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from Westside High School

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Selection Window for 3rd Six Weeks Open This Week

November 9, 2020

With the third 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 third six weeks is December 7.

Principal Wittpenn encourages parents to consider if their student needs a change before making a new selection. Our school policies and procedures will remain unchanged entering the third cycle.

Parents will have **from today, Monday, November 9, through Friday, November 13**, to make their new selec-

tion 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 for the third six-week 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. Please utilize HISD's helpful step-by-step videos on completing forms or getting started in the Parent Portal

Calendar

November 23-27
Thanksgiving Break

December 15
PSAT 8/9 Test for 9th Graders

December 21-January 1
Winter Break

January 4
Classes Resume



District News & Resources

From Superintendent Lathan:

Fall 2020 Virtual/Remote Learning Parent Survey

Thank you for all that you have done to support your child during an unprecedented school year in HISD. To guide district decision-making, it is important to check in with you and receive your feedback – particularly as it pertains to virtual learning.

The HISD Research and Accountability Department is launching a districtwide Fall 2020 Virtual/Remote Learning Parent Survey, which will run from **Monday, November 9 through Tuesday, November 17**. Parents are asked to complete the survey online at HoustonISD.org/FallParentSurvey. The survey is also available in **Spanish**, **Vietnamese**, and **Arabic**.

Included in the survey are general family questions, as well as questions about each child's experience with remote learning.

Thank you in advance for your input during this process. Using your feedback will help us better support our students and families as we continue to #ReconnectSafely and #ReturnStrong.

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.

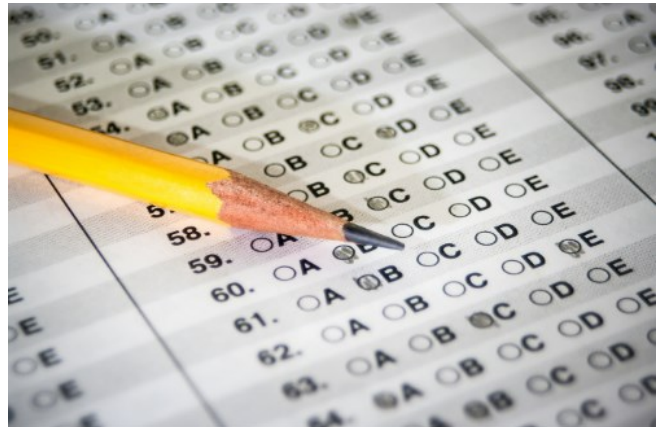
9th Graders Take PSAT 8/9 on December 15

The PSAT 8/9 will be administered for all 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.

The PSAT 8/9 is the precursor to the PSAT, and the SAT. Taking this test will provide insight into the subject areas where you need to make score improvements before you take the PSAT and then the SAT. Based on your scores, you will get personalized SAT study materials through Khan Academy.

Any freshman may register to come to school 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 December 1, 2020:

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; testing will conclude at approximately 1:00 pm and students will be released to go home. Please note, there will be no make-up opportunities.

If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact our Testing Coordinator, Ms. Holloway at schandra.holloway@houstonisd.org.

Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 23-27

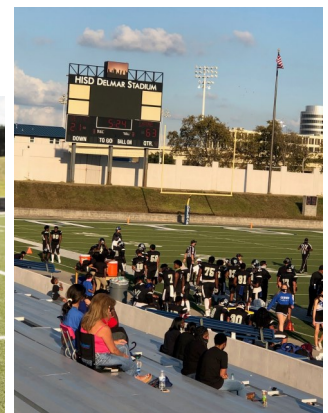
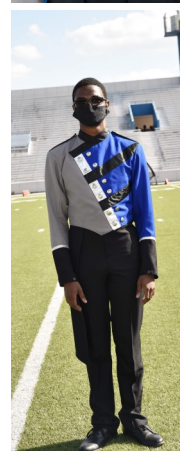
Senior Day Football Game



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Staff Highlight: Sponsored by the PTO

Staff Spotlight of the Week Joy Maguire



College and Career Readiness
Advisor

Attended college at the University of Texas. I earned a degree in Social Work, and then attended grad school at St. Louis University. I have a Master of Social Work and a Master of Public Health. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and served as the Westside Social Worker for 12 years before moving into the College Center.

I have been at Westside for: This is my 16th year! I took the Social Worker job when my daughter Lily was an infant for a better work/life balance. Now Lily is a junior at Westside. Prior to becoming a Wolf, I was a Hospital Social Worker at Memorial Hermann in the Medical Center.

The reason I went into education is this is my original love. I had an internship in college at a high school and loved it. School Social Work was where I saw my career headed. Now I get to do a different kind of counseling and found a job I love even more in the College Center.

I love Westside High School because 2 reasons: this is my community and I love the people I work with—staff and students. Second—this is a family affair and my husband, daughter and I all report to the same place (pre-covid, anyway).

My favorite memory from when I was in high school school.. Everything about high school! I attended LBJ High School in Austin and it was a diverse magnet school, much like Westside. I was Student Body President, which makes me laugh now! Anyone watch *Indian Matchmaker* on Netflix? Vyasar works at my old high school, but doing the job I have now.

If I wasn't on staff at Westside High School, I'd be... If I had to do it all over again, I think I would go back and study Urban Planning. I had no idea such a thing existed when I finished high school, but that's true of so many careers.

It's
A
GREAT DAY
To be a
WOLF!



Announcements



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.

Calling all elementary and
middle school students!

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

WESTSIDE ROBOTICS TEAM PRESENTS...

MAD SCIENCE 2020



Lessons will be hosted on Microsoft Teams
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! ->



PARENTS

Do you plan to volun-
teer this year?

Click [here](#) for details:

NEW Online VIPs
Volunteer Orientation-

Fill out the application!

Get Involved!



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



Wanted: Boys Basketball Manager

- Attend all the games as a member of the Westside Wolves Basketball family
- Required: attend 2 practices a week (6-8pm)
Duties at practice include starting and stopping the clock during drills and/or recording portions of each practice session
- Required: attend each game to record stats, video the games, and keep the clock
- Required: remain eligible academically



*If you are interested, please contact Coach Williams at dwilli13@houstonisd.org.
Looking forward to hearing from the newest members of the Westside Wolves Basketball family.*

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

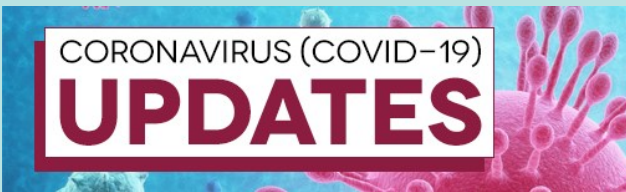


SchoolPay®

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.



**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

SENIOR PORTRAITS

NOVEMBER
18, 19, & 20

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!



**Legacy Studios
will be on campus
next week for
Cap & Gown
Portraits**

www.seniors.legacystudios.com

Questions? 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 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.

PTO Announcements

Together We Can Do...Virtually Anything PTO Speaker Series/General Meeting Monday, November 9 at 6:30 pm

- Featuring
 - Principal Keri Wittpenn
 - Student Council Leaders
 - Guest Speaker, Ebony Lumpkin
- Be a part of what is happening at Westside High School



- Register at <https://www.westsidehighpto.org/blog>

Westside Faculty/Staff Appreciation

Join the Westside PTO and Student Council as we show appreciation for our Westside High School Faculty and Staff through a letter-writing campaign.

1. Complete the template below no later than November 12, 2020 by [scanning this QR Code](#) or by clicking on [THIS LINK](#).
2. We will print out your letter and give it to faculty and staff by November 20.

This is your opportunity to be part of the community by offering words of encouragement as we face 2020 as a Wolf Pack. GO WOLVES!



Together We Can Do...Virtually Anything Friends of Westside November 2020

In partnership with WESTSIDE WRAPAROUND SERVICES

- Support Westside families in need
 - \$50 Gift cards to HEB
 - Donate to Friends of Westside



For more information, scan this QR Code or go to <https://www.westsidehighpto.org/fundraisers>

Together We Can Do...Virtually Anything Friends of Westside FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 16-20, 2020



In partnership with the Westside Student Council

- Support the Westside Community
- Drop off Food Drive Items **before (8 am) or after (4 pm) school** in carpool area of student parking lot between November 16 and 20th
- Needed items:
 - Rice
 - Beans
 - Pasta
 - Cereals
 - Macaroni and cheese
 - Canned vegetables
 - Canned meats

We Want YOU...



To JOIN the
Westside PTO

Announcements

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOGETHER WE STAND
TOGETHER WE DREAM

LAUNCH THE DREAM

A virtual kickoff to the 2020-21 Dream Summit Event Series

Know Your Rights
All HISD DREAMers, DACA recipients, visa holders, permanent residents, refugees, and asylum grantees along with their parents are invited.

Cultural Heritage Performance

Community Resources

Mental Health for Immigrants

State Financial Aid and College Application Q&A

Virtual Event

Thursday, November 19, 2020
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Please register at this link:
<http://bit.ly/LTD-RSVP>

The link to access the event will be sent via email.

For more information, contact HISD College Readiness

713-967-5231 ■ #HISDDreamSummitSeries #HISDLaunchTheDream

HISD College Readiness
HIGHER EXPECTATIONS. HIGHER EDUCATION.

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MEETING DIVERSE NEEDS. CREATING OPPORTUNITIES.

WESTSIDE HIGH

Food Drive

STUCO is sponsoring a food drive during this time of need. Please donate food to support our local food banks

When?
Nov 16 – Nov 20

Where?

In person students: designated boxes at Welcome Desk, Student Support Center, and S114

Virtual students: 4:30 – 5:30 pm drop off in student parking lot

Types of food needed:
rice, beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, canned meats and cereals (no expired items please)

Make sure to put you name and organization for hours
5 cans=1 hour

Westside Wolves

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

\$15

ORDER ONLINE TODAY!

ORDER YOUR SIGN ONLINE AT: WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG/SHOP

1. Purchase a sign from the website
2. We will coordinate a convenient pick-up date/time

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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" (HESS) 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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Houston Health Department 8000 North Stadium Drive Houston, Texas 77054
Phone: (832) 393-1169

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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