



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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January 11, 2021

## Open Selection Window for 4th Grading Cycle

Do you need to make a change to your selection for your student (Virtual vs. Face to Face Instruction)? This week, parents may go to the [Parent Portal on HISD Connect](#) and update their selection for Cycle 4. The selection win-

dow is open from today through Friday, January 11-15. Changes will take effect when Cycle 4 begins on February 1.

If you do not need to change your selection, no action is required.

## January Calendar Notes

Please take note of these important calendar entries for the month of January:

### **January 11-15**

Section Window Open for Cycle 4

### **Monday, January 18**

No School, MLK, Jr. Day

### **January 25-28**

Semester 1 Final Exams  
(see details on page 2)

(Note lunch/dismissal at 12:45 PM daily)

### **January 29**

No School for Students  
Teacher Prep Day

### **Calendar**

#### **January 11-15**

Selection Window is  
Open for 4th Cycle

#### **January 16**

Saturday Tutorials  
9-12

#### **January 18**

**Martin Luther King,  
Jr. Day, No School**

#### **January 25-28**

Semester 1 Final  
Exams

#### **January 29**

Teacher Prep Day, No  
School for Students

#### **February 1**

First day of Cycle 4

#### **February 23**

PSAT for Grade 10

#### **March 3**

School Day SAT for  
11th Grade

## District Announces Athletics Scale-Back

HISD announced today that, due to the increase of Coronavirus cases in Harris County, the Department of Athletics will scale back on Athletic events until further notice. For Westside High School, at this time only district varsity level games/competitions will be held.

### Canceled:

- All non-district events and tournaments
- JV & Freshman games

## Semester 1 Exams

### Please read: Important note about Semester 1 Final Exams

- Face to face students will take exams on campus, in person.
- Virtual students will take exams online.

Please note, for virtual test takers, the exam will be unlocked only for the time frame scheduled for that period (see below).



### 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 20-21 School Year

**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	

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		

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)

End of Cycle

Holiday

Enrichment Opportunity

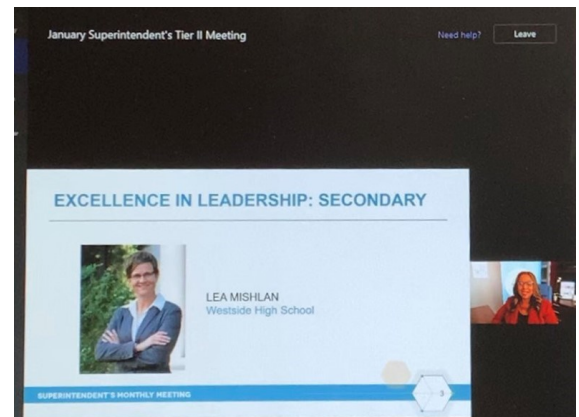
Finals

Click for HISD's [District Calendar](#)

## Dr. Mishlan Receives District Award



Congratulations to Dr. Lea Mishlan, Westside's Dean of Instruction. Dr. Mishlan received an award for "Excellence in Leadership" from Dr. Grenita Lathan during last week's Virtual Tier II Leaders Meeting.



## Staff Highlight Presented by PTO

### Staff Spotlight of the Week Jane Miller



**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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."

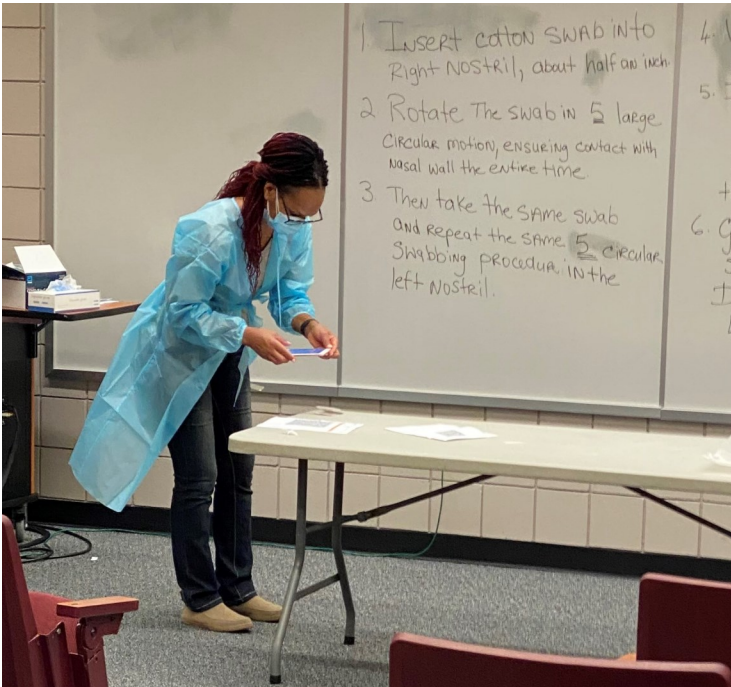
**I love Westside High School because** of all of the educational, fine arts and athletic opportunities it provides for our students while supporting them with care. The small school/dean system has proven to be crucial in providing personalized instruction. Westside's teachers are the best and hold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



## On-Campus Covid Testing for Westside Staff



Beginning this week, Nurse Campbell will be able to administer on-site Covid-19 tests for Westside Staff. This tool will aid in the fight against the spread of Coronavirus cases on our campus. Thank you, Nurse Campbell, for helping to keep the Wolves safe and healthy.



## Wolf Prairie News

By Mrs. Klein

Last month, Westside shared 60 native prairie plants with Spring Branch HS. The Spring Branch environmental program is installing a new pocket prairie to increase diversity on their campus. Westside's Wolf Prairie has been an instrumental learning lab for students since the campus opened in 2000. It was our pleasure to provide plants to help start a new prairie for another campus.



For many years, Wolf Prairie benefited from donations of plants and other materials from other schools and organizations. Our prairie is now mature enough to start using seeds to grow new plants for others.

WHS students started the seeds in small pots last spring before the pandemic. The plants were maintained throughout the summer and "bumped up" into gallon pots as their root systems developed. The Black Eyed Susans, Little Bluestem Grasses, Blazing star and Seaside Golden rod plants that were sent to Spring Branch HS are providing a strong foundation for their outdoor classroom.

## Testing Updates

### PSAT for 10th Grade on February 23

PSAT 10 will be given on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and is available to all current 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. Pre-registration is required via the survey that may be found here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBvG5UcVVXRn6\\_twT0ThGD0kU22NiWv1yu629oWh-IXbgZCA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBvG5UcVVXRn6_twT0ThGD0kU22NiWv1yu629oWh-IXbgZCA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The PSAT/NMSQT is a standardized test that measures the knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and math that students learn in the classroom—the same knowledge and skills your child needs to succeed in college and career.

Westside High School is offering the opportunity to take the PSAT 10 to current 10th grade students on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. All tenth graders may pre-register to take the test, both Face-to-Face Learners and Virtual Students. Tests will be administered on campus as there is no virtual option available at this time.

In order for us to prepare properly and safely, please respond to this survey as your student by Friday, February 12, 2021 at 11:59 pm.

Please note that this test is not a requirement for graduation.

You should receive an email confirmation once the survey has been completed. Please retain the confirmation for your records. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Schandra Holloway at [schandra.holloway@houstonisd.org](mailto: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 per the district.

### School Day SAT

For all  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
March 3, 2021  
Stay tuned for more details soon!

### 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

## January is School Board Recognition Month



### Student National Medical Association (SNMA)

SNMA is the largest and oldest student-run professional organization, with over 56 years of rich history dedicated to supporting future and current underrepresented minority medical students. As part of our National Leadership Institute, we are excited to announce the Pipeline Mentoring Academy: an introductory 1-day virtual workshop centered around the world of **science** and **medicine**. During our sessions, special emphasis will surround **mental health wellness** and awareness. Participants can expect interactive activities, introspective reflection, case study analysis, along with open forums to ask questions and gain resources. *NOTE: We aim to provide culturally relevant and age-appropriate content.*

#### Event Title: The Pipeline Academy: Addressing Mental Health

Program Date: January 23, 2021 4:15pm-5:45pm CST

Primary Audience: **Students Grades K-12**

Register: **HERE** (FREE Event)

**Where:** Zoom — [Register on EventBrite](#) to get the Zoom Link

**Partnerships:** **University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston & Kaiser Permanente**

**To Learn More:** Engage the Student National Medical Association, The National Leadership Institute or The Pipeline Mentoring Institute by visiting us at [www.snma.org](http://www.snma.org) to learn more.

**Workshop Questions:** [pmi@snma.org](mailto:pmi@snma.org)

The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) cares deeply about strengthening the pipeline of underrepresented minority students into medicine and is committed to outreach, service and the communities we serve. As an educator, administrator, parent and STEM ally we ask that you champion our efforts as we work collectively to increase cultural and ethnic diversity within medicine. Please feel free to share the details of our event. We welcome all efforts and future collaborations geared towards youth success.

Don't forget to [Register](#). Yours in Health Equity — THE SNMA Team!



## 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](#) <sup>n</sup>



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# WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



## For Prospective Students & Families



### 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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[TECHNICAL THEATRE](#)

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



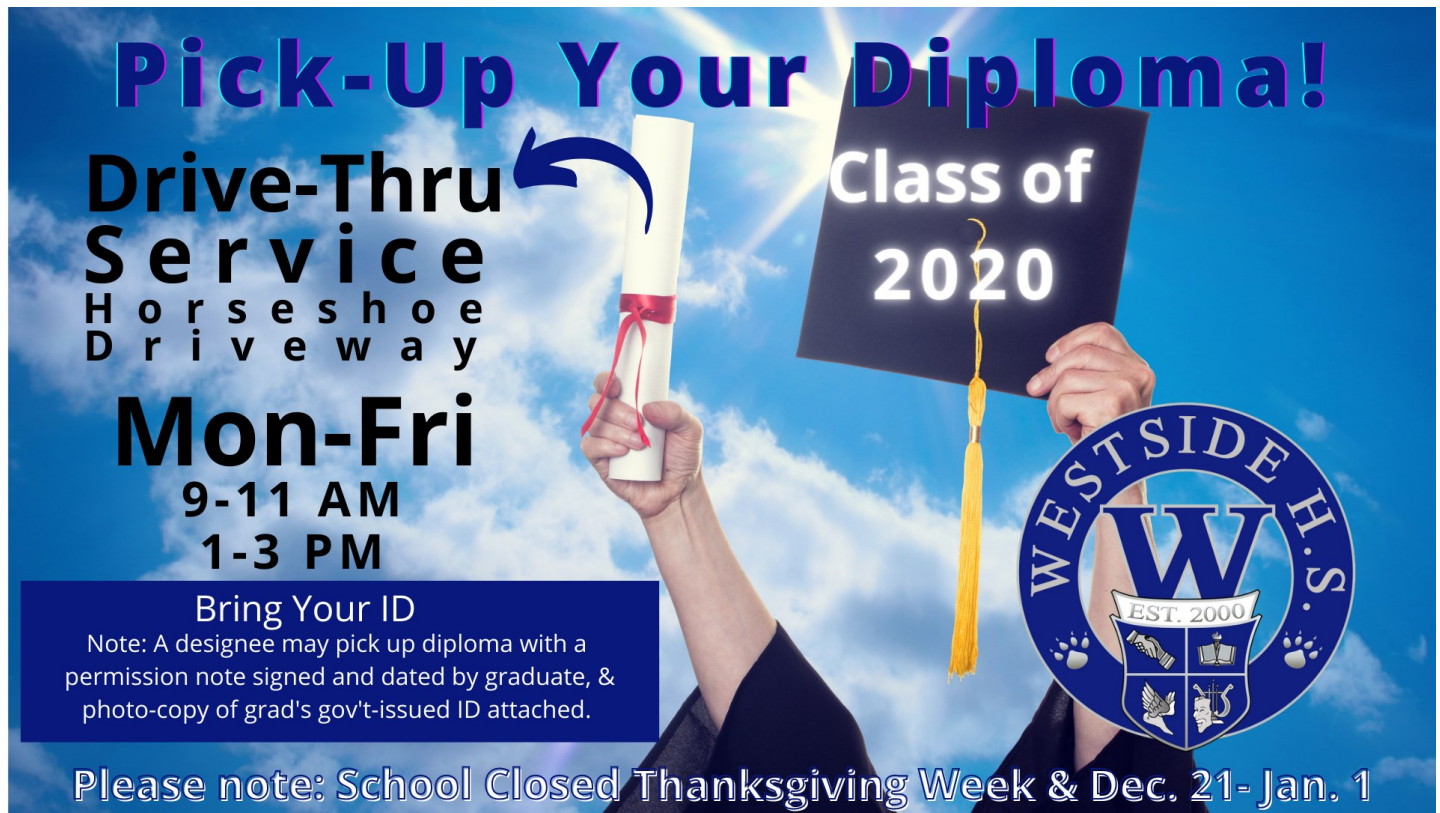
# Westside High School

# Way to GO

# WOLVES!



## Announcements



**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

WESTSIDE H.S.  
EST. 2000

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

SchoolPay<sup>®</sup>

Pay school fees to  
Westside High School  
online by credit card  
using this  
convenient service:  
Click [HERE](#)

## Announcements



### PARENTS

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

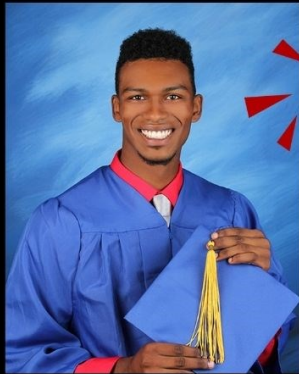
Click [here](#) for details:  
NEW Online VIPs  
Volunteer Orientation

**Fill out the application!**





## Senior Page



**LAST  
CHANCE!**

**Cap &  
Gown**

**Senior Portraits: January 28 & 29.**

**Book your appointment today!**

**[www.seniors.legacystudios.com](http://www.seniors.legacystudios.com)**

**Sitting fee is \$10 at the time of booking**



*Class of  
2021*

Legacy Studios will be here on campus on January 28 & 29 for Senior "Cap & Gown" portraits.

Seniors, this will be your **LAST CHANCE** to have your senior portrait taken for the 2021 year-book. Book your appointment today.

[www.seniors.legacystudios.com](http://www.seniors.legacystudios.com)



### ***Seniors FAFSA priority deadline is January 15th!***

◦ Need directions?

[bit.ly/3a9OWvP](http://bit.ly/3a9OWvP)

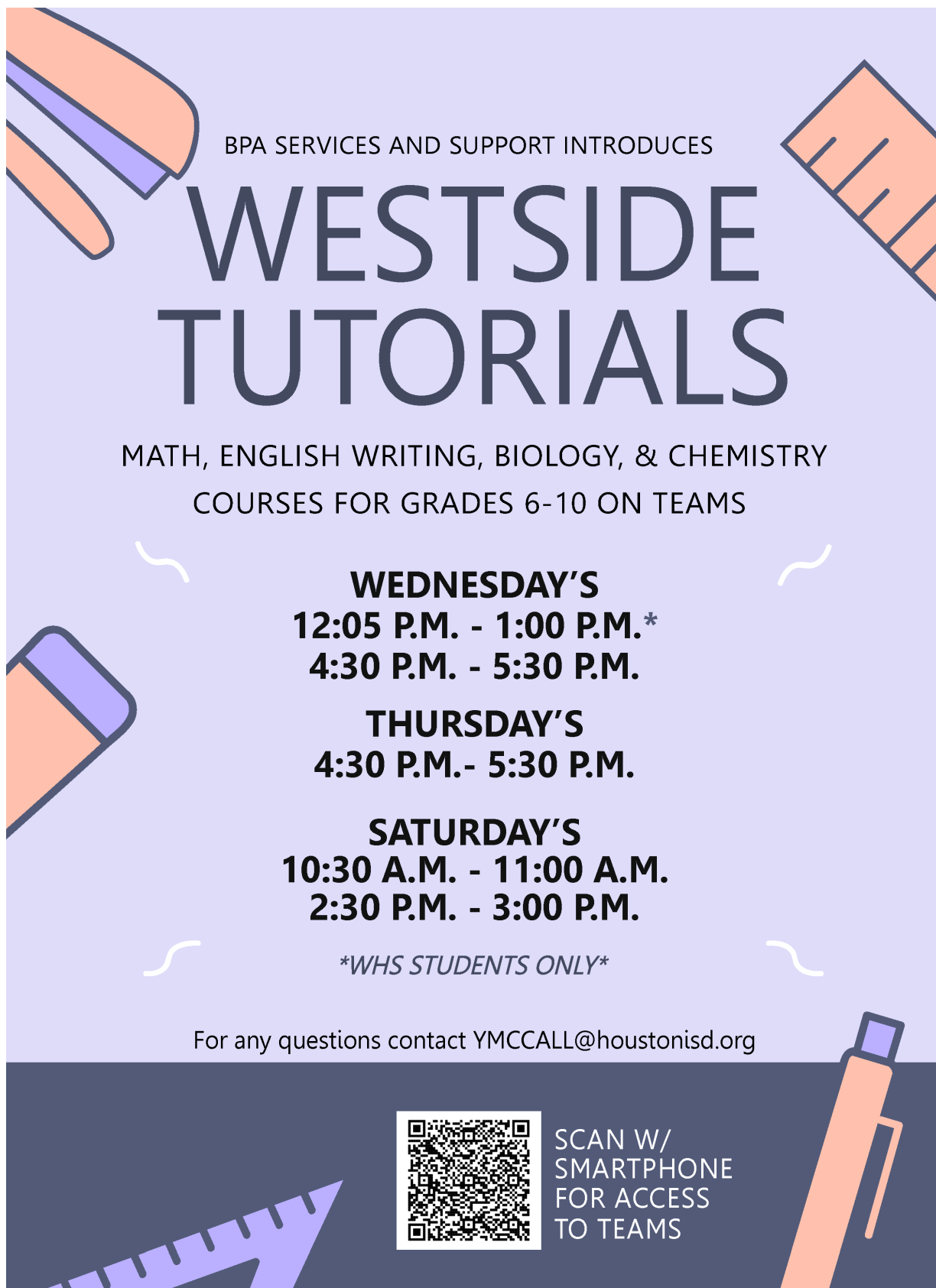
◦ Need an appointment with the College Center?

[bit.ly/WestsideCC](http://bit.ly/WestsideCC)

◦ What if I complete TASFA instead?

[bit.ly/34f3E14](http://bit.ly/34f3E14)

## Announcements



BPA SERVICES AND SUPPORT INTRODUCES

# WESTSIDE TUTORIALS

MATH, ENGLISH WRITING, BIOLOGY, & CHEMISTRY  
COURSES FOR GRADES 6-10 ON TEAMS


**WEDNESDAY'S**  
**12:05 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.\***  
**4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.**

**THURSDAY'S**  
**4:30 P.M.- 5:30 P.M.**

**SATURDAY'S**  
**10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**  
**2:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

*\*WHS STUDENTS ONLY\**

For any questions contact [YMCCALL@houstonisd.org](mailto:YMCCALL@houstonisd.org)



SCAN W/  
SMARTPHONE  
FOR ACCESS  
TO TEAMS

## Announcements from Athletics

### WESTSIDE SOFTBALL

**TRYOUTS ARE FRIDAY 1/15/21**

You will need your own glove & athletic physical

If you are interested & need more  
information contact Coach Boles  
[chelsea.boles@houstonisd.org](mailto:chelsea.boles@houstonisd.org)

Parent/Athlete meeting 1/13/21  
@ 6pm on TEAMS. ↘



## Westside Wolves Baseball Tryouts

**Saturday January 23rd**

**Westside High School Baseball Field**

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**All Grade Levels**

You must sign up with Coach Barrow for tryouts by January 18th.  
If you do not sign up, you will not be allowed to tryout.

Sign up via Survey Monkey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K8KG7BC>



## Announcements



College & Career Readiness  
Tuesday, January 19th  
Click [HERE](#) to Register

## *Saturday* Tutorials

January 16 & 23  
9 AM-12 Noon

### Students Reminders:

- 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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