Where Can Parents Find... Grades, Lesson Plans, Contacts?

As we head into the final stretch of this turbulent spring term, we encourage parents to check-in on your student’s performance in “virtual school”.

The best place to start is on HISD’s parent engagement tool, Parent Student Connect/GradeSpeed. If you already have an account, click here to sign-in. To register, click here. (See page 2 of this eNews for detailed registration instructions.) With this tool, you may:

- Check current grades and assignments;
- Find a list of your student’s courses and teachers’ names; and
- View report cards and progress report.

If you would like to view lesson plans or contact your student’s teachers/dean, please use our Staff Directory. Once you click on a teacher’s name, you will go to their page, which includes email addresses and Virtual Lesson Plans (see example to the right).

Overall, our Wolves have shown great resilience during these challenging weeks of distance-learning. We ask you to hang in there and stay engaged for these last few weeks. Together in spirit, yet safely apart, we will finish WESTSIDE STRONG!

### Regular Schedule of Virtual Classes

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**IMPORTANT NOTES**

- Periods 1,3,5,7 Academic Work: due on Thursdays
- Periods 2,4,6 Academic Work: due on Mondays

* All lesson are recorded and can be accessed by students at any time.
* Mondays & Wednesdays are for teacher instruction.
* Tuesdays & Thursdays are for reinforcement and student assistance.
Westside @ HOME

Register for Parent Student Connect/GradeSpeed
View your student’s grades online and set up alerts & notifications!

1. Gather required student details:
   - HISD Student ID Number
   - Student’s Social Security Number or HISD “S” number

2. Click or copy into your internet browser:
   https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/42143

3. Click here and complete Steps 1-6
Westside @ HOME

**Normal Weekly Schedule**

**Daily Classes at a Glance Thru May 8**
Westside @ HOME

What are Westside Students Saying?

Continued from last week: We surveyed the students and they let us know some of their thoughts on Westside @ HOME. Here is a sampling of what they said:

What have you enjoyed most about Westside @ HOME?

I like seeing my teachers and classmates

I've enjoyed the simplicity of it. I can receive an assignment, turn it in, and the whole process is very smooth and it doesn’t stress me out.

I enjoy everything

Although it's been different, being able to manage my own work schedule and get my work finished early has been a great freedom. Being able to ask my teachers questions anytime is also helpful, and KhanAcademy has been a useful medium that some of my teachers are using.

dance assignments

relaxed environment from the majority of my teachers

I can create my own schedule

Time flexibility

it’s easy

I can take my time and learn stuff on my own. I don’t have to rush through questions

i just like its shorter than regular school

Student Voice!

What might teachers do differently?

Students will stay better engaged with more interactive activities or games.

Every teacher using a different platform for homework is confusing. If all the teachers could have one place to put homework and turn it in that would be great.

Everything is good, keep it up

Need to know that some people can't do it because of work or certain situations at home

More reminders, daily mental health check ins, being able to talk to teachers one on one.

I feel like what they're doing now is working well. I can't really think of what I might want to be changed.

That teachers don’t talk the whole hour straight without stopping

I’d like to do group work

I am motivated to stay engaged for the remainder of the cycle. I think teachers should set aside five minutes in each class to let students talk to each other an the teacher
State Gold Seal Award Winner

2020 VASE State Event
Sarah Alvarado
Zenith
Division: 3  Region: 4E  Westside
Gold Seal Winner

Congratulations to Sarah Alvarado, Gold Seal winner in 2020 Visual Art State Event (VASE). Sarah is a junior in Ms. Schrynemeecker’s Art III Photography class. Her award-winning photograph is called “Zenith”.

Staff Appreciation Shout-Outs from StuCo

Freshman Collage
Senior Collage
DNA Expert Attends Westside Forensics Class

Ms. Phillips’ Forensic Science class recently hosted a live Microsoft Teams event featuring a guest speaker from Houston Forensic Science Center. Mr. Clay Davis, a forensic DNA expert, joined in the hour-long meeting, presenting to students about forensic DNA analysis in the Crime Lab. He displayed actual case images, discussed how he interprets data, and shared challenges that he faces in different types of cases and evidence analysis. Over 100 students virtually attended the class, which included a Q & A session.

Westside Alumni in the Spotlight

Michael Letko
Westside Class of 2007!

Check out this story on Wired.com. It’s about our Wolf alum and his cutting edge work related to containing the COVID-19 virus. Wired is a prestigious monthly publication focused on the impacts of emerging technologies.

Proud of our Wolf, Dr. Letko, literally helping to save the world!

Amelia Khoei
Westside Class of 2014!

Check out this blog post by our Westside HST (Health Science Technology) grad, Amelia Khoei. Amelia is a second year Med Student at Baylor College of Medicine here in Houston. In her blog, she shares her experience doing community outreach during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Jordan Elliott
Westside Class of 2016!

If you tuned into the NFL Draft last week, you may have seen our former Wolf. Jordan played defensive tackle at Mizzou and was just drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the 3rd Round! Go Jordan!
Just for Seniors

PTO Spirit Scholarships
Parents: did you join PTO by January 15th?
Your senior student is eligible to apply for $1000 WHS PTO Spirit Scholarship.
If you did not receive links by email to the 2020 Scholarship application, please contact: Mrs. Turner or Mrs. Maguire from the College Center.

Click here for application!
Deadline: May 1st

$500 Challenge Scholarship
Sponsored by Westside Alumni & Friends
Awarded to 2 graduating seniors who have shown perseverance overcoming an obstacle in pursuit of their education.

Click here to apply!
Deadline: May 1st
We Need Your Help!

Microsoft TEALS
Partnering with Westside for 2020/2021!

We need your help to empower the next generation of Tech Leaders from Westside High School!

- Seeking technical professionals from our community.
- Volunteer to work with our teachers to team-teach computer science.
- Help bring computer science to a broader and more diverse pool of students at Westside.

For more information about our new program, please contact Computer Science teacher, Mrs. Willett: margaret.willett@houstonisd.org.

For more information about TEALS or to apply to volunteer at Westside, go to: https://microsoft.com/TEALS.

Wolves Helping Wolves
SOME OF OUR FAMILIES ARE IN NEED

Make a donation toward GROCERY GIFT CARDS
Scan or Click HERE

Westside PTO
Announcements

CHECK OUT OUR VIRTUAL TRY-OUTS!
CHEER  COLOR GUARD  INERTIA  PRIDE

Pride Thrue April 24

Pride Dance Team

Virtual Auditions begin April 13th-24th
Please join our google classroom for access to auditions code ptd4gfdg

Cheer May 4-7

Westside High School

CHEER VIRTUAL TRYOUTS
May 4th-7th

Stay Connected
@westsidevaristycheer

With continued closures and restrictions Westside Cheer will be conducting Virtual Tryouts.
ONLINE APPLICATION AND TRYOUT INFORMATION COMING SOON!
Google Classroom Code or1h5a

Inertia May 11-15

The Inertia Program 2020-2021
ONLINE AUDITIONS
May 11th - 15th

Join our Google Classroom for details
Code: c5klg

Color Guard May 18-22

Color Guard

Westside HS
Virtual Auditions
May 18th-22nd

Questions? Email team @wolves@westsidhs.com
Resources You May Need

Need to talk?
Do you want emotional support?

Email your name & school ID only:
   ebony.lumpkin@houstonisd.org
   or
   ciera.mcintosh@houstonisd.org

Wellness Wednesdays
with Ms. McIntosh and Ms. Lumpkin

Hey Westside! Join us live every Wednesday at 12pm
Topic: Strategies for Coping with Stress
Click the link to join!
https://zoom.us/j/95497886846?pwd=NHUzTXY1K1ljQXhZaIBoZk9YZFBkZz09
Meeting ID: 954 9788 6846
Password: 9WMmXT

HISD Houston & Food Bank
Food Distribution Sites
Week of April 27
Click here for Details

Westside Student Support Center
   ✷ Attendance Appeals
   ✷ Absences
   ✷ Emotional Support
Monday—Friday 9-12 & 1-3:15
   cbyrd@houstonisd.org
   aaren.scott@houstonisd.org

Westside students in need of assistance with groceries may contact a staff member below to request a $25 grocery store gift card:
Ms. McIntosh:
Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org
Ms. Lumpkin:
Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org
Dean Edith Gozalez:
EGonza15@houstonisd.org
Ms. Byrd-Williams:
cbyrd@houstonisd.org
Mr. Scott:
Aaren.Scott@houstonisd.org
Announcements

YES! We will have a 2020 YEARBOOK!
$85—Only a few books left for sale!

The 2020 Westside Canidae has been sent off to the Printer!

Completion Date: Pending
Distribution Dates/Method: TBD
(according to public health ordinances)

questions, please email srobert2@houstonisd.org


Westside College Center
One-on-One
Virtual College Advising Appointment
Juniors and seniors! Set up individual virtual advising appointments via Microsoft Bookings. To schedule an appointment, click here:
WHS College Center Appointments

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listinfo/whscommunity

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