



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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January 25, 2021

School Day SAT for Juniors on March 3: Pre-Registration Required

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).

Preregistration is required by submitting [THIS SURVEY](#).

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

Calendar

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, **Virtual Day for Non-Testers**

March 3

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

March 15-19

Spring Break

Final Exam Schedule

- All students must take exams during their designated class period
- Final Exams count for 10% of a student's total Semester 1 Average.

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				

Westside Welcomes Ms. Berger

Westside welcomes Ms. Connie Berger, who is joining us to cover for Principal Wittpenn's maternity leave. Ms. Berger will be supporting Westside for about 20 hours per week. She is the former Principal of Heights High School. She currently serves in a district role as a part-time Principal, providing coverage for schools on an as-needed basis.

Welcome to the Wolf Pack, Ms. Berger!



Semester II 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

***Semester Two**

February							March							April							May							June						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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*Feb 23- PSAT 10

*Mar 3 - SAT (11th gr)

*Apr 6 - STAAR Eng I

*Apr 8 - STAAR Eng II

*May 4-7 - STAAR EOC

*May 3-21 - AP Exams

Finals

 Holiday (no school)

 End of Cycle

 Enrichment Opportunity

***Please note:** The Spring semester includes STAAR (April & May) & AP (May) testing days and therefore, A/B days may be adjusted to ensure an equal amount of instructional time.

Trustee Vilaseca Visits Westside



Trustee Vilaseca received a framed work by Westside Photography student, Sarah Alvarado.



To celebrate School Board Recognition Month, Westside invited our District VI Trustee, Holly Flynn Vilaseca, to come by for a visit. Photography teacher, Alice Schrynemeeckers, presented Ms. Vilaseca with a framed photograph by Westside senior, Sarah Alvarado.

Thank you, Trustee Vilaseca, for your service!



(L-R) Dr. Mishlan, Art Dept. Dir. Mrs. Smith, Trustee Vilaseca, Photography Teacher Ms. Schrynemeeckers, and Ms. Berger.

Final Exam Spirit Week

**FINAL EXAMS
SPIRIT WEEK
JANUARY 25 - 28**

**1/25- KAPOW! KNOCK OUT THIS WEEK'S FINALS
(WEAR SUPER-HERO SHIRTS)**

**1/26- PSAT/FINALS KEEP COLLEGE IN MIND
(WEAR COLLEGE GEAR)**

1/27- WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HOODIE

**1/28- PAJAMA DAY
(PAJAMA PANS, SWEAT PANTS OR ONESIES)**

1/29 NO SCHOOL

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:

Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org

Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org

Staff Highlight Presented by PTO

Staff Spotlight of the Week Deon Williams



Physical Education
Head Boys Basketball Coach

My college experience: I earned my Associate's Degree from Blinn College, my Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology from the University of Houston and my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Lamar University.

I have been at Westside for 15 years.

I chose to be an educator because as a high school student-athlete, I was an individual that was positively impacted through athletics. The decision I made to become a coach was directly related to my experiences on the teams I was a part of and the coaches who led those teams. I learned so many life lessons on how to handle adversity, how to work with others to achieve a common goal, and how to respect those in position of authority while participating in athletics.

I love Westside High School because of its diversity. I feel that Westside is a true reflection of the society we live in. Everyone from the educators to the students here at Westside represent every continent on the globe. I feel that we are very fortunate to have the opportunity to interact and get to know people from all walks of life.

My favorite high school memory was making a deep run in the state basketball playoffs during my senior year; the longest in Rice Consolidated High School history. We lost the regional championship game by one point, but the way our school and community rallied around the basketball team as we advanced to the regional finals is an experience I will never forget.

If I wasn't at Westside coaching, I would likely be working with kids in some other capacity. My goal has always been to get the kids that I am fortunate enough to teach and coach to the point where they are upstanding and law-abiding adults.

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Way to GO WOLVES!

Announcements

Saturday
Tutorials
February 13, 20 & 27
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

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.**

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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Earn Money + Save Lives + Make Friends + Be A Leader

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1. Go to www.TAEpools.com
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3. Click APPLY NOW under Lifeguard
4. Fill out the information
5. APPLY

Please call the office, 713-416-5161 ext. 1005 to schedule a phone interview


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

Suicide Hotline

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
1-800-273-8255

Crisis Text Line

In a crisis?
Text HOME to 741741

Announcements

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

If you need assistance:

Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org

Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org



PARENTS

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

Click [here](#) for:

**NEW Online VIPs
Volunteer Orientation**

&

Fill out the application!

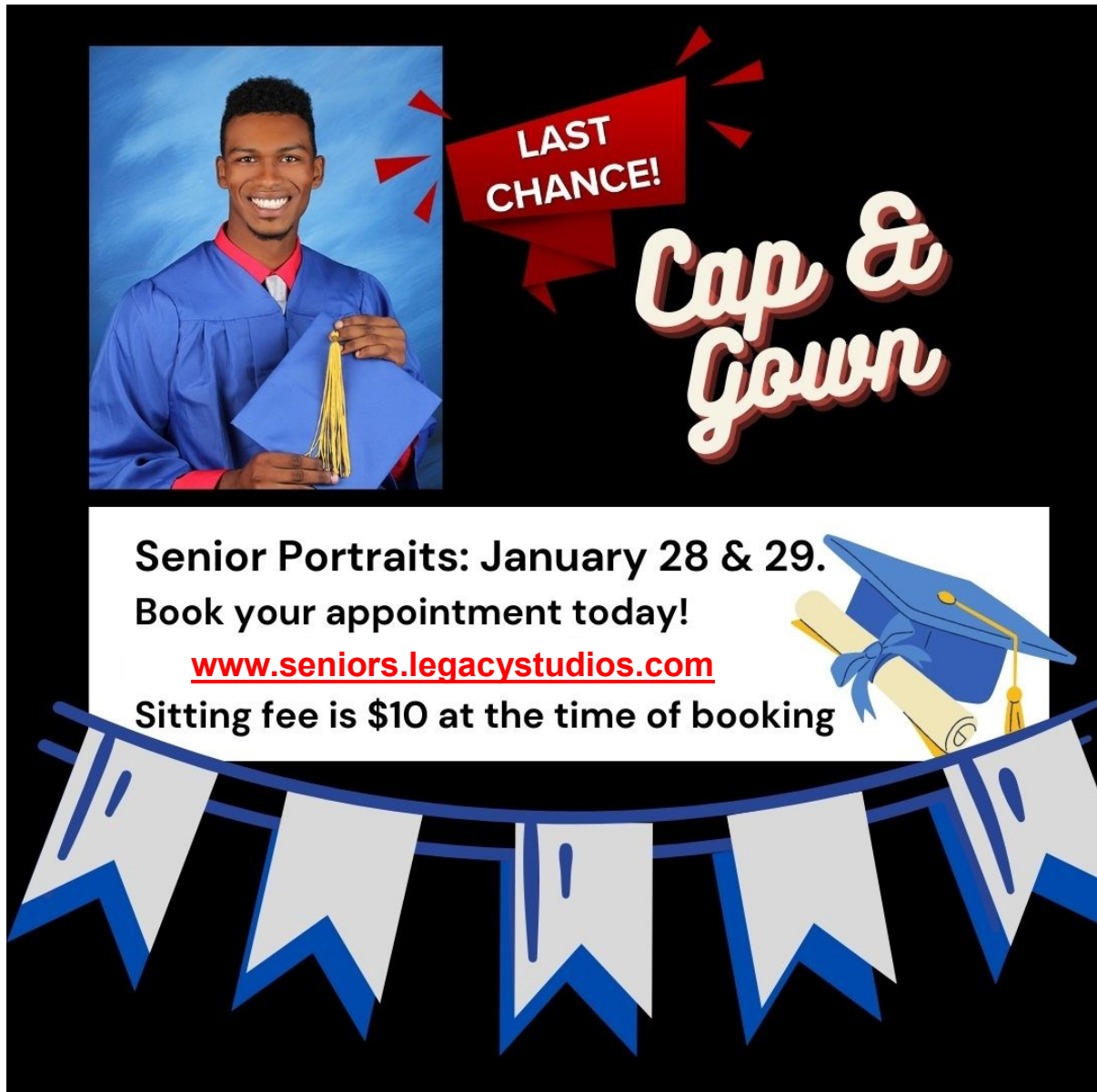
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Senior Announcements



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) →

Senior
Class of
2021

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Order Now Online @ highschool.herffjones.com
Due to COVID, all orders are place online this year
Orders must be place by Feb. 19th
Order on time and avoid any late fees
Order delivered approx. 4-6 weeks prior to Graduation.

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www.hjgradcenter.com

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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

School Day SAT

11th Grade Students Only

March 3, 2021

Preregistration is required
by submitting

[THIS SURVEY](#)

Survey Deadline: Feb. 26

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

[Virtual Tour/Info Sessions](#)



CONTACT:


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WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Choice Virtual Fair

Join from any device at [Houstonisd.org/SchoolChoiceFair](https://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

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

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.

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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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





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