Wrestling Celebrates 20 Years

The Westside Wrestling program celebrated their 20 year anniversary over the weekend. The team hosted the 6th Annual Chicken Wing Classic Wrestling Tournament here at Westside and took the opportunity to honor legends of years past, both coaches and state finalists.

Congratulations to the team for a strong performance among 20 total programs from around the state. Christian Lopez was the 120 lb. champion and won the Most Outstanding Wrestler award.

Thanks to Coach Froelich for an excellent 20-year anniversary celebration, as well as parent and student volunteers for their support.

VIP Guest Lecturer Visited Westside

Last week, Westside students had a unique opportunity to attend a special presentation in the Learning Commons. Dr. Irving Finkel, Assistant Keeper of Ancient Mesopotamian script, languages, and cultures in the Department of the Middle East at The British Museum came to Westside. Dr Finkel was a guest of Archaeology Now, one of our long-time learning partners. He spoke about ancient Mesopotamians using cuneiform language on clay tablets to communicate. Later in the week, he spoke at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston on the topic of Gilgamesh.
FAFSA Lab on Tuesday

Attention Senior Parents...this announcement is for you! We are offering a final opportunity to get one-on-one help with completing your student’s FAFSA or TASFA application. Join staff members from the College Center filling out your FAFSA/TASFA. Bring your laptop and required details to submit your application on time for **Priority Deadline of January 15th**.

**FAFSA Lab**  
**Tuesday, January 14th**  
**5-7 PM**  
**Learning Commons**

It’s a GREAT DAY to be a WOLF!
QB Akeem Benjamin District MVP

Westside quarterback Akeem Benjamin was voted MVP for 2019 District 18-6A. Click here to read the full article in the Houston Chronicle.

Benjamin is a senior and ranked second in district in both passing and rushing. He lead the Wolves to a 5-5 season and the team went on to a playoff game. He passed for 1,553 yards, six interceptions and a district-high 23 touchdowns, while rushing for 908 yards and 13 touchdowns, averaging 7.8 yards per carry.

Congratulations to Akeem and all of our football players on a great season. See listing at right of our Wolves who made the All-District selections.

Congratulations and thanks to Coaches Mason, Baxter, Goodnight, Brown, Carter, Banks, Lawson, Phillips, White, Reynolds and Read for their dedication.

WESTSIDE FOOTBALL
18-6A District Selections

MVP
Akeem Benjamin, Sr., QB

First Team
Steven Thomas, Sr., OL
Dorian Washington, Soph., WR
LaRante Lewis, Jr., DL
Tah MacBright, Sr., LB
Christian McClinton, Sr., DB

Second Team
Tyroun Murray, Sr., RB
Donovan Davis, Jr., OL
Daniel Mendoza, Sr., WR
Freddy Brown, Jr., LB
Ashton Colquitt, Sr., DB

Honorable Mention
Luis Castillo
Jayden Dalton
Nick Emere
Harris Tomdio

Wolves’ Akeem Benjamin, District 18-6A 2019 MVP

Photo: Craig Moseley, Houston Chronicle / Staff Photographer
Annual Alumni Breakfast

Thanks to our alumni for stopping by to reconnect at the Annual Alumni Breakfast. Over 200 former students enjoyed coffee, donuts, and a quick trip down Memory Lane with their friends and favorite teachers.

*Once a Wolf, always a Wolf!*
Announcements

The WHS Playwriting Class Presents:

SWADOAPS
The Wandering Walkman

January 16th-18th @ 7pm in the Black Box
Tickets are $5 in advance and $7 @ the door

Written and Directed by TPRO Playwrights

Reminder: Early Dismissal Day
Friday at 12 Noon

No School MLK Day
Monday January 20th
Announcements

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENTS-JUST DO IT!
Make-Up Schedule and Procedures
2019 FALL SEMESTER EXAMS

Simply aim your camera at the code. Follow link to survey which will prompt you to select one of the dates below to complete your make up exam! Then, show up! (Final exams are 25% of your course average!)

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Wednesdays at 7th period may be used if student has 7th pd off campus, or upon approval by 7th pd teacher/dean; student is not permitted to miss instruction from another teacher’s course.

Wed* 1/15/20 1:45-3:45PM n/a S-217
Wed* 1/20/20 1:45-3:45PM n/a S-217
Wed* 1/22/20 1:45-3:45PM n/a S-217
Wed* 1/29/20 1:45-3:45PM n/a S-217

Do Not Use the QR Code if you need to schedule a make-up exam which is Project, Portfolio, or Performance-based. Instead, the student will need to contact the teacher directly for further instructions.

THURS, JAN 29TH
SENIOR DEADLINE FOR MAKE-UPS
(senior rank calculation)
NO EXCEPTIONS!

SAT, FEB 1ST
UNDERCLASSMEN DEADLINE FOR MAKE-UP EXAMS.
NO EXCEPTIONS.
Announcements

SENORS, DID YOU RECEIVE AN “NG” FOR THE FALL 2019?

ATTENDANCE APPEAL
FOR SENIORS ONLY
MANDATORY PARENT MEETING
FOR ATTENDANCE APPEAL APPROVAL

JANUARY 18, 2020
New Date: January 25
9:00 A.M.

To clear all “NGs” for qualified classes, seniors will attend the parent meeting to receive approval for the attendance appeal process. Seniors must bring a report card. Once approved, each senior will complete one unit through Grad Lab for every unexcused day.

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ATTENDANCE APPEAL
Spring 2020 SENIORS ONLY

ATTENDANCE APPEAL DATES
January 20 – March 6, 2020
STUDENTS MUST GET APPROVAL TO START CLASSES
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FREE
AFTER SCHOOL BEGINNER BREAKING LESSONS
TRAIN. CREATE. EXPLORE IN ROOM X121
Mondays from 3:30-5:30 PM
ALL LEVELS WELCOME

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**Saturday Tutorials**

*Next Session*

January 25

9-10 AM

10-11 AM

11 AM-12 Noon

Bring ID's, laptops, and assignments!
No hoodies please!

**Does your student need some extra help?**

Send them to lunch/after school tutorials!

Click [here](#) for the Westside Tutorials Schedule

They may attend any teacher’s session to suit their own schedule.

Go to [schoolpay.com](http://schoolpay.com) to pay your school fees online!

**Clubs, Sports & Activities!**
Announcements

Do you plan to VOLUNTEER this year?

Athletics ~ Band
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• You must be cleared through HISD
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