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from Westside High School

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Date Announced for 9th Grade PSAT

November 2, 2020

On Tuesday, December 15, Westside's 9th Graders will take the PSAT Test. Please note, this is a new update; we originally anticipated the test date to be in the Spring Semester.

There will be a mandatory sign-up survey posted in the Hub on Friday, November 6th. The link for the

survey will also be emailed to parents via School Messenger.

If you have any questions, please contact our Testing Coordinator, Ms. Holloway, at :

schandra.holloway@houstonisd.org

Calendar

Tues., November 3
Student Holiday
(Election Day, Polling Place)

November 23-27
Thanksgiving Break

**December 21-
January 1**
Winter Break

January 4
Classes Resume



Tech Needs Survey: We Need Your Feedback

Westside parents are asked to take this brief survey to help us assess the tech needs of our parent community.

The purpose of the survey is to identify the areas in which parents need the most Instruction Technology Support.

The survey can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

[WHS Instructional Tech
Needs Survey for Parents](#)

Helpful Videos from HISD

How-To Videos for HISD Connect – Parent Portal:

[Getting Started with HISD Connect Parent Portal](#) –

How to create your account and associate your student's information.

[Completing Forms in HISD Connect Parent Portal](#) –

How to navigate to and complete forms after you are logged in to Parent Portal

[Student Verification in HISD Connect Parent Portal](#) –

How to complete the Student Verification steps after you are logged in to Parent Portal.

[HISD Connect Parent Portal: A Complete Guide](#) –

How to create your account, associate your students information, complete forms and complete Student Verification in Parent Portal.

Calling All Westside Families! We Need Your SIF!



If you have not submitted your Socioeconomic Information Form (SIF), please take a moment to do so now.

Click [here](#) for Socioeconomic Information Form in English

Click [here](#) for Socioeconomic Information Form in Spanish

Westside vs. Heights: Despite the Wolves Best Effort, Bulldogs Got the Win



Staff Highlight: Sponsored by the PTO

Teacher Spotlight of the Week Jeff D'Onofrio



HISD's AP U.S. Government Lead Teacher
Westside's Senior Class Coordinator

I attended the George Washington University in D.C. for a Bachelor's in Political Science and a Master's in Secondary Education. I love talking to my seniors about their college plans, and I freely admit to a heavy bias towards recommending urban schools. I want students to consider how they'll spend their time outside of class and where they might want to live and work after graduation.

I have taught at Westside since 2016. Prior to that, I was the social studies department chair and a sixth-grade history teacher in Northern Virginia. I began my career teaching third grade in a Washington, D.C. charter school. I always hoped I would be able to teach seniors, but I really enjoyed those younger grades, too. There is absolutely nothing I'd rather be teaching than AP U.S. Government and AP Macroeconomics. I'll do this forever if Westside will let me!

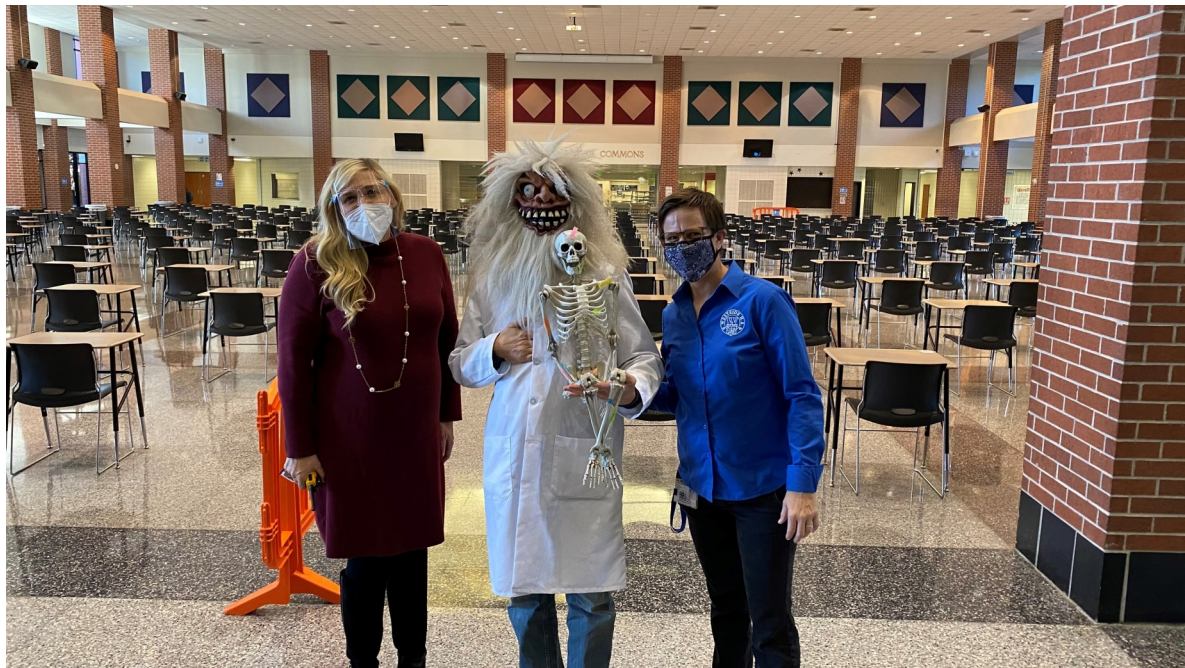
The reason I went into education is because I've always loved working with kids and helping other people. I really enjoy guiding students towards the right answers and opening their eyes to how the world really works. I also want to demonstrate how their math and writing skills matter in social studies as well as in the adult life that awaits them.

I love Westside High School because of our incredible students. I'm continually impressed by how much they successfully juggle: several AP classes, part-time jobs, varsity athletics, volunteer work, and the stress of college applications. I warn them that it can be tempting to take it easy in college, but that I believe they'll find more success in staying busy. I also appreciate the kindness and work ethic that's clearly instilled by their families.

My favorite memories from high school change as I get older and appreciate different things. Today, I most value the times I got out of my comfort zone like becoming a varsity cheerleader, or challenging my stutter by competing in Quiz Bowl competitions.

If I wasn't a teacher at Westside High School, I would love to be a political cartoonist. There are only about 40 editorial cartoonists employed by newspapers today, so I think I have better odds of making it on an NBA roster!

Crazy Scientist



Science teacher, Mr. Spence, has some Halloween fun with Principal Wittpenn & Dr. Mishlan.

Cross Country Second at Districts

By Coach Guy

Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Cross Country Team for a 2nd Place Team finish at the District Meet. The team, including Asad Ahmad , Joseph Coolidge , Andrew Chavez , Jordan Edmondson , Peter Smith , Alex Rubi and Brett Planck, will represent Westside next Tuesday in the Regional Cross Country Championship in Huntsville.

On the JV boys side, junior Jose Lazaro had his strongest performance of the season with a 13th place finish. The freshmen boys were represented by 1st place finisher Derek Robinson and 2nd place finisher Tobias Baker.

Your lady Wolves also had a very strong performance; in the JV division Dakota Luera placed 2nd and Hiranya Tennakoon was 3rd. Our freshmen girls were paced by 4th place finisher Josie Grames.

All the young men and women have been putting in work every morning at the crack of dawn while most everyone is asleep.

Coach Guy would like to thank every one of them for their hard work and dedication and we are looking forward to a great Regional Meet.

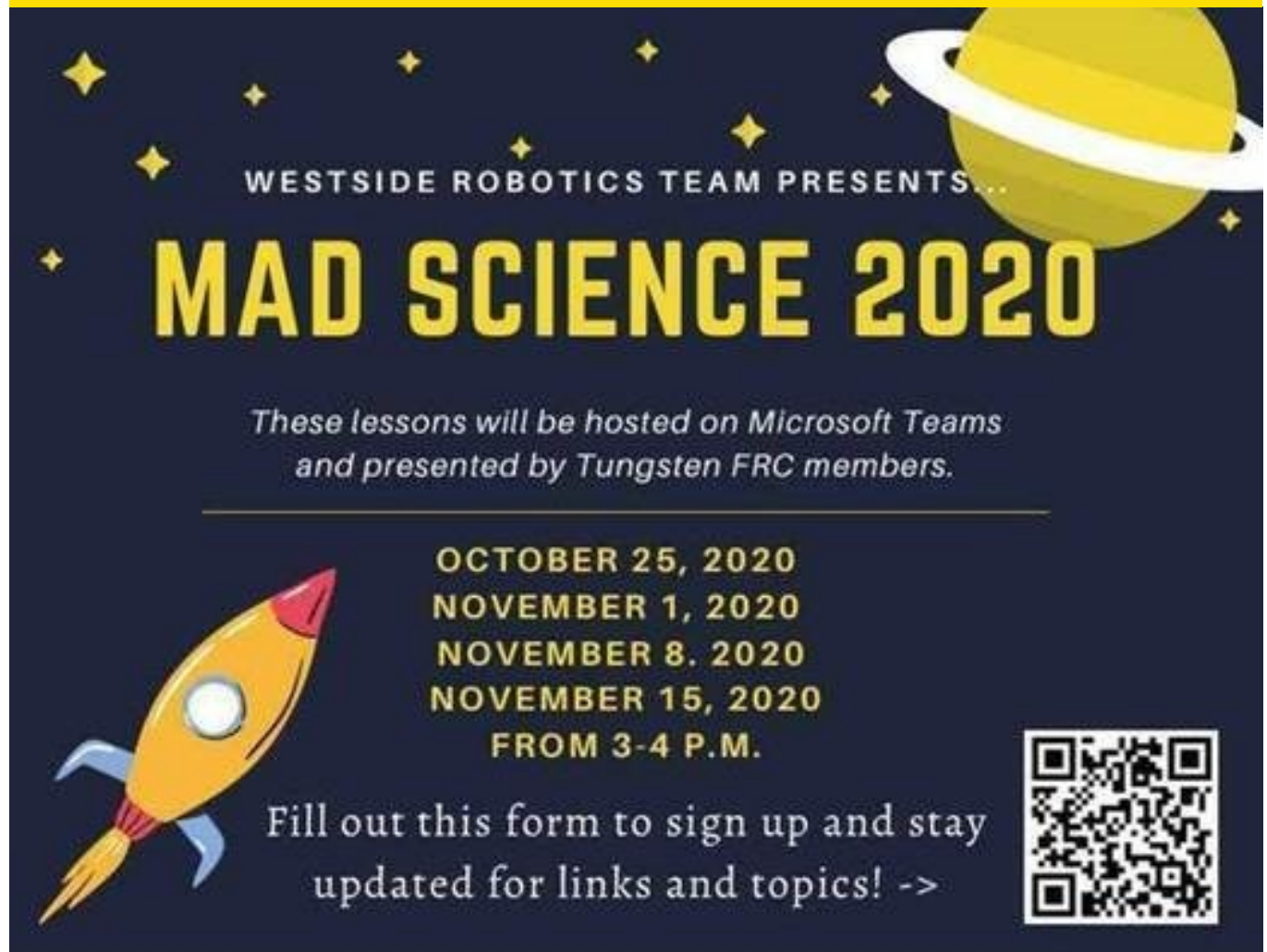
Go Wolves!



Announcements

Calling all elementary and middle school students!

Join this fun virtual program on Sunday afternoons from 3-4 PM

A poster for 'MAD SCIENCE 2020' by the Westside Robotics Team. The background is dark blue with yellow stars and a yellow planet with a white ring. A yellow rocket is on the left. The text is in yellow and white.


WESTSIDE ROBOTICS TEAM PRESENTS...

MAD SCIENCE 2020

*These lessons will be hosted on Microsoft Teams
and presented by Tungsten FRC members.*

OCTOBER 25, 2020
NOVEMBER 1, 2020
NOVEMBER 8, 2020
NOVEMBER 15, 2020
FROM 3-4 P.M.

Fill out this form to sign up and stay
updated for links and topics! ->



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.

Announcements

Get to Know NAVIANCE!

Naviance is a student and parent platform providing students opportunities for self-discovery, academic, and post-secondary planning. If you're interested in learning more about your unique strengths and how they tie to post-secondary options...this is the place to be! (Can be accessed through the Hub: Digital Resources)

[Naviance Newsletter](#)

[Logging In to Naviance
Account](#)



Free Student Meals

Curbside Pick-Up for Student Meals

Families will pick up several days' worth of meals at each pickup — three on Mondays and four on Thursdays. The pick up time is from 2-5 PM.
Meals available in our area at Paul Revere Middle School.

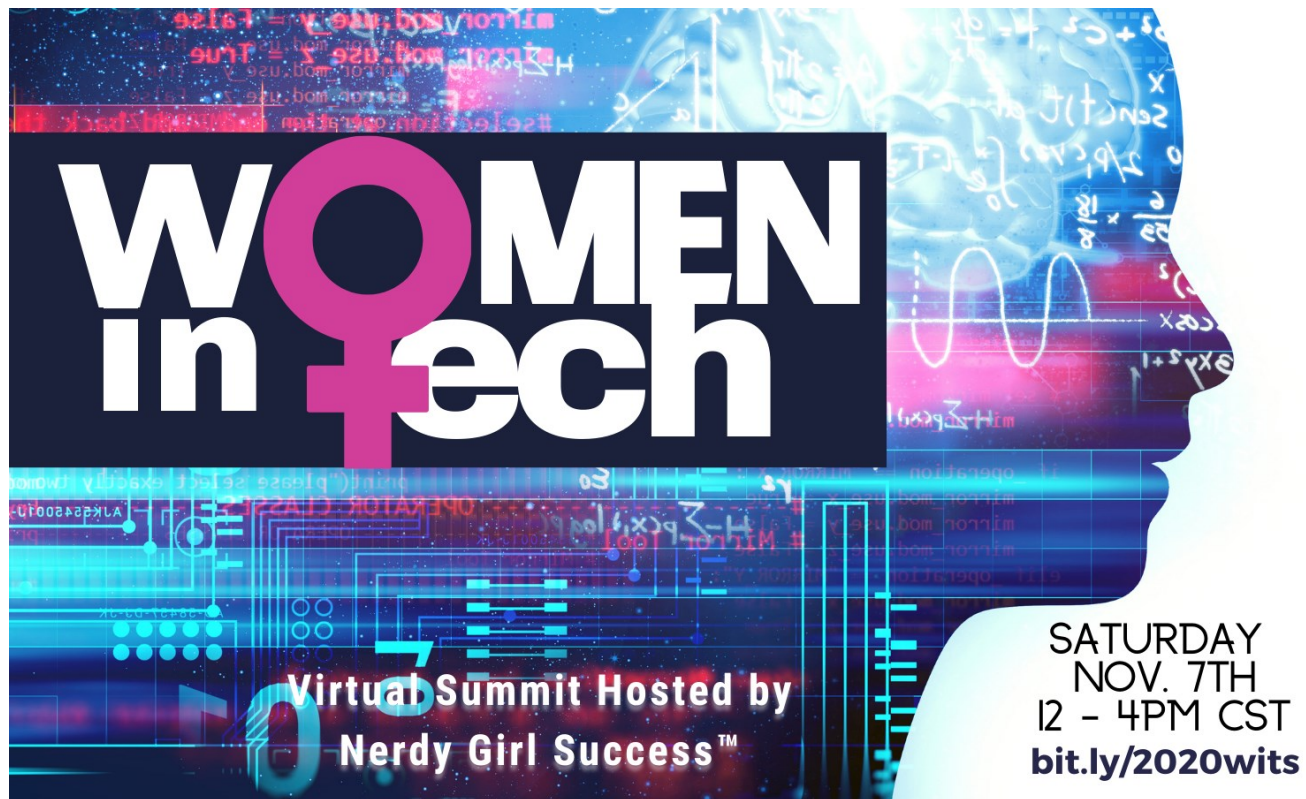
Neighborhood Supersites

Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center and at the Hexser T. Holliday Food Services Support Center. Pick up 32-pound family food packages and a week's worth of student meals.

Click [HERE](#) for more details and curbside pickup locations.



Get Involved!

A graphic for a 'Women in Tech' virtual summit. The title 'WOMEN in tech' is prominently displayed in white and pink text on a dark background. Below it, 'Virtual Summit Hosted by Nerdy Girl Success™' is written. To the right, the event details are listed: 'SATURDAY NOV. 7TH 12 - 4PM CST' and the link 'bit.ly/2020wits'. The background features a silhouette of a woman's head filled with mathematical formulas and a circuit board pattern.

Open to all girls! Nerdy Girl Success has an upcoming free virtual event on Saturday Nov. 7th, Women in Tech. We have some amazing speakers including the first female consulting partner at IBM Watson and the first woman to found a tech company in the state of Texas. There will also be some great workshops. This link has more information on the event: <https://www.nerdygirlsuccess.com/women-in-tech/>



PARENTS

Do you plan to volunteer this year?

Click [here](#) for details:

NEW Online VIPs Volunteer Orientation

Fill out the application!



Get Involved!

STUCO Student Body Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2020 during lunch (11:35 - 12:05 pm)

Join here:

[JOIN MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING](#)

WESTSIDE HS CODING CLUB



Interested in coding??
Join the first informational meeting on 11/11/2020
during lunch. Join TEAMS [HERE](#)

Announcements

Need to pick up your 2020 Yearbook?

ON CAMPUS STUDENTS:

Come by Room A216 before or after school to pick up your book

VIRTUAL STUDENTS:

Contact Ms. Roberts at srobert2@houstonisd.org to arrange a time to pick up your book

WANT TO PURCHASE A 2020 YEARBOOK?

Contact Ms. Roberts for details. Books are \$85



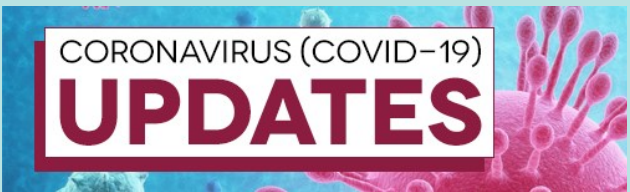
SchoolPay®

Pay school fees to
Westside High School
online by credit card
using this
convenient service:

Click [HERE](#)

**NO SATURDAY
SAT & ACT TESTS
AT WESTSIDE
CANCELED THRU END OF DECEMBER**

Announcements



**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
UPDATES**

HISD's Covid Dashboard

[https://www.houstonisd.org/
COVID19Dashboard](https://www.houstonisd.org/COVID19Dashboard)

Updated daily,
the dashboard helps
HISD families make
informed decisions about
students' health & safety.



Explore the Westside Website

A Wealth of Info for Wolf Families

www.westsidewolves.org

FUTURES ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCE

Click [HERE](#) for more information

**Find out more
about Westside's
Magnet
Programs**

[APPLY NOW!](#)

**HISD's Magnet
Applications
Available Online.**

Phase 1 – Sept. 19, 2020 – Nov. 6, 2020
Phase 2 – Nov. 7, 2020 – Feb. 27, 2021
Phase 3 – Feb. 28, 2020 – until full
(Out of District transfers considered
during Phase 3)

S.T.E.A.M.

Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics

Click [HERE](#) for more information




Senior Page

LEGACY STUDIOS IS THE OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER
FOR WESTSIDE'S CLASS OF 2021

Senior *Cap & Gown* Portraits



*Take a
picture of
this flyer!*

November 18, 19, & 20
December 9, 10, & 11
Westside Auditorium

To book your appointment:

www.Seniors.LegacyStudios.com

Sitting Fee: \$10 at time of booking

Questions: Contact srobert2@houstonisd.org



SENIOR DUES

- Senior Dues are **MANDATORY** for all seniors or fourth-year students.
- Every senior is expected to make a one-time payment of **\$70** by Friday, 12/18/20.
- If a student misses that fall deadline, a \$30 late fee will be added. The new one-time payment of **\$100** will be due by the start of Spring Break: Friday, 3/12/21.
- Students do not have the option to select and pay for only individual items from the list below. The total dollar amount is non-negotiable.

What is paid for by Senior Dues?

1. Cap and Gown
2. Diploma & Diploma Cover
3. Awards for Senior Honors Night (medals, cords, and other graduation regalia)
4. Graduation Ceremony

Administrative Expenses (COVID-19 preparations, unexpected increases, etc.)

Students who do not pay dues will not receive their cap/gown or a diploma, and they will not be able to attend any graduation ceremonies.

**Dues may only be paid via School Pay
on the Westside website:**

tinyurl.com/wolfseniordues21

If you will be unable to pay dues on time due to financial difficulty in your family, please email Helen Tran (HTRAN5@houstonisd.org) AND copy your dean.

Senior dues are NOT connected to any prom expenses.

Senior Class Sponsor: Mr. Donofrio

jeffrey.donofrio@houstonisd.org

FAQ's - Yearbooks & Portraits - Class of 21

- 1. I have questions about Westside yearbooks & senior portraits, who can answer them?**
 - a. Contact Ms. Roberts at srobert2@houstonisd.org or if you are on campus come by A216. Email is better than TEAMS messages.
- 2. How do I book my appointment for my Senior Portrait?**
 - a. Go to the Westside High School portal at: www.seniors.legacystudios.com
- 3. How much does it cost:**
 - a. The sitting fee is \$10 (payable with a debit or credit card, or PAYPAL), must be paid at the time of booking. Legacy offers packages..
- 4. What if I want extra poses and personal pictures?**
 - a. Legacy has a studio feature for additional poses and personalized SENIOR SHOWCASES. See info is on our Westside portal.
- 5. Caps? What will that do to my hair? What about my big head?**
 - a. Great question! You will be wearing a graduation gown, but you will be holding your cap. Style your hair, don't worry about your big head. FYI, your hands will be showing in the photo, so pay some attention to your nails.
- 6. Who typically forgets to take a Senior Portrait?**
 - a. GUYS! tend to forget about this. Every spring I talk to moms who want to know "what can we do?" So tell the MOMS of GUYS!!!!
- 7. Can I wear my giant earrings?**
 - a. We are asking for earrings and pendants no bigger than a quarter.
- 8. What about make-up?**
 - a. You want the photo to look like you. Don't go crazy, or use make-up you have never used before. Remember, your hands will show. You want them the same color as your face.
- 9. What about COVID?**
 - a. Legacy has strict guidelines for both your safety and the photographers. You will be required to wear a mask until the time you sit in the chair for your picture. There will be NO mirrors at the photographer's station. Make sure you are ready when you come inside for your appointment.
 - b. If you fail to comply with the guidelines, you will be asked to leave, and your sitting fee will be forfeited.
- 10. I made an appointment, but I can't make it?**
 - a. If there is another day/time available you can rebook. If you just fail to show up, you will forfeit your sitting fee.
- 11. Can my mom, little sister or friend come with me?**
 - a. No one but you will be allowed inside the Auditorium. We know moms like to attend this monumental occasion, but this year, we have had to say no.
 - b. If you need assistance, please let Ms. Roberts know beforehand.
- 12. I don't see my questions answered in this list, what do I do?**
 - a. Contact Ms. Roberts, she will help you.
- 13. Is there going to be a 2021 Yearbook?**
 - a. Yes! How could we not document THIS WEIRD YEAR!
- 14. Great, now how do I get one?**
 - a. Visit the Westside High School portal at www.balfour.com
- 15. What's going to be in it?**
 - a. Your 2021 Yearbook staff is working hard to include all the challenges, activities, and events that will make up the 20-21 school year. It's not a normal school year, and the 2021 Canidae will be your lasting historical document of this senior year like no other.
- 16. Will I be able to have a senior quote?**
 - a. Yes. Plus in this special year, we are going to add a resume of your accomplishments during your Westside career.
- 17. Will we have Senior Superlatives?**
 - a. Yes. Quotes and superlatives will happen in the spring semester.
- 18. Can I send in pictures of me and my friends, to go in the yearbook?**
 - a. YES!!! Watch out of CALL OUTS on all the Westside social media platforms, and Ms. Davis' Instagram...we WILL for sure want your input.
- 19. Will I get my book this year?**
 - a. Yes. Books will be delivered to school at the end of May, and in your hands before you graduate.
- 20. Can I get a yearbook from last year?**
 - a. Yes, we have a few books to sale from 2020. Contact Ms. Roberts for details.
 - b. We don't have any 2018 or 2019 books available.

PTO Announcements



Show your Westside Spirit

Buy a Westside Wolves Yard Sign!

- SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!
- POST A PHOTO WITH YOUR STUDENT AND THEIR YARD SIGN ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM
- RAISE MONEY FOR THE PTO
- REUSE SIGN YEAR AFTER YEAR




ORDER ONLINE TODAY!
ORDER YOUR SIGN ONLINE AT: WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG/SHOP

NEW IN-PERSON PURCHASE DATES!
 You can order online and pick up OR
BUY YOUR SIGN AFTER SAT AND PSAT TESTING ON OCTOBER 27th & 29th.






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 WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PTO

LOOK FOR SALES TABLE NEAR STUDENT PICK UP IN THE CARPOOL AREA (student parking lot). CREDIT CARD OR EXACT CHANGE ONLY.

We Want YOU...



To JOIN the Westside PTO

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: Semester 1

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
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	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	

14th - 16th = Flex Only

November						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
	30					

December						
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	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30	31		

*4th changes to B

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	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)

Holiday

End of Cycle

Enrichment Opportunity



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