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from Westside High School

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December 14, 2020

Parent Feedback Survey

Calling all Westside parents! Please take the Fall 2020 Parent Feedback Survey and share your opinions and experiences with us. Your responses will guide us as we

prepare for the spring semester. Questions seek feedback on communication, social-emotional support, classes, scheduling, and more. We want to hear from you and appreciate your time.

Calendar

December 14-18

Merry Week at Westside

December 15

PSAT 9 Test for 9th Graders (pre-registered testers only, no walk-ins),

Virtual Day for All Non-Testers

December 21-January 1

Winter Break

January 4

Classes Resume

January 15

MLK Day, No School

January 25-28

Semester 1 Final Exams

January 29

No school for Students, Teacher Prep Day

Click
HERE
Fall 2020
Parent Feedback
Survey

PSAT for 9th Graders Tomorrow

Virtual Day for All Non-Testers

The PSAT 9 will be administered to 9th graders tomorrow, December 15th. All available spots are filled; no walk-ins, please.

Testers only should report to the Commons no later than 8:00 AM for check-in and they *should* bring with them the following items:

- Mask
- Photo ID
- Pencils (non-mechanical)
- Calculator (we will have some available if a student does not have one)

Students *may bring* a small snack that can be eaten during one of the two embedded breaks.

Attendance will be taken and excused for students who take the test.

The test should end at approximately

1:00 PM, and once all testing materials have been collected, students will be released to go home for the day.

Finally, please have your student stay home if she or he is feeling ill. The PSAT will be offered again during the fall of 2021.



MERRY WEEK DEC. 14-18

MONDAY-DECK THE HALLS
Wear your favorite holiday accessories including jewelry, masks, headbands, necklaces, etc

TUESDAY-9 TH GRADE PSAT DAY
Wear your college shirts & Santa Hats

WEDNESDAY-MAD ABOUT PLAID
Wear your favorite FLANNELS or plaid shirts, pants, shoes, suits, etc.

THURSDAY-SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A LIGHT
Wear light-up hats, shirts, sweaters, etc.

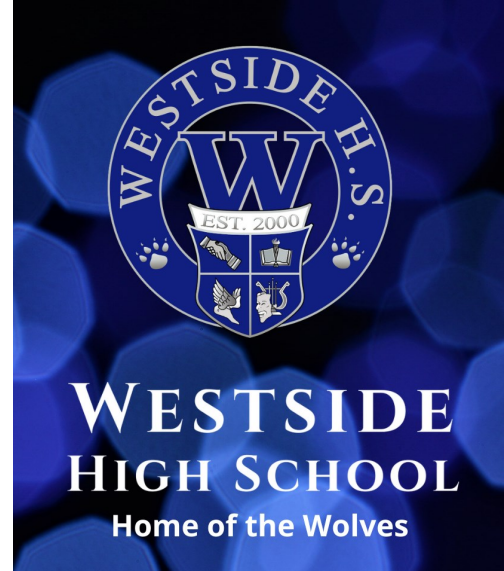
FRIDAY-PAJAMA DAY
You know what to do! (No bare shoulders or short shorts)

Big News from Westside Debate Team

Westside KS (Mahintha Karthik and Townes Schultz) placed second at the **Isadore Newman School Invitational** this past weekend. They ranked 6th (Mahintha) and 9th (Townes) speakers overall.

They earned their second bid to attend the Tournament of Champions in Policy Debate. This bid qualifies them for the prestigious tournament hosted by the University of Kentucky in April.

Additionally, Westside KS and Westside RY (Rohith Ramen and Sripad Yadagiri) have been invited to compete at the inaugural Space City Round Robin .



Introducing Code2College Interns

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the Code2College coding/internship program:



Sonia Birate	Ana Heron	Ridha Alsowaldi
Juan Oiveros	Victor Ordonez	George Xydas
Iyanu Aluko	Gavin Biek	Andrew Hernandez
Yesenia Vicente	Evelyn Valdez	John Catano
Jorge Ramirez	Saul Hinojosa	Ian Nguyen
Oscar Portillo	Matyas Negash	Noah Kemp
Sean Laguna	Mary Stephens	

The students will start the program in January.

StuCo Shares Holiday Greetings with Elderly

Last week, STUCO decorated holiday cards as a service project for our community neighbor, Parkway Place Retirement Community.

Students decorated the cards both at home and in the courtyard after school last Thursday. They turned out quite festive.

Usually they hand deliver these and spend time with the residents but with COVID, these will be dropped off for the residents to enjoy.



Staff Highlight: Presented by the PTO

Staff Spotlight of the Week Jane Miller



Caught giving a tour... preCOVID!

Bailey- She's not a wolf but she's awesome!

Magnet Coordinator

Attended Texas A & M University WHOOP! I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Curriculum & Instruction. My specialization was in reading.

I have been at Westside for 6 years, starting part time with communications. From there I became the Magnet Coordinator for Westside. It is my joy to be able to share with 8th graders and families from all over Houston and points beyond the excellence and excitement of the programs provided by Westside. I always tell our instructors and staff members that they make my job easy! (and... it's true!)

The reason I went into education is because of my amazing grandfather! He inspired students from K-12 in the small town of Centralia, IL. He began as a teacher in a 1 room school, watched the growth of the town, the school district and finally became the Director of Centralia's Community Center. He always said that the most important part of the instructional day is recess. "That's when students learn the most."

I love Westside High School because of all of the educational, fine arts and athletic opportunities it provides for our students while supporting them with care. The small school/dean system has proven to be crucial in providing personalized instruction. Westside's teachers are the best and hold each other to a high standard which is recognized and appreciated throughout the district.

My favorite memory from when I was in high school at HISD's Lee (Wisdom) High School was our Senior Panoramic Photo Day - I'm not sure why? I think I just felt such love and camaraderie being surrounded by all of my fellow seniors!

If I wasn't on staff at Westside High School, I'd be teaching somewhere! I feel so blessed to be able to work with kids and see the potential in their eyes and the future in their hearts. We never know where we might end up! Follow your heart...

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Nerdy Girl Success

Changing the landscape of leadership



Please join us on December 16th from 11:40-12:00 for our first Nerdy Girl Success Club Interest Meeting. We are planning to kick off our virtual 2021 year with a host of exciting events in January! If you are interested in being a part of an amazing organization for girls seeking leadership opportunities, please join us using the link below.

Nerdy Girl Success works with high school girls teaching them new skills, providing necessary resources, and helping them build a network inclusive of women in leadership positions. Our mission is to educate and encourage young women in their pursuit of leadership opportunities.

We looking forward to seeing you!

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3ac19ce988288e4ab98041b24c2980f5eb%40thread.tacv2/>

Live tonight at 6 PM

WESTSIDE HS CHOIR

WINTER CONCERT
2020



<https://westsidehschoir.podbean.com/>



Westside Wolves Angelo De Leon ('22) and Dante Pineda ('22) competed with Nation United-Texas in the Best of Texas tournament and brought home the championship! Nation United-Texas is an elite club lacrosse team promoting diversity in lacrosse. Also pictured is Jada Reynolds '22 team manager.

Wrapping Up the Year with Football and Fine Arts



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For Prospective Students & Families



VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOURS

& Information Sessions

For prospective students & families interested in learning more about Westside!

**THURSDAYS
12 - 12:45 PM**

(Please note: No meetings Dec. 17-31)

**USE THIS LINK TO JOIN
ON MICROSOFT TEAMS:**

[Virtual Tour/Info Sessions](#) ⁿ



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S.T.E.A.M.

Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics

Click [HERE](#) for details about the following programs:

[ACCOUNTING](#)

[CULINARY ARTS](#)

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[DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY](#)

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[ENGINEERING](#)

[BREAL – BIORESILIENT](#)

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Click [HERE](#) to APPLY!

HISD's Magnet Applications Available Online

Phase 2 : Nov. 7, 2020 – Feb. 26, 2021*

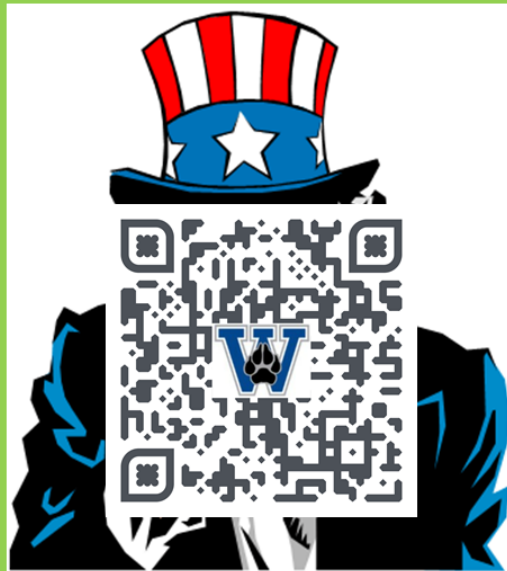
Phase 3: Feb. 28, 2020 – until full

(Out of District transfers considered during Phase 3)

Current HISD students will not be able to
apply after the Feb. 26th deadline



We Want YOU...



To JOIN the
Westside PTO

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The 2021 Westside Yearbook



is on sale at www.Balfour.com

Order your book today

\$85 NEED INFO? SROBERT2@HOUSTONISD.ORG

Pick-Up Your Diploma!

Drive-Thru Service
Horseshoe Driveway

Mon-Fri
9-11 AM
1-3 PM

Bring Your ID
Note: A designee may pick up diploma with a permission note signed and dated by graduate, & photo-copy of grad's gov't-issued ID attached.

Class of 2020




Please note: School Closed Thanksgiving Week & Dec. 21- Jan. 1

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CONSTABLE ALAN ROSEN
HARRIS COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT ONE FOUNDATION

EVICTON LEGAL CLINIC
Free Legal Assistance
9 am - 1 pm

The Harris County Constable Precinct One Foundation in partnership with the Eviction Defense Coalition, and South Texas College of Law is providing free legal assistance to tenants and landlords facing eviction issues due to COVID-19.

SATELLITE OFFICE	DRIVE-THRU	SATELLITE OFFICE
TUESDAYS Resurrection Catholic Church 915 Zoe St. Houston, TX 77020 11/17/20 11/24/20 12/01/20 12/08/20 12/15/20 (TENTATIVE) 12/22/20 (TENTATIVE)	WEDNESDAY Trinity Gardens Church of Christ 7725 Sandra St. Houston, TX 77016 11/18/20	THURSDAYS Galilee Missionary Baptist Church 6616 D.S. Bailey Ln. Houston, TX 77091 11/19/20 12/03/20 12/10/20 12/17/20 (TENTATIVE)

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS





For more information:
Erica Davis
(832) 286-3876

No appointment necessary




**Winter
Break
Dec. 21
To
Jan. 1**

Student Parking

Permits Required

Click [HERE](#) for details
and to fill out the
Online Application

Note:

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

Senior Page



Seniors FAFSA priority deadline is January 15th!

- Need directions?
bit.ly/3a9OWvP
- Need an appointment with the College Center?
bit.ly/WestsideCC
- What if I complete TASFA instead?
bit.ly/34f3E14

SENIOR DUES

- Senior Dues are **MANDATORY** for all seniors or fourth-year students.
- Every senior is expected to make a one-time payment of **\$70** by Friday, 12/18/20.
- If a student misses that fall deadline, a \$30 late fee will be added. The new one-time payment of **\$100** will be due by the start of Spring Break: Friday, 3/12/21.
- Students do not have the option to select and pay for only individual items from the list below. The total dollar amount is non-negotiable.

What is paid for by Senior Dues?

1. Cap and Gown
2. Diploma & Diploma Cover
3. Awards for Senior Honors Night (medals, cords, and other graduation regalia)
4. Graduation Ceremony



Administrative Expenses (COVID-19 preparations, unexpected increases, etc.)

Students who do not pay dues will not receive their cap/gown or a diploma, and they will not be able to attend any graduation ceremonies.

Dues may only be paid via School Pay on the Westside website: tinyurl.com/wolfseniordues21

If you are unable to pay dues on time due to financial difficulty, please email (HTRAN5@houstonisd.org) AND copy your dean.

Senior dues are NOT connected to any prom expenses.

Senior Class Sponsor: Mr. Donofrio

jeffrey.donofrio@houstonisd.org

FAQ's - Yearbooks & Portraits - Class of 21

1. I have questions about Westside yearbooks & senior portraits, who can answer them?

- a. Contact Ms. Roberts at srobert2@houstonisd.org or if you are on campus come by A216. Email is better than TEAMS messages.

2. How do I book my appointment for my Senior Portrait?

- a. Go to the Westside High School portal at: www.seniors.legacystudios.com

3. How much does it cost:

- a. The sitting fee is \$10 (payable with a debit or credit card, or PAYPAL), must be paid at the time of booking. Legacy offers packages..

4. What if I want extra poses and personal pictures?

- a. Legacy has a studio feature for additional poses and personalized SENIOR SHOWCASES. See info is on our Westside portal.

5. Caps? What will that do to my hair? What about my big head?

- a. Great question! You will be wearing a graduation gown, but you will be holding your cap. Style your hair, don't worry about your big head. FYI, your hands will be showing in the photo, so pay some attention to your nails.

6. Who typically forgets to take a Senior Portrait?

- a. GUYS! tend to forget about this. Every spring I talk to moms who want to know "what can we do?" So tell the MOMS of GUYS!!!!

7. Can I wear my giant earrings?

- a. We are asking for earrings and pendants no bigger than a quarter.

8. What about make-up?

- a. You want the photo to look like you. Don't go crazy, or use make-up you have never used before. Remember, your hands will show. You want them the same color as your face.

9. What about COVID?

- a. Legacy has strict guidelines for both your safety and the photographers. You will be required to wear a mask until the time you sit in the chair for your picture. There will be NO mirrors at the photographer's station. Make sure you are ready when you come inside for your appointment.

- b. If you fail to comply with the guidelines, you will be asked to leave, and your sitting fee will be forfeited.

10. I made an appointment, but I can't make it?

- a. If there is another day/time available you can rebook. If you just fail to show up, you will forfeit your sitting fee.

11. Can my mom, little sister or friend come with me?

- a. No one but you will be allowed inside the Auditorium. We know moms like to attend this monumental occasion, but this year, we have had to say no.

- b. If you need assistance, please let Ms. Roberts know beforehand.

12. I don't see my questions answered in this list, what do I do?

- a. Contact Ms. Roberts, she will help you.

13. Is there going to be a 2021 Yearbook?

- a. Yes! How could we not document THIS WEIRD YEAR!

14. Great, now how do I get one?

- a. Visit the Westside High School portal at www.balfour.com

- i. Books are \$85 (payable w/ debit or credit card)

1. At this time, books are only being sold online at Balfour

15. What's going to be in it?

- a. Your 2021 Yearbook staff is working hard to include all the challenges, activities, and events that will make up the 20-21 school year. It's not a normal school year, and the 2021 Canidae will be your lasting historical document of this senior year like no other.

- i. We know that the class of 2021 began in the midst of Hurricane Harvey and are ending in the middle of a global pandemic. Its unique to you. We will tell that story.

16. Will I be able to have a senior quote?

- a. Yes. Plus in this special year, we are going to add a resume of your accomplishments during your Westside career.

- i. The senior portraits will be larger in the book this year. Another unique feature for the class of 2021.

17. Will we have Senior Superlatives?

- a. Yes. Quotes and superlatives will happen in the spring semester.

18. Can I send in pictures of me and my friends, to go in the yearbook?

- a. YES!!! Watch out of CALL OUTS on all the Westside social media platforms, and Ms. Davis' Instagram...we WILL for sure want your input.

19. Will I get my book this year?

- a. Yes. Books will be delivered to school at the end of May, and in your hands before you graduate.

20. Can I get a yearbook from last year?

- a. Yes, we have a few books to sale from 2020. Contact Ms. Roberts for details.

- b. We don't have any 2018 or 2019 books available.

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Need to pick up your 2020 Yearbook?

ON CAMPUS STUDENTS:

Come by Room A216 before or after school to pick up your book

VIRTUAL STUDENTS:

Contact Ms. Roberts at srobert2@houstonisd.org to arrange a time to pick up your book

WANT TO PURCHASE A 2020 YEARBOOK?

Contact Ms. Roberts for details. Books are \$85



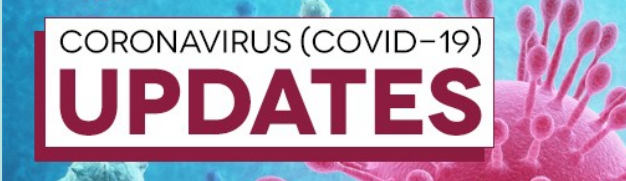
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**NO SATURDAY
SAT & ACT TESTS
AT WESTSIDE
CANCELED THRU END OF DECEMBER**

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**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
UPDATES**

**HISD's
Covid Dashboard**

[https://www.houstonisd.org/
COVID19Dashboard](https://www.houstonisd.org/COVID19Dashboard)

Updated daily,
the dashboard helps
HISD families make
informed decisions about
students' health & safety.



PARENTS

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

Click [here](#) for details:
NEW Online VIPs
Volunteer Orientation

Fill out the application!

Holiday Turkey Giveaway

Provides turkeys to up to 5,000 Houston-area families ahead of the winter break thanks to an \$80,000 donation from No Kid Hungry. Turkeys will be available to all while supplies last at Neighborhood Supersite locations on **December 16**.

Wednesday, Dec. 16; 2 to 6 p.m.

Barnett Stadium, 6800 Fairway Drive

Student and adult meals, hygiene kits, cleaning supplies, family food boxes, and holiday turkeys

Semester 1 Exams



Westside HS Fall Final Exam Schedule

2020-2021

January	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th
8:30 - 10:30	6th Period FINAL	3rd Period FINAL	1st Period FINAL	2nd Period FINAL	Prof Dev Day (No Students)
10:30 - 10:45	Break/Passing				
10:45 - 12:45	Adv/Intervention (Study Session)	5th Period FINAL	7th Period FINAL	4th Period FINAL	
12:45 -1:15	Lunch				
1:15	Dismissal				



Daily Schedule & Semester 1 A/B Rotation



Westside HS Daily Virtual Schedule

2020-2021

****Updated:** to begin October 19, 2020

	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	A - 1st / B - 2nd
9:00 - 10:00 Flex	1st Period	2nd Period	1st Period	2nd Period	A - 1st / B - 2nd
10:00-10:05	Break/Passing				
10:05 - 10:35 Live	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	A - 3rd / B - Adv/Int
10:35 - 11:35 Flex	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	A - 3rd / B - Adv/Int
11:35 - 12:05	Lunch				
12:05 - 1:05	Office Hours (in 5th)	Office Hours (in 4th)	Office Hours (in 5th)	Office Hours (in 4th)	Office Hours A- 5th / B- 4th
1:05 - 1:35 Live	5th Period	4th Period	5th Period	4th Period	A - 5th / B - 4th
1:35 - 2:35 Flex	5th Period	4th Period	5th Period	4th Period	A - 5th / B - 4th
2:35 - 2:40	Break/Passing				
2:40 - 3:10 Live	7th Period	6th Period	7th Period	6th Period	A - 7th / B - 6th
3:10 - 4:10 Flex	7th Period	6th Period	7th Period	6th Period	A - 7th / B - 6th
*4:15 - 4:45 Live	0 Period	8th Period	0 Period	8th Period	A - 0 / B - 8th
*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

Westside HS

Rotating Friday A/B Calendar: Semester 1

A DAY

B DAY

September						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30			

October						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	

14th - 16th = Flex Only

November						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
	30					

December						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30	31		

*4th changes to B

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	

Teacher Service Day (no students)

Holiday

End of Cycle

Enrichment Opportunity



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