



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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## Mr. Davis, HISD AP of the Year

March 20, 2023



Congratulation to Mr. Davis, HISD's Associate Principal of the Year for 2022/2023. Pictured above is Dr. Geovanny Ponce (Left), HISD Assistant Superintendent, presenting the award to Mr. Davis (Right).

## Calendar

**March 22**  
School Day SAT  
for 11th Grade

**March 31**  
Chavez-Huerta  
Day, No School

**April 7**  
Spring Holiday,  
No School

**April 21**  
Spring Holiday,  
No School

## WESTSIDE



## WOLVES



## 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 [whsptovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:whsptovolunteers@gmail.com)



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# 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.

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## 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade students
- No registration necessary

FREE

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

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## 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

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## STAAR End of Course Exams

Save the Dates:

English I STAAR EOC—April 18

English II STAAR EOC—April 19

Biology STAAR EOC—May 2

US History STAAR EOC—May 3

Algebra I STAAR EOC—May 4

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## 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**



## Westside Debate Competes at City Championship

Westside Debate competed at the Houston Urban Debate League City Championship before Spring Break. Dyuthi Kambhampati, Channing DeLeon, and David Dhaliwal advanced to octo-finals, and Anton Bogdanov and Megan McKay made it all the way to quarter-finals. Good job on a great season Westside Debate! Way to go, Wolves!

## Free ACT Practice Exam & Parent Webinar

### **Beyond Grades. Beyond Tests. Beyond Tutoring. Revolution Prep.**

Dear Westside High School families,

We are working hard to support our families this school year with additional resources. Our friends at Revolution Prep are offering our students that opportunity participate in a FREE ONLINE **ACT practice exam** and **our parents a FREE online webinar** see below to register:

### **ACT Practice Exam**

Saturday March 25, 2023

8:00 am to 12 :00 pm

Live Online

### **Online Parent webinar “How to Succeed in a Test Optional World”**

Thursday April 13, 2022

7:00pm to 8:00pm

Free – Live – ONLINE

Click here to register: <https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/6561/>

We hope you will join us!



## Dual Credit Information

### **Westside DUAL CREDIT – 2023-2024**

**You can earn up to 26 hours of college credit at Westside!**

**Westside Dual Credit program is now accepting paperwork for the 2023-24 school year.**

**Courses offered:**

#### **ENGL 1301/1302**

~English 4  
~12th grade

#### **HIST 1301/1302**

~U. S. History  
~11th grade

#### **ARTS 1301/1303**

~Art History and Art Appreciation  
~10th, 11th, 12th grades

Can count as your fine arts requirement or as an elective

#### **MATH 1314/1316**

~College Algebra and Trig  
~After you take WHS PreCal  
CANNOT count as your 4th year of required math

#### **\*\*\*NEW FOR 2023\*\*\*GEOL 1305**

~Environmental Science  
~One Semester  
~.5 science or elective credit

**For more information, click [HERE](#)**

**Paper copies of forms available in South 2 Office**

**For more information, please contact Mrs. Matlock at [smatlock@houstonisd.org](mailto:smatlock@houstonisd.org).**

## Announcements

### Application Open! [Wonderworks](https://www.wonderworkshouston.org)' 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.

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](https://www.wonderworkshouston.org).

ORDER YOUR SCHOOL HOODIES ONLINE AT

[WWW.WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG](http://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

March 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

## Announcements

Yearbook

Order your

Get CONNECTED!  
CASH: in A216

Get CONNECTED!  
ONLINE

Westside Chess Club

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

First meeting on January 26th

**BLACK STUDENT UNION**

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. Diorio for more info!  
Elena.Diorio@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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 in cash? See Ms. Lookard  
(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
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 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"> <li>✓ 5/25-26 Senior Check-Out;</li> <li>✓ 5/30 Panoramic Picture; Senior Walk</li> <li>✓ 5/31 Graduation Rehearsal, Senior Picnic</li> </ul>
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](#)





Class  
of 2023

## Apply for College Scholarships

Go to NAVIANCE

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



# SENIOR Announcements



**OFFICIAL GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

LET FRIENDS AND FAMILY KNOW ABOUT YOUR BIG NEWS.

Your official graduation announcements are now ready to be ordered. Announcements are a great way to not only let people important to you know about the big day, but they can make wonderful keepsakes.

Make your official announcements even more special with accessories like thank you notes, seals, tissue inserts, certificates of appreciation, return address labels and HJ SmartShare™.

**1 PACKAGE #1**

- 10 Official Announcements
- 25 Thank You Notes
- 25 Envelope Seals
- 25 Tissue Inserts
- 60 Return Address Labels
- 10 HJ SmartShare™ Stickers

**2 PACKAGE #2**

- 50 Official Announcements
- 25 Thank You Notes
- 25 Envelope Seals
- 25 Tissue Inserts
- 60 Return Address Labels
- 25 HJ SmartShare™ Stickers
- 1 Announcement Cover

**3 PACKAGE #3**

- 50 Official Announcements
- 25 Thank You Notes
- 25 Envelope Seals
- 25 Tissue Inserts
- 60 Return Address Labels
- 25 HJ SmartShare™ Stickers
- 1 Announcement Cover

**ORDER HERE**

Order your *Yearbook*

Get CONNECTED!  
CASH: in A216

Get CONNECTED!  
ONLINE

Senior Yearbook

# PROM

# April 14

## Scholarships: For Westside Students ONLY

The WHS College Center is pleased to announce that there are 4 WESTSIDE ONLY scholarships that our Senior students can apply for! All are due May 1.

- 1. The PTO Spirit Award.** Five \$1000 awards will be given. Must have a 2.5 GPA and demonstrate Westside spirit. Student must have a parent who was a PTO member on Jan 15th of this year.
- 2. The PTO Alumni Award.** Awards are \$500 and the number of how many will be awarded depends on the number of applicants. GPA requirement is a 2.0 and student must have overcome an obstacle. Does NOT require PTO membership.


Both of these PTO applications can be found at:

<https://www.westsidehighpto.org/scholarship>

- 3. #RAKDavid Scholarship.** Two \$1000 awards will be given. Must have a 2.0 GPA and be able to document strong community service or acts of kindness.

<https://www.rakdavid.org/kindness-scholarships>

- 4. The Pannila Foundation.** Two \$10,000 awards will be given, to be dispersed at \$2500/yr renewable. Must have a 3.0 GPA and have a gap in college funding. Application was emailed to all seniors with a 3.0 GPA and higher through Naviance to the student's HISD email on March 20 from Joy Maguire.



**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](https://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](http://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**

Submit stories and photos for eNews:

[barbara.nassab@houstonisd.org](mailto:barbara.nassab@houstonisd.org)

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

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