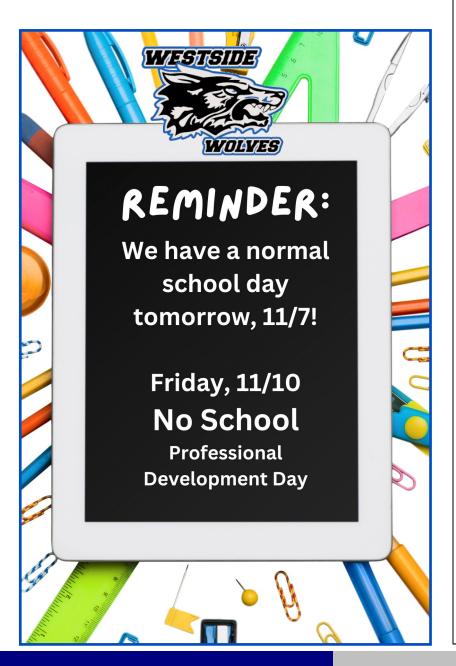


November 6, 2023

Note: School Schedule for This Week



Calendar

November 10 Staff Development Day, No school for students

November 11
Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM—12 Noon

November 20-24
Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 22-Jan. 5 Winter Break for Students

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Senior Night











Football Cheer Pride Band



















































Senior Night































































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Testing Info

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 <u>must pass</u> 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 <u>not</u> covered by financial aid.

To determine if your student will need to take the TSI, have them log into their <u>College Board</u> 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

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Announcements

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

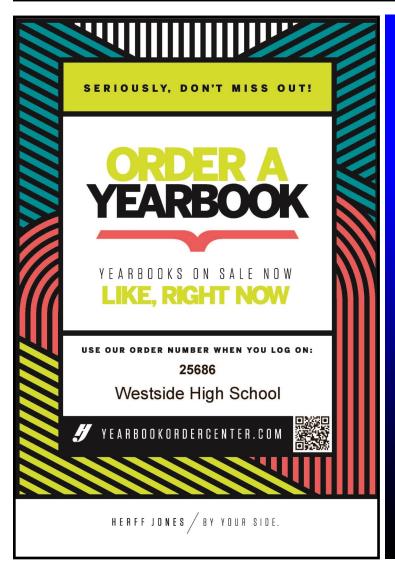


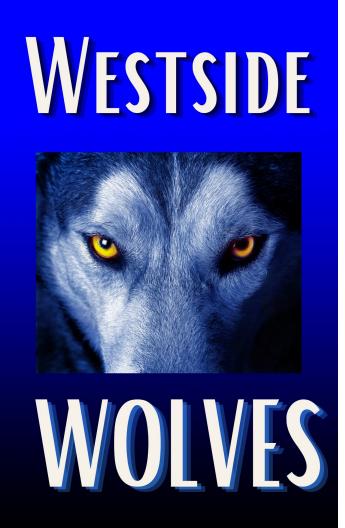
VAPE = DAEP

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





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College Center Announcements for Seniors

Financial aid:

FAFSA - While <u>FAFSA</u> traditionally becomes available every October, due to major changes to the application and website, the 2024-2025 FAFSA application will not be made available <u>until December 2023</u>. 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 <u>TASFA</u> 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 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 Schoolinks account and be found the by following these steps: Digital Resources > Schoolinks > Finances > Scholarship Matching

Testing:

SAT for <u>Seniors</u> - 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 <u>Juniors</u> - A major change to the SAT is that starting in March 2024, **all** SAT exams given will be **digital**. Click <u>here</u> 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 Schoolinks 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.

Dia de Los Muertos

Last week, classes across our campus collaborated to celebrate Dia de Los Muertos through the creation of an altar displayed in the Westside Commons. Mrs. Lara's Spanish courses aided in set up and provided information about altar traditions. The culinary courses led by Chef Bell and Chef Cote made sugar skulls and pan de muerto. Mrs. Klein's Environmental Systems course contributed with art of monarch butterflies, a symbol of the souls of our ancestors.



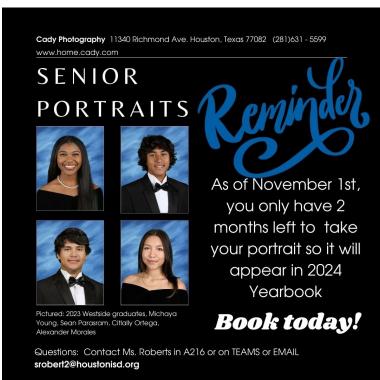






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The PTO Welcomes All New and **Returning Westside Families!**

WHS PTO Website



WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- ✓ VOLUNTEER!
- ✓ SHOP OUR STORE!
- ATTEND MEETINGS!

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We need your support!

> Join and become a PTO member today!

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HOURS:

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS DURING LUNCH

3:30 - 4:00 PM

QUESTIONS: WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM

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WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



October 28, 2023 9-12 PM

November 11, 2023

(last opportunity to make up work before cycle 2 grades are posted!)

9-12 PM

December 2, 2023 December 9, 2023 December 16, 2023

(Review for finals!) 9-12 PM

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

OTHER COURSES OFFERED

SAT PREP

TSIA REVIEW

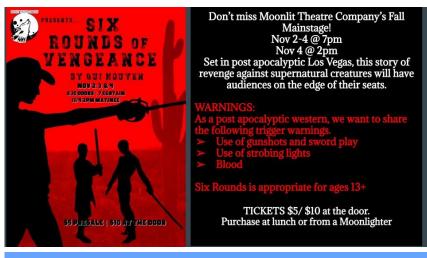
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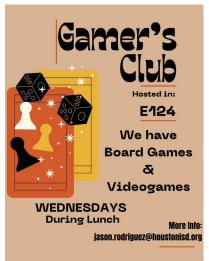






Let's Go Westside!









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



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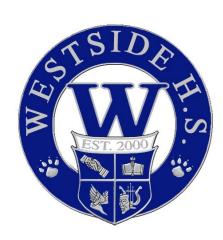
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