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from Westside High School

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Homecoming Recap 2023!

Thank you students, staff, parents and community for a fantastic Homecoming Week! We hope you enjoyed the festivities. See more pictures on pages 4-5.



October 17, 2023

Calendar

October 21

Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM—12 Noon

October 28

Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM—12 Noon

November 4

Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM—12 Noon

November 10

Staff Development Day,
No school for students

November 20-24

Thanksgiving Break

UPDATED!

2023-2024

HISD

Calendar

School News

Debate News:

Westside Debate competed at The Dulles Classic TFA tournament! Congratulations to Faith Olabanji for qualifying to the semi-finals in Dramatic Interpretation and to Anton Bogdanov for making it to the finals in Impromptu Speaking and winning 4th place!

Congratulations to Myles Horton and Kyra Kepeden for making it to the finals in Cross-Examination Policy Debate and winning 2nd place. Additionally, Congratulations to Myles Horton for winning first place speaker!

Go Westside Debate!

Volleyball:

The Lady Wolves dropped a closely contested match with Bellaire on Tuesday but rebounded with a 4 set victory over Heights for homecoming and secured the 2nd seed with two more games until the playoffs. Senior night will be held on Friday 10/20 at Delmar starting at 7:30pm

Water Polo

During the weekend of October 6th, our Water Polo teams competed in the District Championship Tournament. Our Girls team defeated Northside 16-10, Bellaire 12-6, and Lamar in the Championship 8-5 to claim their 2nd consecutive District Title. The Boys team defeated Northside 14-10 and Bellaire 16-2, before falling to Lamar 7-14 in the Championship. Many athletes received District recognition:

1st Team All-District: Abby Rohlfing, Lina Aly, Sarah Makondekwa, Luke Poncio, and Owen Wittrock.

2nd Team All-District: Elena Bounds, Mikael Larsson, and Seth Parasram

Honorable Mention: Hannah Cole, Bella DelGardo, and Kian Jaleel-Khan

Girls Offensive Player of the Year: Sarah Makondekwa

Girls Coach of the Year: Alex Sikkema

In the first round of playoffs, the boys defeated Shadow Creek 15-8 and will move on to face Strake Jesuit in area. Our girls defeated Pearland 16-10 and will move on to face Memorial in the area round. Stay tuned for area game details!

College Night



Clinic Corner

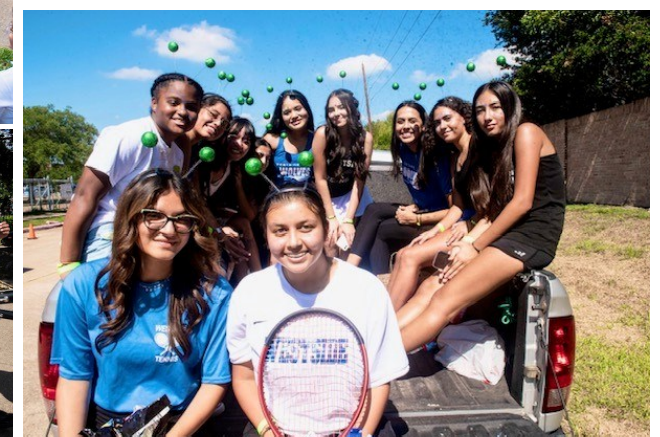
News from Nurse Stephens

**October is
National
Breast Cancer Awareness
Month**

Homecoming 2023



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Testing Info

PSAT 9 & PSAT/NMSQT on October 11

Audience: All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students

Parent Information: <https://blog.collegeboard.org/parents-guide-psat-nmsqt>

Students should: arrive at school no later than 7:30

Bring the following items: Photo ID, Calculator, Laptop and charger (the test is all done digitally)

We recommend that phones be left home, but if they must be brought to campus, students should be prepared to turn them in to their proctor before testing.

For security reasons and to prevent disruptions on test day, no visitors are allowed on campus during testing. Please note that we can only accommodate 11th grade homeschooled students at this time.

ASVAB Career Exploration Program at Westside High School - sign-up by 11/3

Westside High School is very excited to announce 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 November 3rd.

Test Date:	Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Location:	TBD
Time:	7:45 am
Length of Test:	3 hours

To view Frequently Asked Questions about the program, please click [here](#). If you are a student and wish to view more detailed information about the program, please click [here](#).

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 (Email)

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 [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.

Announcements from the College Center

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NOVEMBER 18, 2023
at NRG CENTER
10AM - 5PM

WE OFFER:

- MEET WITH OVER 50 COLLEGES ✓
- GET ACCEPTED ON THE SPOT ✓
- SCHOLARSHIPS ON THE SPOT ✓
- APPLICATION FEES WAIVED ✓
- SEMINARS ✓
- SURPRISE CELEBRITY GUESTS ✓
- WIN CASH & PRIZES ✓

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Register your group

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Updates!

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COLLEGE CENTER

NEED TO SEND AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT?

STEP 1:

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

Announcements

SATURDAY TUTORIALS

Snacks provided!



Find Support in:

- PSAT/SAT
- EOC/STAAR
- MATH
- SCIENCE
- ENGLISH

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Remaining Dates:

- Oct. 7th, 2023
- Oct. 21st, 2023
- Oct. 28, 2023
- Nov. 4th, 2023
- Dec. 2nd, 2023

Refuel your Energy Bus!

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 Policy Updates/Reminders:

- Note: Vendoland is no longer open
 - * Students may get food in the cafeteria (regular lunch is free)
 - * Or bring lunch from home
 - * No food deliveries via apps (DoorDash, UberEats, etc)
- No Visitors in the Building Before 8:00 AM
- No Drop-Offs/Pick Ups in Horseshoe Driveway with the exception of special needs students with a school-issued access pass

WESTSIDE SCHOOL STORE

A SERVICE PROVIDED BY PTO



HOURS:

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

DURING LUNCH

&

3:30 - 4:00 PM

QUESTIONS: WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM

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Home of the WOLVES



Announcements

A photograph of a brown basketball with black lines, resting on a light-colored wooden basketball court floor. A black line is visible on the floor behind the ball.

Boys Basketball Tryouts

Monday, October 23rd

Check-in:
5:45am at glass doors to ROTC
Hallway

Tryouts:
6:00-7:30 am

Get Involved!

Calling all athletes!!

FCA Interest Meeting

When: 7:00am Tuesday, October 17TH, 2023

Where: R122 (JROTC Hallway)

Who: All is welcome



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Learn more at: <https://www.fca.org/get-involved>

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

**LET'S TOUCH
the sky**

EST. 2018

DRONE CLUB

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 ROOM VIII

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TEXT @DRONEWEST TO 81010

Go, Wolves!

Get Involved!



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



A club supporting feminism and discussing our love of pink!

BIWEEKLY

OCTOBER 4 & 18 **NOVEMBER** 1, 18 & 29
DECEMBER 13

PINK CLUB

the future is pink !

N130

more information at @whspinkclub on instagram!

List of Clubs & Orgs



Gamer's Club

Hosted in:
E124

We have
Board Games
&
Videogames

WEDNESDAYS
During Lunch

More Info:
jason.rodriguez@houstonisd.org



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 

Let's Go Westside!

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		

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