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from Westside High School

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Beginning Teacher & Teacher of the Year

February 27, 2023



L-R: Ms. Woods, Dr. Zapata & Mr. Anderson

Congratulations to our
Teacher of the Year
and Beginning Teacher
of the Year for 2022-
2023:

Beginning Teacher of the Year

Ms. Melanie Woods
(Biology)

Teacher of the Year

Mr. Peter Anderson
(Math)

Go Wolves!

Calendar

February 27
PTO Meeting,
6:30 PM in
S100

March 13-17
Spring Break

March 31
Chavez-Huerta
Day, No School

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

Parent Involvement

Please join us this evening at 6:30 p.m. in room S100 for our General PTO Meeting.

Westside's Math Department Chair, Mr. Schroeder, will be a guest speaker. He will present information on Canvas, give an overview of NHS, and answer general questions regarding math courses at WHS.

Also, the PTO will give an update on our latest Pawprints project (!!), provide information about Senior Prom and report on other happenings at WHS this spring.

We hope to see many of you at the meeting this evening! Go Wolves!

**PTO GENERAL MEETING
TONIGHT!
FEB. 27TH, 6:30 PM IN S100**



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 whspptovolunteers@gmail.com



Altered Bell Schedule This Week:

Bell schedule is altered, but please note, ALL STUDENTS report to school at 7:45 AM each day. There are no late starts.

Altered Schedule Week of 2/27/23					
Monday/Thursday/Friday Feb 27 - Mar 2 - Mar 3		Tuesday Feb 28		Wednesday Mar 1	
Periods 1 - 7		EVEN BLOCK - NO PACK		ODD BLOCK - NO PACK	
Period 1	7:45 - 8:45	Testing	7:45 - 11:07	Period 1	7:45 - 9:25
Period 2	8:50 - 9:41	Lunch	11:11 - 12:07	Period 3	9:30 - 11:07
Period 3	9:46 - 10:37	Period 2	12:15 - 1:15	Lunch	11:11 - 12:07
Period 4	10:42 - 11:33	Period 4	1:20 - 2:20	Period 5	12:16 - 1:48
LUNCH	11:37 - 12:33	Period 6	2:25 - 3:25	Period 7	1:53 - 3:25
Period 5	12:42 - 1:33	 WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL			
Period 6	1:38 - 2:29				
Period 7	2:34 - 3:25				

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

Name That Book Team Takes First in District



Congratulations to our **Name That Book Team** and their sponsor, Ms. Dewitt; 2023 HISD District Champions!

- Sanjeev Ganesh, 9th grade
- Alexander Medina, 10th grade
- Sharon Fashola, 10th grade
- Jayita Hensh, 10th grade
- Thi Mai, 11th grade
- Saahir Narang, 12th grade

Way to go, Wolves!

Souper Bowl of Caring Makes Super Impact

Shout-out to Student Council, in partnership with HOSA & WEGA for coordinating a successful school-wide service project, Souper Bowl of Caring. 865 pounds of dry goods and canned groceries were collected and donated to Houston Food Bank. This will help put meals on the table for over 173 families!



School News

Drone Club Advances to Nationals

This past weekend at the Aerial Drones Competition at Hastings High School, Westside Drone Club, represented by AlHareth Aljanabi, Ridwan Islam, Alexandre Aguilar, Aliyah Patton, William Jackson, and Carlos Sequeira, won the Excellence Award, which is the top award that recognizes overall excellence in both the Judged Award and Performance Award categories. The Excellence Award qualifies the team to advance in this spring's national Aerial Drones Competition in Michigan.



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!**

Wolf Band Brings Home Hardware from Solo & Ensemble Contest

Over the weekend, members of your Wolf Band competed in the Region 23 UIL Solo and Ensemble contest for ratings and feedback from judges. Of our 50+ entries, we brought home **18 Gold Medals**, **16 Silver Medals**, and **1 Bronze Medal**!

State Qualifiers:

Kai Mahone, trumpet solo
 Luke Castro, percussion solo AND ensemble
 Anahi Codina, percussion solo AND ensemble
 Desmond Stapleton, percussion ensemble
 Daniel Nelson-Evbuomwan, percussion ensemble
 Elle Duncan, percussion ensemble
 Leonard Duncan, percussion ensemble
 Sebastian Esquivel, percussion ensemble

Gold Medalists:

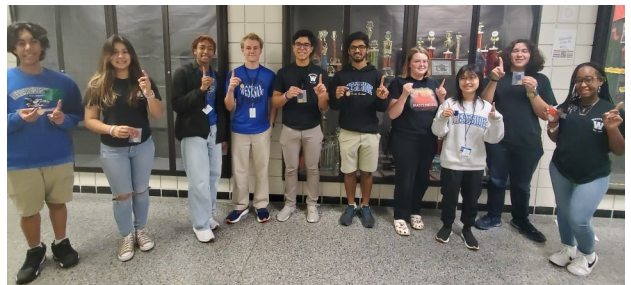
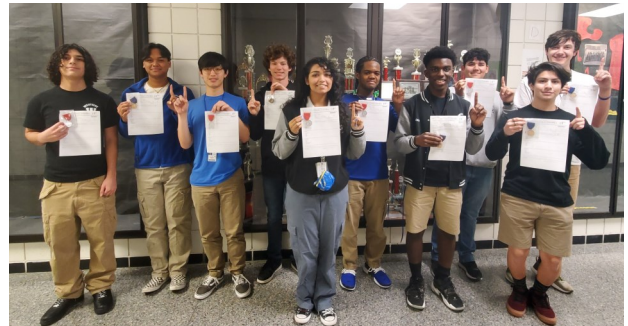
Nicko Betonio
 Sarah DeVany
 Ellie Tran
 Siddharth Agarwala
 Davet Cabrera
 Kevin Cashion
 Golden Nwaka
 Oscar Portillo
 Ja'Kylon Johnson
 Adam Codina
 Kai Mahone
 Simon Majowka
 Luke Castro
 Anahi Codina
 Elle Duncan
 Sebastian Esquivel
 Daniel Nelson-Ebuomwan
 Desmond Stapleton

Silver Medalists:

Maria Bello
 Levi Ary
 Isabella Coronado
 Kyle Eagleson
 Arfah Kashif
 Caitlynn Smith
 Sebastian Suaste
 Diego Cepeda
 Daniel Martinez
 Luke Castro
 Anahi Codina
 Elle Duncan
 Leonard Duncan
 Sebastian Esquivel
 Daniel Nelson-Evbuomwan
 Desmond Stapleton

Bronze Medalist:

Jacob Layfield



Announcements

**THE WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
JAZZ ENSEMBLE PRESENTS**

**SHADES
OF BLUE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY
28TH, 2023**


6:00PM
WHS COMMONS

**\$5 FOR TWO SLICES
OF PIZZA**

**THANK
YOU**

NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL
WORK WEEK
MARCH 5-11, 2023

*We
appreciate
you!*

 School Social Work
Association of America




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!

WHS PTO Website

Scan using your camera

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**YOU
KHAN
DO IT!**

**MASTER
THE SAT**

**WIN A
LAPTOP
FOR COLLEGE**
AWARDED BY MAY 27, 2023

 FOR MORE
INFO, SCAN
QR CODE

PRACTICE DAILY At KhanAcademy.org/SAT
LOGIN THROUGH DISTRICT-SYNCD ACCOUNT VIA CLEVER

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 HoustonISD.org/CollegeReadiness  [@HISD2College](https://twitter.com/HISD2College)  CollegeReadiness@HoustonISD.org  713-967-5231

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



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	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	

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

CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS

New Day!!

Wednesdays during lunch in E213

Text @whschr to 81010 to join Remind!

Starts this Friday!

ALL Wolves Welcome Bring your lunch

FELLOWSHIP - LEARNING - DISCUSSING - ENCOURAGING

JOIN THE KPOP CLUB 22-23!

1ST AND THIRD FRIDAYS EVERY MONTH IN E124!

INSTA: @WESTSIDEKPOPCLUB
REMIN: @KPOPWOL

LET'S TOUCH the sky

EST. 2019

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

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, 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

@whsssenior2023

Apply
for
College Scholarships

Go to NAVIANCE

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

Class
of 2023

SENIOR Announcements



Order your Yearbook

Senior Class

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.




WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
School Schedule
2022 - 2023

7:45 AM-3:25 PM

22/23 Bell Schedule

Mon/Tues/Fri		Wednesday & Thursday	
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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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 **Facebook: Westside High School**

 **Instagram: gowestsidewolves**

 **Twitter: @westsidehigh**

Submit stories and photos for eNews:

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School Web Address:

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>