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from Westside High School

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College Culture at Westside

October 7, 2024

We are excited to share that our school is being recognized by the College Board!

2024 AP School Honor Roll

- AP Honor Roll Gold
- AP Access Award

We received these awards based on the following:

- College Culture – 70% of our Class of 2025 will experience at least 1 AP course before graduating.
- College Credit - 51% of our Class of 2025 will earn college credit by earning an AP Exam score of 3.
- College Optimization - 22% of our Class of 2025 will take a total of 5 APs across their high school years, with at least 1 taken in 9th or 10th grade.

Westside HS ... LEVEL UP – Rise to Your Potential!



Westside High School

has been recognized for the

2024 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 2024 AP Access Award for ensuring AP coursework is equally available to students no matter their backgrounds.

Calendar

October 10

College Night, 6-8 PM,
Commons

October 12

Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM–12 Noon

October 16

PSAT Day

November 8

Staff Professional
Development Day, No
School for Students

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Westside College Night

Grades
9th - 12th
Students &
Parents

Thursday, October 10, 2024
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Westside Commons

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 * Public and Private
Highly Selective – Open Enrollment * 2-year / 4-year & trade school programs

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

PSAT on October 16

On Wednesday, October 16, 2024, all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will take the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). This test measures for the knowledge and skills that are essential for college readiness and success. The College board is the organization that develops and scores the PSAT/NMSQT tests as well as the Advanced Placement exams and the SAT.

For 9th graders, the score sets a college readiness baseline, and then in 10th grade, the score provides a check on the progress in comparison to that baseline.

For 11th graders, the scores from the test help narrow their college choices. The results can also qualify the student for the National Merit Scholarship competition and open up future college scholarship opportunities.

On test day, students should:

- Arrive at school by 7:30 am

- Wear their Westside photo ID

- Bring their Chromebook AND charger (all testing is done digitally)

- Be prepared to turn in all electronic devices and accessories (they will be secured and returned at the end of testing)

Please note that if a student's electronic device disturbs the testing environment by making a sound, per school policy, the device will be confiscated for two weeks, and the Testing Coordinator will report the irregularity to the College Board. This may result in the test not being scored. Please note that this applies even if the phone is not in the student's possession, for it will still have created a disturbance to the testing environment.

Scores will be available in your student's college board account in November; we no longer receive paper score reports.

Finally, no visitors are permitted on test day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our campus testing coordinator at Schandra.holloway@houstonisd.org



*PSAT Testing
for
all 9th, 10th & 11th
grade students*

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Testing & Tutorials




ASVAB

Get to know
your strengths,
yourself,
and your options.

What's Your Dream Job?

Deadline Oct. 30

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE

PSAT Exam Fall 2024

**Wednesday,
October 16, 2024**

Who takes the PSAT?

- PSAT 8/9: All Grade 8 & 9 Students
- PSAT / NMSQT: All Grade 10 & 11 Students

Important Deadlines

- September 16: Deadline for EB Language Support Requests
- Students who have IEPs, 504 plans, or Emergent Bilingual students (who require language supports for testing) are eligible for specific accommodations.
- Accommodations requests must be submitted to College Board for review & approval
- PSAT Make-up Days: October 17 and 18

Why take the PSAT?

College Readiness:
Evaluates the essential knowledge and skills needed for college and career readiness. Qualifying scores allow students to take college credit courses (no remediation)

Literacy and Math Skills:
Measures critical reading skills, writing skills, math reasoning and problem-solving skills

Scholarship Opportunities:
Provides an opportunity to enter the competition for National Merit Scholar scholarships


Advanced Course Scheduling:
May be used to determine eligibility for advanced courses, including HCC Dual Credit courses

Important Test Details

- PSAT is an online assessment
- Total time for testing is 2 hours and 14 minutes
- An online graphing calculator is available for all students
- A Math reference sheet with Math formulas is provided

Section	Time
Reading & Writing	64 minutes
Break	10 minutes
Math	70 minutes
Total testing time	2 hours & 14 minutes

Questions about designated supports?
Please contact your campus testing coordinator, counselor, special education/504 chairperson, or LPAC coordinator.

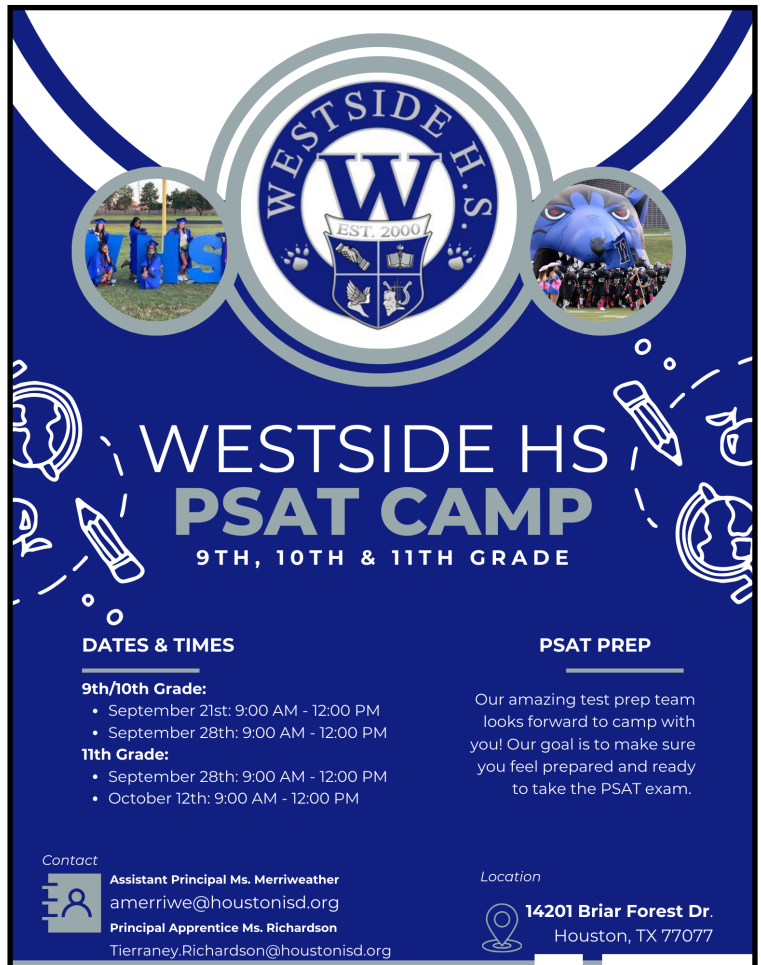


Saturday Tutorials

October 12, 19 & 26

9 AM-12 Noon

- Enter via main doors from horseshoe driveway on Briar Forest
- Wear school-appropriate attire
- Bring IDs, assignments & charged laptops



WESTSIDE HS PSAT CAMP

9TH, 10TH & 11TH GRADE

DATES & TIMES

9th/10th Grade:

- September 21st: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- September 28th: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

11th Grade:

- September 28th: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- October 12th: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

PSAT PREP

Our amazing test prep team looks forward to camp with you! Our goal is to make sure you feel prepared and ready to take the PSAT exam.

Contact

Assistant Principal Ms. Merriweather
amerriwe@houstonisd.org

Principal Apprentice Ms. Richardson
Tieraney.Richardson@houstonisd.org

Location

14201 Briar Forest Dr.
Houston, TX 77077

PTO & Booster Announcements

PTO Membership

perks!

1

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

To be eligible for a PTO Spirit Scholarship, the family must join the PTO by December 31, 2024.

2

WHS SWAG!

Who doesn't want Free WHS swag?

4

GIFT CARDS

- Chick-fil-a
 - Tropical Smoothie
 - Crumbl Cookie
- You could win one of these!



5

EXTRA PERKS FOR STAFF MEMBERS

Win a VIP parking spot good for the whole school year! (Must be registered by Nov. 1, 2024)

6

EXTRA PERKS FOR STAFF MEMBERS

Win 2 years day per year

Thank you sponsors:



Chick-fil-a

tropical CAFE

JOIN TODAY!



Follow us on Instagram @westsidehtxpto
Must be a PTO member to win. Raffles to be announced monthly.
Please scan QR code or visit us at westsidehighpto.org

2024-2025

The PTO Welcomes All New and Returning Westside Families

SCHOOL STORE HOURS

FRIDAYS: DURING LUNCH

Shop Online and Pick Up at Store

Follow us on Instagram
@westsidehtxpto

WHS PTO Website



Scan using your camera

GO WOLVES!

WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG

NEXT PTO MEETING

11/20 AT 6:30PM
ROOM S100. SEE YOU THERE!

YEAR AT A GLANCE



WHS PTO 2024 - 2025



August

- 26th - Open House and Back to School Bash 5:30-8pm

September

- 2nd & 3rd - No School
- 17th - Principal's coffee 8:30am at Library
- 18th - Senior Parent meeting at 4pm and General PTO meeting 6:30pm in the mini theater
- 20th - Senior Sunrise
- 21st - Senior parking paint day

October

- 3rd & 4th - No School
- 10th - College Night
- 16th - PSAT and Senior class photo
- 23-30th - HOCO Ticket sales
- 31st - HOCO Parade & Game

November

- 2nd - HOCO Dance
- 7th - Senior Skate Night
- 8th - No School
- 20th - General PTO meeting 6:30pm S100
- 22nd - Seniors Fee Due
- 25-29th - Thanksgiving Break / No School
- TBD - Prospective Students Open House

December

- TBD - Magnet Tours
- Staff Appreciation
- 23-5th - Winter Break / No School

January

- 6th - Alumni Breakfast
- 20th - No School

February

- 14th - No School
- 17th - No School
- 19th - General PTO meeting 6:30pm S100
- TBD - Harlem Wizards game

March

- 10-14th Spring Break / No School
- 31st - No School

April

- 5th - Prom
- 16th - General PTO meeting 6:30pm S100
- 18th - No School

May

- 2nd - No School
- 4-9th Teacher Appreciation Week
- 26th - No School

June

- 4th - Last Day of School

Go Wolves!



Dates are subject to change.
Please follow us on Instagram @westsidehtxpto for any updates or
Scan QR code to visit us at westsidehighpto.org

THURSDAY, OCT 24

6:30PM

CHOIR ROOM

Football vs. Bellaire



Homecoming Announcements



Homecoming

October 31
Parade & Game

November 2
Dance

Details coming soon!



COST \$15
CASH ONLY

Support the Pride Dance Team by purchasing a Homecoming Spirit Shirt! Purchase through a Pride member or Ms. Emert in G111 by Friday Oct. 11th.

Homecoming 2024 Court Nominations



Nominate the best representative for your class for homecoming court.

When: October 8 and 9

Where: CANVAS

(Form will open at 8:00 a.m. on October 8 and close at 4:00 p.m. on October 9)

Senior Announcements



Get Involved!



KEY CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY
OCT. 10TH
1ST HALF OF LUNCH
MINI THEATER

Get Involved!



Want to write better? Want to share your stories? Join NOW!

Westside Writers

Every Friday:
11:30 am- 12:05 pm
Room: N130
First meeting- October 11th



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 12TH
9AM TO 1PM**

MASTER CLASS

DANCE WITH PRIDE

REGISTER AND PAY
\$20 PRE-REGISTER
\$25 AT THE DOOR

Westside!



**Music Booster
Skate Night**

Friday Oct 18
5-9pm

MENTIONING THE WHS
MUSIC BOOSTERS GIVES \$3
BACK FOR EACH ENTRY

ENTRY: \$12
SKATES: \$4

LOCATION:
DAIRY ASHFORD ROLLER
RINK
1820 S. DAIRY ASHFORD
RD, 77077

NEW DATE!!



**Let's
Go,
Wolves!**



**CHEER MANAGER
&
MASCOT WANTED**

**Monday October 14th
Second half of lunch 11:30AM
Room N222**

PLEASE CONTACT COACH SHIRLEY:
Valenciana.Shirley@houstonisd.org
AND OUR MANAGER LORRYN:
Lorryngill4@gmail.com

Get Involved!

More Yearbooks are Available for Purchase!

More yearbooks have just been added for you to purchase, but they **WILL** sell out! Order yours today!

ORDER TODAY:



ONLINE
JOSTENS.COM/BUYYEARBK



SCAN



CALL

1.877.767.5217
8AM-5PM CST MONDAY-FRIDAY

Submit Your Photos to the Yearbook!

Help us capture the Spirit of Westside by submitting your photos today! Scan the QR code and send us photos! We want the following:

- First day of school
- Candids of you and your friends
- Behind the scenes of your club and organization
- And anything else you think captures the "Spirit of Westside"!



Join Westside's Official

VEX

ROBOTICS Club!

Interested in...

- Teamwork?
- Designing?
- Fun competitions?
- Coding?
- Building?
- ...and more?

Meet us on Wednesdays @ 3:25 pm in room V111

Remind Code:
@whsvex24

JOIN JROTC

- We have Competitive Teams
- Earn your Letterman
- Earn a PE Credit
- Earn a Military Scholarship
- Become a leader, a better person, And a better citizen

Questions: See Major Gozalo or Command Sergeant Major Dang at JROTC or email
ggozalo@houstonisd.org or hai.dang@houstonisd.org

Archery

Marksmanship

Physical Fitness Team

Ranger Swim

Color Guard

Flagfolding Team

Rifle Drill Team

DRONE Club

TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 ROOM V111

What we offer

- Piloting Skills
- Coding Skills
- Team Work

Join Remind
➤ @dronewest

Gamer's Club

Hosted In: E130

- We have board games and Videogames

WEDNESDAYS DURING LUNCH

WOLVES

School Information

Cell Phone Policy

- ❑ Cell phones must be placed in backpack throughout the entire school day.
- ❑ Cell phones are allowed during LUNCH only
- ❑ Failure to follow these guidelines will result in consequences as outlined in the student code of conduct.



NEW!

HEADPHONES PROHIBITED at SCHOOL

Headphones cannot be visible at any time at school



DRESS CODE

What to wear:

Students must wear ID on Lanyard
Must be visible at all times

Shirts with sleeves
Any color/pattern
Must cover fully in front & back

Jeans, joggers, leggings, pants
Worn at the waist

Shorts, skirts & dresses
Length at least to mid-thigh

Jackets & Hoodies
Worn with a shirt under it, hoods down

No sleepwear
No pajamas, slippers/house shoes, blankets

No headwear
(except for religious purposes)
No hats, caps, durags, bonnets, bandanas, etc.

No revealing clothing
No tank tops, camis, low-cut tops, crop-tops, biker shorts, sheer or tight-fitting clothing

No sunglasses

No offensive clothing/accessories
May not represent or advocate offensive or inappropriate activities/ideologies

RISE TO YOUR POTENTIAL

LEVEL UP

School Information



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Hazel Health is here to support your student

With Hazel, your child can get the health care they need, when they need it, at school or at home, via TeleHealth at **no out-of-pocket cost to you.**

Virtual physical and mental health care for students

Physical health providers address student needs within minutes

- Cold or flu symptoms
- Headache
- Stomach ache
- Abdominal pain
- Minor injuries
- and more

Licensed therapists help students cope with what they're feeling

- Anxiety
- Academic stress
- Depression
- Bullying
- Change
- and more

Scan to learn more

Learn more and consent for services my.hazel.co/houstonisd



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Hazel Health está aquí para ayudar a su estudiante

Con Hazel, su hijo puede obtener la atención médica que necesita, cuando la necesita, en la escuela o en el hogar, a través de tele salud **sin costo de bolsillo para usted.**

Atención virtual de salud física y mental para estudiantes

Los proveedores de salud física abordan las necesidades de los estudiantes en cuestión de minutos

- Síntomas de resfriado o influenza
- Dolor de cabeza
- Dolor de estómago
- Dolor abdominal
- ¡y mucho más!

Los terapeutas autorizados ayudan a los estudiantes a afrontar lo que sienten

- Ansiedad
- Estrés académico
- Depresión
- Acoso escolar
- Cambios
- ¡y mucho más!

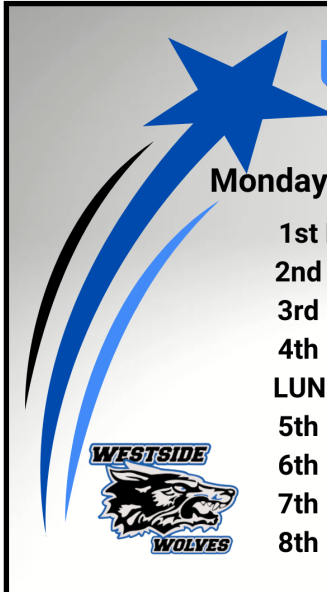
Escanea para aprender más

Todos los servicios se prestan a través de la telemedicina

Obtenga más información y dé su consentimiento para acceder a los servicios. my.hazel.co/houstonisd


Reminders for Parents/Students:

- The horseshoe driveway at the Main Entrance is reserved for students with special needs during morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal.
- No food deliveries! Door Dash, Uber Eats and all other food delivery services are prohibited.
- No visitors are allowed during the lunch period.



WESTSIDE 24/25 BELL SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday & Thursday
1st Pd 7:45 - 8:35	1st/2nd Pd 7:45 - 9:25
2nd Pd 8:40 - 9:25	3rd/4th Pd 9:30 - 11:05
3rd Pd 9:30 - 10:15	LUNCH 11:05 - 12:05
4th Pd 10:20 - 11:05	5th/6th Pd 12:10 - 1:45
LUNCH 11:05 - 12:05	7th/8th Pd 1:50 - 3:25
5th Pd 12:10 - 12:55	
6th Pd 1:00 - 1:45	
7th Pd 1:50 - 2:35	
8th Pd 2:40 - 3:25	

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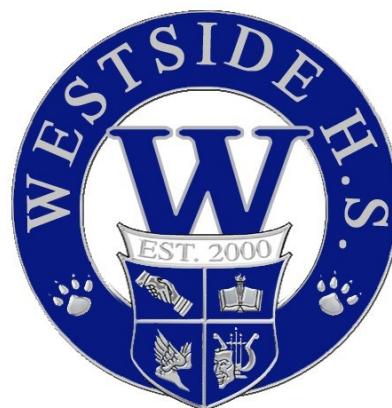
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Instagram: gowestsidewolves



Twitter: @westsidehigh



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Submit stories and photos for eNews:

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School Pay:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/>

School Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org/westsidehs>

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