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from Westside High School

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School Choice Fair This Saturday

January 23, 2023

Thanks to all of the students and families who attended Westside's Showcase Open House last week. It is an honor to share our school spirit and provide information about academics, fine arts, athletics, clubs and organizations. More photos on p. 4.

Current 9th graders and prospective students, along with their families, are invited to return back here to Westside this upcoming Saturday, January 28, from 9 AM—12 Noon for the HISD School Choice Fair. Plan to attend if you need more information about School Choice, applications, deadlines, etc.

January 28

School Choice Fair
9 AM-12 Noon

Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM-12 Noon

February 13

Coffee with the
Principal, 8-9:30
AM, Library

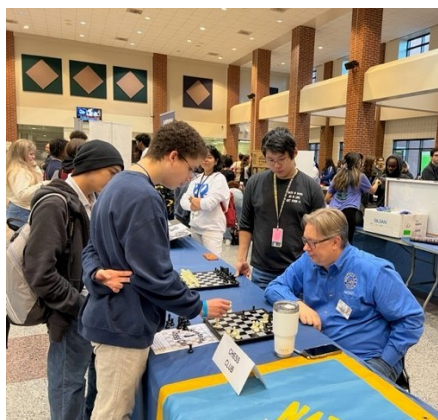
February 20

Teacher Service
Day, No school for
students

February 27

PTO Meeting,
6:30 PM in S100

March 13-17
Spring Break



[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



Showcase 2023



Announcements

Saturday Tutorials

January 21 & 28

February 4 & 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

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FIND YOUR
future



THE FUTURES ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

CURRENT 9th GRADE STUDENT? Interested in a career in
medicine, want to earn 2 year of college credit?

APPLY NOW!

Westside's Futures Academy of Health Science Magnet
WWW.CHOOSHEISD.COM



JANUARY IS
SCHOOL BOARD
RECOGNITION MONTH

THANK YOU

DR. KENDALL BAKER
HISD TRUSTEE, DISTRICT VI

WITH APPRECIATION
FROM
WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



Announcements

Join the
Women's Student Union
On Wednesday
January 25th

Instagram: @whs_womensstudentunion



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



WESTSIDE WOLVES

BASEBALL PICNIC/FUNDRAISER

January 28, 2023
Westside HS Baseball Field
10am - 3pm

HOT DOG BASKET \$10
(2 hot dogs, chips, water & cookie - served from 11am - 1pm)

- pre purchase by scanning QR code
- cash/credit card day of

INTRASQUAD GAME - 10
FAMILY SOFTBALL GAME - 1:30
SILENT AUCTION - RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT BASEBALL PROGRAM





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Westside Chess Club

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.



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the **WOLVES**



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!

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 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: @whsssenior2023
- Make sure email address and cell phone number are correct in College Center



Westside High School's Graduation Ceremony



Class
of
2023

Saturday, June 3, 2023

12:00 Noon at NRG Stadium

1 NRG Park, Houston, Texas 77054

SENIOR Announcements



Westside College Center
A205

Financial Aid Workshop

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2023
10:30AM – 12PM

*Reminder that completing financial aid is a graduation requirement




SEE YOU AT THE



Senior Meeting

Thursday, February 2nd
During Guidance
In the Auditorium

Senior class of 2023

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

 @whsssenior2023

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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 **Facebook: Westside High School**

 **Instagram: gowestsidewolves**

 **Twitter: @westsidehigh**

Submit stories and photos for eNews:

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