



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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## STAAR Score Look-Up

Do you want to look up your student's STAAR Scores?

<https://www.texasassessment.gov/families.html>

1. You can access your child's STAAR test results in the Student Portal on the Texas Assessment website.
2. If you do not have your access code, click on "How do I look up my access code?".
3. Enter your child's PEIMS ID (their Social Security number), Date of Birth, and Legal First Name.
4. If your child is in the system, the access code will automatically populate. Click "Go to Login".
5. Re-enter your child's Date of Birth and Legal First Name.
6. Click "Sign On".
7. If you have questions, please contact your student's Dean.

## STAAR Re-Testing Begins Next Week

Tuesday, Dec. 5 – English I  
Wednesday, Dec. 6 – US History  
Thursday, Dec. 7 – English II  
Friday, Dec. 8 – Algebra  
Monday, Dec. 11 – Biology

Student notifications will be distributed this week

General information:

- Testers will need their student ID, their charged laptop and charger
- Report time each day is 7:45 AM

## Calendar

**December 2**  
Saturday Tutorials,  
9 AM–12 Noon

**December 5-11**  
STAAR Re-Testing

**December 9 & 16**  
Saturday Tutorials,  
9 AM–12 Noon

**Dec. 22-Jan. 5**  
Winter Break for  
Students

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## School News

### Environmental Program:

Westside's Environmental program won a grant from the National Wildlife Federation this fall to restore part of our wetland on Wolf Prairie. Students have been learning about building green infrastructure as part of the Resilience in Schools and Communities (RiSC) group. Ms. Amato has been hosting the group every other Friday in V101. The Galveston Bay Foundation led a workshop on our watershed which challenged students to build a 3D model to understand flooding and pollution. On Nov 13th, two landscape architects from TBG Associates joined us to do a site visit. They were very impressed with Wolf Prairie and our wetland. They offered suggestions for improving water retention and drainage. We enjoyed learning about their career field and their educational path. Watch this space for more updates on our progress in building a rain garden and improving the wetland!




### Boys Basketball:

Westside Boys Basketball participated in The Rebounders Club Thanksgiving Classic at The Woodlands High School over the break. Westside won 2 of 3 games. The Wolves defeated both Aldine and Alief Hastings to win the Consolation Championship. Braelen Berard was named to the All-Tournament Team. Way to go, Wolves!

**It's a GREAT DAY  
to be a WOLF!**

## Announcements



**Let's Get Vaccinated**

**Friday, 12/01/23**  
**Free Vaccine Clinic**  
 (Participation is limited to those that qualify on a needs basis only)

**11 AM - 2 PM**  
**in the Auditorium Hallway**

School-Required Vaccines  
 Plus Flu & COVID Vaccines

- Pick up consent forms in advance from our School Nurse.
- Return forms and shot records to the School Clinic by Thursday, 11/30.

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# SATURDAY TUTORIALS

December 2, 9 & 16  
 9 AM—12 Noon

English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4	AP Lang	AP Lit	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Pre-Cal	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	World Geo.	World History	U.S. History	APUSH
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**OTHER COURSES OFFERED**

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**SAVE *the* DATE**

**Alumni Breakfast**  
 WHS COMMONS 8:30 – 9:30 A.M.  
 01.05.2024

WESTSIDE PRIDE DANCE TEAM  
 BOOSTER CLUB HOSTS

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

*Need a Break?* *Date Night?* *Wrapping?* *Shopping?*

\*Games \*Crafts \*Dancing  
 \*Soccer \*Dodgeball \*Food

<b>Saturday,          December 2nd</b> 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm	<b>Location:          Memorial          Indoor Soccer</b> 1322 S Dairy Ashford Rd., Houston, Texas 77077	<b>Grades K-6th</b> <b>\$35 per Child</b> <b>\$25 Siblings</b> Limited Space Available No refunds No late pick ups
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SCAN CODE TO REGISTER






## Announcements



# WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

## 23/24 Cell Phone Policy

**From 7:45 AM to 3:25 PM, students are required to stow away their cell phones, earbuds and headphones.**

- Students may use their devices during the lunch period only.
- This rule applies throughout the entire school premises.

### 1st Offense

**A warning will be issued to the student, emphasizing the importance of adhering to the policy.**

### 2nd Offense

**The student must surrender the device to the teacher.**

- The device will then be submitted to the House Secretary and will be returned at the end of the day.
- For incidents in the hallways, students will be directed to take their devices to the House Secretary for safekeeping until the end of the day.

**Note: Refusal to surrender the device will result in further disciplinary actions.**

### 3rd Offense

**Parents are required to meet with the dean to discuss repeated violations, and to pick up phone.**

The meeting allows for a collaborative effort between parents and school staff to address any underlying issues.

- In cases of repeated violations beyond the second incident, the device may be barred from the campus for the remainder of the school year or until the dean deems it appropriate. This measure is taken to ensure a sustained focus on academic engagement.
- We believe that by implementing these measures, we can create an environment that minimizes distractions, promotes active participation in class, and fosters a more focused learning atmosphere.
- This policy is non-negotiable.

## Announcements

### TSIA2

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0, better known as the TSIA2, is a series of placement tests for students who plan to enroll in Texas public colleges & universities. These tests help Texas schools determine whether a current high school senior is ready for college-level courses in reading, writing, and math upon their college enrollment.

Students are **not** required to take the TSI if they have met college readiness standards through the SAT or successfully completed a high school college preparatory course. Students are recommended to contact the college they will be attending to see if they need to take the TSI. SAT Score Exemptions are as follows: Evidence-based Reading & Writing: 480 and Math: 530

In the case that a student does not pass one or all parts (reading, writing and math) of the TSI, they will be required to enroll in developmental education classes during their freshman year of college and must pass the course before being able to move onto their additional required college-level courses, such as College Algebra and English Composition. These developmental courses are "Credit/No Credit" only, meaning they do not count towards a student's college GPA, and they are also not covered by financial aid.

To determine if your student will need to take the TSI, have them log into their [College Board](#) account to view their SAT scores. If a student is unable to login and/or needs to reset their account, contact College Board Customer Service at 866-756-7346. It is highly recommended that students use their personal email addresses for their account as they will lose access to their HISD email following graduation.

Questions? Contact: **Abby Paredes**

281-920-8000 (College Center) Ext. 036153 | [Abigail.Paredes@houstonisd.org](mailto:Abigail.Paredes@houstonisd.org) (Email)

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



# VAPE = DAEP

## TEXAS HOUSE BILL 114

Any student caught violating the new law relating to e-cigarettes will be subject to immediate DAEP placement, as mandated by the state law.

Click to learn more about HB114 related to vaping: <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/199791>

# College Center Announcements for Seniors

## 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 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.




# Announcements


**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](http://YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM)



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**COLLEGE CENTER**

**NEED TO SEND AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT?**

**STEP 1:**

- Setup your Schoollinks account (Digital Resources --> Search "Schoollinks")
- Add the colleges you will be applying to under "Final List" AND "College Applications"
- Waive your FERPA rights on Schoollinks AND CommonApp (if applicable)

**STEP 2:**

- Fill out the yellow "Transcript Request Form" in A205
- Pay \$1-\$2 per transcript you are sending. Allow up to 3 business days for the request to be completed.

## EARN \$6,000 NEXT SUMMER AND GET COLLEGE-READY

Learn how to code with us!

Code2College offers a **FREE** 9-week after-school program where our mentors teach you how to code and provide ongoing professional development.

Start in Spring 2024 to possibly enter a **paid, technical internship** in **Summer 2024!**

### WHY SIGN UP?

- No prior coding experience necessary!
- Enhance your **college application** and learn technical and professional skills
- Intern for a top company like **YETI, Atlassian, Indeed** or one of forty Code2College partners and make a minimum of **\$6,000!**



### COURSE LOGISTICS

- **Dates:** January 8 - March 7, 2024
- **Location:** Virtual and in-person in Pflugerville ISD, Manor ISD, Round Rock ISD and Austin ISD
- **Time Commitment:** 1 hour, 2x per week (M/W OR T/Th)
- **Class times:**
  - Virtual: 4 - 5 PM or 5 - 6 PM CT
  - In-Person: After school & varies based on school release time

**Talent is universal. Opportunity is not.**

## APPLY TODAY!

Use the QR Code to access our application

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**MONDAY, DEC 4th at 11:59 pm CST**

[Code2College.org/studentapp/](http://Code2College.org/studentapp/)



## Get Involved!

# 2023-2024

**The PTO Welcomes All New and Returning Westside Families!**

WHS PTO Website



Scan using your camera

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

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

VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE  
TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT THE  
WESTSIDE PTO!

We need  
your  
support!

Join and  
become  
a PTO member  
today!

WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG

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

WESTSIDE GIRLS SOCCER

# GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

**NOVEMBER 27 - NOVEMBER 28**

**MON - TUES**

**TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**



SCAN ME



**REQUIREMENTS: DUE BY 11/17**

MUST BE PASSING ALL CLASSES!

MUST HAVE AN OFFICIAL 23-24  
STAMPED PHYSICAL ON FILE

MUST HAVE REGISTER MY ATHLETE  
PAPERWORK COMPLETED

**2023-2024**



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# WESTSIDE SCHOOL STORE

A SERVICE PROVIDED BY PTO

**HOURS:**

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



**QUESTIONS: WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM**



## Get Involved!

# Operation Smile Club

Every three minutes a child is born with a cleft lip or cleft palate. Operation Smile is an international medical charity that provides free surgeries for children and young adults born with facial deformities. This semester marks the beginning of the Operation Smile Club at Westside so we, as a community, can help.

**First Meeting: 1st Half of Lunch: Monday, October 30th**

Instagram: [whs\\_smileclub](#)

Remind: [whsope](#)

**Room: S225**




Operation Smile

# 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)



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



# 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




A club supporting feminism and discussing our love of pink!

**BIWEEKLY**

**OCTOBER 4 & 18**    **NOVEMBER 1, 18 & 29**

**DECEMBER 13**

**PINK CLUB** N130

the future is pink!

more information at @whspinkclub on instagram!



# 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 VII





Join the Remind

# Let's Go Westside!

# Get Involved!


# List of Clubs & Orgs

# 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)

# 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!**



## Follow Us on Social Media



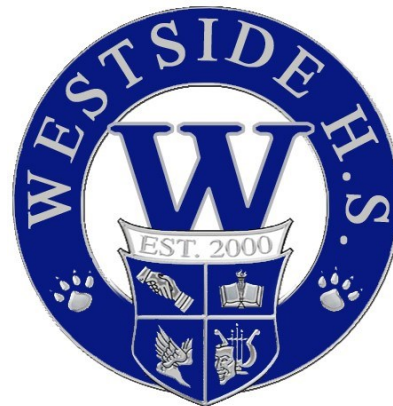
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Instagram: gowestsidewolves



Twitter: @westsidehigh



## Quick Links

Submit stories and photos for eNews:

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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>