

## Virtual Week This Week Wolves Warming Up Following Historic Winter Storm

We hope this special edition of the *Wolf eNews* finds our students, staff, and extended Wolf Family warmed up and beginning the recovery phase following the historic winter freeze that besieged our area last week.

Although none of us will soon forget this epic storm, we are now preparing to return to school (albeit virtually for this first week). In an effort to assess the status of our students



and the individual needs they may have in the aftermath of water/power outages and property damages, we are sharing this <u>Student Wellness</u> <u>Check Survey</u> and hope to receive a response for every student. Additionally, our staff will be conducting student wellness checks by other means as needed.

We appreciate that most folks in the Houston area have experienced a rough week and we will do our best to be sensitive to students' and families' individual situations and support them as we get back to "The Pack". Please remember that communication is the key to understanding. Do not hesitate to reach out to teachers, deans, or administration if you feel there are issues we need to know about. Please see page 2 for information about additional resources your family may benefit from at this time.

Stay safe and Go Wolves!

All HISD ATHLETIC EVENTS, including PRACTICES & GAMES, are CANCELED on

Monday, February 22 and Tuesday, February 23

February 22, 2021

### <u>Calendar</u>

February 22 & 23 HISD schools closed due to winter weather recovery

February 23 PSAT Cancelled, will be rescheduled, TBD

**February 24** Virtual School Day, Asynchronous (Flex) for all classes, Periods 0-8

February 25 Virtual School Day, B-Day

**February 26** Virtual School Day, A-Day

Deadline to <u>sign-up</u> for School Day SAT for Juniors

#### March 1

Return to regular school, including face-to-face for registered participants

March 3 School Day SAT for 11th Grade, Virtual Day for Non-Testers

March 15-19 Spring Break

# Student Schedule All-Virtual For This Week

# Virtual Days for All Students Feb. 24-26

#### Wednesday, February 24

A & B Flex Day for All Students Asynchronous (Flex) Day for <u>all</u> of your class periods (A & B), go to the Hub for activity or check-in.

#### Thursday, February 25

**B Day for All Students** Virtual instructional day, regular bell schedule.

#### Friday, February 26

**A Day for All Students** Virtual instructional day, regular bell schedule.



Westside HS, Winter Freeze on February 15, 2021

### Resources You May Need:

- HISD family food box distribution in partnership with the Houston Food Bank: Wed., 2/24; 2 to 6 p.m.: Barnett Stadium, 6800 Fairway Dr., Houston 77087
- District hotline number (713-556-4636) for any student, parent, or staff concerns or questions.
- From Mr. Wil Smith in Westside's Wraparound Services Office: Families may reach out to FEMA for help with temporary hotel and food stipends. Income and residential information will be requested. FEMA 1.800.745.0243

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# Underclass Picture Days!

SATURDAY & Next Week

# Underclass Picture Days are just around the corner!

Legacy Studios will be on campus to take pictures for ALL 9th , 10th, and 11th grade students.

#### This is the picture that will appear in the 2021 Westside Yearbook.

Here is the schedule:

#### Saturday, February 27

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM All 9th-11th Grade Students Welcome! Appointments are available.

#### March 1 and 2

8:50 AM -3:50 PM During School Day For Face-2-Face Students Only

3:30 - 6:00 PM For Virtual Students



**Location:** Photographers will be set up in the "Vendoland" Hallway (this is the area leading to the Gyms from the Commons)

**Enter:** Students coming from off campus will enter through the Courtyard doors. COVID check in will occur here.

**Appointments:** To book your time for Saturday, 2.27: visit <u>www.legacystudios.com</u> and navigate to Westside High School's page.

Face 2 Face students will have the opportunity to take their picture during FLEX time of their English class and during lunch and office hour.

**What to wear:** Dress code is listed on the appointment page. Students do not need to wear uniforms. Be mindful of appropriate school-wear.

Questions: Contact Ms. Roberts at srobert2@houstonisd.org

9–11 Grades

## **Testing Information**

### PSAT on Feb 23 is Postponed

Due to school closure s in this post-winter weather recovery phase:

The PSAT for 10th Graders

originally scheduled to take place on February 23rd is CANCELED and will be rescheduled at a later date, TBD

#### Please stay tuned for updates!

Testing Coordinator: <u>Schandra.Holloway@houstonisd.org</u>

## **School Day SAT for Juniors on March 3**

#### Preregistration is required by submitting THIS SURVEY Survey Deadline: Feb. 26

Westside High School is offering the opportunity to take a FREE SAT (without essay) to current 11th grade students on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Tests will be administered on campus (there is no virtual option available at this time). In order for us to prepare properly and safely, please respond to the survey by Friday, February 26, 2021 at 11:59 pm. If you are a parent, please complete the survey as your student. Testers arrive at 8 AM. Testing will begin at approximately 9:00 AM and conclude around 1:00 PM. Please contact our Testing Coordinator if you have any questions:

Schandra.Holloway@houstonisd.org

# 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**

April 6, 2021 – English I STAAR April 8, 2021 – English II STAAR May 4, 2021 – US History STAAR May 5, 2021 – Biology STAAR May 6, 2021 – Algebra I STAAR

# AP Test Dates & AP Study Hall Opportunities

Westside HS will be using the AP Admin 2 Testing Schedule

# 2021 Ap Testing Windows



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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### Are your AP, IB, Dual Credit/ Enrollment classes stressing you out?

Come get real-time help from experienced teachers.



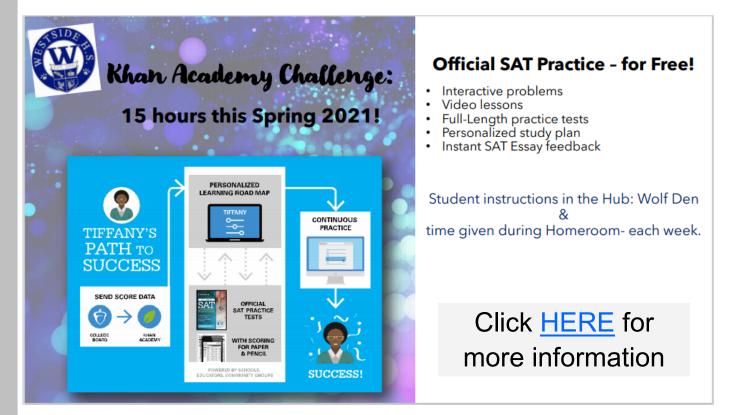
Every Tuesday, starting February 9 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. http://bit.ly/VirtualStudyHallAdvanced

Virtual Study Hall will have a channel for Math, Science, Social Studies, and English.

# AP/IB Saturday Academy

Need to Practice for Your AP or IB Exam? Join us for AP/IB Saturday Academy!

AP/IB Saturday February 27, March 27, 2 April 17, 2	2021 2021 021	AP Academy: http://bit.ly/APSaturdayAcademy2021 IB Academy: http://bit.ly/IBSaturdayAcademy2021 ions									
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English: AP English Language, AP B	English Literature	English: IB Language and Literature and IB Literature									
History and Social Science AP Human Geography, AP AP Psychology, AP United United States Governmen World History: Modern	Macroeconomics, States History, AP	Individuals and Societies: IB History of the Americas 3 choice sessions: 3 choice subjects multiple subjects Math:									
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Science: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, Science, AP Physics 1	AP Environmental	Science: IB Biology, IB Environmental Systems and Societies									
World Languages: AP Spanish Language		Language Acquisition: IB Spanish									
Interdisciplinary: AP Seminar		Core: Theory of	Knowledge								
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Do you need to reach out to one of our counselors? <u>Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org</u> Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org

## For Prospective Students & Families





& 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

Virtual **Tour/Info Sessions** 

#### WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

CONTACT:

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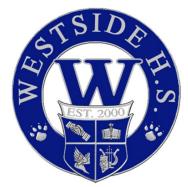
Westside HS Magnet Coordinator

Ms. Jane Miller

Click to view our Fabulous and Informative

# **Showcase Website**

Built to help prospective students and families get to know us!



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. 26<sup>th</sup> deadline

# S.T.E.A.M.

Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics Click<u>HERE</u> for details about the following programs: ACCOUNTING

ANIMATION AUDIO VIDEO PRODUCTION ENGINEERING **BREAL – BIORESILIENT** ECOLOGY & AGRICUTURAL LIVING BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

COMPUTER SCIENCE

**CULINARY ARTS DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY** 

**GRAPHIC DESIGN & ILLUSTRATION** 

**HEALTH SCIENCE** 

**LEGAL STUDIES** 

**TECHNICAL THEATRE** 



## Staff Highlight Presented by PTO

#### Staff Spotlight of the Week Dr. Anna Haro



CATE Department Medical Terminology

I attended Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York and Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees respectively. Later, I earned my Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the Chicago College of Pharmacy at Midwestern University. Most would be surprised to learn my first two degrees are in Classical Music Performance.

I have been at Westside since the start of the 2020-2021 academic year, smack dab in the middle of the COVID Pandemic, and this is my third year teaching in HISD. I have been an educator for 9 years and a pharmacist for the past fifteen.

I chose to be an educator because I love to teach!!! It is my passion to share my knowledge and skills with students and I enjoy that moment when the lightbulb sparks in their minds. It is fun and fulfilling to make connections and engage students of all levels.

I love Westside High School because the students and teachers are fantastic! Even before teaching, I would run into Westside students at the local stores, restaurants and throughout community. I am a native Houstonian, although the west side has only been my home for the past 5 years, I think it is the best place for students and families.

My favorite memory from when I was in high school... there are so many to choose. I was drum major of the marching band, captain of the swim team, and president of the German club. I am grateful for the many teachers who supported me and the great friends I made along the way

If I wasn't at Westside, I'd be... carving ice sculptures or performing as an opera singer. Or, perhaps I would just catch up on sleep!



# **February is** Black History Month

Students:

 Check out the rolling TV slideshow



 New historic figures featured each day during the month of February!



## Hybrid Black History Month/STEM Bulletin Board Under-Construction in North 1

To celebrate Black History Month, students from North 1 and WEGA worked together virtually and in-person to create a bulletin board celebrating Black scientists, engineers, and mathematicians.

Students who are learning from home were able to create info cards highlighting Black achievements, which are often left out of US school curriculums. We also had students help virtually to plan the layout and design of the bulletin board. In-person students were able to put it all together in school and bring the virtual vision to life. It was a fun way to bridge the gap between virtual and in-person learning, in order to help unify, beautify, and educate the campus.

Please stop by North 1 to see the beautiful work that these students created and learn about Black professionals who have made incredible contributions to STEM. The final design will be completed next week and we will send an update in the next E-Newsletter.

Special shoutout to our virtual and inperson collaborators: Naane Richemond, Ridewan Islam, Diya Joshi, Thi Mai, Hirad Mirhashemi, Mari Maida, Caleb Awa-Gabriel, Evelyn Valdez, David Castro, Nord Coppes, Joshua Cruz, Damiane Robles, and Gabriel Hardeway. Thanks to Ms. Abby Morris for coordinating the students' efforts.







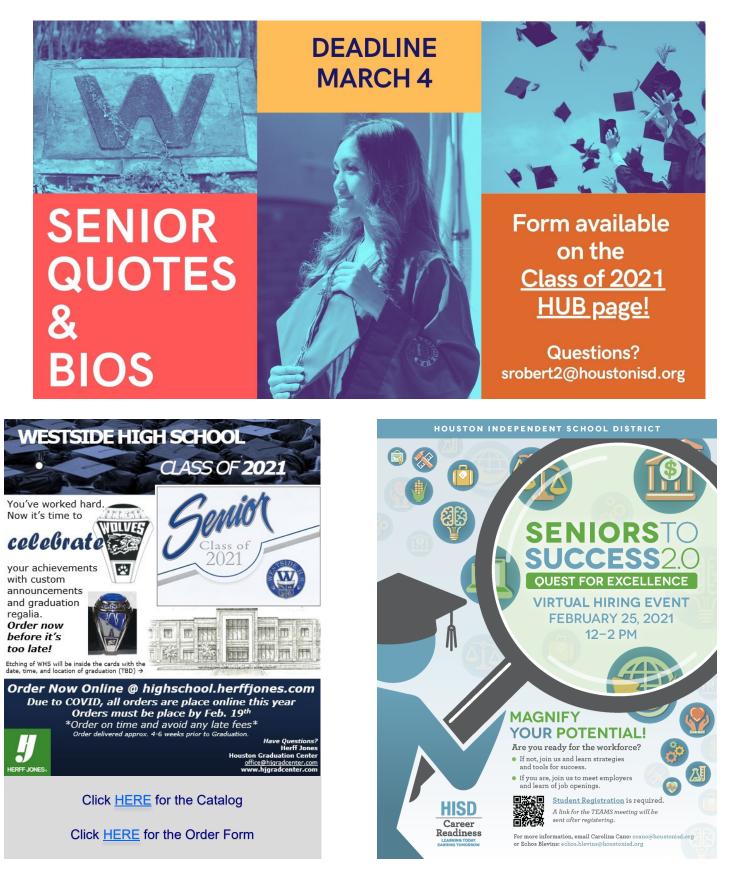


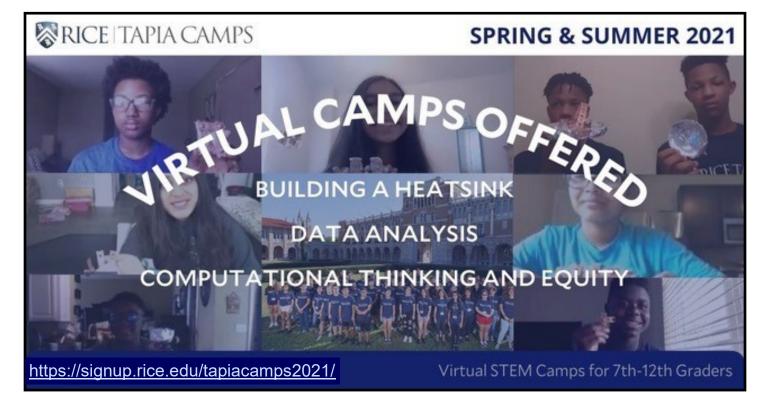
Roses are red Oceans are blue I bought my yearbook, Now you get one tee!

Order your 2021 Westside Yearbook Before they run out.

Books are \$85 Available at www.balfour.com

## **Senior Announcements**







Hear from Career Specialist Nathan Rosas of the HCC Alief-Hayes Career Center Interested in college or training that is 2 years or less? Learn about the MANY options that HCC has to offer, that can lead to well-paying jobs!

Morning Session: Tues, 2/23 at 10:05am

Evening Session: Wed, 2/24 at 6:30pm

Meeting will take place on WHS College Center Teams channel. Join with code k4gyt21

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#### HISD College Updates

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WHEN IS IT?

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Classes are for 1

hour twice a week

Summer classes have

TWO start dates!

Wave 1: June 7th

Wave 2: July 5th

#### WHY SIGN UP?

- Learn new technical and professional skills,
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**APPLICATION OPEN NOW!** 

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skill level and interest! From advanced software engineering to web development basics, there is a class right for you.

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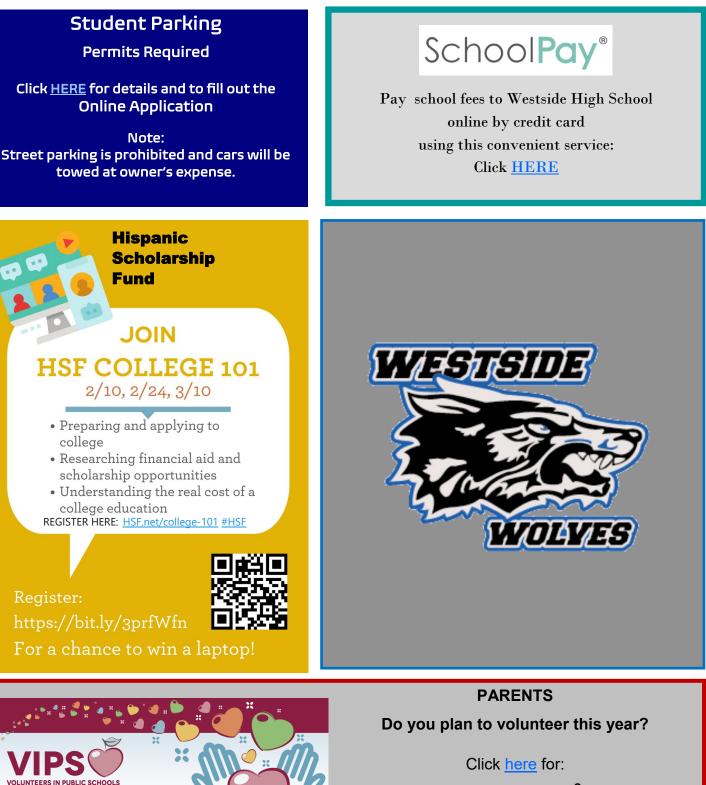
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- events for the entire school year

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# **Daily Schedule**

	West	side HS Daily	Virtual Schedu	le 2020 Semester 2	0-2021
	Monday (A)	Tuesday (B)	Wednesday (A)	Thursday (B)	Friday (Alternating A/B)
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9:00 - 10:00 Flex	1st Period	2nd Period	1st Period	2nd Period	A - 1st / B - 2nd
10:00-10:05			Break/Passing		
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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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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

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