April 17, 2023

English I & II STAAR This Week

STAAR End of Course Exams

Important Note: Bring charged laptop and charger

English I—April 18 English II—April 19

Altered Schedule Week of April 17

Late Start for Non-Testers on 4/18 & 4/19

Important note for all non-testers: Non-Testers may arrive late on Tuesday and Wednesday. Lunch will be available from 12-1 PM. All students should be in class at 1:10 PM sharp. Bus riders and others who do not have alternate transportation may arrive early and will be accommodated in a supervised study hall.

Altered Schedule Week of April 17				
April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
	English I STAAR	English II STAAR		
Periods 1·7 Normal Schedule	7:45 ·12:00 Testing	7:45·12:00 Testing		
	12:00-1:00 Lunch for Non-Testers	12:00·1:00 Lunch for Non·Testers	Normal Thursday Block Day Pd 1, 2, 4, 6 Plus	Spring Holiday No School
	12:30·1:00 Lunch for Testers	12:30·1:00 Lunch for Testers		
	1:10·2:15 1st Period	1:10·2:15 3rd Period	Pack Time	
	2:20:3:25 5th Period	2:20-3:25 7th Period		

Calendar

April 18 STAAR English I

April 19 STAAR English II

April 21 Spring Holiday, No School

April 24 PTO General Meeting, 6:30 PM in \$100

May 2 STAAR Biology

May 3 STAAR US History

May 4 STAAR Algebra I

May 29 Memorial Day Holiday, No School

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STAAR End of Course Exams

Important Note: HISD-Issued Laptops Are Required to take STAAR Exams.

Please arrive at school with a CHARGED laptop and bring your charger as well

Test Dates:

English I—April 18 English II—April 19 Biology—May 2 US History—May 3 Algebra I—May 4

Students will need to bring their charged HISD-issued student laptop and charger to school on test day.

If a student does not have a school laptop or has one that is damaged, they should contact

Attention Juniors & Junior Parents!

Junior Students and Parents,

This week, Algebra 2 students will take the Math portion of a test called the Texas Success Initiative (TSI). The TSI is a test of college readiness and there are 2 sections—math and ELA. You are only taking one section, math. A passing score is required before a student is allowed to take a college level math class. Why are you taking a college prep test now, you may ask? Great question! The TSI math portion is heavily geared toward the Algebra 2 curriculum, meaning the concepts you have

been working on are what is tested! You are in the best position possible to take and pass this test now!

You will be asked to create an account at Accuplacer.org and register yourself with a new account using your HISD email and to take a short pre-assessment before taking the actual TSI. Once you take the actual test, you will have access to your scores through email.

TSIA2 Testing

Who? Juniors who are taking Algebra 2

What? Will take the TSI as the material is fresh in their minds and they increase their chances of getting a high score!

Where? In the Gym

When? April 19th at 7:45am

Why? The TSI includes mostly Algebra 2, so it makes sense to take it at the end of the class!



- 1. When you pass TSIA MATH/ELAR, you do not have to take remedial courses in college
- 2. Save Money
- 3. Save Time
- 4. Comfort: Test here at Westside--familiar environment
- 5. Convenience: Multiple dates, multiple opportunities
- 6. Results are good for 5 Years
- 7. Get the support you need & prepare here at Westside
- 8. Results are accepted by any Texas state-funded school
- 9. Peace of mind: One less thing to worry about as you decide on next steps
- 10. Confidence: know you are ready for college, career and LIFE!

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School News

Westside's Class of 2023 Valedictorian and Salutatorians

Congratulations to our Class of 2023 top scholars:

Valedictorian—Saahir Narang

Salutatorians—Megan McKay & Aidan Vu



L-R: Saahir Narang , Aidan Vu, Megan McKay & Principal Zapata



Award presentation at Scholars Banquet on 4/11 held at Hilton Americas Hotel in downtown Houston.

Symphonic Winds Earns Superior Ratings at UIL

Congratulations to Westside Symphonic Winds on receiving first division ratings on stage and in sight reading at last week's UIL Competition.



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Wrestling: The HISD School Board honored our All State Wrestlers and Top 7 State team at the Board Meeting on 4/13/23.

Kyle Lew—State Champion

Juan Cantu —State Runner Up

Santi Ramirez—State 3rd Place

Xavier Royere—State Qualifier





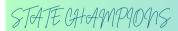
TEAM:

1st Kick
1st Pom
1st Modern
1st Runner-Up Medium Team
1st Runner-Up Classic Team
Highpoint Team Pom
Outstanding technique, performance,
and choreography



OFFICERS:

1st Contemporary
1st Lyrical
1st Modern
1st Runner Overall Classic Officers
1st Runner Medium Classic Officers
Outstanding Choreography
Outstanding Technique
Outstanding Quality Modern



ELITE:

State Champions
1st Contemporary
1st Jazz
1st Modern
Diamond Score
Outstanding Choreography
Outstanding Technique
Outstanding Execution Modern
Outstanding Performance Quality



PRIDE DANCE TEAM

School News

Drone Club Places 2nd at Nationals: This past weekend, Westside Drone Club competed at the Aerial Drones Championship: Perseverance Nationals in Sugar Land, TX. After placing 5th in the

qualifying round, the team competed in the final tournament and moved up to 2nd place overall. The team, coached by Ms. Morris, consists of Al Hareth Aljanabi, Aliyah Patton, Alexandre Aguilar, Rishi Kundoor, Isaac Smith, Ridwan Islam, Nevenora Richemond, Jada Howard, Rafa Ammourah, Ashten Berry, and William Jackson. This is the first year the team has competed in the Aerial Drones Competition so please congratulate them on a phenomenal season! Thank you sponsors, administrators, staff, and cheerleaders who helped make this possible.











2023 Area Track & Field Qualifiers

Girls Placed 4th Overall in District

Girl's Area qualifiers:

Casei Clark, 1st in TJ & , 2nd in 400m Neso Anisiobi, 1ST in HJ Sabrina Hewitt, 2nd in HJ T'Aysia Notias, 3rd in HJ Kamryn Johnson, 1st in 100m T' Aysia Notias, 4th in 100m 4x1 relay, 1st 4x2 relay, 3rd 4x4 relay, 3rd

Boys Placed 2nd Overall in District

Boy's Area qualifiers:

4x4 relay, 4th

David Griffith, 2nd in DT & 3rd in SP
Dive Afuke, 1st in TJ
Nicolas Hutchinson, 3rd in 3200m & 3rd in 1600m
Noah Roberts, 3rd in 110h & 3rd in 300h
Jahbari Kuykendall, 1st in 100m & 3rd in 200m
Naji Anderson, 3rd in 400m
Jordan Edmondson, 1st in the 800m & 2nd in the
1600m
4x1 relay, 3rd
4x2 relay, 4th

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NHS Acceptance Letters

Will be distributed during 3rd PD on Monday, 4/17/23

Westside DUAL CREDIT - 2023-2024

You can earn up to 26 hours of college credit at Westside!

Westside Dual Credit program is now accepting paperwork for the 2023-24 school year.

Courses offered:

ENGL 1301/1302

~English 4 ~12th grade

HIST 1301/1302

~U. S. History ~11th grade

ARTS 1301/1303

~Art History and Art Appreciation ~10th, 11th, 12th grades Can count as your fine arts requirement or as an elective

MATH 1314/1316

~College Algebra and Trig ~After you take WHS PreCal CANNOT count as your 4th year of required math

NEW FOR 2023GEOL 1305

~Environmental Science ~One Semester ~.5 science or elective credit

For more information, click <u>HERE</u>

Paper copies of forms available in South 2 Office

For more information, please contact Mrs. Matlock at

smatlock@houstonisd.org.

Announcements



FRIDAY, APRIL 21 HISD Spring Holiday NO SCHOOL

Code of Conduct Survey: Houston ISD is in the process of collecting feedback on the Code of Student Conduct. The district's Code of Student Conduct was developed to protect the rights of students.

The survey should only take 5 minutes to complete. IP addresses and email addresses will not be collected automatically, so results are confidential. If survey respondents choose to provide their email address, it will only be used for additional questions if needed.

The link to access the survey in English, Spanish, and Arabic using Microsoft Forms is here.

MARCH on over with Nico

& order your 2023 YEARBOOK

> CASH ONLY \$85 IN A216

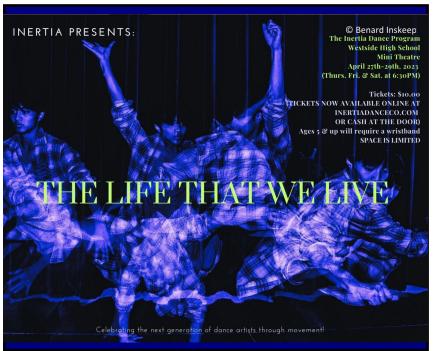
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Clinic Corner

News from Nurse Stephens

WEEK OF 4/17/2023

STAAR testing is this week. Please allow yourself to get adequate rest and be sure to eat a healthy meal.

Having daily well-balanced meals provides energy which allows an individual to focus throughout the day.



PTO GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 24 6:30 PM IN S100

Saturday Tutorials

April 15, 22 & 29 May 6, 13, 20 & 27

9 AM-12 Noon

- Enter via main doors from horseshoe driveway on Briar Forest
- Wear school-appropriate attire
- Bring IDs, assignments & charged laptops

Announcements



Senior Attendance Appeal

Seniors, did you miss more than 5 days in any class this semester, excused or unexcused?
You may begin logging hours for your attendance appeal now!

Hours will be due at the end of the school year

Attend tutorials during lunch time for .5 hours

Attend Saturday tutorials for 3 hours

You may also need to complete a course in APEX

Stop by N207 to pick up the form to document your hours. If you have any questions about your absences, please see your dean or Ms. Williams in N207.



Grad March Tuesday, May 30th



Seniors! Visit a neighborhood elementary school and walk the halls in your graduation gown!





Show the elementary students you're a

Proud WESTSIDE Grad! Page 12 Wolf eNews

Prom 2023



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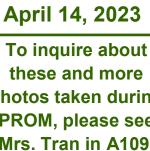


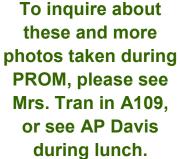




















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SENIOR Announcements









Scholarships: For Westside Students ONLY

The WHS College Center is pleased to announce that there are 4 WESTSIDE ONLY scholarships that our Senior students can apply for! All are due May 1.

- **1. The PTO Spirit Award.** Five \$1000 awards will be given. Must have a 2.5 GPA and demonstrate Westside spirit. Student must have a parent who was a PTO member on Jan 15th of this year.
- 2. The PTO Alumni Award. Awards are \$500 and the number of how many will be awarded depends on the number of applicants. GPA requirement is a 2.0 and student must have overcome an obstacle. Does NOT require PTO membership.

Both of these PTO applications can be found at:

https://www.westsidehighpto.org/scholarship

 #RAKDavid Scholarship. Two \$1000 awards will be given. Must have a 2.0 GPA and be able to document strong community service or acts of kindness.

https://www.rakdavid.org/kindness-scholarships

4. The Pannila Foundation. Two \$10,000 awards will be given, to be dispersed at \$2500/yr renewable. Must have a 3.0 GPA and have a gap in college funding. Application was emailed to all seniors with a 3.0 GPA and higher through Naviance to the student's HISD email on March 20 from Joy Maguire.

SENIOR Announcements



Click for live links: senior countdown

Class of 2023 - Senior Countdown Spring Edition

Westside Seniors,

Welcome to the second half of your senior year! You are almost done. Please read this document carefully and share it with your parents. This information is also available on the Class of 2023 Canvas course. If you have questions, stop by room N225 or email me at margaret.willett@houstonisd.org. Let's make this spring semester one to remember!

Ms.Willett

- ☐ Dues are now a ONE TIME PAYMENT of \$180. Access school pay here.
- Students may not choose to deny individual items to make a smaller payment.
- ☐ The Senior Dues total is non-negotiable.

What do Senior Dues Cover?

- 1. Cap & Gown

- Graduation Ceremony
 Diploma & Diploma Cove
- Graduation Panoramic Picture
- 5. Senior Pionic 6. Senior T-Shirt
- 7. Senior Awards/Honors Night

Paying in each? See Mc.Lookard (located in the Library or School Store)



School Pay

ONE TIME PAYMENT!!

When you pay determines payment amount Pay by the following date	Qualified for Federal Free/Reduced Lunch*	All others
after 11/18/2022 you owe:	\$180.00 (no discount)	\$180.00

- to receive the discounted price, students MUST complete the following documents
- Free and Reduced Lunch form (Dean Mayfield)
- SAQ Form (Student Support Center)

ck up (only if dues have been paid). Senior shirts have arrived. Go to to

RANKINGS and DIPLOMAS

erification is due by February 3. Also, final senior rankings will be emailed on 2/10/2023.

COLLEGE CENTER & TRANSCRIPT

asse see the steps below for ordering your transcript

- First, list the colleges in Naviance under "Colleges I am applying to"
- Second, come to the College Center; complete the YELLOW form and pay \$2.
- See Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Maguire, or Ms. Paredes for specific College Center Needs

Attendance Reminders

our attendance is CRUCIAL to your success! You must attend all classes!! If you are absent...

- 3 Days to bring a note for an Excused Absence to Attendance Office.
- 3 Unescused Absences Referral to dean or administrator
 4 Unescused Absences Attendance contract with your dean after trusney disc
- 7 Unescused Absences Reverse Suspension (your parent/guardian attends achool with you)
- · 8 Unexcused Absences Referral to TRIAD Juvenile Court for Saturday counseling sessions
- our home address changes, notify the Attendance Office ASAI*

SENIOR COUNTDOWN: Upcoming Events & Due Dates

Month	Event		
January	Pay dues/pick up senior shirts		
February	Senior Meeting Order yearbook; Complete senior quotes and superlatives		
April	Promit April 14,2023 at 7:00 pm, Hyatt Regency, West Houston Ticket sales will be 2 weeks prior Prom contracts available late Marchiearly April		
May	SENIOR HONORS NIGHT (May 18) Auditorium at 5:30 pm SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES 5/25-26 Senior Check-Out; 5/30 Panoramic Picture; Senior Walk 5/31 Graduation Rehearsal, Senior Picnic		
June	Graduation!!!! Saturday, Jun 3, 2023 at noon at NRG Stadium		
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PROM THEME VOTE

an the QR code to vote on your favorite prom then



TAY CONNECTED

- → Westside Instagram: @whssenior 2023
 → Make sure email address and cell phone number are correct in College Center.













ORDER YOUR SCHOOL HOODIES ONLINE AT WWW.WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG
COLLECTION IN THE COMMONS ON THURSDAYS

Did you know you can support the PTO through the Kroger Community Rewards Program?

Log into your Kroger account

- > Search Community Rewards
- > Search Westside H.S Parent Teacher Organization
- > Click 'Enroll'

Thank you for supporting the Westside H.S PTO!











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