



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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PTO Meeting TONIGHT!

December 12, 2022

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: PTO GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

WHERE: WESTSIDE H.S. - ROOM S100

RESCHEDULED DATE!

Join us **THIS EVENING**
for our
PTO General Meeting.

All parents are
welcome and
invited to attend!

Dear Parents,

We will be holding our next general PTO Meeting on **Monday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us! Westside is a great school because of its strong joint parent and teacher commitment to our students. One of the primary functions of the PTO is providing communication to parents about what's going on at school. We need your participation at our meetings so that we can provide that information to you, gather feedback and work together with the Westside staff to keep Westside High School a top performing school! Please join us at our next PTO meeting to find out more information!

We hope to see many of you there!

December 12
PTO General Meeting
at 6:30 PM in S100.

December 17
Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM–12 Noon

December 16-21
Final Exams

Dec. 22 — Jan. 4
Winter Break

January 5
Teacher Prep Day,
No school for
students

January 6
Teacher Service Day,
No school for stu-
dents

January 9
First Day of Second
Semester

Title One Meetings this Week

[Join Us for Our Title One Meeting](#)

Updates on Title One
And
Social and Emotional Health Tips for Teens
(Westside's Social Workers)

December 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm

<https://tinyurl.com/y435zh5z>

or

December 15, 2022, at 10:00 am

<https://tinyurl.com/yyxbsre6>

Note: You will need your child's log-in credentials to attend the live event:

- ID number (example S12346) and
- Password (8-digit birthday)

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

School News

Westside Theatre:

Westside Theatre students, along with over 10,000 students from across Texas, attended Texas Thespian festivals in San Antonio and Grapevine during the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving break. Two Wolves will be advancing as National Qualifiers to compete at the International Thespians Festival, held June 19-23 in Bloomington, Indiana:

- **Angela Presser (Solo Dance)**
- **Divya Menon (Stage Management)**

Way to go, Wolves!

Wolf Band:

The Westside Wolf Band recently held their annual March-A-Thon holiday parade fundraiser in the nearby Lakes of Parkway community. The Wolves marched through the neighborhood, playing and performing for families and giving lawn concerts.



School News (continued)

Wolf Band All-Region Auditions:

Last weekend, several of our Wolf Band members auditioned for the TMEA All-Region Band at Morton Ranch HS in Katy and represented Westside and HISD very well! Please congratulate the following students on earning a seat in an All-Region ensemble:

Liam Mahone, trombone – HS Symphonic Winds

Ellie Tran, flute – HS Symphonic Winds

Christina Ramirez, trumpet – 9th Grade Band

Elle Duncan, percussion – 9th Grade



Computer Science and Engineering Students Attend Schlumberger's Annual Hackathon

This past Friday, students from the computer science and engineering pathways, along with Mrs. Willett and Ms. Morris, participated in HISD's Annual Schlumberger Hackathon.

Computer Science students participated in the SeaPerch Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) Challenge where they had to program a floating robot to navigate through the water.

Engineering students in Drone Club had a series of flight challenges that represented a remote pipeline inspection to look for potential maintenance issues. Teams earned points based on identification, speed, and accuracy.

Westside students did an amazing job and received high compliments from the event sponsors and other schools. Congrats to our participants who attended the event!



School News (Continued)

WEGA's Dale Carnegie Pack Time and Virtual Speaking Competition Winners

Congratulations to our WEGA students who completed their Dale Carnegie Training during Pack Time this semester! These WEGAns learned about professionalism-including introductions, taking initiative, presenting with confidence, resume writing, and more! We would like to extend a very big thank you to our trainer, Sarah Castro for her expertise and enthusiasm!

Many of the students also participated in IPAA's National Virtual Exploring Energy Competition



where they had to give a factual and concise presentation on alternative energy. Three teams from Westside placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd, taking home cash prizes of \$200-\$500 each! Congrats to our top 3 teams:

1. First Place: Runtian Du, Alexander Medina, Anthony Tong, and Maher Naji
2. Second Place: Dyuthi Kambhampati, Emma Minnock, Laura Balgairies, and Thi Mai
3. Third Place: AlHareth Aljanabi, Anton Bogdanov, and Eshaan Choudhary

Thank you PTO!

for the

beautiful & festive

HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS

for

WHS Staff!



Announcements

Fall 2022 Final Exams Schedule

Friday
December 16
7:45 AM-3:25 PM

First	7:45-8:45
Second	8:50-9:30
Third	9:35-10:15
Fourth	10:20-11:00
Lunch	11:05-11:50
Fifth	11:55-12:35
Sixth	12:40-1:20
Seventh	Final Exam 1:25-3:25

Monday
December 19
Early Dismissal

Final Exams
First 7:45-9:45
Second 10:00-12:00

Tuesday
December 20
Early Dismissal

Final Exams
Fourth 7:45-9:45
Sixth 10:00-12:00

Wednesday
December 21
Early Dismissal

Final Exams
Third 7:45-9:45
Fifth 10:00-12:00

Buses will run at 12:30 PM

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Fall 2022 Final Exams MAKE-UP REQUEST

No final exams will be administered early.
If a student must miss an exam, they may request a
make-up to be administered in January 2023.



Prior to your exam, scan and submit
Make-Up Request Form

AP Davis will contact you to meet and discuss
your request.

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of the
WOLVES



Winter Break

Dec. 22-Jan. 4

Jan. 5—No School

(Teacher Prep Day)

Jan. 6—No School

(Teacher Service Day)

**Students:
See you on January 9!**



SENIOR Announcements

Calling all seniors to join us for

★ **SENIOR MOVIE NIGHT** ★

DECEMBER 16TH, 5-7PM
IN THE COMMONS



Get *CONNECTED*
BUY YOUR
2023
YEARBOOK
TODAY!



Balfour.com



Senior class of 2023

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

 [@whsssenior2023](https://www.instagram.com/whsssenior2023)

SENIOR Announcements



Click for the [Senior Countdown](#) with LIVE LINKS!

Class of 2023 - Senior Countdown Fall Edition

Westside Seniors,

Welcome to your senior year! I am excited to be working with you all this school year. 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 a year 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 a ONE TIME PAYMENT of \$140 unless the student does NOT make the payment before November 18th. Late fees will apply for payments made after November 18th. Access school pay [here](#).
- ☐ Students may not choose to deny individual items to make a smaller payment.
- ☐ The Senior Dues total is non-negotiable.

School Pay



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 \$100 or in cash? See Ms. Lockard
(located in the Library or School Store)

ONE TIME PAYMENT!!

When you pay determines payment amount Pay by the following date	Qualified for Federal Free/Reduced Lunch*	All others
before 11/18/2022 you owe:	\$100.00	\$140.00
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: VOTE HERE



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 TRIAD 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
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 30: Senior Sunrise – 6:45 am Location: Bleachers of Track and Field
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cookie Dough Fundraiser: money and order forms are due October 17, 18 collected during lunch in the Commons Senior portraits: schedule at www.seniors.legacystudios.com
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Skate Night 11/9/2022 7:00 - 9:00 pm Dairy Ashford Roller Rink Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at lunch Senior dues deadline: Nov 18, 2022 Cap and Gown orders
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Movie Night - date TBD

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Spring Meeting: TBD
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prom! April 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Hyatt Regency, West Houston Ticket sales will be 2 weeks prior Prom contracts available early April
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SENIOR HONORS NIGHT (May 18) Auditorium SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES (TENTATIVE) Senior Check-Out; Panoramic Picture; Graduation Rehearsal, Senior Picnic Graduation at NRG Stadium ... time and date (usually in June) will be set by the HISD board in the spring

STAY CONNECTED

- Westside Instagram: @whssenior2023
- Make sure email address and cell phone number are correct in College Center

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



Class
of
2023

ATTENTION SENIORS!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE PTO AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP!

The deadline to become a member and be eligible for a scholarship is December 31st.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

WHS PTO Website



Scan using your camera

Announcements



Choir Christmas Concert!

Wednesday, Dec. 14th
6pm
Mini-theater



Westside Wolf Band
Winter Concert

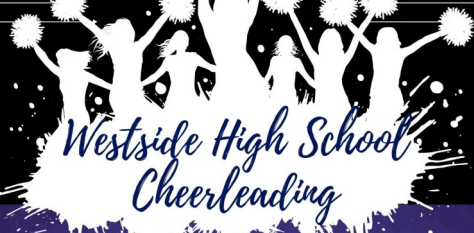
Featuring:
 Wind Ensemble
 Symphonic Winds
 Concert Band
 Jazz Band
 Percussion Ensemble

Tuesday, December 13, 2022
 6:30 pm
 Westside HS Auditorium

Free Admission!




Cheer Clinic
Postponed
New Date: Dec. 17



CHEER CLINIC

DECEMBER 17
 10:00am-2:00pm

With performance at 1:45pm!
 Westside High Performance Gym
 GRADES KINDERGARDEN-11 WELCOME!
 COST: \$20 CLINIC ONLY
 \$40 WITH SHIRT PURCHASE*




Use the QR Code to Register. All payments Cash Only
 *Due to shirt sales lasting up to the day of the event, they must be picked up at a later date.

22-23
KPOP CLUB!

insts: @westsidekpopclub

**JOIN US IN E124 THE FIRST
 AND THRD FRIDAYS OF
 EVERY MONTH!**



remind:
 @kpopwol

Announcements

FAFSA Workshops Wednesday (12/14) @ 7th period OR Thursday (12/15) @ 6th period

The WHS College Center will help you complete your FAFSA,
please do the following before you arrive:

1. Create two FSA ID's: for you and one parent (Scan QR on How To)
2. Gather parent tax info from 2021, including 1040 and W-2
3. DOB for parents and date of parent marriage, divorce, separation or widowling
4. Report to A205 during the times above!

SCAN ME



****The FSA ID is the hardest part! If you get this done, the rest is cake!**

****If you do not have off campus during these times, please get a pass from us.**



Get **CONNECTED**
BUY YOUR
2023
YEARBOOK
TODAY!



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Announcements

Come back to the Pack!

HOME OF THE WOLVES

Alumni Breakfast

January 5
8:30-9:30 AM

Westside High School

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GIFTED AND TALENTED FAMILY INFORMATION SESSIONS

ALL HISD PARENTS INVITED

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT
GiftedandTalented@houstonisd.org
Phone: 713-556-6954

TOPICS:

- GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM
- ASSESSMENT
- INSTRUCTION
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- GATES
- TIMELINES
- FAQs

WHEN
December 14, 2022
5:30pm-6:30pm

WHERE
Microsoft Teams

Click [HERE](#) to Join

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center • 4400 West 18th Street • Houston, Texas 77092-8501
www.HoustonISD.org • www.facebook.com/HoustonISD • www.twitter.com/HoustonISD

Got Conflict?

Conflict is a normal part of life. But we can always find ways to better handle and solve our problems.

Stay in the loop!
Sign up for Remind notifications

Group held on Thursdays:

- Oct: 10/20
- Nov: 11/3 & 11/17
- Dec: 12/8
- Jan: 1/12 & 1/26
- Feb: 2/9 & 2/23

What: Join us for Reflection Group
When: Every other Thursday during the 1st half of lunch
Where: Room N144
Who: Open to all students

For more information see Ms. Williams in N144.

Don't give into negative thinking..

When negative thoughts creep in, CHALLENGE IT!

Is this thought 100% true?

What would I tell a friend in this situation?

What emotions are coming up right now for me?

Am I focusing on a worst case scenario?

Will this matter tomorrow?..In a week?

Is this even in my control?

To learn more join us for Reflection Group, Tuesday 10/18 during the first half of lunch in N144.
For more information see Ms. Williams in N144.

Join our Anxiety & Depression Support Group!

This group offers an opportunity to connect and learn with others who also struggle with anxiety and/or depression.

Group is held on Wednesdays in Room N144 during the 1st half of lunch.

Wednesday Group Dates:

- Oct: 10/26
- Nov: 11/9 & 11/30
- Dec: 12/4
- Jan: 1/18
- Feb: 2/1 & 2/15
- Mar: 3/1

Stay in the loop!
Sign up for Remind notifications.
Text @andgroup to 81010

Ever experience irrational or uncontrollable worries?

Does your mood change seemingly out of nowhere?

For more information see Ms. Williams in N144.

Saturday Tutorials

November 5 & 12 **December 3, 10 & 17**

Rotation 1 = 9:00 AM – 9:55 AM
Rotation 2 = 10:00 AM – 10:55 AM
Rotation 3 = 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Students should bring ID, laptop, and questions for the teacher.

No entry to tutorials area 30 minutes after the rotation begins.

Grad Lab Courses All Courses in A203	Science North 1 Biology STAAR Biology On-Level/ESL/PAP IPC w/ESL Environment Systems Chemistry Physics AP Chemistry S226 AP Physics
English North 1 English ESL All-Levels English 1-4 AP English Language AP English Literature	Social Studies North 1 World Geography World History US History US Government Economics
Math North 1 Algebra 1 On-Level/ESL/PAP Geometry On-Level/PAP Algebraic Reasoning N236 Algebra 2 On-Level/PAP Pre-Cal On-Level/PAP	

#WolvesThrive

Announcements

JOIN THE KPOP CLUB 22-23!



1ST AND THIRD FRIDAYS EVERY MONTH IN E124!

INSTA: @WESTSIDEKPOPCLUB
REMIND: @KPOPWOL

CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS

New Day!!

Wednesdays during lunch in E213

Text @whschr to 81010 to join Remind!

ALL Wolves Welcome

Starts this Friday! Bring your lunch

FELLOWSHIP - LEARNING - DISCUSSING - ENCOURAGING

AQUATICS SWIM MEET SCHEDULE

DATE	Vs / MEET	START TIME	LOCATION
Nov 1	Jersey Village / Cy-Springs	6 PM	WESTSIDE
Nov 9	Sikkema Splash Invitational	6 PM	WESTSIDE
Nov 16	St. Johns+	6 PM	WESTSIDE
Nov 18-19	TISCA Invitational	TBA	CFSD Natatorium
Nov 30	Lamar	6 PM	Lamar HS
Dec 8	Cy-Ranch / Cy-Lakes	6 PM	Cy-Ranch
Dec 14	Winter Invite	6 PM	WESTSIDE
Jan 10	Memorial	6 PM	SBISD Natatorium
Jan 17	Bellaire	6 PM	Bellaire HS
Jan 20	JV CHAMPS	6 PM	Lamar HS
Jan 28	Varsity Districts	10 AM	Lamar HS

COME OUT TO MAKE SOME **NOISE** AND SUPPORT YOUR WESTSIDE WATER WOLVES

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. Dilorio for more info!
Elena.Dilorio@houstonisd.org



LET'S TOUCH the sky

EST. 2018

DRONE CLUB

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 ROOM VIII

JOIN THE REMIND
TEXT @DRONEWEST TO 81010

Urban Agriculture Club

Wednesdays during lunch in V101



Try new foods
Explore the garden
Meet new people

Club Sponsor: Coach Spence



DIABATTE

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

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**

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School Web Address:

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>