



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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Student Council Partners with Student & Parent Organizations:

November 30, 2020

Leading up to the Thanksgiving Holiday Break, Westside's Student Council organization put some action into both "thanks" and "giving".

In partnership with PTO, StuCo organized a Staff Appreciation activity that generated over 1000 personal thank-you notes to teachers,

administrators, and staff members.

StuCo also co-hosted a Food Drive along with PTO, HOSA, WEGA and BPA, and donated 1200 pounds of food to West Houston Assistance Ministries.

Way to go, Wolves!

Calendar

December 5
Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM-12 Noon

December 8-11
STAAR EOC Re-Takes

December 12
Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM-12 Noon

December 15
PSAT 9 Test for 9th
Graders

**December 21-
January 1**
Winter Break

January 4
Classes Resume



Last Call: Sign-Up for 9th Grade PSAT by Tomorrow

The PSAT 9 will be administered to freshmen on Tuesday, December 15th. This test focuses on skills and knowledge at the heart of education. It measures not only what you learn in school, but also what you need to succeed in college.

Any freshman may register to come to campus to take the test, including both virtual and in-person students. There is no fee to test.

Pre-Registration IS REQUIRED by taking this survey, due by 11:59 pm on December 1, 2020. Click to pre-register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7TzhtLYgzo3FJytzCcGFpS4ti0YN0j1RUomWshPVw6l3UYw/viewform?usp=sf_link.

On test day, students will need to arrive at school no later than 8:00 AM and report to the Commons. Please bring the following items:

- Mask
- Photo ID
- Pencils (non-mechanical)
- Calculator

Testing will conclude at approximately 1:00 pm once test materials have been cleared and students will be released to go home.

If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact our Testing Coordinator, Ms. Holloway at

schandra.holloway@houstonisd.org.

Save the Dates for Semester 1 Final Exams



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				

From the Testing Coordinator: STAAR Re-Takes Next Week

STAAR EOC Re-Testing will take place next week from December 8th through December 11th. Deans will contact students to inform them if they need to test.

- Tuesday, 12/8 – English I
- Wednesday, 12/9 – Algebra I & Biology
- Thursday, 12/10 – English II
- Friday, 12/11 – US History

Students should report to school no later than 8:00 AM with their mask and #2 pencils; they should wait in the Commons after check in.

If a student does not hear from his or her dean, then he or she should contact the dean to verify if they need to test or not.



Congrats to Coach Mason: Coach of the Week

Presented By: ***Houston Texans in Partnership with Methodist Hospital***



Week 9 Coach of the Week

Jomaul Mason, Head Coach of Westside High School Football

"I coach to create well-rounded, hard-working, respectful young men and women who are ready to be a productive part of society. I also enjoy helping athletes get opportunities to play at the next level."

Staff Highlight: Presented by the PTO

Staff Spotlight of the Week

Edith Gonzalez



Dean of Students
House – East 2

Attended the University of Houston and majored in Data Processing with a minor in Accounting. Prior to pursuing a career in education, I worked in the mortgage banking industry for twenty years and served as Senior Vice President of Investor Accounting.

I decided to go back to school and earn a Masters degree in Educational Administration from Houston Baptist University after teaching for several years. Best decision I ever made!

I have... worked at Westside for 13 years and started my teaching career as a proud wolf! First, I taught English as a Second Language for all grade levels and later became Dean of Students. In my current role, I serve English Language Learners, newcomers, and refugees who are passionate about learning, have unique interests, and are anxious to become a part of the school spirit.

The reason I went into education is because I wanted to make a positive impact in some way. As a child I always dreamed of doing something important, and there is no job more important than educating future generations. Specifically, I am thrilled to work with the ESL department because when you teach ELL students, your lessons extend beyond just them. More times than not, your students will take what you've taught them and bring it home to teach their parents, younger siblings and maybe even their grandparents.

I love Westside High School because it is a true representation of all cultures and ethnicities. There is so much to be learned about one another, and it is exciting to know our students, faculty and staff have a unique opportunity to build relationships with people that come from all walks of life. We are so lucky!

My favorite memory from when I was in high school... I attended a boarding school away from my parents when I went to high school. My excitement came from living on my own, being independent, and meeting new people. It was so much fun, but it was also hard. It definitely taught me the meaning of resilience and tenacity.

If I wasn't on staff at Westside High School, I would want to be a data analyst for the CIA.

It's a great day to be a Wolf!

Free Inertia Event at Westside's Outdoor Pavilion



Social Distanced Outdoor Seating
Bring your own blanket/lawn chair!
Concert at 6:30PM

Free Entry for All Ages
*Masks & temperature checks
are required*

Inertia
DANCE COMPANY



For more information please visit our website at www.inertiadanceco.com

Announcements



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL'S FRC ROBOTICS
TEAM PRESENTS...

POINSETTIAS FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your support!

LOW PRICES FOR ONLY \$12!


**EACH POINSETTIA IS ADORNED
WITH A 6.5 INCH FOIL BASE
AND BEAUTIFUL RED BLOOMS**

**CONTACT A TEAM MEMBER TO
ORDER AND PAY!**

Or Click [HERE](#) to Order

Delivery between December 5th-11th

Contact us:
E-mail: westsidefrcrobotics@gmail.com
Instagram: @westsidefrc8150
Twitter: @westsidefrc8150



Announcements



**WHS Student Council Meeting this Thursday, Dec 3
during lunch (11:35 am - 12:05 pm)!!
Please join -- new members welcomed!!**

Click [HERE](#) to join on TEAMS!

We Want YOU...



To JOIN the
Westside PTO

Announcements

The 2021 Westside Yearbook

is on sale at www.Balfour.com

Order your book today

\$85 NEED INFO? SROBERT2@HOUSTONISD.ORG

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

Please note: School Closed Thanksgiving Week & Dec. 21- Jan. 1

Announcements

Interested in learning coding, obtaining potential paid summer internships and professional skills building?

APPLY TODAY!

[Student Application | Code2College](#)

***deadline to apply is December 8th**

Contact Ms. Willett for more details.

margaret.willett@houstonisd.org



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.**

Saturday Tutorials

**December
5 & 12**

9 AM-12 Noon

Students Reminders:

- 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

Senior Page



Class of 2021

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 are unable to pay dues on time due to financial difficulty, please email (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

- i. Books are \$85 (payable w/ debit or credit card)

1. At this time, books are only being sold online at Balfour

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.

- i. We know that the class of 2021 began in the midst of Hurricane Harvey and are ending in the middle of a global pandemic. Its unique to you. We will tell that story.

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.

- i. The senior portraits will be larger in the book this year. Another unique feature for the class of 2021.

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.

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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



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

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**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.



VIPS
VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HISD VOLUNTEERS
TRANSFORM STUDENT LIVES.

PARENTS

Do you plan to volunteer this year?

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

Fill out the application!

FUTURES ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCE

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Find out more about Westside's Magnet Programs

S.T.E.A.M.

Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics

Click [HERE](#) for more information



[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)



Mental Health Resources

HOUSTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CITY OF HOUSTON
LET'S BEAT COVID
HEALTH . EDUCATION . SOCIAL SERVICES

"Let's Beat Covid-19: Health, Education and Support Services" (H.E.S.S.) is here to provide individual, and group crisis intervention and to educate and support Houstonians adjusting mentally and emotionally.

H.E.S.S. PROGRAM FEATURES

- Helpline**
Professionally licensed and certified counselors to assist callers through crises, 7 days a week from 1 p.m. - 11 p.m.
- COVID-19 Coping Toolkits**
K-12 Toolkits to support parents and guardians of elementary, middle school and high school students.
- Parent Connect**
Feeling lost parents? Join our Parent Connect talk sessions weekly. Visit the website for dates and times. (www.houston-beatcovid.com)
- Student Connect**
Activities for youth have been designed to help them engage with important COVID-19 information so that they remain safe.
- Support Resources**
Helpful websites with information and resource for food and other social services.

Helpline
713-999-9442
Crisis care services seven (7) days a week from 1 pm to 11 pm.

www.houston-beatcovid.com

Funded by the City of Houston through the CARES Act.

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- <http://bit.ly/HoustonHealthLinkedIn>
- Twitter.com/HoustonHealth/

Houston Health Department 8000 North Stadium Drive Houston, Texas 77054
Phone: (832) 393-5169

"Let's Beat COVID-19" has four components:

1. a free mental health helpline open seven (7) days a week, 1 PM – 11 PM with certified bilingual counselors;
2. educational and resource toolkits for parents and guardians;
3. virtual training and COVID-19 coping sessions for parents and students,
4. and student educational activities.

<https://houston-beatcovid.com/>

Coping with COVID

Collaboration between
Baylor College of Medicine
and
Harris Health System

Free parent-led cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) for children in Texas who are experiencing stress and anxiety related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 weekly 60-minute therapy sessions are delivered by therapists through Zoom.
No in-person visits are required.

<https://www.bcm.edu/healthcare/specialties/psychiatry-and-behavioral-sciences/obsessive-compulsive-disorder-program/coping-with-covid>

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
				1	2	
	5	6	7	8	9	
	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
	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		

*4th changes to B

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)

Holiday

End of Cycle

Enrichment Opportunity



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