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from Westside High School

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Black History Month WEGA Celebrates Black Women in STEM

February 7, 2022



Stop by the N1 House bulletin board to check out WEGA's Black History Month display. This year, the club decided to focus on black women in STEM, and the main feature is Katherine Johnson, one of the first black women to work for NASA, who is famous not only for breaking barriers, but also for using her complex understanding of mathematics and trajectories. She pioneered the use of computers to perform complex calculations for NASA, and paved the way for women of color to enter jobs at NASA.

Special thanks to all of the WEGANS who helped with research and creation of this beautiful and educational tribute.

Calendar

February 12 & 19
Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM-12 Noon

February 21
Teacher Service Day,
no school for
students

March 14-18
Spring Break

March 28
No School—
Chavez-Huerta Day

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Save the Date


Westside PTO

Stay Tuned for Link

General Meeting

February 28th at 6:30 PM
on Zoom

After School Tutorials

 <p style="text-align: center;">WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL Howler Hour (After School Tutorials) Schedule Spring 2022</p> <p>Purpose: To serve as support, as well as challenge, for individual students' knowledge acquisition, while providing a space to engage more actively with the course content.</p> <p>When: January 24 – May 26 Monday – Thursday 3:25 pm – 4:25 pm</p>				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English I	E. Bandera-Duplantier (E221)		E. Bandera-Duplantier (E221)	
English II		E. Bandera-Duplantier (E221)		E. Bandera-Duplantier (E221)
AP English Literature	S. Henderson (S225)	S. Henderson (S225)	S. Henderson (S225)	
AP Language and Composition	A. Gonzalez (E130)	T. Hebert (S222)	A. Gonzalez (E130)	T. Hebert (S222)
Algebra I	B. Ngoma (N121)	B. Ngoma (N121)	B. Ngoma (N121)	B. Ngoma (N121)
Algebra 2	N. Jivan (N122)	N. Jivan (N122)	N. Jivan (N122)	N. Jivan (N122)
Biology	T. NgalleMayer (S231)	T. NgalleMayer (S231)	T. NgalleMayer (S231)	
Chemistry	J. Tamayo (S226)	J. Sim (N226)	J. Tamayo (S226)	J. Sim (N226)
AP Chemistry				
AP Physics SAT	P. Andrade (E129)	P. Andrade (E129)	P. Andrade (E129)	P. Andrade (E129)
US History	H. Barrow (E236)	E. Hernandez (N135)	S. Risley (E235)	E. Hernandez (N135)
AP World History	J. Kwezi (Library)	S. Risley (E235)	A. Johnson (E135)	H. Barrow (E236)
		A. Johnson (E135)	J. Kwezi (Library)	A. Johnson (E135)

Covid Testing on Thursdays

Free Covid-19 Testing is available at Westside High School on Thursdays:

- ♦ Free COVID-19 testing on campus for our students & staff on Thursdays. Provide a one-time consent at: <https://bit.ly/HISDC19Test>.
- ♦ Pruebas de detección de COVID -19 en la escuela para nuestro estudiantes y personal. De su consentimiento en: <https://bit.ly/HISDC19Test>.

Aspirations In Computing Award Wolf Senior Wins National Award

Westside senior, Sonia Birate, is a recipient of the 2022 NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC). She is one of 40 national winners and is recognized, along with 360 honorable mentions, across the United States and all overseas military bases. Each year, U.S. high school students in grades 9-12 who are women, genderqueer, or non-binary, are eligible to receive recognition for their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing as demonstrated by their computing experience, computer-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for post secondary education. Sonia is in the computer science

pathway here at Westside High School. She has taken 4 years of computer science, is the president of Westside's GirlsWhoCode club, has participated in the Code2College program, worked during the summer at CodeNinjas, and she has created a chat-bot on mental health awareness. Sonia will be heading to the University of Virginia to study computer science. Congratulations Sonia!!!!



Wrestling Wins 21st District Title

The Boys Wrestling Team won their 21st District Wrestling Title this past weekend and will send 14 Wrestlers to the UIL Regional Championship!!

**Boys Team Champions
(21st District Title)**

Most Outstanding Wrestler- Kyle Lew

Coach of the Year- Mike Froehlich

The boys qualified the most district champions in the entire region with SIX CHAMPIONS out of 8 Finalists!!



Qualified for the Regional Championships this Weekend:

106- Santi Ramirez
113- Juan Cantu
120- Kabeer Assnani (Alt)
126- Xavier Royere
138- Kyle Lew
145- Tyler Vuong
152- Jemarion Moore-Kingsberry (District Runner Up)
160- Freddie Pagan
195- Nick Norman
285- Carter Bennett (District Runner Up)

Girls Regional Qualifiers:

95- Madison Nguyen
102- Kathy Cardenas
128- Alana Manzanares
215- Nina Clark (Alt)

District Champions:

106- Santi Ramirez (9)

**113- Juan Cantu (11)
2X District Champ**

126- Xavier Royere (10)

**138- Kyle Lew (10)
2X District Champ**

**160- Freddie Pagan (12)
4X District Champ**

195- Nick Norman (12)



Westside Figure Skater with Big Dreams

Westside junior, John Catano, is a self-taught figure skater who was recently featured in a column in the Houston Chronicle by lifestyle writer, Joy Sewing (click [HERE](#) to read column). John is recognized for his drive and determination to break into the sport, which has only 2% representation by Black, Hispanic, and Native American participants. Way to go, John! We are proud of our Wolf!

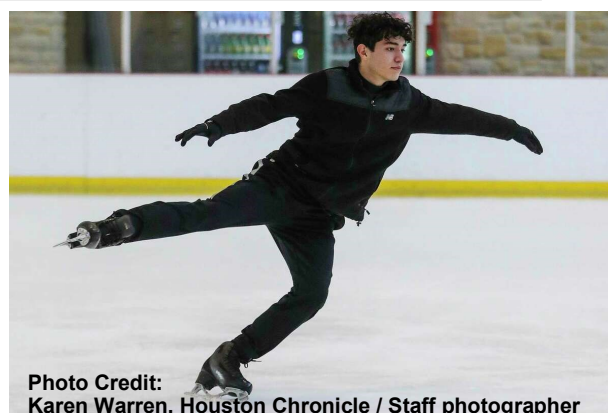


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Karen Warren, Houston Chronicle / Staff photographer

Varsity & JV Boys Swimming District Champs

The Westside swim team competed at the Region IV Championships this last weekend and set new school records in the following events:

Boys

200 Medley Relay

200 Freestyle: Jack Brown

200 Individual Medley: Ian O'Neil

100 Butterfly: Lennox Choi

200 Freestyle Relay

100 Backstroke: Colby Williams

400 Freestyle Relay

Girls

11 dives at 1 Meter: Leena Dagfri

Last week, the boys won the Varsity District Championships by 27 points and the boys won Junior Varsity District Championships by 45 points.

New School records:

200 Medley Relay: Colby Williams, JP McCann, Lennox Choi, Thomas Dowdy

200 Freestyle Relay: Kevin Williams, JP McCann, William Walker, Thomas Dowdy



Varsity Boys District Champs



Junior Varsity Boys District Champs

1st place finishers at Varsity Districts

200 Free: William Walker

200 Free: Grace Oggero

1meter Diving: Leena Dagfri

100 Butterfly: Lennox Choi

100 Freestyle: JP McCann

500 Free: Grace Oggero

100 Backstroke: Colby Williams

400 Freestyle Relay: Lennox Choi, William Walker, Jack Brown, Kevin Williams

1st Place finishers at JV Districts

200 Freestyle: Thomas Dockins

200 Individual Medley: Sean Parasram

50 Freestyle: Drew Sevier

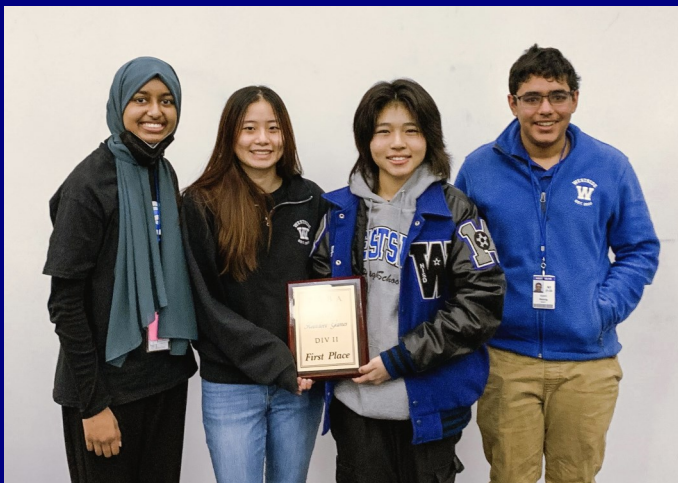
100 Freestyle: Drew Sevier

500 Freestyle: Juan Cardona

100 Backstroke: Owen Wittrock

100 Breaststroke: Max Kiser

Quiz Bowl Team Takes Home Hardware



Congratulations Amberlyn Haque, Kelly Shih, Janine Teh and Saahir Narang for winning the 2021 Div II Reindeer Games Quiz Bowl Tournament!

Westside's National Signing Day Athletes



Athlete: Moira Silva

Parents: Martin and Elena Silva

Coach: Daniel Gutierrez

College: VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, TRINITY UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY, MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Sport: Tennis

Athlete: Lucia Esteban-Rodriguez

Parents: Elisa Esteban and Gonzalo Rodriguez

Coach: Daniel Gutierrez

College: St. Mary's (San Antonio)

Sport: Tennis

Athlete: Nonso Omezi

Parents: Sebastine and Nneka Omezi

Coach: Jomaul Mason

College: Trinity Valley Community College

Sport: Football

Athlete: Dorian Washington

Parents: Mary Dorsey

Coach: Jomaul Mason

College: UT Permian Basin

Sport: Football



Athlete: Nicholas Norman Jr.

Parents: Nick Norman Sr. & Meoka McBride

Coach: Jomaul Mason

College: Simpson College, East Texas Baptist University, North American University

Sport: Football

Athlete: Josiah Scott

Parents: David and Marlene Scott

Coach: Jomaul Mason

College: Papago JC or Phoenix City College

Sport: Football

Athlete: Briac Jones

Parents: Dave and Natalie Jones

Coach: Mike Song

College: Newberry College

Sport: Lacrosse

Athlete: Calvin Matlock

Parents: Michael and Stephanie Matlock

Coach: Mike Song

College: Lees-McRae College

Sport: Lacrosse

Athlete: Zane Lassberg

Parents: Karl and JJ Lassberg

Coach: Mike Song

College: Colorado State University-Pueblo

Sport: Lacrosse

Athlete: Gabriel Rodriguez

Parents: Hector and Adriana Rodriguez

Coach: Mike Barrow

College: TBD

Sport: Baseball

Athlete: Michael Fisk

Parents: Pat and Erin Fisk

Coach: Mike Barrow

College: TBD

Sport: Baseball

Athlete: Ike Rodriguez

Parents: Alberto Sanchez (uncle)

Coach: Mike Barrow

College: TBD

Sport: Baseball

Athlete: Nathan Rangel

Parents: Britney Ruiz (mom), Irma Ruiz (grandma)

Coach: Mike Barrow

College: TBD

Sport: Baseball



Covid 19 Vaccine Info

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January 29, 2022	February 5, 2022	February 12, 2022
Lyons Elementary 800 Roxella St, 77076 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Benavidez Elementary 6262 Gulfton St, 77081 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Brookline Elementary 6301 S Loop E Fwy, 77087 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Appointments not required. Getting vaccinated is FREE and does not require proof of residency, citizenship, or insurance.
Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines available at each site.
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No se requieren citas. Es GRATIS vacunarse y no requiere prueba de residencia, ciudadanía o seguro.
Vacunas Pfizer, Moderna, y Johnson & Johnson disponibles en cada sitio.
Tarjetas de regalo limitadas en cada sitio.

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KHANATHLON WINNERS


1/31/22

Hiranya Tennakoon (11)
Srimahesh Ganta (10)
Fardin Mutassim (11)

CONGRATS!



Announcements




Saturday Tutorials

January 8, 22 & 29
February 5, 12, 19 & 25
March 5 & 26
April 2, 9, 23 & 30
May 7, 14, 21 & 28

9 AM-12 Noon

- Must enter via main doors from horseshoe driveway on Briar Forest
- Wear an appropriate face mask & school-appropriate attire
- Bring IDs, assignments & charged laptops





Saturday February 12, 2022
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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DEC 21- COLLEGE READINESS
**JAN 1-MENTAL HEALTH & COVID RESPONSE +
STANDARDIZED TESTING**
**JAN 15- CRITICAL RACE THEORY /RACIAL INEQUITY &
SYSTEMIC RACISM**
**JAN 29- LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS / GENDER
IDENTITY/TERMINOLOGY**
FEB 12-- DISABILITY RIGHTS /ABLEISM
FEB 26- MENTAL HEALTH IN HS & COLLEGE
MAR 5- STUDENT LEADERSHIP, VOICE & ORGANIZING

1:00pm -2:30pm /CST

Announcements

SPIRIT WEEK

February 14th - 18th
Heart Health Awareness Spirit Week!

MONDAY	RED Day Feb 14th Wear red to raise awareness!
TUESDAY	Twin Day Feb 15th Pair up against heart disease!
WEDNESDAY	Show your Love Feb 16th Wear your favorite sports team or artist
THURSDAY	Health Hero Feb 17th Dress up as a superhero!
FRIDAY Plaid Day Feb 18th Wear plaid to box out heart disease!	

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FEB 14TH
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BLUEBONNETS \$5 PER POT



PAY MS.KLEIN \$5 BEFORE FEBRUARY 11TH IN ROOM V103 TO HAVE A FESTIVE BLUEBONNET POT DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO A SPECIAL SOMEONE DURING THEIR 4TH* PERIOD FEBRUARY 14TH

COMPLETE GOOGLE FORM TO SUBMIT INFO



GOOGLE FORM





February 1 - 10

Student Council launches

#TackleHunger Campaign

Student Council is partnering with BPA, HOSA and WEGA to tackle hunger in West Houston. Food insecurity is a reality in Houston. Westside students can help ease this problem by donating non-perishable food items. Collection boxes will be located in each house office. There will also be a collection box by the Welcome Desk. Students who donate 5 food items can earn 1 service hour for their organization (10 food items can earn 2 service hours). Students need to check in with the house secretary with their food items so they can get credit for the food donation. Last year, Westside was able to donate over 1000 lbs of food to the West Houston Assistance Ministry food pantry. All students and staff are invited to donate food items between Feb 1 - 10. Any questions, please contact Ms. Willett: margaret.willett@houstonisd.org or ext: 036305

Announcements

**Attention Students in the
Health Science and
Futures Pathway**

**HOSA IS
ACCEPTING
NEW MEMBERS
THIS
SEMESTER!**



Link to the application is
<https://forms.gle/48oncVnYUPK2Yb1y7>

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Cheer Tryouts

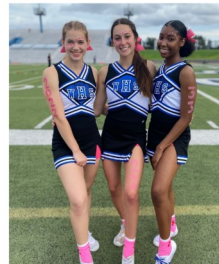
INTERESTED IN BEING A WESTSIDE
CHEERLEADER FOR THE 22-23 SCHOOL YEAR?

JOIN OUR INSTAGRAM

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TO ACCESS THE TRYOUT PACKET ON
MONDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

Applications will be accepted until March 11, 2022



See Coach Vazquez for any
questions in E127

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(Grades 9-12)

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Announcements



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on Fridays



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Student Employment Opportunities

Attn: High School Students

- ☒ Are you 16 years old by Election Day?
- ☒ Do you need volunteer hours?
- ☒ Would you like a letter of recommendation for college from Harris County Elections?

The details:

- Parental and principal consent is required
- Pay is \$17 an hour and training is paid
- Your absence from school is excused

Next steps:

- Visit www.harrisvotes.com/studentclerks
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Senior Announcements



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Westside High School CLASS OF 2022

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THE SPIRIT OF ACHIEVEMENT

Senior Announcements

SENIOR PARENT MEMO

Hello Class of 2022 Parents,

I hope that you all have had a great start to this new year. There was a senior class meeting last week and I wanted to share with you the information covered in that meeting. Below are links regarding upcoming senior events and reminders for the remainder of the school year.

- [Senior Meeting Video](#)
- [Senior Meeting Packet](#)

I encourage you to fill out [THIS FORM](#) if you have any questions about the information linked above.

One important thing to note is that event dates (excluding graduation) are subject to change. We want to make sure that we are honoring the district's guidelines and having these senior events in a safe manner.

Thank you for your support,

Kendra Johnson
Senior Class Sponsor



Bell Schedule

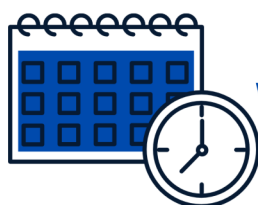


Mon/Tues/Fri

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
Home Room	10:27 - 11:07
LUNCH	11:11 - 12:11
5th/4th Period	12:16 - 1:48
7th/6th Period	1:53 - 3:25



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL School Schedule 2021 - 2022

7:45 AM-3:25 PM

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