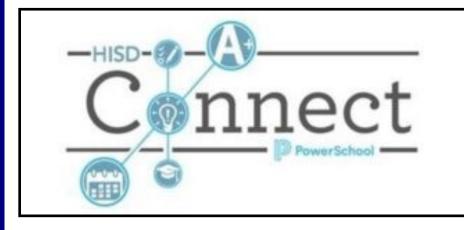


## Need to Change your Selection of F2F vs. Virtual for Cycle 5? Selection Window Open March 1-March 5

With the fifth six weeks of the 2020-2021 school year approaching, HISD families have the option to revise their selection for either in-person or virtual instruction for students. The first day of the fifth six weeks is March 22.

The selection process remains the same. Parents will have from Monday, March 1, through Friday, March 5, to make their selection through the HISD Connect Parent Portal "Forms" section. If parents would like to keep their selection as-is, no action is needed. The current selected mode of instruction will carry over to the fifth six-weeks grading period. If a change is needed, parents will be able to log in to the HISD Connect Parent Portal and make their new selection. Parents also can contact their child's school to change their selection. Please utilize our helpful step-by-step videos on <u>completing forms</u> or <u>getting</u> <u>started in the Parent Portal</u>

This process ennsures campuses can begin planning for physical space, staffing, and scheduling. Once a selection is made, the choice is valid for the remainder of the school year. There will be one additional opportunity this year when the 6th Cycle approaches to change selection if desired.



March 1, 2021

### <u>Calendar</u>

March 1-5 Open selection window for In-Person vs. Virtual for Cycle 5

### March 2

School Pictures for Underclassmen

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

March 6 Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

March 9 PSAT for 10th Grade, Virtual Day for Non-Testers

March 15-19 Spring Break

March 22 Cycle 5 Begins

### Westside Senior Honored By Touchdown Club





Messiah Farinas, a Westside senior, was recently honored by the Houston Touchdown Club as a Scholar-Athlete Finalist and was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Messiah is pictured above with Westside's Head Football Coach & Athletic Director, Jomaul Mason, and at left, with his twin sister and fellow Westside Wolf, Havana., at the awards luncheon.

Serving as captain of the football team and playing offense as well as defense, Messiah is a standout among his peers. During his years at Westside he has also been a member of the track team, National Honor Society, HOSA, Black Student Union and Student Council. He will graduate from our Futures Academy of Health Science magnet program this year with an Associates Degree, along with his high school diploma.

Over Spring Break, Messiah plans to visit some of the many colleges at which he has been accepted, including UT Austin, LSU, Iniv. Of Alabama, and Univ. of Oklahoma. He intends to study medicine and become an Anesthesiologist.

Congrats and best of luck to Messiah!

# **Underclass Picture Days!**

Today Until 6 PM & Tomorrow

# 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:

### March 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)

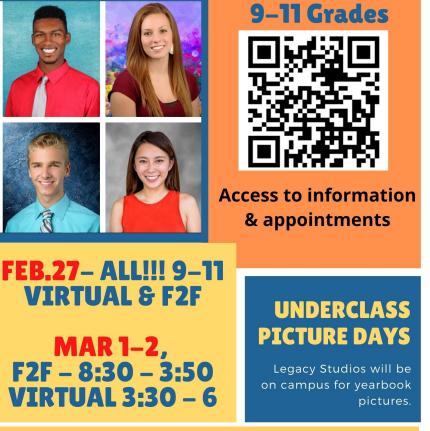
**Enter:** Students coming from off campus will enter through the Courtyard doors. COVID check in will occur here.

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

\*\* Underclass picture opportunities only. Senior portraits are complete.



www.legacystudios.com

### Souper Bowl a Big Success!

Shout out to STUCO, HOSA and WEGA for collecting over 850 lbs of food during Westside's Souper Bowl of Caring.

Students collected food items even as temperatures were starting to drop. Special thanks to Ms. Sarah Castro, PTO President, who helped deliver the food to the West Houston Assistance Ministries.

The timely delivery (before the "Snowmageddon") helped to feed 170 families who were needing food.

Thank you, Wolves!

2021



# Pride Dance Team Makes Us PROUD!

By Ms. Emert

The past few weeks have definitely been hard on so many but I wanted share some good news about Pride! On February 13 we competed at our first competition, and I am beyond excited to announce the fawards:

- Grand Champion Medium team
- 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up overall
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Team Contemporary
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Team Kick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Team Pom
- Super sweepstake award
- Choreography and Performance award for Team Contemporary
- Choreography award for Team Pom

To say I am beyond proud of these girls is an understatement. In spite of every challenge including cancelled practice and virtual learning, they were able to overcome everything and come together as a team. We head to our state competition March 6<sup>th</sup> so wish us luck!







## Staff Highlight Presented by PTO

### Staff Spotlight of the Week Carolyn Klein



Science Department Environmental Science

**My college experience...** I went into the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan to be a forest ranger. It was a smaller college within a huge university, so I had the best of best of both worlds. I'd do it again in a heartbeat! Go Blue!

I have been at Westside for...the whole time! Crazy! From the opening of our new school to hosting Katrina evacuees to celebrating our school's artistic, academic and athletic success, I've been lucky to see it all.

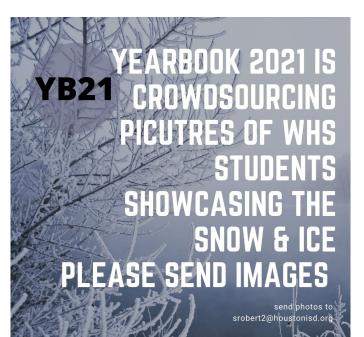
I chose to be an educator because...we all depend on the health of the environment for our collective survival. I choose to believe that people damage the planet because they don't really understand how their actions will affect them in the long run. So how do you fix that misunderstanding? Education!

I love Westside High School because... it's a community. I grew up as an army brat, moving schools and cities (sometimes countries!) every 2–3 years. I didn't have a home town. Westside's community and alumni network are important. Plus, this is an amazing place to teach – if it's good for student learning, teachers are encouraged to try new things. There aren't many schools that encourage teacher creativity.

**My favorite memory from when I was in high school...** lunch with my fellow band geeks and playing D&D with friends. (OK, so that explains a lot about me, eh?)

If I wasn't at Westside, I'd be...Camping, exploring, paddling, travelling! Let's get outside!

### Share Your Ice Storm Photos!



Calling All Wolves! Did you survive the Texas Winter Storm of 2021?

We are crowdsourcing pictures of the Arctic Houston for the **2021 Yearbook.** 

If you have pictures of students in and around the snow & ice, please send them to Ms. Roberts:

srobert2@houstonisd.org

Include the students' names and where the pictures were taken.

Thank you so much, and Go Wolves!

# Black History Month/STEM Display Completed

Despite the building being closed due to the winter storm, N1 and WEGA students were able to finish their STEM Black History Month bulletin board. The final touch was this beautiful portrait of Guion Stewart Bluford Jr., a famous astronaut. This portrait was painted by Joshua Cruz, a sophomore in North 1. Bluford's bio is by Naane Richemond



Guion Stewart Bluford Ir.

### November 22, 1942- Still alive Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United states

- An American aerospace engineer, retired U.S. Air Force officer and fighter pilot.
- Guion S. Bluford was a decorated Air Force pilot in Vietnam before joining NASA in the late 1970s.
- Logged 115 orbits in 175 hours, in his last space travel
- In 1993, he retired from NASA and the United States Air Force to become the Vice President/General Manager of the Engineering Services Division of NYMA Inc.

Naane Richemond (Class of 2023)

# **Testing Information**

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

Testing will begin at approximately 9:00 AM and conclude around 1:00 PM.

# Virtual school day for all non-testers

Registration is closed. No walk-ins. Please contact our Testing Coordinator if you have any questions: <u>Schandra.Holloway@houstonisd.org</u>

# NEW PSAT date for 10th Grade!

# Tuesday, March 9

(Postponed from Feb. 23 due to ice storm recovery)

# Virtual school day for all non-testers

Registration is closed. No walk-ins. Please contact our Testing Coordinator if you have any questions:

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

# 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

#### **AP Testing Updated Schedule**

<u>AP 2021 Testing Updates Page</u> – The majority of Westside AP courses will take their AP exams during Admin 2 of the new, updated College Board testing schedule. Use this <u>link</u> for more information.

**Exam Schedule** – click to view the College Board's AP Exam Schedule <u>HERE</u>. Students should be notified about their exam date and information directly from their teacher.

### 2021 Ap Testing Windows



Westside will mostly use ADMIN 2, and ADMIN 3 will be for make-ups only. \*



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

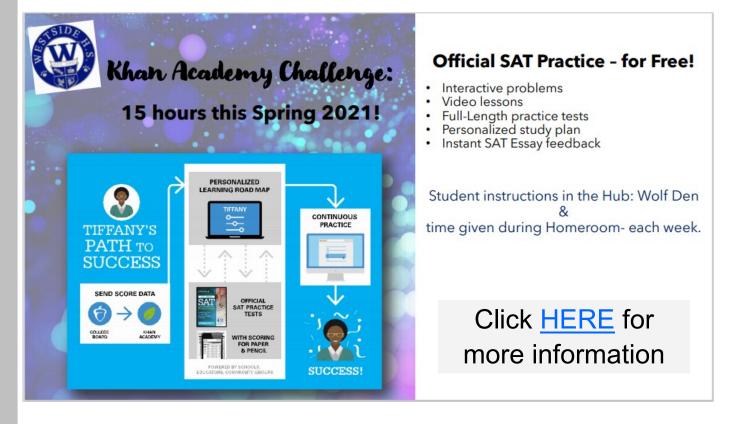
# Come get real-time help from experienced teachers.



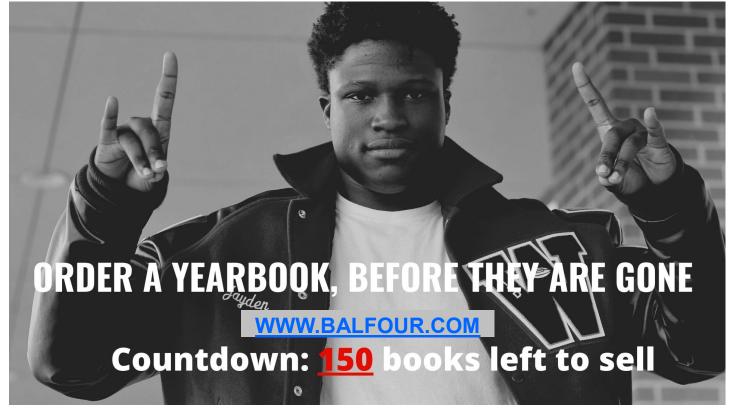
Every Tuesday, starting February 9 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. http://bit.ly/VirtualStudyHallAdvanced

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

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World Languages: AP Spanish Language		Language IB Spanish	Acquisition:									
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If you need emotional support, you may reach out to one of our counselors? <u>Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org</u> <u>Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org</u>





### 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

<u>Virtual</u> Tour/Info Sessions



**CONTACT:** Ms. Jane Miller Westside HS Magnet Coordinator emiller4@houstonisd.org 713-367-1099

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



**Code2College Essay Contest** 

Both current Code2College students and non-Code2College students are encouraged to apply for this essay competition:

Are you interested in writing and submitting an essay for a chance to win a college scholarship of up to \$500? All you have to do is **submit a 300 to 500-word draft** addressing the prompt below. The best part? Code2College volunteers will be **editing and reviewing your essays before the final judging**!

#### Scholarship Essay Prompt:

One of our Code2College Student Values is "Lift Up." It's not enough for you to succeed in life. Your goal should be to lift up others on the way. Whether a classmate, another Code2College student or anyone else in the community, you should work to improve the lives of those who you encounter on your path.

#### Write about a time that YOU lifted someone up and the impact of that action.

Ask: Submit a draft (300-500 words) as a Google Doc to <u>hannah@code2college.org</u> by Friday, March 12th. Please use the email subject line "Lift Up Scholarship Essay"

#### **Prize Amounts:**

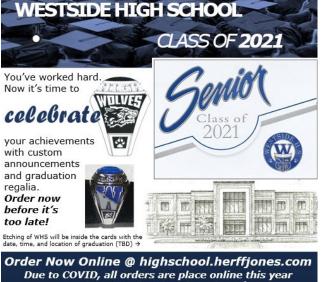
+ Are you interested in Code2College and are applying for our April classes? Below are the first, second, and third place prize amounts:

- 1. \$200
- 2. \$100
- 3. \$50
- Have you taken or are currently taking a Code2College class? Below are the first, second, and third place prize amounts:
- 1. \$500
- 2. \$200
- 3. \$100

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. We can't wait to read your submission!

## **Senior Announcements**





ue to COVID, all orders are place online this year Orders must be place by Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> \*Order on time and avoid any late fees\* Order delivered approx. 4-6 weeks prior to Graduation. Have Quest

Click HERE for the Catalog

Click HERE for the Order Form



# **Rice Summer Camps**



**RICE** TAPIA CAMPS

### **SPRING & SUMMER 2021**



https://signup.rice.edu/tapiacamps2021/

Virtual STEM Camps for 7th-12th Graders

# Code2College

# Spring Application Deadline: March 5th

Are you interested in gaining access to college scholarships, paid internship opportunities, free after-school coding and web development instruction and much more? Code2College is a free program focused on providing technical and professional skills development opportunities to high school students. Participants will attend virtual class sessions and will have opportunities to attend virtual workshops to develop their professional skills and learn more about exciting industries like Software Engineering and Data Science. Code2College is offering the following three programs to all newly admitted students this Spring-

#### **Boot Camp**

1. If you want to fast track your coding skills and be able to join our Software Engineering Leadership Class (SELP) this Summer, this is the program for you! Coding Boot Camp is an opportunity for you to learn Python basics from tech professionals and software engineers at a fast pace. During an 8-week session that meets twice a week, you'll be building technical projects and creating your own technical portfolio and gaining the skills required to join our SELP program in the Summer.

#### Web Development Leadership Program (WDLP)

2. Have you ever wanted to build your own website or compete for a paid opportunity to create a professional business website for a sourced client? Then our Web Development Leadership Program is perfect for you! You will have an opportunity to learn HTML and CSS basics on WordPress from tech professionals. During an 8-week session that meets twice a week, you'll have an opportunity to learn client engagement, website development, team-based project management and entrepreneurship.

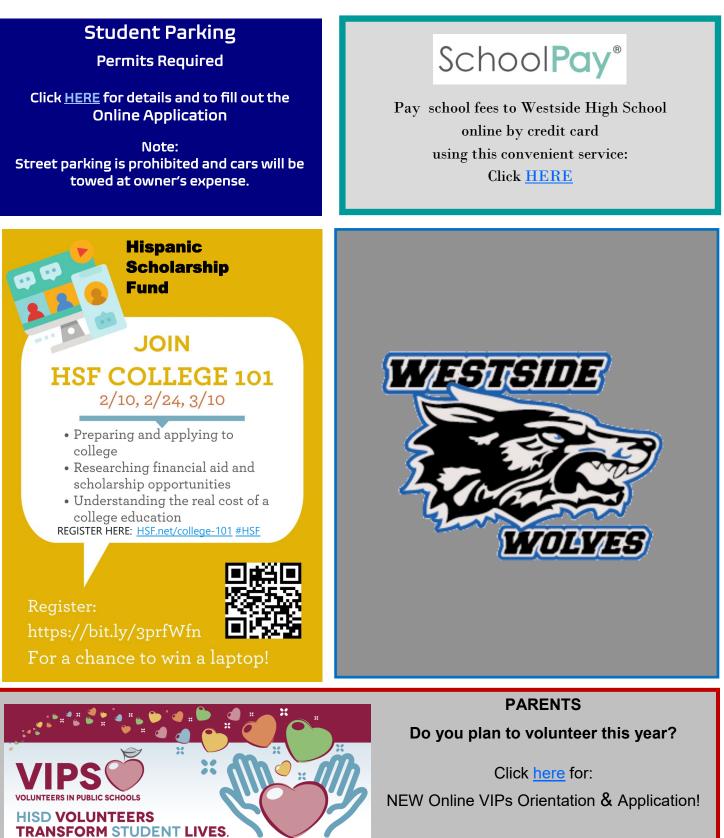
#### Software Engineering Leadership Program (SELP)

3. If you've already taken our Boot Camp or Turbo program and are ready for more challenging coding instruction, then our Software Engineering Leadership Program is perfect for you! The SELP Program gives students an opportunity to learn more advanced Python coding skills from tech professionals. During an 8week session that meets twice a week you'll have an opportunity to build multiple technical projects, get hands on experience coding, and have the opportunity to be selected for the Code2College Elite Internship Preparation Program.

#### Interested?

### If so, APPLY at code2college.org/studentapp/ before Friday, March 5th to be considered.





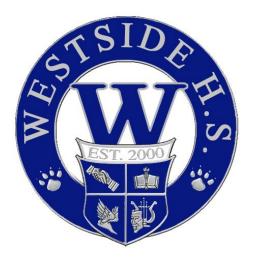
# **Daily Schedule**

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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		
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
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*4:15 - 4:45 Live	0 Period	8th Period	0 Period	8th Period	A - 0 / B - 8th
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\*Not all students have a 0 or 8th period.

\*See Rotating Friday A/B Calendar

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