
	14	15	16	17	18			12	13	14	15	16	
	21	22	23	24	25			19	20	21	22	23	
	28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	
November							December						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4	
	9	10	11	12	13			7	8	9	10	11	
	16	17	18	19	20			14	15	16	17	18	
	23	24	25	26	27			21	22	23	24	25	
	30							28	29	30	31		

Teacher Service Day (no students)

Holiday

End of Cycle

Enrichment Opportunity



## New Dates for Junior & Sophomore Orientations



# Back to School

### **Junior & Sophomore Orientations NEW SCHEDULE**

**Junior Orientation > Sept. 2 at 2:30 PM**

<http://bit.ly/WestsideJunior22>

**Sophomore Orientation > Sept. 3 at 2:30 PM**

<http://bit.ly/WestsideSophomore23>

**Join on your  
student laptop or  
cell phone using  
your HISD email  
credentials**



## Important Information from HISD

### Take the Parent Course!



HISD has created the **"Parent Introduction to Virtual Learning"** course to provide guidance for parents as they support their child's virtual learning experience.

The course is now available at:  
<http://houstonisd.org/parentcourse>



Learn all about volunteering for 2020-21 school year through HISD VIPS program. Click [here](#) for details and to find the link to register online. The HISD VIPS program is now accepting NEW and Returning Volunteer Applications for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.



The Houston Independent School District has developed a plan to deliver quality education during the upcoming 2020-2021 school year while ensuring the health and safety of our students, families and staff. **All students will begin the 2020-2021 school year virtually on September 8, 2020.** Click [here](#) for all the details regarding the HISD reopening plan.

# HISD

Go to:  
[houstonisd.org](http://houstonisd.org)

For important  
 announcements  
 and information  
 from our school district .

## Announcements

# New Student Registration

Click [HERE](#) to register online!

If you cannot register online:  
Walk-Up/Drive Thru Service

**Mondays & Wednesdays 8 AM-12 Noon**

Please bring a completed registration packet  
and all of the requested documentation.

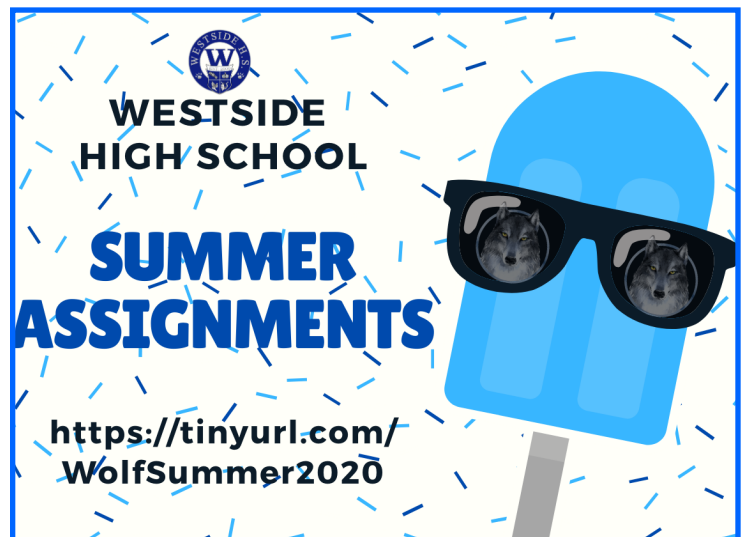
You may pick up your packet in advance.

Look for packets in the acrylic basket mounted on wall to the right of the doors.

**Westside High School**

**It's a  
Great Day  
to be a  
Wolf!**

[www.westsidewolves.org](http://www.westsidewolves.org)



**OR CLICK [HERE](#) !**

## Mark Your Calendar

### ***Do you have Tech Needs?***



- *Laptop repairs/exchanges for returning students*
- *Late laptop pick-ups for new students*
  - *All tech needs for all students*

### **By Appointment**

**Click [HERE](#) to  
sign up ASAP**

**Let's get your tech needs  
taken care of before  
school starts!**

**Need help getting  
started on your  
new  
student laptop?**

**Click [HERE](#) for  
instructions on  
"How to  
POWER UP"!**

**Click [HERE](#)  
for HISD  
2020-2021  
Academic  
Calendar**



## Mark Your Calendar

SAVE THE DATE!

# Live Chat with Principal Wittpenn

**SEPTEMBER 2nd at 6 PM**  
On Microsoft Teams

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

## VIRTUAL LEARNING PLAN

Click [HERE](#) to join at meeting time!



*Back-to-School*

# BASH

LIVE STREAMING EVENT

ALL ARE WELCOME!

STUDENTS ~ PARENTS ~ TEACHERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

**4-6 PM**

**TO JOIN, GO TO:** <https://bit.ly/WHSBASH2020>



## From the PTO

**We want you to be part of the PTO Wolf Pack –  
Scan the QR codes below:**

<p><b>JOIN the Westside PTO!</b></p>  <p><b>Together We Can Do... Virtually Anything</b></p>	<p><b>VOLUNTEER!</b></p>  <p><b>Be part of the team</b></p>
<p><b>DONATE</b></p>  <p><b>Support the community through the "Check- Writing" Campaign</b></p>	<p><b>GO WOLVES!</b></p>  <p><b>Purchase your Westside Wolves yard sign and show your school spirit</b></p>

*"For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf,  
And the strength of the Wolf is the Pack."*

**--Rudyard Kipling**

## From the College Center

### Your go-to guide for learning the true costs of college.

Award-winning software • Financial education • Expert advice



Join us for a webinar:

Wednesday, September 2nd  
6:30pm

On the WHS College Center Teams  
channel, code k4gyt21 to join

*Edmit*

## prompt

Want to feel confident in your college essays?  
Join our FREE College Essay Bootcamps

Our world-class Writing Coaches will help you develop a compelling essay draft in under 3 hours.

**Mondays**  
60 minutes

**Interactive Webinar**  
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**Wednesdays**  
60 minutes

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Guided Brainstorming using Prompt's Essay Software. Live chat with a Writing Coach

**Fridays**  
60 minutes

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Visit [pages.prompt.com/bootcamps](https://pages.prompt.com/bootcamps) to see schedule and sign up

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"The great guidance that my daughter received was invaluable and helped her to have the confidence that she was submitting her strongest essays."

—”

Daryl's daughter is attending the University of Chicago on a scholarship

Call +1-844-577-6678 to talk to a Writing Coach  
Visit [prompt.com/westside](https://prompt.com/westside) to learn more

The Westside College Center  
partnered with this awesome  
organization called  
**prompt.com**

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for free to get kids started on  
college essays.

Go to:

[http://pages.prompt.com/bootcamps](https://pages.prompt.com/bootcamps)

Or

[Prompt.com/westside](https://prompt.com/westside)



## Announcements

### PTO News and Announcements

- ◆ The PTO in partnership with the College Center will be hosting a virtual College Knowledge night for senior parents on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. You can register for the event at <https://www.westsidehighpto.org/blog>
- ◆ Join the PTO for the series "Together We Can Do...Anything Virtually". Each month we will feature a guest speaker or speaker panel from Westside faculty, staff, and students who will keep us connected to our Westside Community. Our first session will feature Principal Wittpenn on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 pm. You can register for the event at <https://www.westsidehighpto.org/blog>
- ◆ PTO Membership: The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports student learning at Westside by investing in staff, students, and community needs. Please join PTO today at <https://www.westsidehighpto.org/join>
- ◆ Be sure to take the [HISD Online Course for Parents](#). It took about 30 minutes for me to get through it all.



### SIDEWALK CHALK FUN!

#### Description

We'll have lots of chalk, fun, and games in store for everyone so make sure to bring your mask (Follow Designated Social Distancing Procedures), \$5 IN CASH, and a good attitude! Join us to learn more about our team!

Hosted By Westside High School's Very Own FRC Robotics Club!

At Ray Miller Park  
1800 Eldridge  
Parkway, Houston, TX  
77077

Save The Date!  
Join Us Saturday,  
September 5th from  
9-11 AM

Bring the Family for  
Endless Fun!

**WESTSIDE FRC CLUB**

Contact Us:  
westsidefrcrobotics  
@gmail.com

## OUTDOOR HIKE FUNDRAISER

to raise money and support the...

**Westside High School FRC Robotics Team!**

\*Will be guided by an experienced marathon runner, Mt. Kilimanjaro hiker, and MS150 biker of 10 years\*

Join us to learn more about our team!

Saturday, August 29rd, 2020  
7:30-9:00 a.m.  
Terry Hershey Park  
15200 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77079  
\$5 /person (cash only)  
\*bring masks & adhere to strict social distancing guidelines\*

## SAT and PSAT Info

**Saturday SAT Testing**—Due to district Covid-19 building closures, all Saturday SAT Tests originally scheduled at Westside High School are cancelled for August and September. Click [here](#) for additional information from the College Board.

**School Day SAT/PSAT**—based on the current plan (subject to change), school day SAT and PSAT will be administered to Westside students during school on the following schedule :

Test	Grade(s)	Date
PSAT 8/9	8-9	Oct. 26-30, 2020
PSAT/NMSQT	10-11	Oct 29, 2020
SAT School Day	12 only	Oct 27, 2020

## 2020 Yearbook



If you still need to pick-up your pre-purchased 2020 Yearbook, please email Ms. Roberts at [srobert2@houstonisd.org](mailto:srobert2@houstonisd.org)

## Interested in Cross Country?

**BOYS & GIRLS**

**All are welcome,  
everyone makes the team!**

**Contact Coach Guy  
to sign up!**

**[DGUY@houstonisd.org](mailto:DGUY@houstonisd.org)**

**In person practice/conditioning TBD  
when district Covid guidelines permit**



HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HISD College Updates**

[bit.ly/HISD2College](https://bit.ly/HISD2College)

Sign up to receive important college information directly to your phone!

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**Need to pick up your Senior Packet?**

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<https://www.houstonisd.org>