



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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February 1, 2021

## Semester II Daily Schedule



Westside HS Daily Virtual Schedule 2020-2021  
Semester 2

	Monday (A)	Tuesday (B)	Wednesday (A)	Thursday (B)	Friday (Alternating A/B)
8:30 - 9:00 Live*	1st Period	2nd Period	1st Period	2nd Period	A - 1st / B - 2nd
9:00 - 10:00 Flex	1st Period	2nd Period	1st Period	2nd Period	A - 1st / B - 2nd
10:00-10:05	Break/Passing				
10:05 - 10:35 Live*	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	A - 3rd / B - Adv/Int
10:35 - 11:35 Flex	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	3rd Period	Advocacy/ Intervention	A - 3rd / B - Adv/Int
11:35 - 12:35	Lunch + Office Hours				
12:35 - 1:05	Office Hours (in 5th)	Office Hours (in 4th)	Office Hours (in 5th)	Office Hours (in 4th)	Office Hours A- 5th / B- 4th
1:05 - 1:35 Live*	5th Period	4th Period	5th Period	4th Period	A - 5th / B - 4th
1:35 - 2:35 Flex	5th Period	4th Period	5th Period	4th Period	A - 5th / B - 4th
2:35 - 2:40	Break/Passing				
2:40 - 3:10 Live*	7th Period	6th Period	7th Period	6th Period	A - 7th / B - 6th
3:10 - 4:10 Flex	7th Period	6th Period	7th Period	6th Period	A - 7th / B - 6th
*4:15 - 4:45 Live	0 Period	8th Period	0 Period	8th Period	A - 0 / B - 8th
*4:45 - 5:45 Flex	0 Period	8th Period	0 Period	8th Period	A - 0 / B - 8th

\*Not all students have a 0 or 8th period.

\*See Rotating Friday A/B Calendar

### Calendar

**February 13**  
Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

**February 23**  
PSAT for Grade 10,  
**Virtual Day for Non-Testers**

**March 3**  
School Day SAT for 11th Grade, **Virtual Day for Non-Testers**

**March 15-19**  
Spring Break

Westside HS

Rotating Friday A/B Calendar 20-21 School Year

A DAY

B DAY

\*Semester Two

February						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	

\*Feb 23- PSAT 10

March						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30	31			

\*Mar 3 - SAT (11th gr)

April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	

\*Apr 6 - STAAR Eng I  
\*Apr 8 - STAAR Eng II

May						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
	31					

\*May 4-7 - STAAR EOC  
\*May 3-21 - AP Exams

June						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	

Finals

Holiday (no school)

End of Cycle

Enrichment Opportunity

\*Please note: The Spring semester includes STAAR (April & May) & AP (May) testing days and therefore, A/B days may be adjusted to ensure an equal amount of instructional time.

## Happy Retirement, Dr. Cunningham



Congratulations to Dr. Christopher Cunningham on his retirement from Westside High School. Dr. Cunningham has been a member of the Wolf Pack since the doors opened in 2000. We wish him the best of luck as he embraces the next chapter.



## School Day SAT for Juniors on March 3: Pre-Registration Required

Westside High School is offering the opportunity to take a FREE SAT (without essay) to current 11th grade students on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Tests will be administered on campus (there is no virtual option available at this time).

Preregistration is required by submitting [THIS SURVEY](#).

In order for us to prepare properly and safely, please respond to the survey by Fri-

day, February 26, 2021 at 11:59 pm. If you are a parent, please complete the survey as your student.

Testers arrive at 8 AM. Testing will begin at approximately 9:00 AM and conclude around 1:00 PM.

Please contact our Testing Coordinator if you have any questions:

[Schandra.Holloway@houstonisd.org](mailto:Schandra.Holloway@houstonisd.org)

# Work Day on the Wolf Prairie

By Mrs. Klein

Ecology Club and NHS teamed up to work on the Wolf Prairie last week! This enthusiastic crew planted over 120 native prairie plants including Little Bluestem Grasses, Texas Coneflower and Texas Vervain.

In addition to planting, they also dug up Eastern Gamma Grass roots which will be used to propagate new grasses. These native grasses have extremely deep roots and

can absorb 8 inches of rain in an hour when mature. These plants will be shared with the Houston Audubon Society and the Houston Parks Department, who will use them in flood mitigation projects all around the city.

Everyone agreed it was great to be outside on a beautiful day and to work together on this important project as Westside Wolves!



## Staff Highlight Presented by PTO

### Staff Spotlight of the Week

**Marie Wadih**



Math Department  
Algebra I

**Attended** Houston Baptist University, home of the Huskies!!! A small school with a big heart! Graduated with a double major in Management and Marketing.

**I have been an educator** for the past ten years. Started out with HISD as a Kindergarten teacher, later moving to Westside High School where I teach what I enjoy the most – Algebra 1!

**I decided to become a schoolteacher** after 20+ years of working in the mortgage banking industry. I have always loved math and sharing knowledge. I love helping others understand the world around us, especially kids. So, I decided to make it official and became an educator!

**I love Westside High School!** I am an HISD alumni, and both of my kids graduated from Westside High School. As a parent I can not say enough about how great of an experience that was. Our school offers diverse opportunities to our students, has a hands-on supportive admin team, a great PTO, and my peers are my extended family. Shout out to the best in the West – Algebra 1 Team and East 2 House!

**My favorite memory from when I was in high school...** I enjoyed all my experiences in high school!. My teachers cared about my learning and successes. I made friends from all over the world. I got to compete with the Swim Team and participate in other fun extracurricular activities.

**If I wasn't at Westside, I'd still be...** helping lots of people achieve their dream of becoming a homeowner. I'd be using math daily and empowering my clients with financing information so they could make the best decision for what could be the most expensive financed purchase in their lives ☺



Attention Wolves: Join Student Council, WEGA, and HOSA in tackling hunger in our community!!

**WHEN:** February 8 - February 11  
**WHERE:** Virtual: Student Parking Lot (drop off after school 4:15 - 5:15 pm)  
 In-Person: Boxes by Welcome Desk  
**WHY:** Supporting our local food bank. **Let's tackle hunger together!!**

# Code2College

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### FEBRUARY 2021 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Register for workshops via the links sent in the promotional email from your school or contact your school administration for registration links

All scheduled workshops are 6:00 - 8:00 pm CST (7:00 - 9:00 EST)

#### FEBRUARY 2021 CALENDAR

	T 2/2	W 2/3	TH 2/4
WEEK 1 FEB 1-5			
WEEK 2 FEB 6-12			
WEEK 3 FEB 15-19			
WEEK 4 FEB 22-26			

SCAN TO REGISTER

**WEDNESDAY, 2/3 - VISTA EQUITY PARTNERS - STEM**

- Vista Equity Partners is a leading private equity firm focused on investing in software and technology-enabled businesses.
- Join us on February 3rd for our first-ever workshop with Vista Equity Partners; a private equity case competition that will focus on the analysis and purchase of multi-million dollar private Tech companies.

**THURSDAY, 2/4 - VRBO - PROFESSIONAL SKILLS (RESUME DEVELOPMENT)**

- A vacation rental marketplace, Vrbo has become one of the largest and most trusted global vacation companies serving as an online rental marketplace and brand.
- Have you created a professional resume yet? If not, we got you covered! Join us on February 4th when Vrbo team members will help you create your first professional resume as well as guide you in creating a 60 second elevator pitch to use during your future internship interview.

**TUESDAY, 2/9 - SAILPOINT TECHNOLOGIES - STEM**

- SailPoint Technologies designs, develops and markets identity governance software solutions to various stakeholders around the world, solving their customers most pressing security and identity challenges.
- During this STEM case competition students will learn about the software security industry.

**THURSDAY, 2/11 - RETAILMENOT - PROFESSIONAL SKILLS (STAR METHOD)**

- RetailMeNot is a multinational company that maintains a collection of coupon websites dedicated to delivering innovative promotional media solutions including mobile coupons and codes, cash back offers, and browser extensions.
- Learn how to prepare for your first interview with volunteers from RetailMeNot who will bring challenging interview questions (that you'll learn how to crush) for you and will cover the STAR method; an interview response framework used throughout the tech industry and many others.

**TUESDAY, 2/16 - PIMCO - PROFESSIONAL SKILLS (RESUME DEVELOPMENT)**

- PIMCO is a global investment management firm focusing on active fixed income management while managing investments in a number of asset classes such as: fixed income, equities, commodities, asset allocation, ETFs, hedge funds and private equity.
- Do you want to stand out from the rest of the applicants when you apply to your first job or internship? Join us on February 23rd when volunteers from PIMCO will help you develop your first resume! Already have one? We also have a plan to work with intermediate students as well where you will learn from tech professionals on how to make it even better.

**THURSDAY, 2/18 - FACEBOOK - PROFESSIONAL SKILLS (STAR METHOD)**

- Facebook has grown to be so much more than a social media site. Owing companies such as Instagram and WhatsApp, they are one of the largest global internet services, builds technologies that give people the power to connect with friends and family, find communities and grow businesses.
- Master your very first interview by preparing and learning from volunteers at Facebook who will cover the STAR method; an interview response framework used throughout the tech industry and many others.

**TUESDAY, 2/23 - Q2 - STEM**

- Q2, a financial experience company dedicated to providing digital banking and lending solutions to banks, credit unions, alternative finance and fintech companies in the US and internationally.
- During this workshop, students will learn more about the financial technology (FinTech) industry.

**WEDNESDAY, 2/24 - GOOGLE - STEM**

- Google is a technology company that specializes in internet-related services and products, which include online advertising technologies, a search engine, cloud computing, software, and hardware.
- Have you ever wondered how Google Meet can have an impact on your learning? Join volunteers from Google for a case competition centered around using Google Suite tools focused on your education experience and learn how employees at Google tackle their toughest challenges.

**THURSDAY, 2/25 - ATLISSIAN - STEM**

- An enterprise tech company, Atlassian is a leading provider of collaboration, development and issue tracking software for teams. With over 138,000 global customers Atlassian is advancing the power of collaboration with products including Jira, Jira Service Desk, Jira Ops, Confluence, Bitbucket, Trello and more.
- During this workshop, students will learn about software development and collaboration tools.

Or Click [HERE](#) to register

## Code2College

### SUMMER 2021

APPLICATION OPEN NOW!

Want to fight the Summer Slump?  
Code2College has a virtual program for YOUR student!

Our 100% **virtual program** offers software-engineering and web-development instruction, professional skills development through **consistent mentorship**, and the opportunity to qualify for **paid, software-engineering internships**.

**WHEN IS IT?**

All sessions are **completely virtual!**

Classes are for 1 hour twice a week

Summer classes have **TWO** start dates!  
Wave 1: June 7th  
Wave 2: July 5th

**WHAT IS IT?**

Four different programs for any skill level and interest! From **advanced software engineering to web development basics**, there is a class right for you.

Languages covered include HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, and more

**WHY SIGN UP?**

- Learn new **technical and professional skills**,
- Meet **new people** (students and tech professionals!)
- Gain an invitation to an **exciting calendar of events** for the entire school year

Apply Today:

<https://code2college.org/studentapp/>

# Announcements

*Saturday*  
**Tutorials**

**February 13, 20 & 27**  
**9 AM-12 Noon**

Students Reminders:

- Must enter via main doors from horseshoe driveway on Briar Forest
- Wear an appropriate face mask and get temperature checked upon arrival
- Adhere to dress code, bring IDs, assignments & charged laptops

**Student Parking**  
**Permits Required**

Click [HERE](#) for details and to fill out the Online Application

**Note:**  
Street parking is prohibited and cars will be towed at owner's expense.

BPA SERVICES AND SUPPORT INTRODUCES

## WESTSIDE TUTORIALS

MATH, ENGLISH WRITING, BIOLOGY, & CHEMISTRY COURSES FOR GRADES 6-10 ON TEAMS

**WEDNESDAY'S**  
12:05 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.\*  
4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

**THURSDAY'S**  
4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

**SATURDAY'S**  
10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
2:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

\*WHS STUDENTS ONLY\*

For any questions contact [YMCCALL@houstonisd.org](mailto:YMCCALL@houstonisd.org)



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FOR ACCESS  
TO TEAMS



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- **MUST** be at least 15 years of age
- You will gain new skills to help with the ability to react calmly and effectively in emergency situations and ability to follow routine verbal and written instructions
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- Internships
- Outside environment
- Learn and have fun along the way
- Make new friends and meet new people

Job Type: Part-time, Seasonal  
Pay: \$7.75—\$13.00/hour



**How to Apply**

1. Go to [www.TAEpools.com](http://www.TAEpools.com)
2. Click on Employment tab
3. Click APPLY NOW under Lifeguard
4. Fill out the information
5. APPLY

Please call the office, 713-416-5161 ext. 1005 to schedule a phone interview



Pay school fees to Westside High School online by credit card using this convenient service:

Click [HERE](#)

## Suicide Hotline

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:**  
**1-800-273-8255**

## Crisis Text Line

**In a crisis?**  
**Text HOME to 741741**

## Announcements

Roses are red  
Oceans are blue  
I bought my  
yearbook,  
Now you get one  
too!

**Order your 2021  
Westside Yearbook  
Before they run out.**

**Books are \$85  
Available at**

**[www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)**

Wolves,  
do you know  
how to reach out  
to our counselors?

If you need assistance:

[Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org](mailto:Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org)

[Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org](mailto:Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org)



### **PARENTS**

**Do you plan to  
volunteer this year?**

Click [here](#) for:

NEW Online VIPs  
Volunteer Orientation

&

Fill out the application!

## Testing Information

### PSAT for 10th Grade on February 23

PSAT 10 will be given on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and is available to all current 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. Pre-registration is required via the survey that may be found here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBvG5UcVVXRn6\\_twT0ThGD0kU22NiWv1yu629oWh-IXbgZCA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBvG5UcVVXRn6_twT0ThGD0kU22NiWv1yu629oWh-IXbgZCA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The PSAT/NMSQT is a standardized test that measures the knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and math that students learn in the classroom—the same knowledge and skills your child needs to succeed in college and career.

Westside High School is offering the opportunity to take the PSAT 10 to current 10th grade students on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. All tenth graders may pre-register to take the test, both Face-to-Face Learners and Virtual Students. Tests will be administered on campus as there is no virtual option available at this time.

**In order for us to prepare properly and safely, please respond to this survey as your student by Friday, February 12, 2021 at 11:59 pm.**

Please note that this test is not a requirement for graduation.

You should receive an email confirmation once the survey has been completed. Please retain the confirmation for your records. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Schandra Holloway at [schandra.holloway@houstonisd.org](mailto:schandra.holloway@houstonisd.org).

### No Saturday ACT / SAT Testing at Westside

All Saturday SAT and ACT testing originally scheduled to take place at Westside High School during Spring Semester

#### School Day SAT

11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Only

March 3, 2021

Preregistration is required  
by submitting

[THIS SURVEY](#)

Survey Deadline: Feb. 26

#### STAAR

#### Testing Dates

April 6, 2021 – English I STAAR

April 8, 2021 – English II STAAR

May 4, 2021 – US History STAAR

May 5, 2021 – Biology STAAR

May 6, 2021 – Algebra I STAAR

# For Prospective Students & Families



**VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOURS**  
& Information Sessions

For prospective students & families interested in learning more about Westside!

**THURSDAYS**  
**12 - 12:45 PM**  
(Please note: No meetings Dec. 17-31)

**USE THIS LINK TO JOIN**

[Virtual Tour/Info Sessions](#)

**CONTACT:**  
Ms. Jane Miller  
Westside HS Magnet Coordinator  
emiller4@houstonisd.org  
713-367-1099



**WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## School Choice Virtual Fair

Join from any device at [Houstonisd.org/SchoolChoiceFair](http://Houstonisd.org/SchoolChoiceFair)



**DURING THE FAIR YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:**

- Receive live application assistance
- Meet with representatives from numerous HISD campuses, grades Pre-K – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Join the live Parent Information Sessions presented by:
  - Early Childhood
  - Gifted and Talented
  - School Choice
  - Special Education

**SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR DATES:**

- Virtual Fair 5: February 13, 2021 9am – Noon

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Phase 2: Nov 7 – Feb 26, 2021
- **Deadline for current HISD students to apply for the 2021-2022 school year is February 26, 2021**

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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# S.T.E.A.M.

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Click [HERE](#) for details about the following programs:

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Click [HERE](#) to APPLY!

**HISD’s Magnet Applications Available Online**  
Phase 2 : Nov. 7, 2020 – Feb. 26, 2021\*  
Phase 3: Feb. 28, 2020 – until full  
(Out of District transfers considered during Phase 3)

Current HISD students will not be able to apply after the Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> deadline



## Announcements

*Coming Soon*

**WEST SIDE**

**Drive-In**

Picture Days for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade students  
**FEBRUARY 8-9: FACE TO FACE**  
*On campus students ONLY*  
**FEBRUARY 13: DRIVE IN DAY**  
*Virtual students ONLY, sign up for an appointment:*  
[www.legacystudios.com](http://www.legacystudios.com)

### Mental Health Resources for Students

- NotOK App: It can be really hard to ask for help, especially in our toughest moments. The NotOK app allows you to pre-select up to five contacts, and when you press a button in the app, it will text those contacts with your location and a message that says "Hey, I'm not OK. Please call me, text me, or come find me." It's a great way to let your support system know that you need some help, even if you can't put it into words.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: The Lifeline provides 24/7, free, and confidential support to people in distress – you don't need to be suicidal to reach out. Call 1-800-273-8255 to be connected with a crisis counselor.
- Crisis Text Line: If you prefer texting to talking on the phone, text MHA to 741-741 to be connected with a crisis counselor who will help you get through your big emotions.
- Domestic Violence Hotline: The stressors of COVID have the potential to increase violence between partners and in homes. If you're experiencing domestic violence, looking for resources or information, or are question unhealthy aspects of your relationship, call 1-800-799-7233 or go to their site to virtually chat with an advocate.
- Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline: If you or a child you know is being hurt or doesn't feel safe at home, you can call or text 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453) or start an online chat to reach a crisis counselor. They can help you figure out next steps to work through what is happening and stay safe.

Contact information for our counselors:

[Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org](mailto:Ebony.Lumpkin@houstonisd.org)

[Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org](mailto:Ciera.McIntosh@houstonisd.org)

# Senior Announcements



**WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS OF 2021**

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 with custom  
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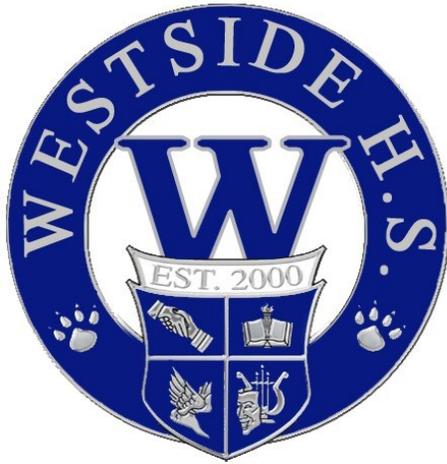
**Orders must be place by Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**

*\*Order on time and avoid any late fees\**

*Order delivered approx. 4-6 weeks prior to Graduation.*



**Have Questions?**  
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 Houston Graduation Center  
[office@hgradcenter.com](mailto:office@hgradcenter.com)  
[www.hjgradcenter.com](http://www.hjgradcenter.com)



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