



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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February 20, 2024

## Altered Schedule This Week

Tuesday & Friday		Wednesday & Thursday	
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	7:45 – 8:38	1 <sup>st</sup> Period	7:45 – 9:15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	8:43 – 9:38	3 <sup>rd</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:20 – 10:50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	9:43 – 10:36	Lunch	10:55 – 11:55
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:41 – 11:34		
Lunch	11:38 – 12:31	5 <sup>th</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:05 – 1:35
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:36 – 1:29		
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:34 – 2:27	7 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:40 – 3:25
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:32 – 3:25		

### Calendar

February 21-23  
TELPAS Testing

February 27-29  
TELPAS Testing

February 24  
Saturday Tutorials, 9-12

March 11-15  
Spring Break

March 25  
Chavez-Huerta Holiday,  
No School

March 29  
Spring Holiday,  
No School

2023-  
2024  
HISD  
Calendar

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

### Wrestling News:

The Westside Wrestling team competed in the State Championships this past weekend and for the 6th time in the last 7 years put a boy in the State finals.

Junior Santi Ramirez came up just short losing a hard fought match 1-0 in the State Finals.

Ramirez finishes as State Runner Up after placing 3rd in State as a Sophomore.

Returning State Champion Kyle Lew was upset in the State semifinals, but picked himself back up and finished his outstanding career with a 3rd place State finish. Congratulations to senior and 2X State Qualifier Xavier Royere and Junior Jemarion Moore for qualifying for State and finishing as one of the top 16 kids in the State!



### Boys Basketball:

Come out and support Westside Boys Basketball in the 1st round of the state playoffs. The Wolves finished 3rd in district with a record of 8-4 and an overall record of 19-10. They will play Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Coleman Coliseum at 6pm versus Stratford.



# Go Wolves!



## School News

### Choir News:

Choir successfully competed in their UIL solo contest last weekend with 21 students receiving medals. Special congratulations to the following students who are moving on to STATE.

Sarahi Cruz

Channing DeLeon

Shania Hemphill

Jayita Hensh

Lauren Robbins

Diana Stephens

Khue Trinh



**Westside High School**

# SAT PREP CAMP

Need help preparing for the SAT?

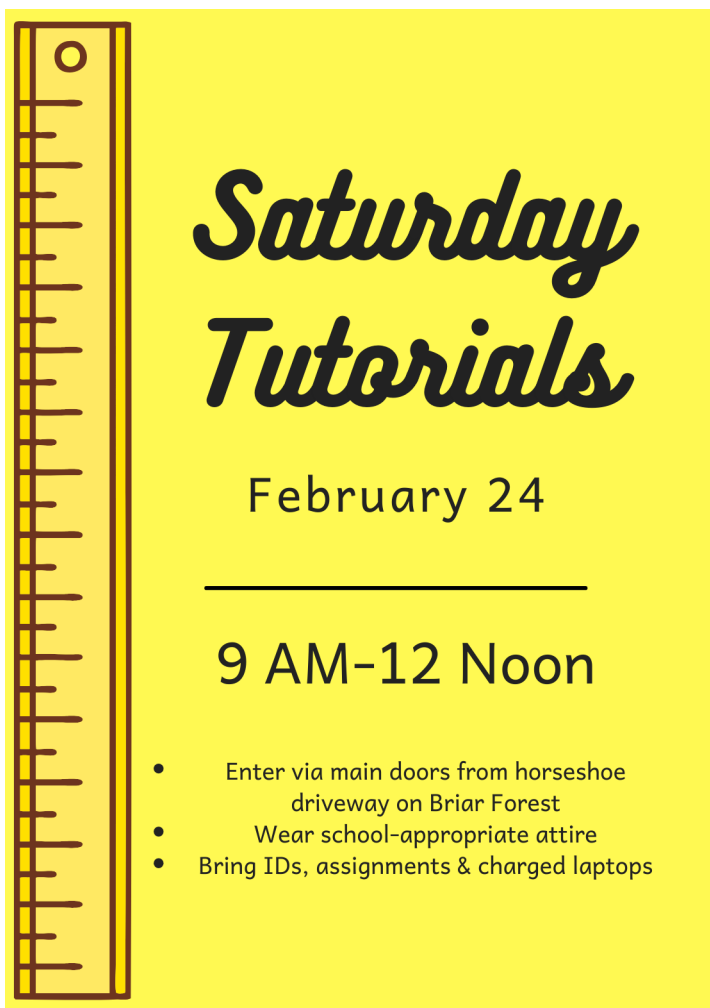
Did you know that your SAT score can help you get approved for Dual Credit courses?

FACT: many colleges REQUIRE THE SAT/ACT

9:00-12Noon

Sign Up below!

**Saturday: 2/24**  
**Saturday: 3/2**



# *Saturday Tutorials*

February 24

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9 AM-12 Noon

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



## Pride News

# Pride Dance Team

*Overall Grand Champions*

- 🏆 Overall Grand Champions out of 12 teams
- 🏆 Grand Champion Small Team
- 🏆 Highest scoring routine of the day, Team Modern
- 🏆 Artistry award, Team Modern
- 🏆 High point award, Team Pom. Highest scoring Team Pom of the day
- 🏆 Academic Achievement Award
- 🏆 1st place Team Modern, first diamond 💎 score of the season
- 🏆 1st place Team Pom
- 🏆 1st place Team Hip Hop
- 🏆 1st place Team Open
- 🏆 Outstanding Choreography Award for Modern, Pom, Hip Hop, and Open
- 🏆 Outstanding Performance Quality Award for Modern, Pom, Hip Hop, and Open
- 🏆 Outstanding Technique Award for Modern and Pom
- 🏆 Outstanding Execution Award for Modern



# Pride Dance Team

*Grand Champion Team and Officers*

- 🏆 1st runner up Overall Grand Champion
- 🏆 Grand Champion Small Team
- 🏆 Grand Champion Small Team Officers
- 🏆 Highest scoring Team Pom
- 🏆 Crowd Pleaser award for Team Open and Team Pom
- 🏆 Voted most admired team!
- 🏆 Academic Achievement Award
- 🏆 1st place Team Modern
- 🏆 1st place Team Pom
- 🏆 1st place Team Hip Hop
- 🏆 1st place Team Open
- 🏆 Outstanding Choreography Award for Modern, Pom, Hip Hop, and Open
- 🏆 Outstanding Performance Quality Award for Pom, and Hip Hop
- 🏆 Outstanding Technique Award for Hip Hop
- 🏆 Outstanding Execution Award for Pom





# Inertia News

## Inertia Dance Team:

Inertia is thrilled to announce outstanding accomplishments at the district dance competition this past Saturday. Inertia has not only showcased their extraordinary talent but has emerged victorious as the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up for the Best Overall Dance Team.

Both the Inertia Dance Company and Inertia 2, under the guidance of Mrs. Daniels and Mr. Olivares demonstrated unparalleled skill, creativity, and dedication, earning a total of 27 awards. These accolades include recognition for their exceptional performances, innovative choreography, superior ratings, and judges' choice awards across various categories, including solos, duets, trios, ensembles, and team dances.

To the incredible Inertians, your hard work and passion have truly paid off, and you have showcased the essence of excellence. Your achievements are a testament to your commitment to the art of dance and your unwavering spirit. You have not only made the Inertia Dance Company proud but also represented Westside with grace and distinction.

Congratulations once again, Inertia! Your success resonates throughout our community, and we are immensely proud of each and every one of you. Keep dancing with the same enthusiasm and dedication that brought you this success, and continue to inspire us all."

## MA DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS



- 🏆 1ST RUNNER UP OVERALL CHAMPION TEAM
- 🏆 SUPER SWEEPSTAKES AWARD
- 🏆 OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY AWARD
- 🏆 OUTSTANDING TECHNIQUE AWARD
- 🏆 INERTIA 2 SUPERIOR AWARD
- 🏆 JUDGES AWARD FOR CONTEMPORARY
- 🏆 JUDGES AWARD FOR HIPHOP
- 🏆 1ST PLACE - COED OVERALL TEAM
- 🏆 1ST PLACE - INERTIA DANCE COMPANY TEAM NOVELTY, OPEN, HIPHOP & CONTEMPORARY
- 🏆 1ST PLACE - SENIOR SOLO JAYLA LOVE
- 🏆 2ND PLACE - SENIOR SOLO RICHARD MA
- 🏆 3RD PLACE - SENIOR SOLO RAQUAN COATS
- 🏆 5TH PLACE - SENIOR SOLO LANCE BREWSTER
- 🏆 1ST PLACE - SOPHOMORE EKO COLBERT
- 🏆 1ST PLACE - SENIOR DUET J. LOVE & C. PEREZ
- 🏆 2ND PLACE - SENIOR DUET A. LU & M. AROGUNJO
- 🏆 3RD PLACE - SENIOR DUET L. BREWSTER AND C. PEREZ
- 🏆 5TH - SENIOR DUET VANTOTO & FERNANDES
- 🏆 2ND PLACE - SENIOR TRIO LOVE, MARQUEZ, AZOCAR
- 🏆 1ST PLACE - SENIOR SMALL ENS DRACULA
- 🏆 2ND PLACE - SENIOR LARGE ENS FLY ME TO GRANADA

CONGRATULATIONS INERTIA!!





## Announcements

**Only two days left! Get your tickets!**



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)
\$ <b>15.00</b>	\$ <b>18.00</b>	\$ <b>18.00</b>	\$ <b>20.00</b>	\$ <b>45.00</b>	\$ <b>65.00</b>	\$ <b>140.00</b>

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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## 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**

**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



**TRYOUT PACKET**

# CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

WHEN: MARCH 5-8 4:30PM-6:30 PM  
WHERE: PERFORMANCE GYM

## PRIDE DANCE TEAM





# Auditions


MARCH 26TH - 28TH



Audition Packet

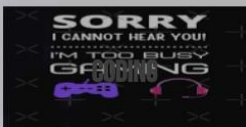


# BROS WHO CODE



## V105 THURSDAY LUNCH

REMIND - @d43h672  
INSTAGRAM - WHS\_BROSWHOCODE





## 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




Join the Remind

## Gamer's Club

Hosted in: **E124**

**We have Board Games & Videogames**

**WEDNESDAYS During Lunch**

More Info: [jason.rodriguez@houstonisd.org](mailto: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](https://tinyurl.com/whs-code)

## PTO 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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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WOLVES  
THRIVE!

# 23/24 Bell Schedule

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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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School Pay:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/>

School Web Address:

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>