



WOLF E-NEWS

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Principal's Welcome Letter 23/24

August 14, 2023



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,

Alliso C. Zapata, Ed.D.

Proud Principal
Westside High School

Calendar

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

2023-2024
HISD
Calendar

Back to School 23/24

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




Preliminary
Schedules,
ID Pics &
Laptops!

Back to School 23/24

23/24 Bell Schedule

Mon/Tues/Fri		Wednesday & Thursday	
1st Period	7:45 - 8:38	1st Period	7:45 - 8:45
2nd Period	8:43 - 9:38	3rd/2nd Period	8:51 - 10:24
3rd Period	9:43 - 10:36	Pack Time	10:30 - 11:00
4th Period	10:41 - 11:34	LUNCH	11:06 - 12:06
LUNCH	11:38 - 12:31	5th/4th Period	12:13 - 1:46
5th Period	12:36 - 1:29	7th/6th Period	1:52 - 3:25
6th Period	1:34 - 2:27		
7th Period	2:32 - 3:25		

ENERGIZE!



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



DRESS CODE 2023-2024

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

**STUDENT
PARKING**

**7th PD
OFF-
CAMPUS**

**HOME
LUNCH**

ORIENTATION MEETING

***Friday, August 18, 2023
1:00 PM in the Auditorium***

**Completed and Notarized forms
can be turned in at the WELCOME DESK!**



BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS TRYOUTS

**2023-
2024**

**AUGUST
21**

**WESTSIDE
TENNIS
COURTS**

**3:30-
4:30**

STUDENTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT
PHYSICAL IN ORDER TO TRY OUT.
RACKETS ARE PROVIDED IF NEEDED.
PROPER ATHLETIC ATTIRE IS
MANDATORY.



**HEAD COACH: AMBREE CHRISTY
ASSISTANT COACH: CHUCK BROWNSON**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL
AMBREE.CHRISTY@HOUSTONISD.ORG**

First Day of School

**Monday,
August 28**

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

Dismissal at 3:25 PM

Announcements

ANNOUNCING...

WESTSIDE WOLVES

NEW!

**Athletic Coordinator/
Head Football
Coach Cedric Allen**

**Asst. Athletic Coordinator
Coach Michael Froehlich**



WESTSIDE WOLVES


Open House

Monday, Sept. 11

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Learn about your student's classes and teachers:
~expectations ~assessments ~tutorials ~& more

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ENJOY

the rest of your summer!

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