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from Westside High School

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New Superintendent Visits Westside, Attends #RAK Event

August 26, 2021

HISD's new Superintendent, Millard House II, visited Westside High School on Tuesday to join Wolf Band students in a ceremony honoring their band mate, David Castro, who passed away in July.

Mr. House began his visit by adding a personal post to the #RAKDavid board in the front hallway. "#RAKDavid" (random acts of kindness in David's name) was initiated by his family following his death in a road rage incident. As a counter-point to the tragedy, they asked friends and community to perform random acts of kindness to spread love and positivity.

The superintendent then joined the Percussion Ensemble on the Band Hall lawn for performances and a tree dedication ceremony. David's family attended the event, including his brother, Luke, who follows in his brother's footsteps as a Wolf Band percussionist.

#RAKDavid



Calendar

September 6

Labor Day Holiday,
No School

September 15

Virtual Open House,
6-7:30 PM

September 16

Fall Holiday, No School

September 17

Teacher Service Day,
No School for Students

A Letter from Principal Wittpenn



Greetings Westside Parents,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! We are excited to have begun our first week of school with your student. The in-person energy is palpable, and I look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growth. The theme of our professional development last week for welcoming back teachers was “Re-Emerge and G.R.O.W., the acronym standing for Growth, Resilience, and Optimism at Westside. This is a sentiment I want to continue to encourage in our student body as well; we will reunite and persevere despite the obstacles presented to us over the past 18 months.

I wanted to share with you all some updates as it relates to COVID reporting. Last year, any time there was a positive or presumed positive case, I sent out a community wide call-out. This year, the process has been updated, and the most up to date information can be found outlined in the Houston ISD’s “Ready, Set, Go!” plan linked here: [readyssetgo \(houstonisd.org\)](https://www.houstonisd.org/readysetgo). Our nurse investigates and begins the contact tracing process on our campus, and documents all exposed, presumed and confirmed COVID 19 cases. ***This year, we will only inform parents of a COVID case if their student came into direct contact with someone on campus that was presumed positive or confirmed positive.*** If you would like information regarding active COVID cases, you may access that information on the Houston ISD COVID Dashboard site here: [Special Sections / COVID-19 Dashboard \(houstonisd.org\)](https://www.houstonisd.org/specialsections/covid-19-dashboard).

Additionally, our quarantining protocols have been updated to distinguish between vaccinated and unvaccinated persons. If your student is vaccinated, we encourage you to provide a copy of their vaccination record to the nurse at Downelle.Campbell@houstonisd.org. We also encourage that if your student is tested, that the test results are shared with our nurse at the previously mentioned email; please refrain from bringing the results to campus, as visitors to our campus remain limited at this time. Below is the protocol regarding quarantine:

Unvaccinated Individuals :

Exposed to a Confirmed Positive or Presumed COVID-19 Case (Close Contact): Quarantine for 10 days after the last exposure date to the Confirmed COVID-19 Positive or Presumed COVID-19 Case. Return to campus on day 11.

Vaccinated Individuals :

Fully vaccinated individuals are those who have received one dose of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or the second dose of Pfizer/Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before exposure to a presumed or confirmed COVID-19 case. Fully vaccinated individuals exposed to a presumed or confirmed positive case, do not need to quarantine if not having any symptoms. Fully vaccinated individuals should test 3 – 5 days after exposure, even if not having any symptoms. Wear a mask/face covering when indoors in public for either 14 days from exposure or until a negative COVID-19 test result is obtained within 3 – 5 days from exposure. Proof of COVID-19 immunization needs to be provided to determine immunity.

If your student is required to quarantine, they are eligible for Temporary Online Learning (TOL) for a maximum of 10 days (limited to two quarantines for the year). The website to sign up for TOL is linked here: [HISD @ H.O.M.E. / Temporary Online Learning \(houstonisd.org\)](https://www.houstonisd.org/hisd@h.o.m.e./temporary-online-learning). While this platform is not taught by Westside teachers, our teachers will work with your student to catch up on missed assignments upon their return.

I will be hosting a live event on September 9th and invite you to participate to learn additional information and ask questions.

Seize the day and Go Wolves!

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WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

School Schedule

2021 - 2022

7:45 AM-3:25 PM

2021-2022 Westside Bell Schedule

Monday/Tuesday/Friday

1st Period	7:45 - 8:45
2nd Period	8:50 - 9:41
3rd Period	9:46 - 10:37
4th Period	10:42 - 11:33
LUNCH	11:37 - 12:37
5th Period	12:42 - 1:33
6th Period	1:38 - 2:29
7th Period	2:34 - 3:25

Wednesday/Thursday

1st Period	7:45 - 8:45
3rd/2nd Period	8:50 - 10:22
Guidance	10:27 - 11:07
LUNCH	11:11 - 12:11
5th/4th Period	12:16 - 1:48
7th/6th Period	1:53 - 3:25

Click for
HISD's
Academic
Calendar

[2021-](#)
[2022](#)
[Calendar](#)

A Wolf to Watch!

By Ms. Willett



One of our very own wolves, Sonia Birate, has been selected to the **2021 Code2College Elite Program Class**. “We are excited to have Sonia participate in our intern preparation program. This was a competitive selection process and based on several factors including, but not limited to, program participation, application essay and professionalism.”

As part of the Code2College Elite Program, Sonia will be joining a cohort of students ready to fast track their personal growth. The Code2College Elite Program will help prepare her for an opportunity to interview with Code2College Corporate partners for a paid, technical summer internship. As an Elite Program student, Sonia will participate in after-school technical and professional training sessions twice a week taught by leading industry tech professionals.

Sonia is a senior here at Westside in the Computer Science Pathway.

**save
the
date!**

Virtual Open House
Wednesday, Sept 15
6-7:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE:

*Virtual
Meet & Greet*

WITH PRINCIPAL WITTPENN

SEPTEMBER 9TH
9 AM
ON TEAMS

STAY TUNED FOR A LINK NEXT WEEK

Uniform Policy Updated for 2021-2022

Westside Uniform Policy for 2021-2022



Tops

- ✓ T-shirts, polos, sweatshirts and jackets purchased at the School Store
- ✓ Official Westside club and organization shirts and jackets made available to players/members.
- ✓ Official Westside club and organization shirts and jackets sold school-wide as registered fundraisers

Bottoms

- ✓ Jeans, khaki, navy, and black bottoms including pants, shorts, skirts/skorts, and joggers purchased from any retailer of your choice.
- ✓ Fit and style should be school-appropriate and fabrics of solid color with minimal logos/sports stripes etc. Sagging and immodest rips/tears are not permitted. Pajamas are not permitted.

Outerwear

In addition to sweatshirts and jackets purchased from the school store or offered by an official school organization, students may wear navy, royal, black, grey or white sweatshirts and jackets purchased from a retailer of choice. Offensive graphics are not permitted.

Headwear

Permitted—Religious headwear and headbands equal to or less than 1-inch width

Prohibited—All other head wear including hoods, hats, caps, wraps, scarves, visors, durags, wave caps, skull caps, etc.

Accessories

Jewelry, footwear, socks, backpacks and bags, etc. must not display offensive language, images, or symbols. House shoes/slippers are not permitted.

School IDs

Students must wear school IDs at all times during school hours.

Administrative Discretion: Deans and other school administrators have discretion to make final call on mode-of-dress questions, such as conforming to the expected standard or other issues related to taste, fit, level of modesty, etc.

School Store

The Westside School Store is stocked back up on shirts, however, some sweatshirts and jackets are still on back order. We greatly appreciate your patience during these delays. Click [here](#) for merchandise and price list plus uniform policy.

Students may go to the School Store

before school from 7:30-7:45 AM , or during lunch. The school store accepts cash only and all sales are final.

See below for temporary extended school store hours scheduled especially for parents. No students permitted during these times except if accompanied by parent.



Extended School Store Hours FOR PARENTS

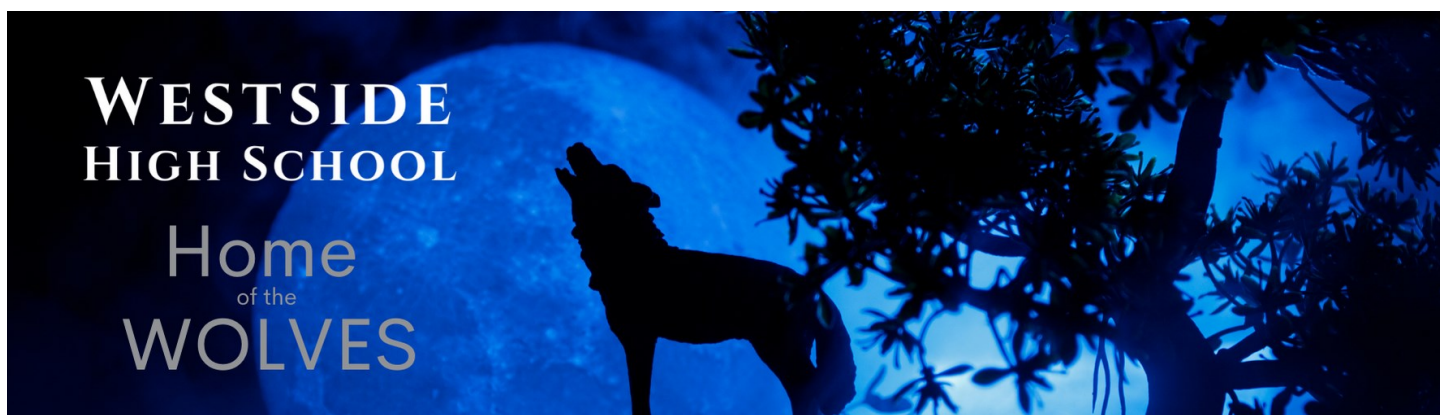
Not for students unless accompanied by parent!

**Selection of shirts
now available!**
SOME SWEATSHIRTS &
JACKETS ARE STILL ON
BACK-ORDER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
10 AM - 1 PM

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 3
3:00 - 4:15 PM

CASH ONLY, NO RETURNS, NO EXCHANGES, NO TRY-ONS



Announcements

Juniors & Seniors

Off-Campus

Applications

are due by end of school day on

Tuesday, Aug. 31

Click for forms:

[Off-Campus Lunch](#)

[Off-Campus 6th/7th](#)

STUDENT PARKING

Students! Click [HERE](#)
To apply for a
reserved spot in the
Student Parking Lot



Volunteer 2021-2022

New and Returning
Volunteers,
please click [here](#)
to complete the online
application process.

New Student REGISTRATION

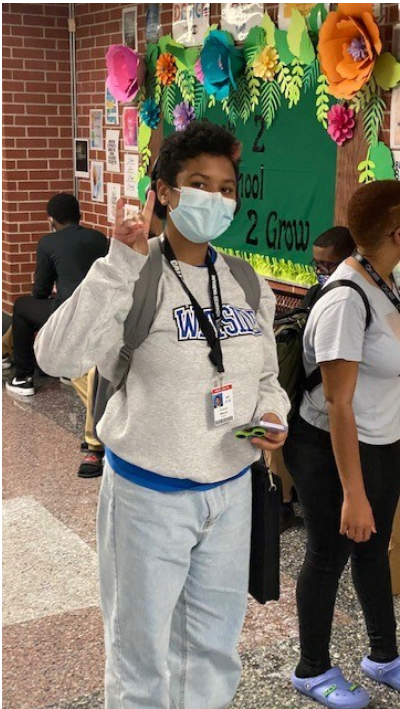
In-Person @ Westside
8 AM-12 Noon

Online

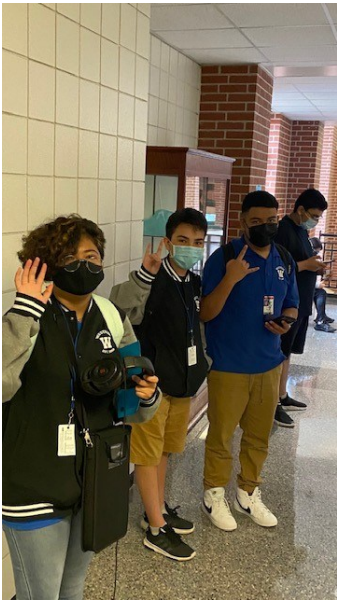
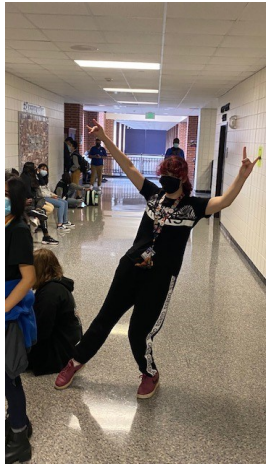
Families may use HISD's
convenient online option
for Westside enrollment:

<https://www.houstonisd.org/enroll>.

First Week Pictures



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WEEK



Announcements

UIL (ACADEMICS) STUDENT RECRUITMENT FOR 2021-22

All coaches will be available in the library for recruitment/questions on September 2nd from 11:30 am -12 noon. Students will be recruited in English, Math, Science, Comp. Sci, Social studies, Accountancy and LD debate teams to participate in UIL tournaments.



Benefits For Students

Participating students learn:

- ✓ The importance of hard work.
- ✓ Poise, self-control, self-discipline and confidence.
- ✓ The importance of teamwork.
- ✓ Networking outside and inside of school.
- ✓ That winning is more than placing first.
- ✓ That learning is an endless and thrilling journey.

Participating students can earn scholarships:

- ✓ The University Interscholastic League is dedicated to finding businesses and organization to donate funds for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF). In 2019 more than 300 students received this scholarship.
- ✓ To be eligible to apply for a TILF scholarship, students must have participated in a **UIL Academic State Meet** during their high school career.
- ✓ Many other organizations consider winner of UIL Academics Meets for their scholarships.

So you want to be a Student Election Worker?

- ✓ Are you 16 years old by Election Day?
- ✓ Are you enrolled in a public, private, or qualified home school?
- ✓ Are you a U.S. citizen?
- ✓ Does your parent or guardian consent?

What's in it for you?

- Help move democracy forward in Harris County!
- Make \$17/ an hour
- Get paid for training
- Get an excused absence from school
- A letter of recommendation for college from Isabel Longoria, Harris County Elections Administrator

Are you in?

- Visit www.harrisvotes.com/studentclerks
- Click on "Apply Now" and complete the online application
- Have your parent/legal guardian complete the consent form sent to their email

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Westside High School



Home of the Wolves!

Announcements

CALLING ALL WESTSIDE BOYS!

Looking for boys grades 9-12! Interested in learning how to break dance? Scan the code to learn more!



SCAN ME


WESTSIDE DANCE



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DANCE COMPANY

WESTSIDE

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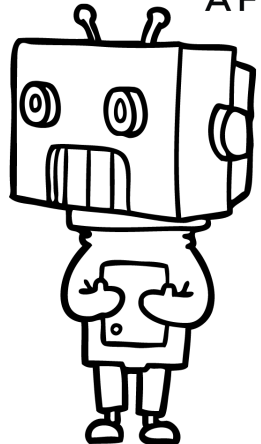




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COACHMIKESONG@GMAIL.COM

INFORMATION MEETING 8/27 FRI Lunch Period WHS RM N113	PARENTS MEETING 9/2 THU 6:00p-7:00p MICROSOFT TEAMS	FALL PRACTICE BEGINS 9/7 TUE 4:00p-6:00p PRACTICE FIELD
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WESTSIDE ROBOTICS

WEDNESDAYS
AFTERSCHOOL V109
3:30-4:45

JOIN THE REMIND
TEXT @WHSVEX21 TO 81010

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
MISS MORRIS




WEST SIDE DRONE

Back after 2 YEARS!!!

3D Printing, 3D Modeling,
taking pictures, Making
friends or just flying
drones.....
we got it all.

**AUGUST 31ST
AFTER SCHOOL
ROOM V111**



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