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from Westside High School

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Celebrating Seniors!

The Class of 2024 celebrated senior status by putting their personal stamp on the Westside campus. Our Seniors were given a one-time special opportunity to personalize their spots in the Student Parking Lot and express their creativity and school spirit. Thanks to our Wolves for brightening the place up!



October 23, 2023

Calendar

October 28

Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM—12 Noon

November 2

PTO General Meeting,
6:30 PM in S100

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

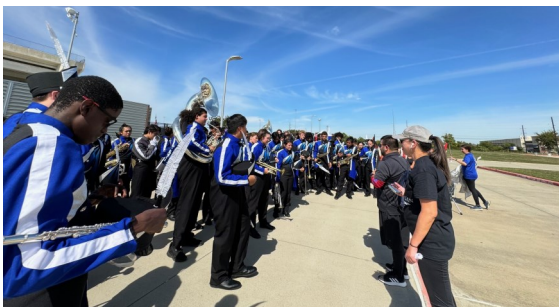
School News

Wolf Band:

The Wolf Band competed in the UIL Region Marching Band competition last week at Legacy Stadium in Katy. They advanced out of Region and competed at the Area 1 competition on Saturday, October 21st

The Wolf Band closed out their competitive season with a Prelims performance at the Area I Marching Contest, being one of only two Houston ISD schools to advance from the Regional level.

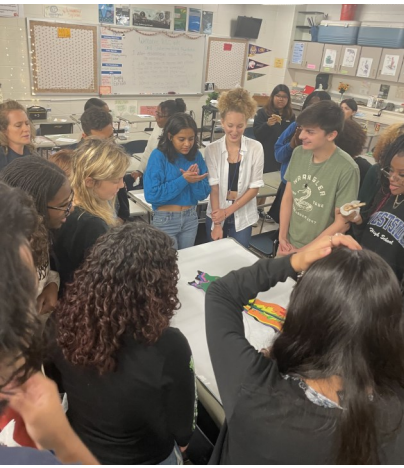
The band is appreciative of all the support and encouragement from the Westside Wolf Family, and look forward to presenting an encore performance of our UIL program "Black Swan" at this Friday's football game against Westbury High School at 7 PM at Butler Stadium! Congrats Wolf Band!



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Wolf Prairie:

The National Wildlife Federation grant that we received allows us to host students every other Friday during lunch to brainstorm and learn about our climate resiliency project at the Wolf Prairie. Last week, Westside's chapter of Resiliency in Schools and Communities (RiSC) had a visit from the Galveston Bay Foundation to learn more about our watershed. Next meeting students will have the opportunity to collaborate with landscape architects as we continue to discuss solutions to our biggest climate change issues!



Clinic Corner

News from Nurse Stephens

October is
National
Breast Cancer Awareness
Month

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 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**

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HIGH SCHOOL

Home
of the
WOLVES

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



NOV 11

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

INTERESTED IN VISITING TEXAS SOUTHERN?

**IF SO,
SIGN UP IN A205 FOR
THE YARD
EXPERIENCE**

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11, 2023
DEADLINE 10/31/23**

****MUST HAVE APPLIED TO BE
ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND**



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1998 - 2023

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BLACK COLLEGE EXPO

COLLEGE IS AN OPTION FOR YOU

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

WIN A SCHOLARSHIP - DEADLINE: 11/6/23
Info at: [ncrfoundation.org/scholarship](https://www.ncrfoundation.org/scholarship)
REGISTER TODAY AT:
[NCRFOUNDATION.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.ncrfoundation.org/events)
Register your group








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College, Career, &
Military Readiness
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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Library News

**HOUSTON
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

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VISIT 10/25/23

**When: WEDNESDAY
lunch time (11AM
to 12PM)**



Where: Library

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What will you discover at the library?

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JORGE CHAM

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Jorge is the best-selling and Emmy-nominated creator of "PHD Comics", the popular ongoing comic strip about life (or the lack thereof) in Academia. He is the co-creator and co-Executive Producer of the celebrated animated series Elinor Wonders Why, which airs on PBS Kids and in 78 countries around the world. He is the co-author of the award-winning book We Have No Idea (and its follow-up FAQ-U), and the co-host of the iHeart Radio show Daniel and Jorge Explain the Universe. He is also the co-founder of PHDtv, a video science and discovery outreach collaborative, and the author of the upcoming books Oliver's Great Big Universe and Out of Your Mind.

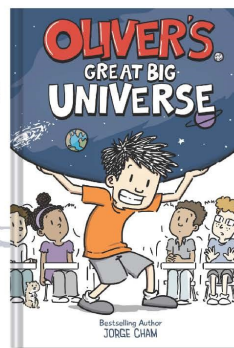
Jorge earned his Ph.D. in Robotics from Stanford University and was an Instructor and Research Associate at Caltech from 2003-2005. He is originally from Panama.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Cosmos meets Diary of a Wimpy Kid in this new illustrated middle-grade fiction series that blends science with narrative.

Oliver has a lot going on starting his first year of middle school: new friends, new classes, new everything. But at least there's one thing that still makes sense: science! Determined to be an astrophysicist one day, Oliver explains everything he learns—like how the sun burps, how ghost particles fly through you, and the uncanny similarities between Mercury and cafeteria meatballs. (Also, there are time-bending black holes, exploding supernova stars, and aliens! Well, there could be aliens.)

Oliver finally feels like he's starting to figure things out . . . but can he stay out of the principal's office, or catch a break from his annoying sister? With laugh-out-loud humor and cartoon-style illustrations from bestselling writer and the creator of PHD Comics Jorge Cham, Oliver's Great Big Universe is a STEM-themed, diary-style series following an eleven-year-old who's taking on the whole universe—if he can survive middle school first.



Book is available to order with 15% discount at

WWW.BRAZOSBOOKSTORE.COM/SCHOOL-VISITS

Get Involved!

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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

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TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 ROOM VIII

JOIN THE REMIND
TEXT @DRONEWEST TO 81010

Go, Wolves!

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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



Gamer's Club

Hosted in:
E124

We have
Board Games
&
Videogames

WEDNESDAYS
During Lunch

More Info:
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DECEMBER 13

PINK CLUB N130

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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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