Virtual School Starts Next Week!

Ready, Set, Go Wolves! Virtual school starts next week on **Tuesday, September 8th**. Before school begins, be sure students charge up their laptops and check their Houston ISD email and the Hub for possible messages and updates.

If students need tech support for any issues, please fill out this [FORM](#) to connect with our IT specialists and rectify before school starts.

Go to our [Virtual Learning Plan](#) page for details about our remote learning program. Also, check out our [Updated Virtual Daily Schedule](#) on page 4 to plan your days.

Have a great year!

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**Calendar**

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We know keeping track of your student’s education is important to you. That’s why HISD is making this easier than ever with the new HISD Connect Parent Portal.

The portal will open on Aug. 31 and will be your go-to source to complete start-of-year registration forms and keep track of important student information.

The HISD Connect Parent Portal will include:

- **STUDENT PROGRESS & GRADE REPORTING**
- **SCHEDULES**
- **ATTENDANCE**
- **ACADEMIC HISTORY**

Parents will receive a unique code, or access ID, for each of their students to set up an account and view their student’s profile.

After setting up an account on a web browser, parents will be able to use the login credentials they created to access their student’s profile on the HISD Connect app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

For more information, visit [HoustonISD.org/ParentPortal](http://www.houstonisd.org/ParentPortal)
In Case You Missed It:
District Launches HISD Connect Parent Portal Today

Today the district launched their new **HISD Connect Parent Portal**. Your student should have received a unique code, or access ID, via their **HISD email inbox**.

**How to Get Connected:**
1. Parents will need to obtain the code from their student.
2. Use that code to set up a parent account to access your student’s profile through the HISD Connect Parent Portal using your web browser.
3. Next, you will set up your account on the **HISD Connect app**, which can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play.

Once signed up, use the HISD Connect Parent Portal as a tool to track information related to your student’s:
- Schedules
- Grades
- Attendance
- Academic History
- And more

For more information, you may visit: [www.houstonisd.org/ParentPortal](http://www.houstonisd.org/ParentPortal)

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**Wishing our Wolves GOOD LUCK in 2020-2021**
Updated Virtual Daily Schedule Released

Westside HS Daily Virtual Schedule 2020-2021

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Westside HS Rotating Friday A/B Calendar: Semester 1

- **A Day**
- **B Day**

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- Teacher Service Day (no students)
- End of Cycle
- Holiday
- Enrichment Opportunity
New Dates for Junior & Sophomore Orientations

Junior & Sophomore Orientations
NEW SCHEDULE

Junior Orientation > Sept. 2 at 2:30 PM

Sophomore Orientation > Sept. 3 at 2:30 PM

Join on your student laptop or cell phone using your HISD email credentials
The Houston Independent School District has developed a plan to deliver quality education during the upcoming 2020-2021 school year while ensuring the health and safety of our students, families and staff. **All students will begin the 2020-2021 school year virtually on September 8, 2020.** Click [here](http://houstonisd.org) for all the details regarding the HISD reopening plan.

Learn all about volunteering for 2020-21 school year through HISD VIPS program. Click [here](http://houstonisd.org) for details and to find the link to register online. The HISD VIPS program is now accepting NEW and Returning Volunteer Applications for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

Go to: [houstonisd.org](http://houstonisd.org)

For important announcements and information from our school district.
New Student Registration
Click HERE to register online!

If you cannot register online:
Walk-Up/Drive Thru Service
Mondays & Wednesdays 8 AM-12 Noon
Please bring a completed registration packet and all of the requested documentation.
You may pick up your packet in advance.
Look for packets in the acrylic basket mounted on wall to the right of the doors.

Westside High School
It’s a Great Day to be a Wolf!
www.westsidewolves.org

OR CLICK HERE!
Mark Your Calendar

Do you have Tech Needs?

- Laptop repairs/exchanges for returning students
- Late laptop pick-ups for new students
- All tech needs for all students

By Appointment

Click HERE to sign up ASAP

Let’s get your tech needs taken care of before school starts!

Need help getting started on your new student laptop?

Click HERE for instructions on “How to POWER UP”!

Click HERE for HISD 2020-2021 Academic Calendar
Mark Your Calendar

SAVE THE DATE!

Live Chat with Principal WittPenn

SEPTEMBER 2nd at 6 PM
On Microsoft Teams

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

VIRTUAL LEARNING PLAN

Click HERE to join at meeting time!

Back-to-School BASH

LIVE STREAMING EVENT

ALL ARE WELCOME!
STUDENTS ~ PARENTS ~ TEACHERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
4–6 PM

TO JOIN, GO TO: https://bit.ly/WHSBASH2020
From the PTO

We want you to be part of the PTO Wolf Pack – Scan the QR codes below:

JOIN the Westside PTO!

Together We Can Do...
Virtually Anything

DONATE

Support the community through the “Check-Writing” Campaign

"For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf,
And the strength of the Wolf is the Pack."
--Rudyard Kipling

VOLUNTEER!

Be part of the team

GO WOLVES!

Purchase your Westside Wolves yard sign and show your school spirit
From the College Center

Your go-to guide for learning the true costs of college.

Award-winning software • Financial education • Expert advice

Join us for a webinar:

Wednesday, September 2nd
6:30pm

On the WHS College Center Teams
channel, code k4gyt21 to join

The Westside College Center partnered with this awesome organization called prompt.com
They are providing bootcamps for free to get kids started on college essays.

Go to:
http://pages.prompt.com/bootcamps
Or
Prompt.com/westside

Want to feel confident in your college essays?
Join our FREE College Essay Bootcamps

Our world-class Writing Coaches will help you develop a compelling essay draft in under 3 hours.

Mondays
60 minutes
Interactive Webinar
Hosted by one of our expert Writing Coaches. We’ll cover best practices and what colleges are looking for.

Wednesdays
60 minutes
Writing Lab #1 and AMA (Ask Me Anything)
Guided Brainstorming using Prompt’s Essay Software. Live chat with a Writing Coach

Fridays
60 minutes
Writing Lab #2 and AMA (Ask Me Anything)
Interactive, live writing session focusing on structuring an outline or first draft

Visit pages.prompt.com/bootcamps to see schedule and sign up
We offer sessions for the Common App, common supplements, and the University of California

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Daryl’s daughter is attending the University of Chicago on a scholarship

Call +1-844-577-6678 to talk to a Writing Coach
Visit prompt.com/westside to learn more
PTO News and Announcements

♦ The PTO in partnership with the College Center will be hosting a virtual College Knowledge night for senior parents on August 26th at 6:30 pm. You can register for the event at https://www.westsidehightpto.org/blog

♦ Join the PTO for the series “Together We Can Do...Anything Virtually”. Each month we will feature a guest speaker or speaker panel from Westside faculty, staff, and students who will keep us connected to our Westside Community. Our first session will feature Principal Wittpen on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 pm. You can register for the event at https://www.westsidehightpto.org/blog

♦ PTO Membership: The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports student learning at Westside by investing in staff, students, and community needs. Please join PTO today at https://www.westsidehightpto.org/join

♦ Be sure to take the HISD Online Course for Parents. It took about 30 minutes for me to get through it all.
SAT and PSAT Info

Saturday SAT Testing—Due to district Covid-19 building closures, all Saturday SAT Tests originally scheduled at Westside High School are cancelled for August and September. Click [here](#) for additional information from the College Board.

School Day SAT/PSAT—based on the current plan (subject to change), school day SAT and PSAT will be administered to Westside students during school on the following schedule:

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2020 Yearbook

If you still need to pick-up your pre-purchased 2020 Yearbook, please email Ms. Roberts at srobert2@houstonisd.org

Interested in Cross Country?

**BOYS & GIRLS**

All are welcome, everyone makes the team!

Contact Coach Guy to sign up!

**DGUY@houstonisd.org**

In person practice/conditioning TBD when district Covid guidelines permit

Need your DIPLOMA or TRANSCRIPT?

Please send an email to:

**gsalina1@houstonisd.org**

Need to pick up your Senior Packet?

Please send an email to:

**aturner1@houstonISD.org**
Quick Links

Submit stories and photos for eNews: Barbara.nassab@houstoneisd.org

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School Web Address: https://www.houstonisd.org/westsidehs

Register for Parent Student Connect/GradeSpeed:
https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/42143

School Pay:
https://www.schoolpay.com/

HISD Web Address:
https://www.houstonisd.org