



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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April 3, 2023

Attendance Counts!

Wolf Families, please take some time to remind students that attendance counts! If a student is absent too many times, they risk losing credit for their classes regardless of the grade they earn. *(In accordance with Texas Education Code Section 25.092 Attendance for Credit 90% Rule; A student at any grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 shall not be given credit or final grade for a class unless the student is in attendance 90 percent of the days in which the class is offered.)*

Regular attendance is encouraged to achieve maximum academic success and to establish good habits for college and career. Take a few minutes to chat with your students about the importance of coming to school every day and being on time for all of their classes.

Saturday Tutorials

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

Calendar

April 7

Spring Holiday,
No School

April 10

Coffee with the
Principal, 8:15 AM in
the Library

April 14

Last Day of
Cycle 5

April 18

STAAR English I

April 19

STAAR English II

April 21

Spring Holiday,
No School

May 29

Memorial Day Holi-
day, No School

[2022-2023](#)
[HISD](#)
[Calendar](#)

Upcoming Testing

STAAR Spring 2023

STAAR End of Course Exams

Important Note: HISD-Issued Laptops Are Required

Save the 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 their dean now so that we can address and correct the issue prior to test day.


Why Take the TSIA2?

TSIA2 Testing

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA2) is a series of tests for students enrolling in public colleges and universities in Texas. The tests help Texas schools determine whether a student is ready for college-level courses in the areas of reading, writing, and math.

Not all Texas college students have to take TSIA2. If your student has met college readiness standards on a standardized test like the SAT, they may be [exempt](#). NOTE: SAT Scores are available in your student's [College Board](#) account.


If your student is NOT exempt, they can [sign up here](#). The sign up is for notification only, not the test date. Test dates will be available throughout the semester; please see your dean for details.



TOP 10 REASONS TO TAKE TSIA2

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!

[#WolvesTHRIVE](#)



School News

Sub-Varsity Track & Field:

2023 District Track & Field

JV Girls Results

Overall finished 2nd place

100M Dash

Nayaele Soumaoro- 2nd place
Cydney Carson- 7th place

200M Dash

Garlynn Grant- 2nd place
Chaleah Bennett- 8th place

400M Dash

Madison Harmon-5th place
Jyeshuah Swain- 10th place

4x200- 2nd place

Cydney Carson
Chaleah Bennett
Nayaele Soumaoro
Garlynn Grant

Shot Put

Ja' kaila Matlock- 2nd place
Kayla Simon- 4th place
Kamryn Lacy- 7th place

Discus

Kayla Simon- 2nd place
Mia Montemayor- 4th place
Ja' kaila Matlock- 5th place

Long Jump

Madison Harmon- 4th place
Cydney Carson- 5th place

Triple Jump

Madison Harmon- 1st place
Cydney Carson- 2nd place

JV Boys Results

Overall finished 3rd place

100M Dash

Brayden Anderson- 4th place
Jason Ekezie- 6th place
Daniel Jefferson- 7th place

110M Hurdles

Elijah Franklin- 2nd place

200M Dash

Justin Nwoko- 3rd place
Eddrick Rasolondraibe-8th place
Nathaniel Odenigbo- 10th place

300M Hurdles

Elijah Franklin- 2nd place

400M Dash

Nathaniel Odenigbo- 8th place
Jyeshuah Swain- 10th place

4x200- 3rd place

Justin Nwoko
Jason Ekezie
Eddrick Rasolondraibe
Brayden Anderson

4x400- 3rd place

Jyeshuah Swain
Justin Nwoko
Eddrick Rasolondraibe
Elijah Franklin

Shot Put

Calvin Miller- 5th place
Walter Conley- 6th place

Discus

Walter Conley- 2nd place

Long Jump

Daniel Jefferson- 4th place

District

UIL Academics Championship

Calculator Applications

3rd Place – Team Placement

Computer science

4th place—Kyle Eagleson

6th—Saahir Narang

LD Debate

Faith Olabanji

Number Sense

5th Place - Khue Trinh

Science

2nd Place – Team Placement

2nd Place Top Scorer in Biology –

Khue Trinh

3rd Place Top Scorer in Biology –

Rajni Nitturi

Spelling

2nd Place - Jayita Hensh



L-R: Saahir, Jayita and Khue



School News

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 2023***GEOL 1305**

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

For more information, click [HERE](#)

Paper copies of forms available in South 2 Office

For more information, please contact Mrs. Matlock at smatlock@houstonisd.org.

Announcements

Be a WINNER like
Jordan
& order your
2023
YEARBOOK

CASH ONLY
\$85
IN A216

Get **CONNECTED** YB23










City of Houston

INTERNSHIP

Opportunities

MAYOR'S HIRE HOUSTON YOUTH PROGRAM

Application opens
January 16, 2023

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be 16 - 24 years old
- Must be eligible to work in the U.S.
- Reside within the City of Houston
- Must be available to work 32 hours per week for 8 weeks
- Pay rate is \$10.00 per hour

APPLY

Apply early – Application screening begins March 27!

[HireHoustonYouth-CityofHoustonJobs](https://hirehoustonyouth-cityofhoustonjobs)

NOTE: Successful candidates will be required to pass a background check

QUESTIONS? Email: summerjobsprogram@houston.tx.gov

For information on Hire Houston Youth and non-city opportunities visit hirehoustonyouth.org



We have summer internships available in various City departments through the Mayor's Hire Houston Youth Program. The eight-week internship will run from June 12 - August 3.

The Hire Houston Youth Program gives you the opportunity to learn about and engage in your local government while gaining valuable work experience!










Ciudad de Houston

Oportunidades

para puesto de interno

Se abre la aplicación
16 de Enero de 2023

CALIFICACIONES

- Debe tener entre 16 y 24 años
- Debe ser elegible para trabajar en los EE. UU.
- Residir dentro de la Ciudad de Houston
- Debe estar disponible para trabajar 32 horas por semana durante 8 semanas
- La tarifa de pago es de \$10.00 por hora

Solicitar

Solicite temprano: ¡la evaluación de solicitudes comienza el 27 de marzo!

[HireHoustonYouth-CityofHoustonJobs](https://hirehoustonyouth-cityofhoustonjobs)

NOTA: Los candidatos seleccionados deberán pasar una verificación de antecedentes

¿PREGUNTAS? Correo electrónico: summerjobsprogram@houston.tx.gov

Para obtener información sobre Hire Houston Youth y oportunidades de la ciudad de Houston, visite hirehoustonyouth.org



Tendremos posiciones de interno para el Verano disponibles en varios Departamentos de la ciudad a través de la Contratación del Alcalde el programa Juvenil de Houston sera por ocho semanas y el puesto de interno se realizará del 12 de Junio al 3 de Agosto.

¡El programa para jóvenes Hire Houston le brinda la oportunidad de conocer y participar en su gobierno local mientras adquiere una valiosa experiencia laboral!



Announcements



Parents...
You're Invited

**Coffee &
Conversation
with
Principal Zapata**

Monday
April 10
Library/8:15 AM



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!



Support our school and our students with the PTO
We have the right volunteer spot for you!
Scan the QR and let us know how you can help

Questions? Email us at whsptovolunteers@gmail.com



Limited Time

**BUY YOUR SENIOR A
WHS PAWPRINT TODAY!**

The PTO is NOW accepting orders for Class of 2023 Pawprints! Customized paws for SENIORS will be painted Spring of 2023 and remain until Summer of 2024!



Order yours today:
www.westsidehighpto.org/pawprint

Save the Date:

PTO
GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 24
6:30 PM IN S100

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!



Announcements

DONATION BOXES WILL BE PLACED IN
E125 S110 S244



Westside High School
MARCH 21-MARCH 31
WOMEN'S DRIVE

EARN HOURS FOR
-FBLA
-HOSA
-KEY CLUB
-STUCO
-RED CROSS

**DONATING
4 ITEMS=1 HOUR**

COOPERATIVE EFFORTS FROM:






Donation List

1hr=4 items

- Diapers
- Baby toys
- Baby wipes
- Baby clothes (underwear, socks)
- Baby shampoo
- Baby body wash
- Baby conditioner
- Gloves
- Socks
- Towels
- Combs
- Deodorant
- Pads
- Tampons
- Womens perfume
- Women body wash
- Womens clothes (sweaters, t shirts, pants, sweatpants)
- Tooth brush
- Tooth paste
- Blankets
- Baby shoes
- Shoes
- Soap
- floss
- First aid items
- Women Shampoo
- Women Conditioner



JOIN THE WESTSIDE CHOIR!

concerts and events! Activities and many fun opportunities

Interested?
Contact Ms. Pham at
tpham1@houstonisd.org

Auditions:
6th period advanced womens
7th period mixed chamber choir

No auditions:
2nd+5th period women's beginners
3rd period men's beginners





Spring Holiday


NO SCHOOL

Friday

April 7

School News

OFFERING AP PHYSICS 1
 Know the science behind everything happening around you



RIISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS, ARE YOU

- looking for a course that gives an extra edge to your transcript?
- planning to major in 'Engineering' or any STEM fields?
- ready to learn the strategies of problem solving?
- looking for a course that builds 'Think Through Math' skills?

If your answer for any of the above is 'yes' then

talk to your dean to select AP Physics 1.

Already completed PreAP Chemistry and PreAP Algebra II? This course is for you.....

For questions contact Dr. Chowdhury Sinha at E137 schowdhu@houstonisd.org

Future Juniors and Seniors
 Are you looking for science credit for the 2023-2024 school year, and are you interested in learning more about processes that shape the earth?

Units Include:
 Origin of the Universe
 History of Earth
 Plate Tectonics
 Climate Variations
 Human Interactions with Natural Disasters



See Mr. Sim N226 or Scan QR

Earth and Space Science

Application Open! [Wonderworks](https://www.wonderworkshouston.org)' Summer 2023 Pre-College Enrichment Programs

- For academically promising and talented high school students
- The programs take place on the University of Houston and Rice University campuses.
 - 6 programs are offered, **June 20 - July 21, 2023:**
 Architecture ~ Art History ~ Fiction/Creative Writing ~ Filmmaking ~ Music History/Appreciation ~ Politics/Law/Government

◇ Programs are academically challenging but enjoyable and taught by college and college-level teachers with college level content and modes of presentation.

◇ Admissions are competitive, based on PSAT/SAT/ACT scores and high school coursework/grades, supplemented, only if requested, by teacher/counselor assessments.

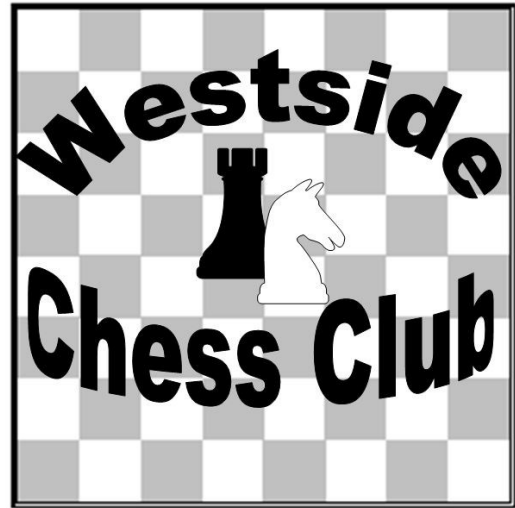
Wonderworks has always made sure that any student who is admitted and demonstrates financial need receives a scholarship in the form of a full-tuition waiver.

To learn more and/or complete the application form, visit www.wonderworkshouston.org.

Announcements



College Days
Every
Wednesday
Wear your
College Logo Shirts!

Westside Chess Club

Chess Club Every Friday during lunch in N221. We play friendly games of chess, talk strategy, and will teach you how to play if you don't know how.

Meetings every first and fourth Thursday in E129

BLACK STUDENT UNION

First meeting on January 26th

All are welcome!

Remind code is @c64333

HOW SMART ARE YOU REALLY?

Quiz Bowl

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. If you're interested in increasing your academic prowess while making new friends then this is your club!

Sign up to our remind!
Send text to 81010: @quizbowlbt

Contact Ms. Diorio for more info!
Elena.Diorio@houstonisd.org




CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS

Starts this Friday!

ALL Wolves Welcome

Bring your lunch

Wednesdays during lunch in E213

Text @whschr to 81010 to join Remind!

FELLOWSHIP - LEARNING - DISCUSSING - ENCOURAGING

Urban Agriculture Club
Wednesdays during lunch in V101

Try new foods
Explore the garden
Meet new people
Club Sponsor: Coach Spence



JOIN THE KPOP CLUB 22-23!

1ST AND THIRD FRIDAYS EVERY MONTH IN E124!

INSTA: @WESTSIDEKPOPCLUB
REMI: @KPOPWOL




LET'S TOUCH the sky

EST. 2011

DRONE CLUB
WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 ROOM VIII
JOIN THE REMIND
TEXT @DRONEWEST TO 81010



DEBATE

EVERYDAY AFTER SCHOOL
E231
3:30 to 4:30 pm

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.willet@houstonisd.org. Let's make this spring semester one to remember!

Go Wolves!
Ms. Willett
Senior Class Coordinator

SENIOR DUES !!

☐ Senior Dues are MANDATORY for all seniors and/or 4th year students.
☐ 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
2. Graduation Ceremony
3. Diploma & Diploma Cover
4. Graduation Panoramic Picture
5. Senior Picnic
6. Senior T-Shirt
7. Senior Awards/Honors Night

Paying in cash? See Ms. 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)

SENIOR SHIRTS

Senior shirts have arrived. [Go to the college center to pick up](#) (only if dues have been paid).

RANKINGS and DIPLOMAS

You have received an email in your HISD account from Ms. Phillips to verify your name on your Diploma. Verification is due by February 3. Also, final senior rankings will be emailed on 2/10/2023.

COLLEGE CENTER & TRANSCRIPT

Please 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

Your 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 Unexcused Absences = Referral to dean or administrator
- 4 Unexcused Absences = Attendance contract with your dean after truancy discussion and possible solutions
- 7 Unexcused Absences = Reverse Suspension (your parent/guardian attends school with you)
- 8 Unexcused Absences = Referral to T1040 Juvenile Court for Saturday counseling sessions
- 10 Unexcused Absences = Truancy Criminal/Civil Court case considered for filing

If your home address changes, notify the Attendance Office ASAP!

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	• Prom! April 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Hyatt Regency, West Houston • Ticket sales will be 2 weeks prior • Prom contracts available late March/early April
May	• SENIOR HONORS NIGHT (May 18) Auditorium at 5:30 pm • SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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

PROM THEME VOTE

Scan the QR code to vote on your favorite prom theme:

STAY CONNECTED

→ Westside Instagram: [@whssenior2023](#)
 → Make sure email address and cell phone number are correct in College Center

Westside High School's

Graduation Ceremony

Class
of
2023

June 3, 2023
12:00 Noon
at NRG Stadium

1 NRG Park, Houston, Texas 77054

Limited Time

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WHS PAWPRINT TODAY!

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Senior class of 2023

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

@whssenior2023

Class
of 2023

Apply for College Scholarships

Go to NAVIANCE

[https://www.houstonisd.org/
Page/181035](https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/181035)

SENIOR Announcements



OFFICIAL GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET FRIENDS AND FAMILY KNOW ABOUT YOUR BIG NEWS.

Your official graduation announcements are now ready to be ordered. Announcements are a great way to not only let people important to you know about the big day, but they can make wonderful keepsakes.

Make your official announcements even more special with accessories like thank you notes, seals, tissue inserts, certificates of appreciation, return address labels and HJ SmartShare™.

1 PACKAGE #1

- 10 Official Announcements
- 25 Thank You Notes
- 25 Envelope Seals
- 25 Tissue Inserts
- 60 Return Address Labels
- 10 HJ SmartShare™ Stickers

2 PACKAGE #2

- 50 Official Announcements
- 25 Thank You Notes
- 50 Envelope Seals
- 25 Tissue Inserts
- 60 Return Address Labels
- 25 HJ SmartShare™ Stickers
- 1 Announcement Cover

3 PACKAGE #3

- 50 Official Announcements
- 25 Thank You Notes
- 50 Envelope Seals
- 25 Tissue Inserts
- 60 Return Address Labels
- 25 HJ SmartShare™ Stickers
- 1 Announcement Cover

ORDER HERE

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>

- 3. #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.

the
Met Gala

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PROM 2023

04 | 14 | 2023

FRIDAY | 7:00 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

HYATT REGENCY WEST
13210 KATY FREEWAY

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

Prom Ticket Sales

Online: Mar 21 - April 7
In Person in Library @ Lunch: Mar 29-30 & Apr 3-6
Purchase EARLY to avoid lines!!

MUST submit Prom Contract to buy tickets
Link in Canvas Class of 2023 Course




WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
School Schedule
2022 - 2023

7:45 AM-3:25 PM

22/23 Bell Schedule

Mon/Tues/Fri		Wednesday & Thursday	
1st Period	7:45 - 8:45	1st Period	7:45 - 8:45
2nd Period	8:50 - 9:41	3rd/2nd Period	8:50 - 10:22
3rd Period	9:46 - 10:37	Pack Time	10:27 - 11:07
4th Period	10:42 - 11:33	LUNCH	11:11 - 12:07
LUNCH	11:37 - 12:33	5th/4th Period	12:16 - 1:48
5th Period	12:42 - 1:33	7th/6th Period	1:53 - 3:25
6th Period	1:38 - 2:29		
7th Period	2:34 - 3:25		

Wolves THRIVE!

VIPS
Volunteers in Public School

Calling All Parent Volunteers!
Complete your VIPS Registration

[HERE](#)

Reminder:
New registration
required each school year
Including:
Virtual Orientation
&
Background Check

SCHOOL PAY

PAY FEES FOR SCHOOL USING A CREDIT CARD

<https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/42218>

~Laptop Fees ~Senior Dues ~Sports Fees
~Program Fees ~Organization Fees

www.houstonisd.org/domain/42218

Westside Wear for Sale at School Store
School Store Open on School Days: 7:30-7:45 AM and During Lunch

\$10	\$12	\$20	Discontinued Items Available While Supplies Last
\$15	\$15	\$45	\$35
		\$35	\$50
			\$45

All Sales Final. No Returns/No Exchanges. Cash Only.
Students are required to wear shirts & jackets purchased at the School Store or official club/org shirts & jackets.
May not wear shirts and jackets purchased from outside retailers.
Go to www.westsidewolves.org for detailed Uniform Policy.

UNIFORM POLICY 22/23
Preview

What To Wear:

- Shirts Purchased from the School Store
- Official Club/Organization Shirts
- Sweatshirts & Jackets Purchased from the School Store
- Official Club/Org Sweatshirts & Jackets
- Hoodies Purchased from PTO
- Official Club/Org Hoodies
- Black or Blue Denim
- Black, Navy & Khaki Uniform-Style Bottoms (Pants, shorts, skirts)

May Not Wear:

- Shirts, Sweatshirts, Jackets & Hoodies Purchased from Outside Retailers (Only School Shirts, Sweatshirts, Jackets & Hoodies Allowed)
- Pants/Skirts/Shorts of Other Colors
- No rips/holes that expose skin above knees
- Leggings/Tights/Yoga Pants
- Running Shorts/Tennis Skirts

Follow Us on Social Media

 **Facebook: Westside High School**

 **Instagram: gowestsidewolves**

 **Twitter: @westsidehigh**

Submit stories and photos for eNews:

barbara.nassab@houstonisd.org

School Web Address:

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>