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from Westside High School

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Events of the Week!

October 9, 2023



OCTOBER 9-12: SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 12: HOMECOMING PARADE @ 1:45

OCTOBER 13: FOOTBALL GAME AT 7:30 PM
vs. Heights at Delmar Stadium

OCTOBER 14: HOMECOMING DANCE
8-11 PM. Commons

Calendar

October 12

Homecoming Parade,
1:45 PM

College Night, 6-8 PM,
Commons

October 13

Staff Professional Development, No School for Students

Homecoming Football Game
vs. Heights, 7:30 PM at
Delmar Stadium

October 14

Homecoming Dance,
Commons, 8-11 PM

Westside College Night

Thursday, October 12, 2023

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Westside Commons

**Grades
9th - 12th
Students &
Parents**

Show
demonstrated Interest
Build a relationship with
Admission Officers.
Get informed of specific
opportunities for each institution.

**The annual opportunity that every
college-bound student does not want to miss.**

Approximately 100 college/program representatives will be at individual tables to answer questions and discuss their institutions and/or programs.

Texas & Out of State
Highly Selective – Open Enrollment

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Public and Private

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2-year / 4-year & trade school programs

UPDATED!

2023-2024

HISD
Calendar

Bell Schedule Week of 10/9/2023



Homecoming Week Bell Schedule

October 9 – 13, 2023

Monday (10/9)/Tuesday (10/10)		Wednesday (10/11)		Thursday (10/12)		Friday (10/13)
'90s Day	Barbenheimer Day	PJ Day		Spirit Day & Homecoming Parade		BLUE OUT Day & Game
1st Period	7:45 - 8:38	PSAT, SAT & TSIA2 Testing	7:45 - 11:30	1st Period	7:45 - 8:55	Staff PD - No classes
2nd Period	8:43 - 9:38	LUNCH	11:30 - 12:20	2nd Period	9:00 – 10:15	
3rd Period	9:43 - 10:36	3rd Period	12:25 - 1:22	4th Period	10:20 - 11:35	
4th Period	10:41 - 11:34	5th Period	1:27 - 2:24	LUNCH	11:35 - 12:35	
LUNCH	11:38 - 12:31	7th Period	2:29 - 3:25	6th Period	12:40 – 2:15	
5th Period	12:36 - 1:29	* NO LATE START for Seniors ** No off-campus lunch on Wednesday, October 11th		Parade & Pep Rally	2:15 - 3:25	
6th Period	1:34 - 2:27			ALL STAFF REPORTS TO WESTSIDE FRIDAY MORNING		
7th Period	2:32 - 3:25	*** 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will receive notice of testing location via TEAMS				

Accolades



Westside High School

has been recognized for the

2023 AP® School Honor Roll

for developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit and to maximize their college outcomes. Westside High School is also honored with the 2023 AP Access Award for ensuring AP coursework is equally available to students no matter their backgrounds.

Upcoming Testing

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)

Homecoming 2023



PARENTS WE NEED YOU!!!

HOCO PLANNING MEETING

**OCTOBER 3 AND 10
6:30 P.M.**

Meet at Westside Commons
Contact Jill Arntz
(713) 806-2794
jill@jarntzlaw.com




WHS PTO needs parents to help with the Homecoming Dance! Please join the homecoming committee at one of our upcoming planning meetings

Homecoming 2023



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

CASINO
Royale
HOMECOMING DANCE

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED
SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW!**

TICKETS DESK IS OPEN
DURING LUNCH
IN THE COMMONS

OCTOBER 5TH - 12TH

**COMPLETE CONTRACT AND
PAY FOR YOUR TICKET ONLINE AT:**
WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG/HOMECOMING

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023
THE COMMONS
8-11 PM**

TICKETS \$25 PER PERSON
Pay ONLINE OR *Pay* IN CASH
ATTENDANCE POLICIES APPLY

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• ALL NON-WHS GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PAPER CONTRACT •

**Contracts
Required to
attend the dance!
NO CONTRACT=
NO TICKET**



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

**HOMECOMING
DANCE**

**ALL WESTSIDE STUDENTS
MUST COMPLETE AN
ONLINE CONTRACT**

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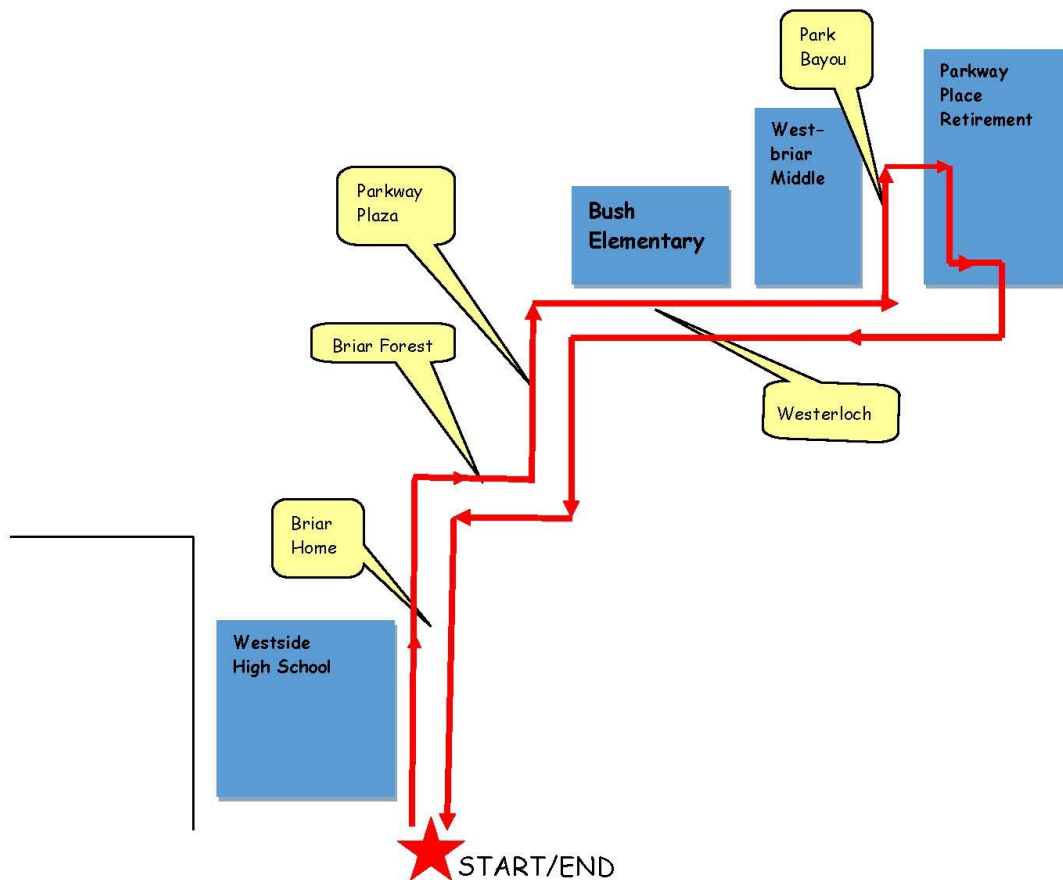
NO CONTRACT NO TICKET!!!

Homecoming Parade Route

Homecoming Parade Route 2023

Thursday, October 12

Start time: 1:45 PM



Calling All Parents & Community Members!
We invite you to grab a family member or friend
and find a great viewing spot
on the parade route!

Come out and cheer on the Wolves!

Homecoming Door Decorating Contest



1st Place:

National Art Honor Society
Mrs. Susan Smith



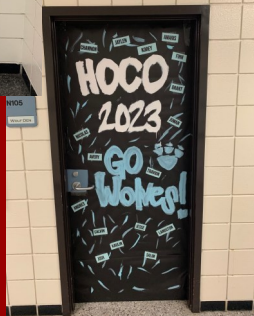
2nd Place:

Crafty Club
Ms. Tonya Hebert



3rd Place:

Student Council
Ms. Ngalle-Mayer



News from Athletics

Tennis Districts update from Coach Ambree Christy:

Our tennis team played at districts last week. Through constant rain delays slowing us down, each player showed up and gave their best effort each day. Francisco Fonseca and Sricharan Machavarapu won all of their doubles matches.

We play tomorrow at 3 pm at Memorial HS.

Cross Country Districts Update from Coach Guy:

Last weekend the Boys & Girls Cross Country Team competed in the District Championships.

The Varsity boys placed third as a team and advanced to the Regional Championships, which will be held October 24th at Kate Barr Ross Park in Huntsville TX, starting at 8:00am. The boys were led by Nicolas Hutchinson with a 4th place overall finish. The members of the Varsity Team are Langston Beard, Job Ayala, Gavin McMahon, Talon Coulter, Alexander Medina and Jaden Insaideo. Other members include Ruben Soares, Javier Martinez and Gabriel Hogan.

The JV boys ran a strong race and never quit. Team members include Johnathan Phan, Jacob Zeiter, Ziad Gire Yousef El-Miari and Shamah Amichoh.

The Freshman boys were paced by Joshua Ffrench, who placed **1st overall, beating his nearest competitor by over 2 minutes on the 2 mile course.**

The lady wolves were led by sophomore, Cynthia Lo, who placed 18th overall in the varsity division. The JV girls placed 3rd as a team and the members include Molly Maguire, Karis Chiao, Karla Martinez, Valeria Gomez, Noshin Nawar, Jenna Redwan and Javiera Herrera. Other team members include Amanda Santiago and Daniela Barcenas.

Overall, this was a very successful season for a group of dedicated young men and women who wake up every morning at the crack of dawn to put in hard work, day after day. This was also the very first cross-country season for the majority of the team so we are looking forward to next year.



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>

SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

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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

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT

DATE
Oct. 12, 2023

TIME
6:00 PM - 08:00 PM


Westside High School Commons

Join us for a night of college & career exploration and speak to representatives from all over!



Follow the Westside College Center on Instagram for all College, Career, & Military Readiness Updates!

@westsidecc



WESTSIDE
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.



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- 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
REGISTER TODAY AT:
NCRFoundation.org/Events
Register your group

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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
- For Special Needs Students Only:
 - Drop-Offs in the AM in the Bus Lane
 - Pick-Ups in the Afternoon—may use the horseshoe driveway if displaying school-issued access pass

Westside High School

CollegeBoard

PSAT/SAT CAMP

Need help preparing for the PSAT/SAT?

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

FACT: many colleges REQUIRE THE SAT/ACT

9:00-12 Noon

Saturday: 9/30
Saturday: 10/7

SNACKS provided!

Sign Up below!



2023-2024

The PTO Welcomes All New and Returning Westside Families!

WHS PTO Website



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TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE
WESTSIDE PTO!

We need
your
support!

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- ☒ VOLUNTEER!
- ☒ DONATE!
- ☒ SHOP OUR STORE!
- ☒ ATTEND MEETINGS!

Join and
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a PTO member
today!

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

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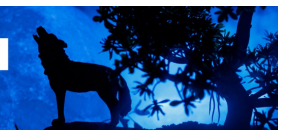


HOURS:

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

QUESTIONS: WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM

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Home of the WOLVES



Announcements

SATURDAY TUTORIALS



Snacks provided!



Find Support in:

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

**Refuel your
Energy Bus!**

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



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

JOIN THE REMIND
TEXT @DRONEWEST TO 81010

Go, Wolves!

Get Involved!

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!

Gamer's Club

Hosted in:
E124

**We have
Board Games
&
Videogames**

WEDNESDAYS
During Lunch

More Info:
jason.rodriquez@houstonisd.org

Remind: WHSCOC23

Christians on Campus

Every Friday E213

Join us for Christ Centered Conversations

WESTSIDE FRC ROBOTICS CLUB 

Remind: @frc2587w

- Design, build, and program robots!
- Gain valuable STEM skills!
- The hardest fun you'll ever have!!

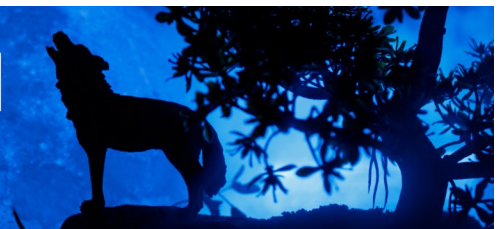
MEETINGS EVERY THURSDAY FROM 3:30 TO 5:00 IN ROOM V111




Join the Remind 

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23/24 Bell Schedule

Mon/Tues/Fri		Wednesday & Thursday	
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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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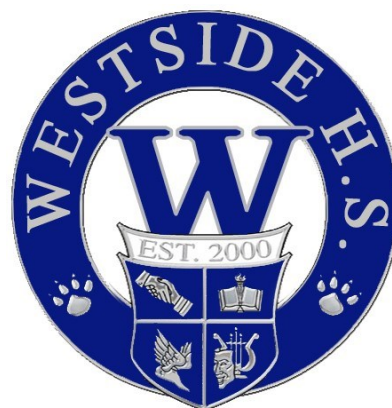
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