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from Westside High School

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Parent Involvement Opportunities

February 6, 2023

Parents...You're Invited

Coffee & Conversation
with Principal Zapata



Monday

February 13

Library/8:00-9:30 AM

Agenda Includes:
TSIA2 & STAAR 2.0

Calendar

February 11

Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM—12 Noon

February 13

Coffee & Conver-
sation with the
Principal, 8:00 -
9:30 AM, Library

February 20

Teacher Service
Day, No school for
students

February 27

PTO Meeting,
6:30 PM in S100

March 13-17

Spring Break

Save the Date:

PTO

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, FEB. 27

6:30 PM IN S100

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

Upcoming Testing

ASVAB:

Westside High School is excited to announce our partnership with the [ASVAB Career Exploration Program](#), a free career planning tool.

Participation in the ASVAB Career Exploration Program is optional and **open to any WHS student in grades 11 & 12 who are not sure about what they want to do after high school**. Taking the ASVAB test does not commit students to the military in any way. To view Frequently Asked Questions about the program, please click [here](#). **Click [here](#) to register for the test by February 10.**

Test Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023
Time: 7:45 am
Length of Test: 3 hours

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

Westside Athletes:



Congrats to our Wolf athletes who were honored at HISD's National Signing Day ceremony last week!

Swimming & Diving: Highlights from District Meet

District Champion Diver

Leena Daghri (pictured at right in 2 photos) broke the District and School Records for 11 dives with 354.25 points.

School Records

- 200 Medley Relay 1:36.20
Colby Williams, JP McCann, Kevin Williams, Ian O'Neil
- 200 Free Relay 1:26.74
Colby Williams, Kevin Williams, JP McCann, Ian O'Neil

Girls HISD Swimmer of the Year

Lina Aly



Boys Soccer

Update

Boys varsity soccer won its game against Heights 4 to 0 last Friday. Junior Varsity played a home game against Bellaire and lost 3 to 0.

Upcoming Games

Varsity will played on Friday February 10, 2023 against Westbury and Junior Varsity will go and play Houston On Saturday February 11, 2023 at their place @ 12:00 pm.

School News

Girls Basketball

The Lady Wolves claimed a share of the 18-6A Title on Friday with a win over Westbury. They play for the outright title today at Butler at 4:30 PM vs. Sam Houston.

Big applause for **Coach Gillespie, CW39 H-Town HS Sports Coach of the Week** last week! Check it out [HERE!](#)



Wrestling: Highlights from District Meet on 2/3

District Championship Winners

The Westside Men's Wrestling Team won its 22nd District Title this past weekend. They put six wrestlers in the Championship Finals and won five, all by pin or bonus points.

Tournament Most Outstanding Wrestler

Senior Captain Juan Cantu

Girls Team Place Third

The girls placed 3 in the finals and had 2 district Champions, both winning by pin.



HISD Coach of the Year

Congrats, Coach Froehlich!

Westside Wrestling Advances SEVENTEEN Wrestlers to the Regional Championships!



Track

Upcoming Events

2/9-Sub Varsity meet George Ranch HS @ 4PM

2/10-Varsity meet Cy Falls HS @ 12 PM

School News

Teacher Shout Outs!

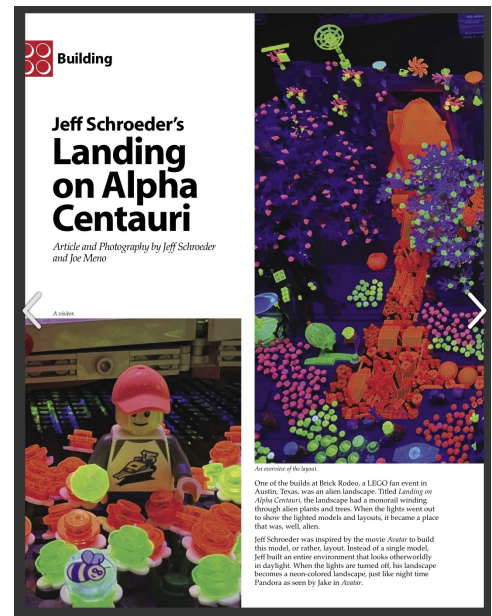
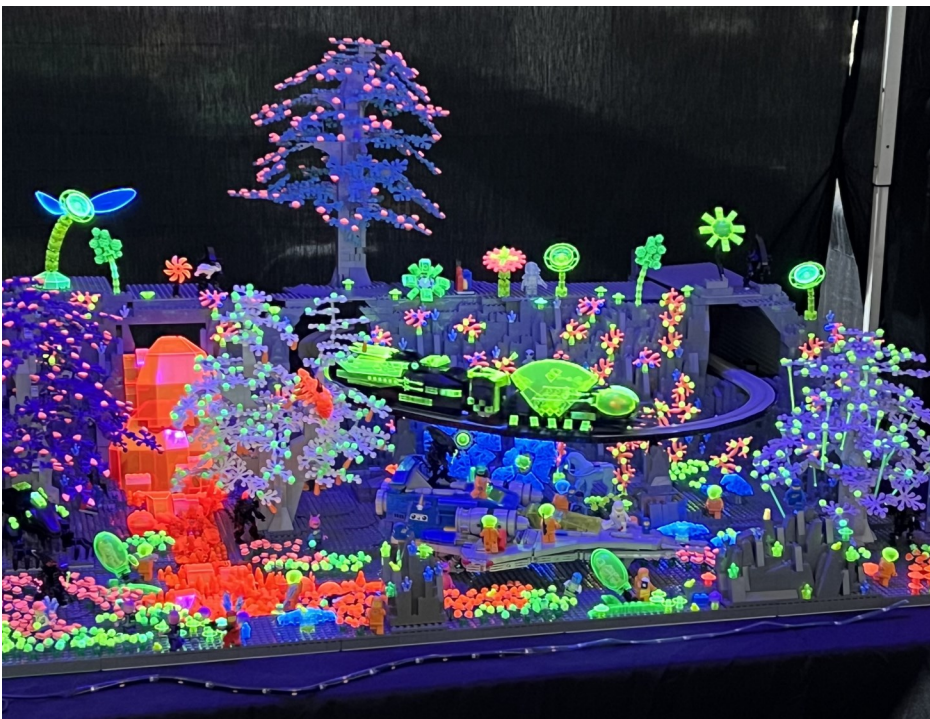
Ms. Abigail Morris, Westside Engineering Teacher, WEGA, Robotics & Drone Club Sponsor

Representatives from HISD's Project Lead the Way visited Ms. Morris's Digital Electronics classes in the Fall. They were impressed by the attentiveness and diligence of the students and the rigor of the curriculum, and will be returning to Westside HS this week to observe additional Engineering classes. They will take photos and videos showing Westside's successful implementation of the program.

Project Lead The Way is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) program which provides transformative learning experiences for students and teachers across the U.S., creating an engaging, hands-on classroom environment and empowering students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills they need to thrive.

Jeff Schroeder, Algebra 2 PAP, AP Statistics and NHS Sponsor

Mr. Schroeder will be featured in *Brick Journal*, March/April issue 78, a world-wide syndicated magazine about Lego. Jeff built this display for the Brick Rodeo Lego convention last summer. It took him about 17 days to complete. The display is lit by black lights and is what it would look like if we landed on Alpha Centauri. It has a moving monorail train, shaped like a big bug and won "Best Space Display" for the Brick Rodeo Lego convention. He has been building Lego for 45 years and always has some type of Lego build in his classroom. Congratulations on his first publication !



Announcements

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!



Saturday Tutorials

February 11
March 4 & 25
April 15 & 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

**LETTERMAN
JACKETS**

**Non-Athletic UIL
FITTINGS**

February 22 & 23

**DURING LUNCH
in the
COMMONS**



**SOUPER BOWL OF
CARING**

Everyone please donate to our food drive and help us celebrate the Super Bowl Season!

When: February 1st-9th

Donation boxes are located in each house office.

5 cans=1 hour (Max 3 hours)



CANNED GOODS

**CON
NECTED**

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



Balfour.com

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

DIABANE

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

School Pay



ONE TIME PAYMENT!!

When you pay determines payment amount Pay by the following date
after 11/18/2022 you owe:

Qualified for Federal Free/Reduced Lunch*
\$180.00 (no discount)

All others
\$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
- 4 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 THBAD 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 College Center
A205

Financial Aid Workshop

February 7
10:30 AM—12 Noon



*Reminder that completing financial aid is a graduation requirement

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BUY YOUR
2023
YEARBOOK
TODAY!



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Senior class of 2023

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

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SENIOR Announcements



 Westside High School's

Graduation Ceremony



Class of 2023

June 3, 2023
12:00 Noon
at NRG Stadium

1 NRG Park, Houston, Texas 77054


 **WESTSIDE WOLVES**

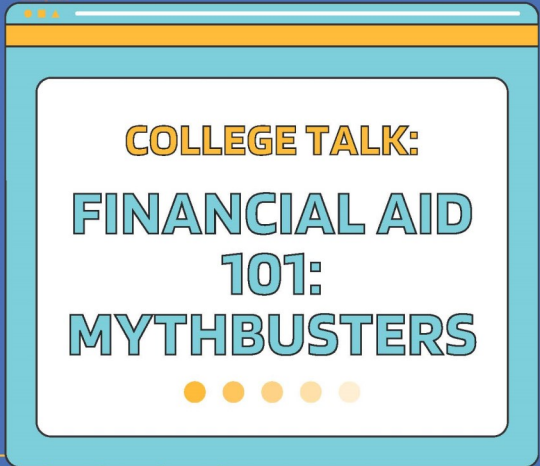


Class of 2023

Apply for College Scholarships

Go to NAVIANCE
 or
<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/181035>

 **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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 **Instagram: gowestsidewolves**

 **Twitter: @westsidehigh**

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

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