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from Westside High School

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January 19, 2021

Semester 1 Final Exams Next Week!

First semester final exams take place next week, from Monday, January 25, through Thursday, January 28.

All students, both in-person and virtual, are responsible

for taking their final exam during their class period's designated time.

Following exams, students are off on Friday, January 29th, for a Teacher Prep Day. Cycle 4 begins on Feb. 1.

- Final Exams count for 10% of a student's total Semester 1 Average.
- See the Westside Way [grading policy page](#) for more information.

Calendar

January 23

Saturday Tutorials
9 AM-12 Noon

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

Final Exam Schedule

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				

Senior Ethan Tran Makes All-State Band: joins short list of all-time elite Wolf Band musicians

By Mr. Gonzalez, Wolf Band Director

Huge news from over the weekend!

Big congratulations to Ethan Tran for placing 6th overall in the TMEA Area Auditions and earning a spot in the 2020-2021 6A All-State Band clarinet section! This accomplishment is the culmination of endless hours of practice, self-discipline, and musical refinement, and is considered one of the highest achievements for high school musicians in the State of Texas.

Ethan has been an integral part of the Wolf Band programs over the years through his membership in the Wind Ensemble and his leadership positions in marching band, which most recently include the position of

Drum Major. He has consistently shown musical maturity and growth, and holds himself to the highest of standards; he absolutely has made the Wolf Band better as a result of his hard work.

The All-State audition process puts high school musicians head-to-head against each other in order to advance from the Region level (local), to the Area level (larger area of the state), and finally the State level. It's not hyperbolic to say that

thousands of clarinet players from all over Texas participate in this process every year [2,694 in '19-'20], and to place 6th in our area, which encompasses almost 50 different 6A high schools, is an outstanding accomplishment!!! Our records show he's only the 2nd All-State Band student in Wolf Band history, with the previous being Grace Estrada in the mid-2010's.

Bravo, Ethan! We are proud of our All-State Wolf!



Welcome Baby Wolf

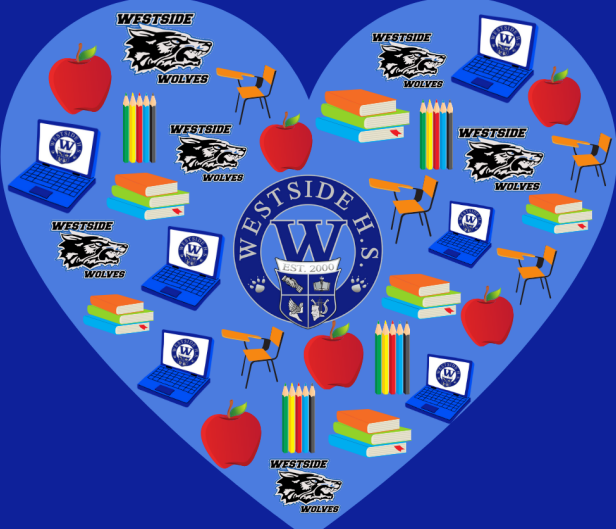


Welcome Baby Wolf !

CONGRATULATIONS
PRINCIPAL WITTPENN & FAMILY
&
WELCOME KNOX TATE!



With fondest
good wishes
from
The Westside Family



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

APPRECIATES
Our Board Member

Holly Flynn Vilaseca

January is School Board Recognition Month

Resources from Our Counselors

Mental Health Resources for Students

- **NotOK App:** It can be really hard to ask for help, especially in our toughest moments. The NotOK app allows you to pre-select up to five contacts, and when you press a button in the app, it will text those contacts with your location and a message that says "Hey, I'm not OK. Please call me, text me, or come find me." It's a great way to let your support system know that you need some help, even if you can't put it into words.
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** The Lifeline provides 24/7, free, and confidential support to people in distress – you don't need to be suicidal to reach out. Call 1-800-273-8255 to be connected with a crisis counselor.
- **Crisis Text Line:** If you prefer texting to talking on the phone, text MHA to 741-741 to be connected with a crisis counselor who will help you get through your big emotions.
- **Domestic Violence Hotline:** The stressors of COVID have the potential to increase violence between partners and in homes. If you're experiencing domestic violence, looking for resources or information, or are question unhealthy aspects of your relationship, call 1-800-799-7233 or go to their site to virtually chat with an advocate.
- **Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline:** If you or a child you know is being hurt or doesn't feel safe at home, you can call or text 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453) or start an online chat to reach a crisis counselor. They can help you figure out next steps to work through what is happening and stay safe.

Contact information for our counselors:

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Staff Highlight Presented by PTO

Staff Spotlight of the Week

Dr. Christopher R. Cunningham



Science Department
PreAP Physics and AP Physics-C

My college experience...

Having been interested in the earth and life sciences from a young age, I attended the University of Minnesota for my undergraduate training in geology and geophysics. I attended graduate school in Kansas, acquiring degrees from Kansas State University and the University of Kansas in geology and biology, respectively. I later also attended the University of Texas, Austin for teacher certification training while studying history.

I have been at Westside for...over twenty years.

I am one of the original faculty members from when the school opened in the year 2000.

The reason I went into education is...

Because I enjoy talking about scientific topics. I have a passion for history as well as science, and I teach science in a historical way. I discuss how great scientists of the past practiced scientific methods and came to their conclusions.

I love Westside High School because...

I get to work with promising young scholars who may go on to make contributions to our civilization. I have had number of students who have gone on to earn doctorates of their own and perform original research.

My favorite memory from when I was in high school...

involved prospecting local road cuts and quarries for fossils and minerals with my nerdy friends.

After retiring from Westside I plan to...

Begin my third career, likely in some aspect of ecotourism. This will allow me to continue my obsession with digital bird photography...

Male Mountain Bluebird, near the Roosevelt Cabin, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. Canon EOS 7D/600mm f/4L IS (+1.4x TC). Natural light.

Westside High School

WESTSIDE



Way to GO WOLVES!

Announcements

Saturday Tutorials

January 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

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



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TO TEAMS

Suicide Hotline

We can all help prevent suicide.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

- ♦ 24/7 free and confidential support for people in distress
- ♦ plus prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones,
- ♦ best practices for professionals

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

1-800-273-8255

Crisis Text Line

In a crisis?

Text HOME to 741741
to connect with a Crisis Counselor
for free 24/7 support at your fingertips

Announcements

Wolves, do you know how to reach out to our counselors?

If you need assistance:


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HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Choice Virtual Fair

Join from any device at Houstonisd.org/SchoolChoiceFair



HISD magnet programs include College & Career Readiness, Fine Arts, Futures Academy, International Specialty Schools, International Baccalaureate, Language Immersion Schools, Language Programs, Montessori, S.T.E.M. & S.T.E.A.M., Single-Gender College Preparatory, and Vanguard. Additionally, HISD program transfer options include Boundary Option, Career/Technology Education (CTE), Dual Language, International Baccalaureate (IB), and Prekindergarten (pre-K).

SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR DATES:

- Virtual Fair 5: February 13, 2021 9am – Noon

Joining is easy, just go to ChooseHISD.com and click the School Choice Fair picture located at the top of the page. If you are joining via our webpage you will not need to download the TEAMS application. However, if you are joining via phone or tablet you will need to download the TEAMS application before joining.


DURING THE FAIR YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Receive live application assistance
- Meet with representatives from numerous HISD campuses, grades Pre-K – 12th
- Join the live Parent Information Sessions presented by:
 - Early Childhood
 - Gifted and Talented
 - School Choice
 - Special Education

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Phase 2: Nov 7 – Feb 26, 2021
- Deadline for current HISD students to apply for the 2021-2022 school year is February 26, 2021

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Senior Announcements



Senior Portraits: January 28 & 29.
Book your appointment today!
www.seniors.legacystudios.com
Sitting fee is \$10 at the time of booking

The graphic features a black background. On the left is a portrait of a smiling male senior in a blue graduation gown and cap, holding a blue diploma. To the right of the portrait is a red banner with the text "LAST CHANCE!" in white. Below the banner is the stylized text "Cap & Gown" in white with a red outline. At the bottom of the graphic is a string of blue and white pennants. To the right of the text is an illustration of a blue graduation cap and a rolled-up diploma tied with a blue ribbon.

Class of 2021

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

LAST CHANCE to have your senior portrait taken for the
2021 yearbook. Book your appointment today.

www.seniors.legacystudios.com

Senior Announcements



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2021

You've worked hard.
Now it's time to

celebrate

your achievements
with custom
announcements
and graduation
regalia.

**Order now
before it's
too late!**

Etching of WHS will be inside the cards with the
date, time, and location of graduation (TBD) →

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Due to COVID, all orders are place online this year
Orders must be place by Feb. 19th
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Order delivered approx. 4-6 weeks prior to Graduation.

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Testing Information

PSAT for 10th Grade on February 23

PSAT 10 will be given on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and is available to all current 10th 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

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.

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
11th 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

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

For Prospective Students & Families



S.T.E.A.M.

Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics

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

[ACCOUNTING](#)

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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



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 to learn more.

Workshop Questions: 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!

Announcements



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