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from Westside High School

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Naviance: College/Career Research Tool for Students & Parents

October 19, 2020

Naviance is available to all 6th - 12th grade Houston ISD students and parents! With Naviance, students can find college and career information using research tools, career and personality assessments, and College SuperMatch - the leading online college research tool.

Seniors are able to build a college list to keep track of transcript requests, college applications and teacher recommendations. These tools keep the college application process organized, streamlined and allow full communication between students, counse-

lors and parents.

The first step is to set up your student and parent accounts. (See the graphic below for instructions.) Then take some time to explore the Naviance site. Students will gain insights and self-discovery to guide academic planning for post high-school pursuits related to

preparing for college and careers.

Calendar

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
UPDATE: NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS (Election Day Polling Place)

November 23-27
Thanksgiving Break



Dear HISD students and families,

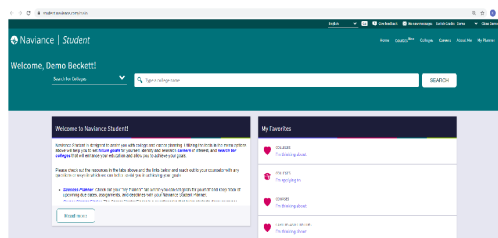
As a district, we are committed to supporting our students and their families through meaningful College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) learning opportunities. One way we plan to support you is through Naviance Student- an educational platform where families can support their students as they discover personal interests and strengths, research careers, colleges, and scholarship opportunities, learn from over 950 leaders from across the country and how they made their career decisions, and connect their learning to academic goal setting and planning. Throughout your HISD journey, you will be assigned grade level specific tasks and activities that will build upon one another, ultimately preparing you for whichever post-secondary option suits your specific wants and needs upon high school graduation.

Your first task as a family will be to practice logging into Naviance to ensure you are both able to access your accounts. Please follow the instructions below to complete your first task as a family:

Student Goal: Successfully login to your Naviance Student account



1. Watch this video on how to login to your Naviance account: [Student Naviance Login Overview](#)
2. Practice logging into your Naviance account following the steps from the video (if you are unable to login, contact ____)
 - a. Go to the HUB <http://houstonisd.org/hub>
 - b. Click Hub Sign In
 - c. Click the Digital Resources Icon
 - d. Search for Naviance
 - e. Click the Naviance Icon
3. Click around to gain a basic understanding of how Naviance is set up.
4. Invite your parent to click around in your Naviance account with you.
5. Answer the reflection questions on the next page before your class session.



Updated Daily Schedule Begins Today



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							October							November							December							January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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14th - 16th = Flex Only
4 *4th changes to B

 Teacher Service Day (no students)

End of Cycle

 Holiday

 Enrichment Opportunity

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

Kudos to Mrs. Doxtater from MIT



Congratulations to our Calculus teacher, Mrs. Doxtater, on receiving a letter of recognition from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) on behalf of her former Wolf student, Yasin Hamed. MIT shares letters on behalf of new freshmen recognizing and acknowledging teachers who have been influential in the students' lives. We are proud of both of our Wolves! Go Yasin and Go Dox!

Westside Gets the Win vs. Chavez on Saturday



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

Report to Campus at 8 AM

What to Bring:

- Mask
- Photo ID (last year's school ID, State issued, or passport)
- 2 – 3 #2 pencils (non-mechanical)

Calculator - Students are encouraged to bring their own calculator for safety concerns. For a list of approved calculators visit - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/taking-the-tests/test-day-checklist/approved-calculators>

For safety concerns, we ask that you leave your technology (phones, watches, etc.) at home if at all possible. If you cannot, please note that these items will be collected before the test begins.

Testing should conclude between 1:00 and 2:00 PM.

**PSAT for Ninth & Tenth Graders
will be offered in Spring Semester**



WESTSIDE Boys Basketball
WOLVES Try Outs
10/27
5-6:30 PM

Meet at 4 PM in the Student Parking Lot

Required:

- Temp. checks & Covid survey
- Wear workout attire/athletic shoes
- Wear a mask
- Bring water

Question? Email Coach Deon Williams:
dwilli13@houstonisd.org

Go Wolves

**Student Parking
Permits will be required
following a brief grace period**

**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.**

New Resources for Westside Students

By Wil Smith, Wraparound Resource Specialist

New to the Westside campus for the 2020-2021 school year, Wraparound Services is a concept designed and developed to assist students and families through the matriculation process. The primary goal of Wraparound services is to help remove the barriers that often keep students from achieving in the classroom. Whether it's help with food, school supplies, clothes or guidance, Wraparound services is here to make sure that no student gets left behind. When you or someone you know is facing struggle with school, help is now right around the corner.

SAFs or (Student Assist Forms) can be completed and submitted by students, parents, teachers, staff, or anyone from the community. This process allows for me (your Wraparound Resource Representa-

tive) to track and prioritize each submission. In addition, anyone who submits a SAF will receive a friendly email to inform them where things are in the process. To expedite the process, use the QR code below. Submitting a SAF is so easy! Simply scan the QR grid with your iPhone/android and that's it. You can also use the email link if you prefer. Just click on the email link that is also included below.

Wil Smith

Wraparound Resource Specialist –
Westside High School

(281) 920-8000 ext. 036204

Wil.smith@houstonisd.org

How to Submit a Student Assistance Form (SAF)

Student Assistance Form

English (Selected) Español

This student assistance form is meant to provide you with a system of support to deal with things that are beyond your control/expertise as a teacher/faculty member/service provider. The form is **not** a behavior referral form. If you are reporting a student infraction, please use your school behavior referral form.

Disclaimer: If this is a student emergency please contact the proper authorities (911, CPS - if you are a mandated reporter, etc.) along with submitting this referral.

Special-Ed Students: If the referred student has a Special Education IEP, please consult with their case manager before submitting a referral (not applicable to service provider)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name *

Student ID



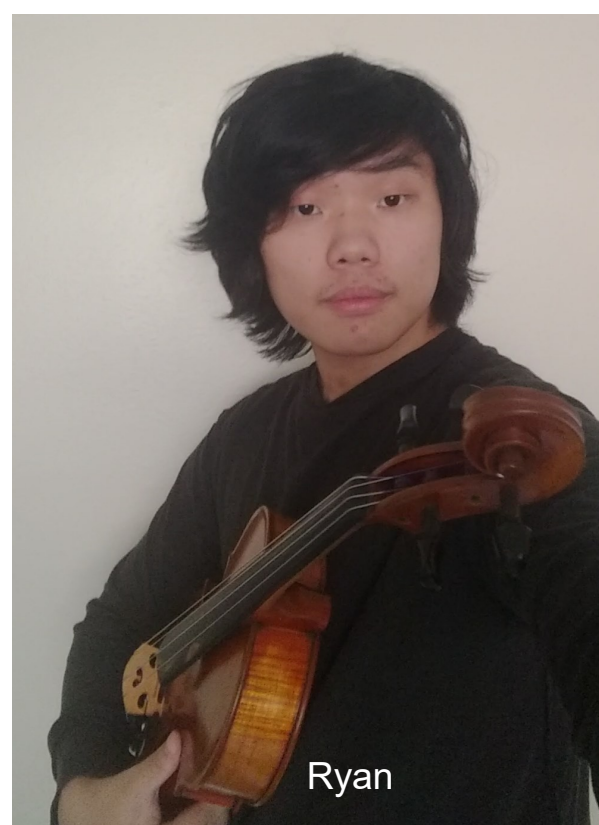
AP Environmental Science in Action

By Mrs. Klein

The APES classes are taking on projects to improve local habitat here in Houston. Students chose between creating bird habitats, Monarch gardens, vegetable gardens or raising wetland grasses. Houston Audubon provided many of the prairie species for the Monarch gardens. The Galveston Bay Foundation provided the wetland cordgrass plants and kits. The plants were delivered last week and are being adopted by APES students currently. By springtime, the cordgrasses will have grown many new shoots and roots. They will be returned to Galveston Bay to help establish expanded wetland habitats. Wetlands help clean our water, protect us from storm surge and are critical in the development of baby fish, shrimp and crabs. Even virtually, APES students are finding ways to impact their homes and communities for good!



Orchestra Students Virtually Audition for Region



Staff Highlight: Sponsored by the PTO

Dean Spotlight of the Week Stephanie Matlock



East 2 – Dean of Students
FUTURES Program

Attended Texas A&M University (WHOOOOOOP!) in College Station, Texas for undergrad in curriculum and instruction. I LOVED my years as an Aggie – once an Aggie, always an Aggie. I received my graduate degree from Sam Houston State University in educational leadership.

I have been at Westside for 21 years! I am one of the original faculty members. I started in N1 teaching Biology (prep, PreAP, and AP) then I moved to S2. From there, I worked in the College Center (A205) as the AP Coordinator, Master Scheduler, and Testing Coordinator. Six years ago, an opportunity opened for me to become the Futures Dean. I LOVE being a Dean!

The reason I went into education is the students. I started as a business major at A&M. I soon realized that I would never be happy doing that and made the move to education. I have loved (almost) every minute of my 31 years of working with parents, teachers, and, especially, the students. A few years ago, I was given the nickname “Momma Matlock” and it has stuck.

I love Westside High School because it is my family and my neighborhood. I have two sons – one graduated from Westside in 2020 and the other is currently a junior. The faculty and staff here are among the best and I am lucky to work with them.

My favorite memory from when I was in high school school..YIKES! That was just a few years ago. I’m a graduate of Waltrip High School in HISD and I loved Friday night football games.

If I wasn’t a DEAN at Westside High School...I would volunteer to hold NICU(neonatal intensive care unit) babies in a hospital. Babies and children can’t be loved too much. My family has our own experiences with NICU and it made a lasting impression on me. If not there, I’d be at the lake – that’s my happy place!

Updates to HISD’s Curbside Meal Pick-Ups

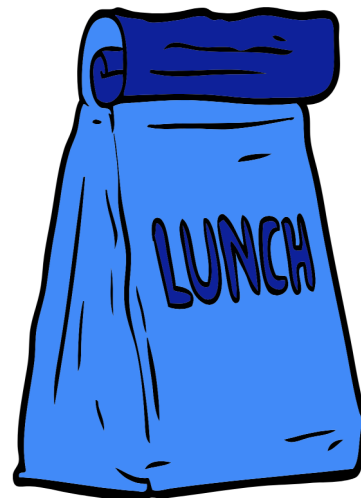
Curbside Pick-Up

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. The pick up time is from 2-5 PM. **Meals available in our area at Paul Revere Middle School.**

Neighborhood Supersites

HISD is launching two Neighborhood Supersites as part of a weekly community food distribution initiative. 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.



Get Involved!



**WOMEN
in tech**

Virtual Summit Hosted by
Nerdy Girl Success™

SATURDAY
NOV. 7TH
12 - 4PM CST
bit.ly/2020wits

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/>

Reminder:

No Classes for Students

October 21 (Teacher In-Service Day)


November 3 (Election Day)

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.

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

Represent Your Fellow Students

Use your Voice

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



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)

Announcements

A banner for the High School Aerospace Scholars program. On the left, a woman is shown in a space helmet with the equation $E=mc^2$ written on the side. In the center, the text "HIGH SCHOOL AEROSPACE SCHOLARS" is displayed in large, bold, yellow and white letters. To the right, a group of six diverse high school students are standing and smiling. Further right, text reads "Texas high school juniors, join NASA as we explore the Moon to Mars!". At the bottom, the website www.nasa.gov/has is listed.

HIGH SCHOOL AEROSPACE SCHOLARS

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A banner for HISD College & Career Readiness Month. The top section has a dark blue background with white stars and the text "HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT". Below this, a large orange banner contains the text "HISD College & Career Readiness Month". Underneath, a dark blue banner with white stars contains the text "Take Control: Explore. Design. Launch Your Future.". The bottom section is a solid orange banner with the website <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/172036> in white text.

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HISD College & Career Readiness Month

Take Control: Explore. Design. Launch Your Future.

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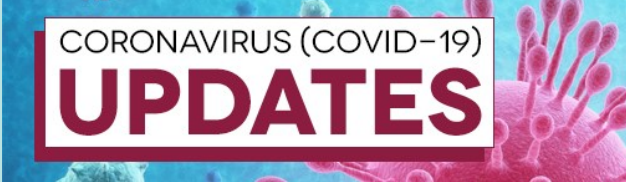
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**NO SATURDAY
SAT & ACT TESTS
AT WESTSIDE**
CANCELED THRU END OF DECEMBER

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**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**

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**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

Scholarship Opportunity!



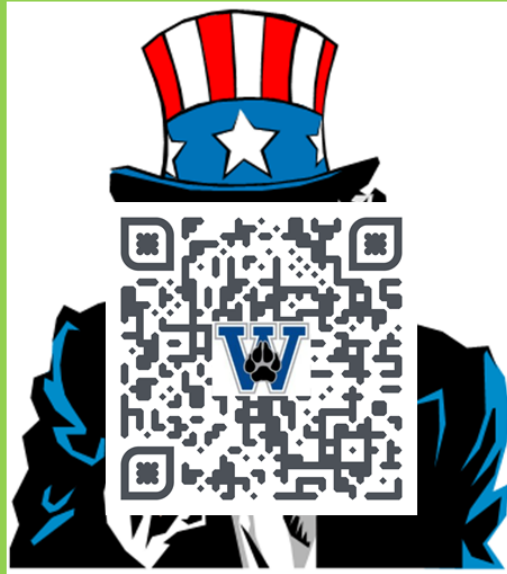
Please join the British American Foundation of Texas for a brief webinar as they discuss opportunities for Juniors and Seniors on October 22 at Noon on Zoom.

A little more about the foundation: The British American Foundation of Texas (BAFTX) offers college scholarships to STEM and business majors in Texas (high school seniors can apply now) as well as an all expenses paid 2 week UK based British Studies summer program in the UK for high school juniors. All applicants should be from low income households and have a good academic record. Applications are open now at www.baftx.org and require an online form, essay, teacher recommendation and academic transcript. BAFTX is a nonprofit that has been awarding scholarships since 2007 and has supported 790 young people in achieving their objectives, awarding \$1.38 million in the process. For more information, visit www.baftx.org

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89998980533?pwd=U2ISTVh3RG5HRDc5TjIHKzd0TINsUT09>

Announcements

We Want YOU...



To JOIN the
Westside PTO



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

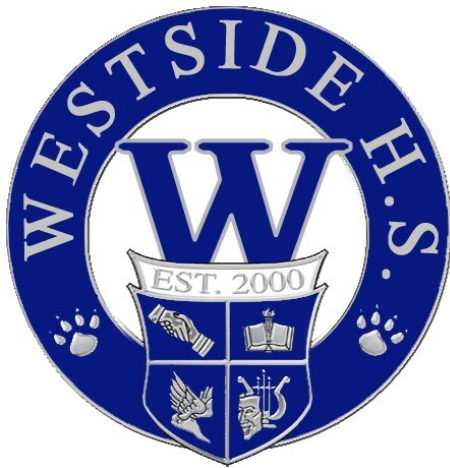
\$15

ORDER ONLINE TODAY!

- 1) ORDER YOUR SIGN ONLINE AT:
WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG/SHOP
- 2) MORE DISTRIBUTION DATES
WILL BE POSTED



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