



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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Wrestling State Champ—Kyle Lew Plus second & third place finishers

February 21, 2023

Congratulations to Westside Wrestling and to our newly-minted State Champion, senior Kyle Lew! The Wolves came in 6th overall at the State tournament last weekend at the Berry Center, with 3 medal winners:

First Place (138)—Kyle Lew

Second Place (113)—Juan Cantu

Third Place (106)—Santi Ramirez

Westside's Wrestling program has a distinguished history and a bright future. Special recognition goes to Head Coach Michael Froehlich for his hard work and dedication to the students and the program. Thank you, Coach! Way to Go, Wolves!



Kyle Lew
6-A (138) State Champion

Calendar

February 24

End Cycle 4

February 27

PTO Meeting,
6:30 PM in S100

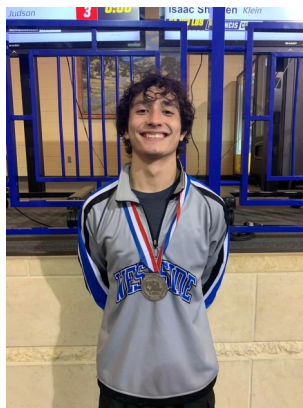
March 13-17

Spring Break

March 31

Chavez-Huerta
Day, No School

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



Juan Cantu



Santi Ramirez

Upcoming Testing

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.

SAT School Day

SAT® School Day allows states, districts, and schools to offer juniors the opportunity to take the SAT during their regular school day at their home school, expanding access to a globally recognized college admission test.

- Test Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2023
- Audience: All 11th grade students
- No registration necessary

FREE

Click here for [more information about the test](#) and here for [practice opportunities and sample questions](#).

TELPAS

Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) Test

TELPAS is an assessment program developed by the Texas Education Agency for students in Texas public schools who are learning the English language. Texas annually assesses the English language proficiency of students who have been identified as English learners (ELs) in four language domains—listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Testing Window: February 21 – March 28, 2022

Audience: Students identified as English learners



Why Take the TSIA2?



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

Swim: 200 meter free relay finished 10th in the state and 400 meter relay finished 9th in the State.

Girls Soccer: Congrats to the varsity girls soccer team for beating Bellaire in penalty kicks last night 2-1. The girls are the only team this season to hold Bellaire scoreless to no goals at the end of regulation. Special congratulations go out to sophomore Kandice Gomez on her four pk saves as well as sophomore Jaelynn Zelaya and junior Sophia Powell for scoring on a penalty kick to help the team pull out the win in the shootout. Great job girls!

Boys Soccer: Great victory, beating Bellaire 2-1

Baseball: defeated Katy Morton H.S. Friday night 14-3 in a 9 inning scrimmage.

Softball: Won the Stafford Softball Tournament last weekend. The ladies were a perfect 4-0 and scored a total of 59 runs in those 4 games. Next up is Cypress Christian, Thursday at 4:15pm.



Culinary: Westside's Culinary Academy finished their SkillsUSA District Competition with 2 Silver Medals and 2 Gold Medals.

Culinary Quiz Bowl - Silver—Team Members: Ewhoma Akpuiro, Eric Martinez, Luna Martinez, Simone Ziglar, Mary Edie, Grant Eldridge, and Amani Hardy

Restaurant Service - Silver—Gally Winfield

Restaurant Service - Gold—Jy'Aire Fleming

Baking & Pastry Arts - Gold—Mary Edie

All students will advance to State in Corpus Christi at the end of March!



School News

UIL Academics: 16 Westside students participated in UIL (academics) invitational tournament #5 at Waltrip HS on Saturday, February 18th. All of them performed well and we won eight medals as follows:

Calculator application:

Dhetchini Adhimoolam (3rd)



LD Debate:

Megan McKay (1st, left)

Faith Olabanji (2nd, right)

Sanjeev Ganesh (6th, not in photo)



Computer science:

Kyle Eagleson (1st, middle)

Saahir Narang (4th, right)

Adrien Chew (6th, left)



Mathematics:

Khue Trinh (3rd)



School News

Medical Terminology students shine at the inaugural Houston ISD Innovation Fair.

Congratulations to Sophomores Miana Chapman and Alan McKinnis and Junior, Robiu Lawal. On Friday, February 10, these three dedicated Medical Terminology students represented Westside High School at the inaugural Houston ISD Innovation Fair hosted at the Ion Houston presenting their SOAP Note Innovation project. The event highlighted their advanced knowledge and application of skills they learned in class throughout the school year, with a focus on AMI (acute myocardial infarction), also known as a heart attack. Students interacted with district and city leaders from a diverse range of industry to showcase their innovation, and our Westside Wolves answered questions from the judges with confidence and passion.

Sophomore student, Miana Chapman remarked that the event was *"informative, mind-altering, exciting and exhilarating!"* Further adding, *"it is important for our future because it helps us find more effective ways to solve problems that are in the world and helps us grow as a community."*

Education expert, Louis Moser from Edynamic Learning reflected on our students and wrote, *"I wanted to congratulate you on the amazing students you brought to the [Innovation] event. They were not only knowledgeable about the project they're working on, but they also showed a great level of confidence to talk with strangers like me about the work they're doing."*

Top photo: On the left, Westside students Robiu Lawal and Alana McKinnis, explaining the symptoms of a heart attack to an event judge. On the right, Westside Wolf, Miana Chapman describing the purpose of a SOAP Note to a judge.

Bottom photo: From the left, Westside teacher Dr. Anna Haro, Sophomore Alana McKinnis, HISD Student Support Director Dr. Patrice Allen, Sophomore Miana Chapman, and Junior Robiu Lawal.



WESTSIDE PRIDE DANCE TEAM

Bridgland Crowd Pleasers Competition

ELITE AWARDS GRAND CHAMPION ELITE TEAM

1st place in Contemporary
1st place in Jazz
1st place in Modern

OFFICER AWARDS

1st place in contemporary
1st place in modern
2nd runner up lyrical

TEAM AWARDS

1st Place in Kick
1st Place in Open
2nd runner up Pom



Announcements



Saturday Tutorials

February 18 & 25
March 4 & 25
April 1, 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



UPDATED:
MORE DATES
ADDED!

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

JUNIORS



YOU KHAN DO IT!


MASTER THE SAT

WIN A LAPTOP FOR COLLEGE


AWARDED BY MAY 27, 2023

PRACTICE DAILY AT [KHANACADEMY.ORG/SAT](https://KhanAcademy.org/SAT)

LOGIN THROUGH DISTRICT-SYNCD ACCOUNT VIA CLEVER





FOR MORE INFO, SCAN QR CODE





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[713-967-5231](tel:713-967-5231)

Announcements

Save the Date:

PTO

**GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEB. 27
6:30 PM IN S100**



Thank you to our PTO for the
Valentine's Day treats!

**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



Application Open!

Wonderworks' 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.

◇ Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis, with early decisions for early applications.

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



**LETTERMAN
JACKETS**

Non-Athletic UIL

FITTINGS

February 22 & 23

DURING LUNCH
in the
COMMONS



Meetings every first
and fourth Thursday
in E129

**BLACK
STUDENT
UNION**

First meeting
on January
26th

All are welcome!

Remind code is
@c64333

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**Westside
Chess Club**

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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.

Announcements

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?

Don't give into negative thinking..

When negative thoughts creep in, CHALLENGE IT!

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.

Ever experience irrational or uncontrollable worries?

Does your mood change seemingly out of nowhere?

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

For more information see Ms. Williams in N144.

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

Urban Agriculture Club

Wednesdays during lunch in V101

Try new foods

Explore the garden

Meet new people

Club Sponsor: Coach Spence

Got Conflict?

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

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

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

For more information see Ms. Williams in N144.

CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS

New Day!!

Wednesdays during lunch in E213

Text @whschr to 81010 to join Remind!

ALL Wolves Welcome

Bring your lunch

Starts this Friday!

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	CFISD 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

JOIN THE KPOP CLUB 22-23!

LET'S TOUCH the sky

DRONE CLUB

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 ROOM VIII

JOIN THE REMIND

TEXT @DRONEWEST TO 81010

DEIBANNE

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, June 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: [@whsssenior2023](#)
 → 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

Senior class of 2023

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

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WESTSIDE

WOLVES

Class of 2023

Apply for College Scholarships

Go to NAVIANCE

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/181035>

SENIOR Announcements



Order your Yearbook

Get CONNECTED!
CASH: in A216

Get CONNECTED!
ONLINE

HISD COLLEGE READINESS PRESENTS

**COLLEGE TALK:
FINANCIAL AID
101:
MYTHBUSTERS**

March 9th, Thursday
6PM -MS Teams

<https://bit.ly/CO24FA>

Freshmen, Sophomores,
and Juniors! Join us to
learn about financial aid
and scholarships.

**I SUBMITTED MY
FAFSA/TASFA-
WHAT'S NEXT?**

Submitted financial aid but unsure
what to do next?

Join us
Thursday, February
23rd at 2:00 p.m.
OR 6:00 p.m. on MS
Teams

Empowering students.
Launching futures.

6:00 pm: bit.ly/CO23FA

2:00 pm: bit.ly/co23FA




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

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School Web Address:

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<https://www.houstonisd.org>