



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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## HISD Town Hall Meeting

At Westside on Tuesday, 10/18, at 6 PM

October 17, 2022

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## FALL 2022 COMMUNITY TOWN HALLS



Houston ISD will host a series of community town halls at selected campuses to provide an overview of the progress being made on the district's five-year strategic plan.

There you'll be able to ask questions and hear from HISD Board of Education and district leadership.

We invite all families, residents, and community members to participate. Locations and times listed below:

**10/18/22 | 6-7:30 P.M.**

**Westside High School**

14201 Briar Forest, 77077

District VI | Trustee Kendall Baker

**Virtual Meeting Option**

<https://zoom.us/j/91011784888>

### Calendar

#### **October 18**

Town Hall Meeting  
at Westside HS, 6-  
7:30 PM, Auditori-  
um or Virtual  
Zoom

#### **October 28**

Feeder Night Foot-  
ball Game, 7 PM  
at Delmar Stadium

#### **November 4**

End Cycle 2

#### **November 14**

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

#### **November 21-25**

Thanksgiving  
Break

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

**Hello Wolves Sports Fans and Boosters!**

**Please come out and support the  
Westside Wolves Athletic Booster Club (WWABC)  
Tuesday, November 1,  
7 PM Field House Classroom**

We have re-established the Booster Club and are looking for  
your support as members, volunteers, and committee owners.

Join us for our first meeting!

## Quiz Bowl Qualifies for Nationals



Congratulations to Westside Quiz Bowl team members Sarah Breunig, Jayita Hensh, Sanjeev Ganesh, Sarvesh Jadhav and Saahir Narang. The team qualified for the 2023 National Quiz Bowl Championships in Atlanta, Georgia. Proud of our Wolves!

## Thanks to the College Night Crowd!



## National Principals Month October 2022



Thank you,  
Dr. Alisa Zapata  
for your dedication to Westside High School





## Homecoming Thank You from PTO

### MANY THANKS FOR A MEMORABLE HOMECOMING WEEKEND!

WHS PTO would like to recognize the following helpers for their countless hours and volunteer work these past few weeks:

- ♦ Ms. Alisa Zapata, Principal
- ♦ Mr. Tyrone Davis, Associate Principal
- ♦ All the Deans who worked the Homecoming Parade, Pep Rally and Dance! A special thanks to Dean Anthony, Dean Barry, Dean Mayfield and Dean Ordaz for their steady leadership.
- ♦ Jill Arntz, Homecoming Events Chair
- ♦ Melissa Berry, Homecoming Dance Ticket Chair
- ♦ Toni Wittrock, PTO Website Coordinator
- ♦ Meycy Zepata, Dance Decorations Coordinator
- ♦ Stacey Ripple, PTO Vice President - Fundraising
- ♦ Theater Students - Photo Booth Lighting
- ♦ NHS Students - Dance Decorations
- ♦ Student Council Students - Dance Decorations
- ♦ Mrs. Barbara Nassab & Mrs. Helen Tran, Front Office
- ♦ Anni Krisanto, PTO Treasurer
- ♦ Mr. Green, WHS Facility Manager and the WHS Custodians
- ♦ The many, many parent volunteers who helped with planning, driving in the parade, ticket sales, decorating, admissions, set up and clean up. We are so grateful for each of you!

THANK YOU so much for your support!  
Homecoming would not have been possible without you!



## FEEDER SCHOOL NIGHT WITH THE WESTSIDE WOLVES



7 PM Kickoff Friday, Oct. 28, 2022

Feeder Families are invited to come out and cheer on the Wolves as we face Westbury HS at Delmar Stadium (2020 Mangum Road)

**Free Admission for Feeder Students Wearing Their School Tee Shirt!**

(Parents are required to purchase a ticket)

BUSH

WEST BRIAR MS

PAUL REVERE MS

DAILY

ASKEW

ASHFORD

SHADOWBRIAR

WALNUT  
BEND

No Cash Ticket Sales. Tickets Available Only on GO FAN:

<https://gofan.co/WestsideWolves>



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WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
Homecoming 2022



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WOLVES





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## School News

### Wolf Band:

Your Westside Wolf Band had an early (and long!) Saturday last weekend, starting with a 9:15am performance of their UIL Competition show “Masterworks” earning a top 20 finish!

In addition, the Wolf Band performed at the HISD Pre-UIL Festival last Monday and earned first divisions from every judge in all captions! We were a far and away crowd favorite to be sure!

The Wolf Band members have been working incredibly hard since August (and some since July!) and we are finally starting to see the fruits of our labor!



All are invited to support your Westside Wolf Band tomorrow evening, Tuesday, October 18, at 7:15pm at Legacy Stadium in Katy ISD, for our Region 23 UIL Marching Contest! Our performance at this contest determines whether we advance to Area-level competition which will take place on Saturday 10/29, so we'd love a robust Westside Wolves cheering section!

Link: <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing?eid=24776&> . Tickets are \$4

### Westside Football:

Westside Varsity and JV football teams fought hard in 2 competitive football games this last week in which both teams came up short. The Wolves have a bye this week.

### Westside Aquatics:

Boys lost in the Bi-District playoff, and Girls lost in the Area playoff—great run, Wolves! The Senior Farewell Game takes place this Thursday evening; girls at 6:00, boys at 7:00.

Swim season starts Monday!

### Westside Cross Country:

Regional Meet is October 24th in Huntsville.



## Announcements

### ATTENTION ALL WESTSIDE FAMILIES!

#### HAVE YOU JOINED THE PTO?

\*Reminder - For a current Senior to be eligible for a PTO Spirit Scholarship, the family must join the PTO by December 31, 2022.

#### DO YOU HAVE TIME TO VOLUNTEER?

We need your HELP! There are several events happening soon such as College Night, Homecoming Parade & Dance and Senior Activities. We need lots of helping hands to make these events a success! Come work alongside other WHS parents and make new friends!

#### CAN YOU MAKE A DONATION? WILL YOUR BUSINESS MAKE A MATCHING DONATION?

Donations help make PTO possible. Every dollar given is spent to support WHS and our students. No gift is too big or too small and all donations are tax deductible. Make a donation and ask your company if they will match it!

For more information,  
Visit [westsidehighpto.org](http://westsidehighpto.org)

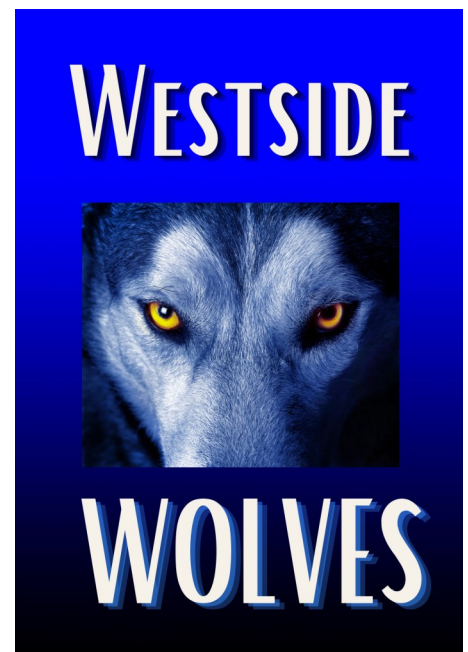


## From the College Center

**October is  
College  
month!**



Wear your COLLEGE shirt on  
Wed, 10/19 and  
Wed, 10/26!





# 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.willett@houstonisd.org](mailto:margaret.willett@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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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"> <li>Sept 30: Senior Sunrise – 6:45 am Location: Bleachers of Track and Field</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cookie Dough Fundraiser: money and order forms are due October 17, 18 collected during lunch in the Commons</li> <li>Senior portraits: schedule at <a href="http://www.seniors.legacystudios.com">www.seniors.legacystudios.com</a></li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Skate Night 11/9/2022 7:00 - 9:00 pm Dairy Ashford Roller Rink Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at lunch</li> <li>Senior dues deadline: Nov 18, 2022</li> <li>Cap and Gown orders</li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Movie Night - date TBD</li> </ul>
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Spring Meeting: TBD</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prom! April 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Hyatt Regency, West Houston</li> <li>Ticket sales will be 2 weeks prior</li> <li>Prom contracts available early April</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SENIOR HONORS NIGHT (May 18) Auditorium</li> <li>SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES (TENTATIVE) Senior Check-Out; Panoramic Picture; Graduation Rehearsal, Senior Picnic</li> <li>Graduation at NRG Stadium ... time and date (usually in June) will be set by the HUSD board in the spring</li> </ul>

### STAY CONNECTED

- Westside Instagram: @whssenior2023
- Make sure email address and cell phone number are correct in College Center



# Senior Portraits

**Oct. 21 - 22**  
in Rm A216




Friday  
October 21  
Yearbook Portraits only

Saturday  
October 22  
Yearbook plus options

**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!**  
[WWW.SENIORS.LEGACYSTUDIOS.COM](http://WWW.SENIORS.LEGACYSTUDIOS.COM)

Senior class of 2023


**FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM**

 @whssenior2023

**SENIORS**

Cookie Dough Orders due  
Oct 17-18

Turn in forms during lunch in  
the Commons to Ms. Willett

 @whssenior2023



## Announcements

# Saturday Tutorials

October 8, 22 & 29  
November 5 & 12  
December 3, 10 & 17

9 AM-12 Noon

- Must enter via main doors from horseshoe driveway on Briar Forest
- Wear school-appropriate attire
- Bring IDs, assignments & charged laptops

## WEEKDAY TUTORIALS

STAAR Tutorials  
By Invitation!

Other Classes  
Click [HERE](#) for Schedules



**DID YOU RECEIVE AN "NG" FOR A CLASS  
AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE  
ATTENDANCE APPEAL PROCESS?**

### ATTENDANCE APPEAL

**EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY OF  
THE MONTH**

IF YOU HAVE ANY CLASSES WITH AN "NG" FROM 2021-2022  
and you need to complete Community Service hours, you can complete  
them by attending "Second Saturdays" each month.

Fall Semester 2022

September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

**YOU MUST BRING YOUR LAPTOP**



### ATTENDANCE APPEAL

#### FALL 2022

### ATTENDANCE APPEAL DATES

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the  
month

STUDENTS MUST BRING  
LAPTOPS TO ENTER

### WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

14201 Briarforest  
Houston, Texas 77077

For more information,  
contact

Cheryl Williams

[cheryl@westsidehs.org](mailto:cheryl@westsidehs.org)

Or (713) 556-5448



## Girls Talk Tech

Educate • Encourage • Empower

Campus tours!

Engaging  
speakers!

Q&A  
session!

# Girls Talk Tech FEST!



Thurs, Nov. 3

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

ConocoPhillips HQ in Houston

[bit.ly/GirlsTalkTechFest](https://bit.ly/GirlsTalkTechFest)

### Who's invited

- Girls in Computer Science or advanced math or science classes
- All high school grades welcome!

### Interested?

- Please tell your teacher if you'd like to be part of the Fest.
- Your teacher has a sign-up sheet – be sure you're on it!

Food &  
swag!

Job  
shadowing!

Hands-on tech  
activities!

 **ConocoPhillips**

## Announcements

**9, 10, 11 & ALL STAFF**

**Underclass  
& Staff  
Picture Make Ups**

**OCTOBER 31**

**Legacy Studios will be back on October 31st for students & staff**


Students: Contact Ms. Roberts in A216  
or on TEAMS for a ticket

**Portrait Pictures  
in the Library**

**Don't forget to purchase your  
2023 Yearbook**

Get **Order your 23  
Yearbook**

**CONNECTED**



**October is National Bullying  
Prevention Month**

Join us in a pledge to "STAND AGAINST BULLYING".

When:  
October 28, 2022  
During lunch in the commons

For more information reach out to Ms. Williams in N144

**I pledged to:**

- Speak up with kindness
- Reach out with acceptance
- Be a friend through inclusion

**Halloween Concert**

October 31st  
5pm  
Mini Theater  
free admission

**Choir and Orchestra**



**Don't give into  
negative  
thinking..**

When negative thoughts creep in, CHALLENGE IT!

Is this thought 100% true?

Am I focusing on a worst case scenario?

What would I tell a friend in this situation?

Will this matter tomorrow?...In a week?

What emotions are coming up right now for me?

Is this even in my control?

**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.**



## Get Involved!

### CALLING ALL 9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS WITH ASPIRATIONS TO CHANGE THE WORLD WITH TECHNOLOGY!

Win awards and prizes, earn scholarships, and connect with like-spirited peers.



**AWARD FOR ASPIRATIONS IN COMPUTING**  
an NCWIT Award



The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AIC) honors 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students for their computing-related achievements and interests, and encourages them to pursue their passions.

**CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY**  
U.S. or Canadian\* 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade women, genderqueer, or non-binary students who reside in the U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, overseas U.S. military bases, or Canada are eligible to apply, if they also meet all of the criteria specified at [www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward](http://www.aspirations.org/AiCHSAward).

\*Applicants in Canada should refer to the directions on the Aspirations Canada webpage: [www.aspirations.org/aspirations-canada](http://www.aspirations.org/aspirations-canada).

**PRIZES**  
All award recipients receive automatic induction into the AIC Community (a national network of more than 22,000 technologists who receive exclusive benefits) and various computing swag.

**ABOUT NCWIT**  
The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) is a non-profit community that convenes, equips, and unites 1,500 change leader organizations to increase the influential and meaningful participation of girls and women from diverse backgrounds in the field of computing. Find out more at [www.ncwit.org](http://www.ncwit.org).

NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS IN COMPUTING  
[www.aspirations.org](http://www.aspirations.org) | [aspirations@ncwit.org](mailto:aspirations@ncwit.org) | [@ncwitaic](https://www.instagram.com/ncwitaic) [@aspirationsaward](https://www.facebook.com/aspirationsaward)

The NCWIT Award for AIC is sponsored by Apple, Bank of America, Microsoft, and Shopify.



# WHS

## DEBATE

EVERYDAY AFTER SCHOOL  
E231  
3:30 to 4:30 pm

## Urban Agriculture Club

Wednesdays during lunch in V101

Try new foods  
Explore the garden  
Meet new people  
Club Sponsor: Coach Spence



### CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS



Starts this Friday! **ALL Wolves Welcome** Bring your lunch

FELLOWSHIP - LEARNING - DISCUSSING - ENCOURAGING

**New Day!!**



**Wednesdays during lunch in E213**

Text @whschr to 81010 to join Remind!

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. DiIorio for more info!  
[Elena.Dilorio@houstonisd.org](mailto:Elena.Dilorio@houstonisd.org)

## LET'S TOUCH the sky



EST. 2018

# DRONE CLUB

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

**TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 ROOM VIII**

JOIN THE REMIND  
TEXT @DRONEWEST TO 81010

**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)

School Web Address:

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

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