



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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February 12, 2024

Parent Information

Parents,

Are you using the HISD Connect

Parent Portal?

Use this convenient app to:

- ◆ Check Grades
- ◆ Access Online Resources

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Click [HERE](#) for a "How To" on Getting Started

Click [HERE](#) for a Complete Guide

Calendar

February 15

PTO General Meeting
at 6:30 PM in S100

February 19

Staff Professional
Development Day, No
School for Students

March 11-15

Spring Break

March 25

Chavez-Huerta Holiday,
No School

March 29

Spring Holiday,
No School

Get Involved!
PTO General Meeting
Feb. 15
6:30 in S100

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Spring Testing News



ASVAB Career Exploration Program at Westside High School - sign-up by 2/10

Westside High School is excited to share 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.

Click [here](#) to register for the test by February 17.

Test Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Location: ROTC Hallway
Time: 7:45 am
Length of Test: 3 hours

To view Frequently Asked Questions about the program, please click [here](#).

The 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 7, 2024

Audience: Students identified as English learners

Spring Testing News

Spring TSIA2 Testing available at Westside High School for Seniors

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.

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: Tuesday, March 5, 2024
- Audience: All 11th grade students
- No registration necessary
FREE

Students will need a photo ID and their laptop and charger on test day.

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

**It's a Great Day to
be a WOLF!**

School News

Girls Basketball: Calling all Wolves to come out and support Girls Basketball in our 1st round of the state playoffs! We would love to pack the gym and turn it into a WOLF DEN!! The game details are:

Tuesday 6 pm at HISD Del Mar Field House vs Jersey Village

See fan bus details at right

Your Wolves captured the Freshman, Junior Varsity, and Varsity (undefeated) 18-6A District Titles this year again! That is back-to-back complete sweeps for us, It's a great day to be a wolf!

BASKETBALL FAN BUS

COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE TO STATE!!!



1. Obtain a permission slip from Mr. Thompson (Before/after school, during lunch time only)
2. Ensure the permission slip is completed and signed by a parent or guardian.
3. Submit the permission slip to Mr. Thompson by end of day Monday Feb 12, 2024
4. Ensure disciplinary record is clear, no suspensions or ISS.
5. Pay the field trip fee online via the provided link:
<https://gofan.co/app/school/TX17861>
(reminder this is for Varsity Girls Basketball, be sure to buy the correct ticket)
6. Retain proof of purchase (receipt or confirmation) as it will be required before boarding the bus.
7. Please note that only the first 40 students who fulfill all requirements will be able to attend the trip.

Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in exclusion from the field trip. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Thompson.



Swimming News: Over the weekend The Boys Swim team finished 3rd at the Region IV Championships, the highest placement Westside has ever earned! The Girls Swim Team finished 11th in the Region.

Westside had the following athletes qualify for the State Championships in Austin on February 23-24:

Ian O'Neil - 200 Individual Medley (Region 2nd Place)

Colby Williams - 100 Backstroke (Region Champion) & 50 Freestyle (Region 5th Place)

Lina Aly - 100 Backstroke (Region 2nd Place)

Mens 400 Freestyle Relay - Jack Brown, Max O'Neil, Ian O'Neil, Colby Williams (Region 3rd Place)

Jack Brown - 200 Freestyle (Region 4th Place)

Max O'Neil - 500 Freestyle (Region 5th Place)

New School Records posted by:

Jack Brown - 200 Freestyle 1:40.38

Ian O'Neil - 200 Individual Medley 1:52.66

Ian O'Neil - 100 Butterfly 50.96

Lina Aly - 100 Backstroke 56.49

Colby Williams - 100 Backstroke 50.10

Mens 400 Freestyle Relay (Jack Brown, Max O'Neil, Ian O'Neil, Colby Williams) - 3:06.29



School News



Wrestling News:

District Meet: The weekend of February 2nd, Westside Wrestling competed in the 11-6A District Tournament this past weekend and advanced 15 Regional Qualifiers, including 5 District Champs!

Congrats to Seniors Kyle Lew (4X) and Xavier Royere (3X) on their awesome accomplishments.

Also congratulations to Santi Ramirez (3X), Jemarion Moore (2X), and Madison Nguyen (2X) on their district championships!

Lew is Westside's seventh 4 time district champion in school history.

Regionals: This weekend, the Wolves made a strong showing at Regionals, placing 5th overall as a team.

Congratulations to the following athletes:

BOYS

- Kyle Lew—Region Champion, State Qualifier, Most Outstanding Wrestler
- Santi Ramirez—Region Champion, State Qualifier
- Xavier Royere—3rd place, State Qualifier
- Jay Moore—4th place, State Qualifier

GIRL:

Madison Nguyen—5th place (State Alternate)

Westside Orchestra:

Congratulations to our Westside orchestra students who participated in the recent UIL Solo & Ensemble competition. Solo difficulty levels range from 1 (hardest) to 3 (not-hardest).

Receiving a superior rating on a class 3 solo:

Diego Gamboa

Receiving a superior rating on a class 2 solo:

Emily DeVany, Josie Tran

Receiving a superior rating on a class 1 solo:

Nicolas De Sousa, Ethan Nguyen, Derek Robbins, Tairkhan Timuruly, Randy Anderson, David Dhaliwal, Brigham Smith

Advancing to State Solo Contest:

Nicolas De Sousa, Ethan Nguyen, Tairkhan Timuruly, David Dhaliwal, Brigham Smith

Way to go, Wolves!

Announcements



FANTASTIC FUN!

Hosted By: **WEST BRIAR AND WESTSIDE PTO** Fundraiser For: **STUDENTS**

VS. HISD WEST SCHOOLS

Date: **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024** Game Time: **7:00 P.M.** Doors Open: **6:00 P.M.**

Advance Tickets:		Tickets at the Door:		Reserved:	Courtside Plus:	Courtside Player:
STUDENTS	GENERAL ADMISSION	STUDENTS	GENERAL ADMISSION			(COURTSIDE + A JERSEY + PLAY IN A HALFTIME GAME!)
\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 140.00

Tickets On Sale At: **CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS**
[HTTPS://PRETIX.EU/HARLEMWIZARDS/HOUSTONTX02-22-24-07-00PM/](https://pretix.eu/harlemwizards/houstontx02-22-24-07-00pm/)
*Processing fee is \$1.50 per ticket.
 Online box office is open until 3 hours prior to game, unless game is sold out soon.



Get Your Swag @ The Game!

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 [@WorldFamousHarlemWizards](https://www.instagram.com/WorldFamousHarlemWizards)

Senior News

Senior BOWLING Night

\$10
cash | card | iPay

Ticket sales:
Wed Feb 21 – Fri. Feb 23
Lunchtime in The Commons

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY	6:00PM – 8:00PM BOWLERO 925 BUNKER HILL
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Seniors ONLY – no Juniors/underclassmen



Save the Date!!!



GRADUATION:
NRG STADIUM
SATURDAY, JUNE 8
12:00 PM
CLASS OF 2024



No tickets required
No limit on guests
More details to come.

SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

**ORDER A
YEARBOOK**

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW
LIKE, RIGHT NOW

USE OUR ORDER NUMBER WHEN YOU LOG ON:
25686
Westside High School

 [YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](https://yearbookordercenter.com) 

Announcements

STUCO PRESENTS
WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Super Bowl of Caring

JANUARY 29TH - FEBRUARY 16TH



Spread Love and Donate !!



Drop off canned goods in House Offices
Get ID scanned for Hours



**5 Items of non perishable food
= 1 Hour**

Tag us @stucowestside **Max (5 Hours)**



Valentine's FUNDRAISER

one chocolate kiss, one
carnation & a optional
note for \$2!

DELIVERED 2/15/24

Sales start 2/9/24 and
end 2/14/24. Purchases
only made during
lunch.

WESTSIDE DEBATE PRESENTS

V-DAY MOVIE NIGHT

FEBRUARY 13
AFTERSCHOOL IN THE
LIBRARY

MOVIE VOTING:



FREE ENTRY!
SNACKS & DRINKS FROM
\$1 TO \$2

Announcements

Join Us

CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS

Wednesday's and Friday's During Lunch, Room E213

Join us for Fellowship, Teachings and Bible Study!

For more information please join our:
Remind: TEXT @whscoc23 to 81010
Insta: @whs_christians.on.campus



WESTSIDE FRC ROBOTICS CLUB

Remind: @frc2587w

- Design, build, and program robots!
- Gain valuable STEM skills!
- The hardest fun you'll ever have!!

MEETINGS EVERY THURSDAY
FROM 3:30 TO 5:00 IN ROOM V111

DISCOBOTS

2587

Join the Remind

Gamer's Club

Hosted in:
E124

We have
Board Games
&
Videogames

WEDNESDAYS
During Lunch

More Info:
jason.rodriguez@houstonisd.org

Get Involved!

List of Clubs & Orgs

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 Coding Club

Meetings Every Tuesday in
Room N225 During Lunch!!

- No experience needed
- Learn and collaborate with peers
- Practice coding skills
- Compete at UIL and HPE Codewars

Scan the QR Code to join the Remind, or type the link below

tinyurl.com/whs-code

Announcements



\$100 PER PAWPRINT FOR A FULL YEAR

\$20 OF THE LOGOS GOES TOWARDS THE ORGANIZATION CHOSEN

Pawprints
Make Your Mark at Westside

MONEY GOES TOWARDS THE SENIOR CLASS FUND FOR YOUR STUDENT'S GRADUATING YEAR.

THE COST FOR EACH LOGO IS \$25, WITH A MAXIMUM OF 2 LOGOS PER TRANSACTION.

SCAN ME

www.westsidehighpto.org

2023-2024

The PTO Welcomes All New and Returning Westside Families!

WHS PTO Website



Scan using your camera

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WESTSIDE PTO!

We need your support!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- ☒ JOIN THE PTO!
- ☒ VOLUNTEER!
- ☒ DONATE!
- ☒ SHOP OUR STORE!
- ☒ ATTEND MEETINGS!

Join and become a PTO member today!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
SEE THE PTO FLYER IN YOUR STUDENT'S FIRST DAY PACKET

WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG



WESTSIDE H.S.
ESTD 2000

Calling all Parents!!
Join the Westside PTO

We are looking to fill several positions that will help with our Homecoming Dance, Teacher Appreciation events, Fundraising, and much more! This is a great opportunity to be involved in the school and get to know the Westside staff.

Join the Team!

Please complete this form for next year's opportunities.



Scan Me!


Contact: Meghan Hokom
mehan98@hotmail.com
for any questions.

WESTSIDE SCHOOL STORE

A SERVICE PROVIDED BY PTO

HOURS:
TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
DURING LUNCH
&
3:30 - 4:00 PM

QUESTIONS: WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM



College Center Announcements

Financial aid:

FAFSA - While [FAFSA](#) traditionally becomes available every October, due to major changes to the application and website, the 2024-2025 FAFSA application will not be made available until December 2023. An official release date has not been confirmed but colleges across the U.S. are aware of this change. However, the College Center is recommending students to still submit by the original priority deadline of January 15th to be safe. A major change to keep out for is that what was previously known as the "Student Aid Report" will now be shown as "FAFSA Submission Summary."

TASFA – The biggest update to share about [TASFA](#) this year is that it will now available online! Each student and one parent/guardian will create an account and complete the application online and will have the ability to send their completed online TASFA applications to up to 10 schools.

Scholarships:

HISD has provides students with a list of "Hot Scholarships" that are available to them throughout their senior year. The Hot Scholarship list for October-December is accessible through each student Schoollinks account and be found the by following these steps: *Digital Resources > Schoollinks > Finances > Scholarship Matching*

Testing:

SAT for Seniors - There are still several opportunities for seniors to take the SAT and/or ACT this school year! While many schools remain test optional, meaning SAT test scores are not required to be sent as part of the admissions process, a school may still ask for a student's test scores to determine that they are "college ready." To meet this criterion, a student must have scored the following: Evidence-based Reading & Writing: 480 and Math: 530

SAT for Juniors - A major change to the SAT is that starting in March 2024, **all** SAT exams given will be **digital**. Click [here](#) to find upcoming test dates for the 2023-2024 academic year. Juniors will take the School Day SAT in March 2024, and are recommended not to test before then as they will not have covered some material yet.

ACT – Click [here](#) to find upcoming test dates for the 2023-2024 academic year.

College and Career Planning:

- College Center Advisors are currently presenting in all Senior English 4 classes to discuss all things related to the college application process and Schoollinks account setup/utilization.
- Open lab in in the college center is as follows:
 - ◆ During lunch
 - ◆ Off campus (7th period)
 - ◆ After school (on occasions if we're in a classroom presentation throughout the day)
 - ◆ On very few occasions, the college center will be closed due to presentations or trainings.


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Wolf!

WOLVES
THRIVE!

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!



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