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Principal's Welcome Letter 23/24



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome to the 2023-24 school year, Westside Community!

I am so excited to see our school come alive again with energy, enthusiasm, and the spirit of unity that all our students, faculty, staff, and community bring to our campus. We are committed to working alongside all our stakeholders to continue providing our students with a solid educational foundation and the skills needed to succeed in a global workforce.

Our career pathway programming at Westside has been realigned so that students can become successful completers with opportunities to earn industry-based certifications. Moreover, there are various practicum opportunities for our zoned students, as well as those students participating in Westside's S.T.E.A.M. program, and students in the Futures Academy of Health Sciences.

Over the summer, although we hope everyone got a refreshing break, students and teachers alike have been hard at work. Our dedicated faculty and staff offered camps and other activities for students to continue developing their skills. Likewise, many of our teachers participated in professional learning experiences, strengthening their content and delivery skills to successfully prepare our students for life. Needless to say, our outstanding faculty and staff are prepared and ready to provide guidance, mentorship, and the energy needed for the type of teaching that will pave the way for our Wolves to flourish and thrive this school year.

Parents and guardians, your unwavering support and continued involvement are the cornerstones of our success. We value your partnership in your student's important educational journey. Together we will guide and encourage our students to reach new heights of excellence as we foster a learning community where each member feels supported, inspired, and empowered to thrive!

I am very excited to embark on this year's journey with our community here at Westside. I know that we will have an exceptional school year filled with student growth, knowledge, success, and memorable experiences!

Go Wolves! #OnePackOneGoal! #WE-ARE-WESTSIDE!

Respectfully,

Alisa C. Zapata, Ed.D.

Proud Principal Westside High School August 14, 2023

<u>Calendar</u>

August 19 Welcome to Westside Parent Day, 9 AM -10:30 AM

August 19 Senior Orientation, 9:00–10:00 AM

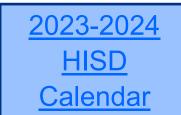
Junior Orientation, 10:30–11:30 PM

Sophomore Orientation, 12 Noon–1:00 PM

August 28 First Day of School 7:45 AM – 3:25 PM

September 4 Labor Day Holiday, No School

September 11 Open House, 6-7:30 PM



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Open ID Picture Days

This Week: August 15, 17 & 18 8 AM—3 PM Next Week: August 21, 22 & 23 8 AM—3 PM August 24 8 AM—12 Noon

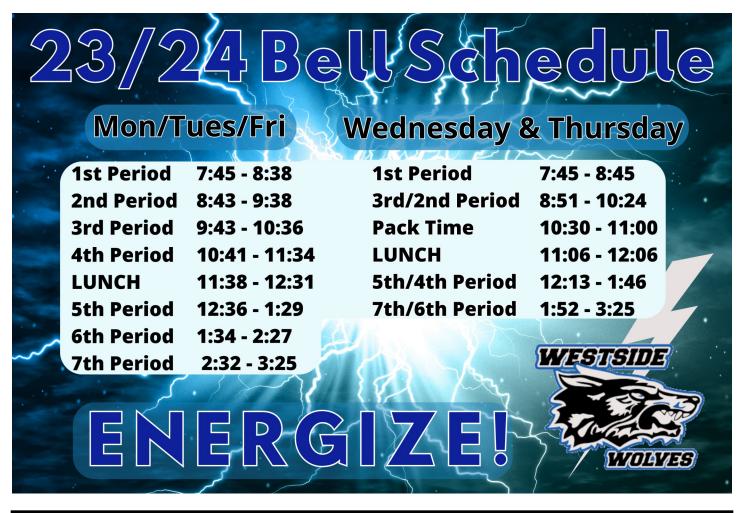
Saturday, August 19 Welcome to Westside! "New to Blue" Parent Day For all "New to Westside" Parents in Any Grade! 9:00—10:30 AM

Upperclassmen Orientations

Saturday, August 19 Senior Orientation 9:00—10:00 AM Junior Orientation 10:30 —11:30 AM Sophomore Orientation 12:00—1:00 PM



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A Few Policy Updates | Reminders:

- Note: Vendoland is no longer open
 - Students may purchase food from the cafeteria
 - Or bring lunch from home
 - No food deliveries via apps (DoorDash, UberEats, etc)
- No Visitors Before 8:00 AM
- No Drop-Offs in Horseshoe Driveway
- Special needs drop-offs & pick-ups in the Bus Lane Only

Announcements



Westside students must dress in school-appropriate attire that is suitable for all scheduled activities, including PE, science labs, and other classes where specialized attire is required for safety purposes.

Students are required to wear their student ID on a lanyard so that it is visible to others at all times.

Allowed:

- Shirts must have sleeves, cover fully in the back and front, and meet the waistline
- Pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts worn at the waist and reaching mid-thigh or longer
- · Leggings are permitted if they are full-length and non-sheer
- Dresses with sleeves that fully cover in the front and back and reach mid-thigh or longer
- Jackets (must be worn with a shirt underneath)
- Headwear for religious purposes

Not Allowed:

- Sleepwear is not permitted including pajamas, house shoes/slippers and blankets
- No headwear except for religious purposes. The hood of a hoodie cannot cover a student's head. No hats, caps, bandanas, hair bonnets, du rags, scarves, etc.
- Clothing may not be see-through
- Clothing must cover undergarments
- No tank tops, camis, low-cut necklines, midriff-baring tops, biker shorts, catsuits or other immodestly tight-fitting clothing
- No sunglasses may be worn in the building
- Clothing/accessories may not represent, depict, advertise, or advocate gang-related activity, the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or other controlled substances, nor display or imply offensive, vulgar, discriminatory, provocative, or obscene language or images

Announcements



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HEAD COACH: AMBREE CHRISTY

ASSISTANT COACH: CHUCK BROWNSON

QUESTIONS? EMAIL AMBREE.CHRISTY@HOUSTONISD.ORG

3:30-

4:30

Announcements

7th PD **STUDENT** HOME OFF-CAMPUS PARKING LUNCH **ORIENTATION MEETING** Friday, August 18, 2023 1:00 PM in the Auditorium **Completed and Notarized forms** 57445765103 can be turned in at the WELCOME DESKI 104444 **First Day of School** BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS TRYOUTS

Monday,

August 28

Be in your seat in First Period at 7:45 AM

Dismissal at 3:25 PM

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