



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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Debate Team: Outstanding Performance at UT Tournament

December 7, 2020

Congratulations to our "travelling" Speech & Debate team on an outstanding showing at the University of Texas Tournament this last weekend.

Westside RY, Rohith Raman & Sripad Yadagiri - and Westside KS, Mahintha Karthik & Townes Schultz - were among 16 out of 52 Policy Debate teams to advance to octafinals. Although unsuccessful in advancing to quarterfinals, Rohith and Sripad were rated as 6th and 16th best speakers respectively overall in preliminary rounds.

Karthik and Shultz earned a bid to the Tournament of Champions. Although they did not win any speaker awards, they successfully advanced to quarterfinals, earning a bid to the Tournament of

Champions, a prestigious tournament held annually at the University of Kentucky. The tournament requires two bids to qualify.

Westside's Speech and Debate Director, Mr. Eric Schwerdtfeger, stated that, according to his research, this is only the second bid award in Westside's Debate Team history. It is the first bid of their careers for Karthik and Shultz.

Congrats to all of the debaters and to Mr. Schwerdtfeger for their outstanding performance and for representing Westside so well.

**Go
Wolves!**

Calendar

December 8-11
STAAR EOC Re-Takes

December 12
Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

December 15
PSAT 9 Test for 9th Graders, **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

STAAR Re-Testing This Week

STAAR EOC Re-Testing will take place this week from Tuesday through Friday. Deans will contact students to inform them if they need to test.

- Tuesday, 12/8 – English I
- Wednesday, 12/9 – Algebra I & Biology
- Thursday, 12/10 – English II
- Friday, 12/11 – US History

Students should report to school no later than 8:00 AM with their mask and #2 pencils; they should wait in the Commons after check in.

If a student does not hear from his or her dean, then he or she should contact the dean to verify if they need to test or not.



Wolf Band Shared Sounds of the Season: 7th Annual Holiday March-A-Thon



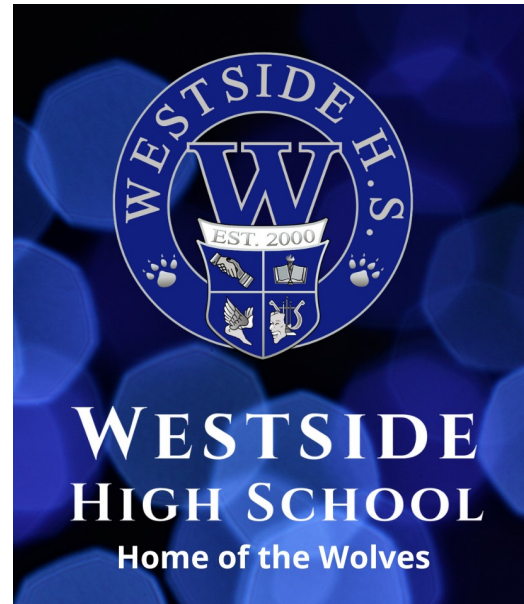
The Westside Marching Band carried on their tradition of sharing the sounds of the holiday season during their annual March-A-Thon fundraiser. The all-outdoor event brought comfort and joy to the delighted families in the Lakes of Parkway community. The Wolf Band performed lawn concerts (Christmas-Caroling style) spreading holiday spirit and earning donations!

Please see more photos on Pages 4-5.

Shout Out to Mrs. Willett



Shout out to our CTE / Computer Science teacher, Mrs. Meg Willett. Mrs. Willett was featured in an HISD video promoting the Microsoft TEALS (Technical Education And Literacy in Schools) Program that is offered at Westside to other HISD schools. Click [HERE](#) to view the video. The program is an industry partnership linking schools with the tech industry to train and develop teachers to impact the next generation of coders and industry leaders.



Staff Highlight: Presented by the PTO

Staff Spotlight of the Week Robert Alexander



World Languages and ESL

Attended the University of Wisconsin and the Université de Montréal. I studied education, but my major is in French and Québécois studies. I am planning on enrolling in graduate school in 2021 to obtain my master's degree in Education Leadership or in French.

I have been at Westside for 13 years and counting. I began my career as a teacher at Westside and have taught all levels of French. In 2016 I became certified to teach ESL as well, and I now teach a course for newcomer students.

The reason I went into education is because I love working with young people. I had many teachers in my life who inspired me to be great, and I wanted to do the same. Teaching students about language and culture is like giving them a key that opens the whole world to them!

I love Westside High School because it truly is a special school. Our diversity is one of our best strengths. It's an incredible honor to get to meet so many students who come to us from every corner of the globe.

My favorite memory from when I was in high school is all the clubs and organizations. I was president of my school's International Club (shocker). I made incredible friends from all over the world, many of whom I am still in touch with today.

If I wasn't a teacher, I'd be most likely a pilot (like my father) or a meteorologist. I've always been passionate about nature and the weather!

7th Annual Holiday March-A-Thon



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Announcements

Dec 7 - 13 Computer Science Education Week *activities planned for Westside during Advocacy!!!*

1,080,339,100 served.

A global movement in 180+ countries.
65,356 events registered in 2020.



Schools across the world
are participating in Hour of Code
including Westside High School
Check out CSEdWeek: www.csedweek.org



Interested in learning coding, obtaining potential paid
summer internships and professional skills building?

APPLY TODAY!

[Student Application | Code2College](#)

*deadline to apply is December 8th

Contact Ms. Willett for more details.

margaret.willett@houstonisd.org



Code2College

Free Inertia Event at Westside's Outdoor Pavilion



Social Distanced Outdoor Seating
Bring your own blanket/lawn chair!
Concert at 6:30PM

Free Entry for All Ages
*Masks & temperature checks
are required*

Inertia
DANCE COMPANY



For more information please visit our website at www.inertiadanceco.com

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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WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Announcements



S.T.E.A.M.

Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics

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

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Click [HERE](#) to APPLY!

HISD's Magnet Applications Available Online

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

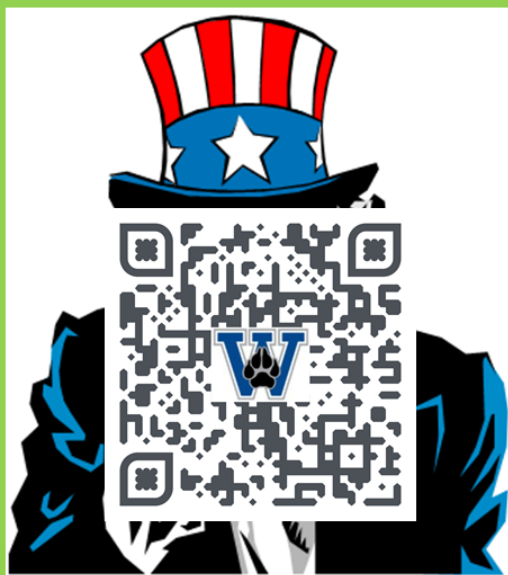
Phase 3: Feb. 28, 2020 – until full

(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

Announcements



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	WEDNESDAY Trinity Gardens Church of Christ 7725 Sandra St. Houston, TX 77016	THURSDAYS Galilee Missionary Baptist Church 6616 D.S. Bailey Ln. Houston, TX 77091
11/17/20 11/24/20 12/01/20 12/08/20 12/15/20 (TENTATIVE) 12/22/20 (TENTATIVE)	11/18/20	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



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.

Saturday Tutorials

December 12

9 AM-12 Noon

Students Reminders:

- 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

Senior Page



Class of 2021

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
- 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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Pay school fees to
Westside High School
online by credit card
using this
convenient service:

Click [HERE](#)

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

Announcements



**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!

**It's a great day
to be a Wolf!**

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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