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from Westside High School

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Preparations Underway for Face-to-Face Option

October 12, 2020

In one week we will welcome back approximately 15% of our Wolves for Face-to-Face instruction. For detailed information regarding protocols and plans, please click [HERE](#) to view Principal Wittpenn's slide presentation and discussion from last week. A few of the major points:

- The current daily schedule will be maintained with one minor update (See p. 2, Advocacy and Pd. 4 will swap time slots)
- Most teachers will be teaching to in-person and virtual students simultaneously
- Face-to-face learners will be checked for PPE and temperature as they enter the building
- A temporary [dress code](#) has been implemented for the first semester.
- Social distancing and sanitization protocols are in place
- Protocols are in place in the event of any positive Covid case(s)

October 14-16: "All-Flex" Days

To adequately prepare teachers and classrooms for face-to-face instruction, students will receive asynchronous (or Flex) activities on October 14-16. Teachers may also include recorded video lessons during this time to help students understand what is expected. Students should be prepared to log into their course through the Hub and complete online work independently Wednesday through Friday. Also, note that Friday marks the end of the first cycle, so it is imperative that students get their work completed on time. They are welcome to reach out to teachers if they have any questions about assignments or activities.

Calendar

October 14-16

"All-Flex" Class Schedule
(in preparation for Face-to-Face classes)

Thur., October 15

Virtual Financial Aid Info Night/FAFSA Road Show, 5-7 PM

Mon., October 19

First Day of Face-to-Face Instruction Option

Wed., October 21

Teacher Service Day, No School for Students

Tues., October 27

School Day SAT Test for 12th Graders on Campus (Virtual Learning Day for all non-testers)

Thur., October 29

PSAT Test for 11th Graders on Campus (Virtual Learning Day for all non-testers)


Tues., November 3

Virtual Learning Day for All Students (Election Day Polling Place at Westside)

November 23-27

Thanksgiving Break

Updated Daily Schedule Begins October 19th

 Westside HS Updated Daily Schedule Begins 10/19/2020					
	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 – 4th
10:35 – 11:35 Flex	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	A – 3rd / B – 4th
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 – Adv/Int
1:35 – 2:35 Flex	5th Period	4th Period	5th Period	4th Period	A – 5th / B – Adv/Int
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

October

November

December

January

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Teacher Service Day (no students)

End of Cycle

Holiday

Enrichment Opportunity

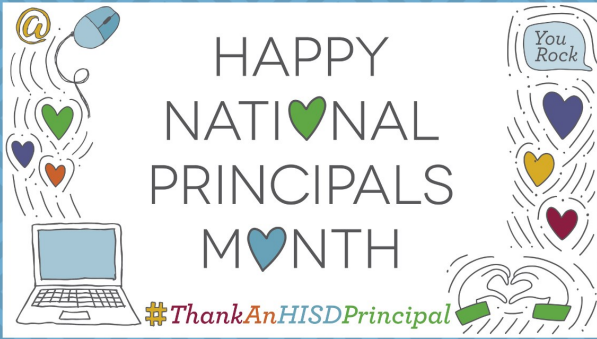
Cross Country News

By Coach Guy

The Westside Boys and Girls Cross Country teams have been very busy these past few weeks. Due to Covid restrictions, the cross country season has been dramatically shortened, however boys and girls have still been working hard. The boys' program has been a top-5 team finisher in the past two meets. Meanwhile the Lady Wolves, who are very young, have had some outstanding performances while being paced by top finisher Dakota Luera.


The varsity boys competed at the Seven Lakes Invitational on October 10th in preparation for the District championship on October 24th.





HAPPY
NATIONAL
PRINCIPALS
MONTH

#ThankAnHISDPrincipal



You Rock

Thank You, Ms. Wittpenn!
From the Westside Wolves

School Day SAT/PSAT Dates Announced

ATTENTION!

All 11th and 12th grade testers must sign-up by completing the following survey, due by 8 AM on Wednesday, October 14th:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnOdnGHFnlYNoqqdcWgyljufCAHW1J1OsFUemZwtS1e5dS4Q/viewform>

The School Day SAT will be administered on campus to 12th Graders on Tuesday, October 27. It is offered to all seniors including virtual and face-to-face learners. Seniors will receive a survey and sign up to participate. All non-testers will stay at home for a virtual-learning day.

The PSAT will be administered to 11th Graders on campus on Thursday, October 29th. It is offered to all juniors including virtual and face-to-face learners. All non-testers will have a virtual learning day.

Ninth and tenth graders will take the PSAT in the Spring Semester.

School Day SAT Test

Administered On-Campus

For 12th Graders

Tuesday, October 27th

Virtual Learning Day

for ALL Non-Testers

PSAT Test

For 11th Graders

Thursday, October 29th

Virtual Learning Day

for ALL Non-Testers

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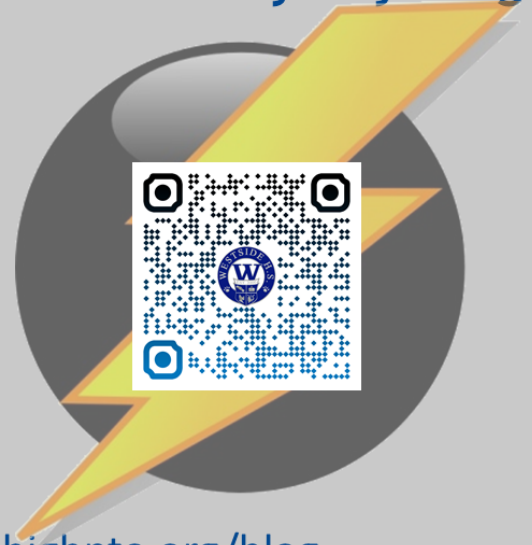
**No Classes for Students
On
Wednesday, October 21
Teacher In-Service Day**

PTO Meeting TONIGHT!



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- JOIN US Oct 12th at 6:30 pm CT
- Via Zoom (register below or scan QR code)
- SPEAKER: Ebony Lumpkin, STUCO leaders
- TOPIC: Coping— “What’s Happening?”



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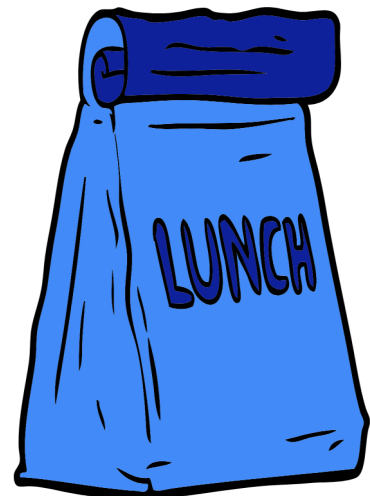
Updates to HISD’s Curbside Meal Pick-Ups

Curbside Pick-Up

Beginning today, HISD is transitioning to twice-weekly curbside pickup for student meals. Families will pick up several days’ worth of meals at each pickup — three on Mondays and four on Thursdays. This week the food is available from 10 AM-1 PM. Starting next week, the pick up time is from 2-5 PM.

Neighborhood Supersites

HISD is launching two Neighborhood Supersites as part of a weekly community food distribution initiative. Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 14, Nutrition Services will launch Supersites at Barnett Sports Complex and Jones Cowart Stadium. Both will serve as mass community food distribution sites open every Wednesday from 2 to 6 p.m. and offering family food boxes and student meals.



Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Staff Highlight: Sponsored by the PTO

Teacher Spotlight of the Week

Astrid Gonzalez



AP English Language and Composition
English III

Attended the University of Houston (GO COOGS!) and graduated with a major in English and minor in Education. I later enrolled in their graduate program and earned a master's degree in Secondary Education with an Educational Leadership certification.

I have taught for 14 years. I started my career as an English teacher, then worked as a Drill Team Director and Physical Education teacher. This will be my fourth year at Westside High School and I'm back to teaching what I love—AP Language and Composition and English III.

The reason I went into education is because I could never see myself doing anything different. I enjoy working with students and helping them better understand themselves, others, the world and their place in it. (I even joke that they help keep me young!) Teaching really is the most rewarding profession!

I love Westside High School because I have the best colleagues and administration support system. We value hard-work, innovative ideas, and, above all, our students. (Special shout out to the English Department—best department on campus!)

My favorite memory from when I was in high school school.. I loved everything about high school! From being the drill team colonel and performing at pep rallies, football games, and beyond, to learning in the classroom, and hanging out with my friends. High school was such a special time in my life, and I hope students feel the same way when they look back at their time at Westside.

If I wasn't a teacher at Westside High School... I would have liked to be a lawyer (Though, in high school, I also dreamed of being a touring back up dancer for pop artists like Britney Spears!)

peers.houston@gmail.com



Project Engagement Encouraging Rising Students

**Hewlett Packard Enterprise
Data Science Institute**
University of Houston

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON
THE HONORS COLLEGE


Project Engagement Encouraging Rising Students (PEERS) is a University of Houston-based program that focuses on encouraging STEM education and providing mentorship to local students through community health. The program curriculum uses project-based learning to promote community engagement and develop research skills, learn how to plan a project and analyze community-wide data. PEERS pairs high school students and University of Houston undergraduates to create long-lasting, effective, and engaging community projects that are meaningful and relevant to students and members of the community.

Get Involved!

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Interested in running for Student Council Freshman President and Vice President ??


If interested in the position of either Freshman or Vice President, please fill out the google form by scanning the QR code



STUCO Volunteer events


Peer tutoring - LimitlessMinds, a non-profit organization is offering virtual learning to grades K-8. They're looking for high school volunteers.

Sign up here! : <https://forms.gle/hhsog1cGYnTz3FSL8>




Voting polls - Harris County Clerk's Office is encouraging HISD students to volunteer for the November 3rd election. Apply no later than October 9!

- Apply at www.harrisvotes.com/studentclerk
- Paid training, excused school absence, letter of recommendation



Vote Registration - Register to vote if you're over 18. It's your civic responsibility! Deadline for registration is October 5.



Represent
Your
Fellow
Students

STUCO Class remind codes:

Student Body- text @hcc2d8 to **81010**

Juniors text @7a69gh to **81010**

Sophomores text @2ce7ec to **81010**

Freshmen text @aag9k7 to **81010**

STUCO Senior remind codes: Please join your house code to stay updated for important senior dates & information:

@wolvese1 (East 1)

@wolvese2 (East 2)

@wolvesn1 (North 1)

@wolvesn2 (North 2)

@wolves2 (South 2)

Text all to **81010**

Use
your
Voice



PARENTS

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

Click [here](#) for details:

**NEW
Online VIPs
Volunteer Orientation**

Fill out the application!

Quiz Bowl Team!


Quiz Bowl is a competitive club where teams race against the buzzer to answer questions on a variety of topics, including history, science, literature, and even trash, a pop culture-based category. Teams compete against other schools in NAQT sponsored tournaments. Join us, improve your academic IQ!

To learn more about us, follow our instagram @whs.quizbowl

Students, if you want to try out, sign up to our remind!

Send text to 81010: @quizbowlbt

Contact Ms. Diiorio for more info!
elena.Diiorio@houstonisd.org





JOIN!

Westside
CLUBS &
ORGANIZATIONS

[https://www.houstonisd.org/
domain/37759](https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/37759)

College Center Announcements

Financial Aid Information Night



Thursday, October 15th

5-7pm

Save the Date!



The information session is open to Seniors Students and Parent(s)/Guardians.



Learn valuable information regarding the completion of the financial aid application and other financial aid processes.



TEAMS Code will be available the day of, October 15th via social media.



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Texas high school juniors, join NASA as we explore the Moon to Mars!

www.nasa.gov/has

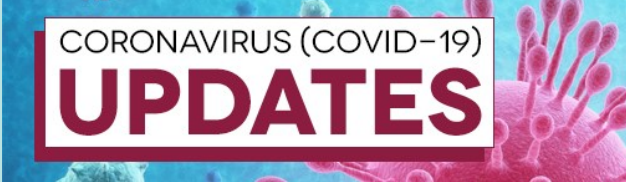
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HISD College & Career Readiness Month

Take Control: Explore. Design. Launch Your Future.

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/172036>

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



Announcements



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



Wolf Families!

PLEASE SUBMIT

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**SOCIOECONOMIC
INFO FORM**

To Ensure That Our School
Gets Fully Funded

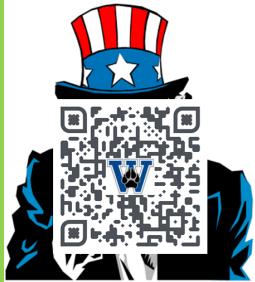
Click [here](#) for
Socioeconomic Information Form in English

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Socioeconomic Information Form in Spanish

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

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We Want YOU...



To JOIN the
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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

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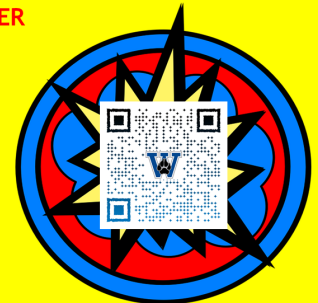
ORDER ONLINE TODAY!
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2) MORE DISTRIBUTION DATES WILL BE POSTED

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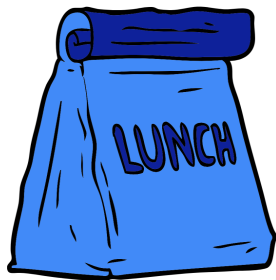
Participate in our Community Survey—
"WHY WESTSIDE?"

- Let Principal Wittpenn know why you choose Westside High School
- Submit your survey today through Thanksgiving
- Results will be posted at the beginning of the spring semester



Did you miss the Meeting on Sept 14?

- Review the video and slides
- <https://www.westsidehighpto.org/archived-events>



HISD
Free
Pre-Packed
Meals
for Students

Families can go to any of the 86 locations from 10 AM- 1PM, Monday through Friday, to pick up one pre-packed breakfast and lunch meal per student (must show proof of enrollment). In the Westside High School area, meals are available at Shadowbriar Elementary, Walnut Bend Elementary, and Paul Revere Middle School. For additional locations, see the map at <https://www.houstonisd.org/StudentMeals>.

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