



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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October 26, 2020

## SAT & PSAT This Week

Virtual Day for Non-Testers on Tuesday & Thursday

**SAT** / **PSAT**  
Tuesday / Thursday  
October 27 / October 29  
Virtual School Day for Non-Testers

### INFO FOR TESTERS:

Arrive on Campus at 8 AM

Wear a Mask

Bring 2-3 #2 Pencils

Bring a Calculator: Check College Board website for approved devices

**LEAVE PHONES AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY AT HOME**

Calling all Wolves!  
Reminder that we have an altered learning plan this week due to SAT and PSAT/NMSQT testing on campus.

On Tuesday, October 27, only seniors who signed up to take the School Day SAT will come to campus. All non-testers will remain at home for a virtual learning day. Testers will be dismissed at approximately 1-2 PM.

On Thursday, October 29, only juniors who signed up to take the PSAT/NMSQT will come to campus. All non-testers will remain at home for a virtual learning day. Testers will be dismissed at approximately 1-2 PM.

Also, please note that on November 3, Election Day, all students have a holiday.

Good luck to all of our testers!

## Calendar

### Tues., October 27

School Day SAT Test on Campus for 12th Graders (Virtual Learning Day for all non-testers)

### Thur., October 29

PSAT Test on Campus for 11th Graders on Campus (Virtual Learning Day for all non-testers)

### Tues., November 3

**UPDATE: Student Holiday**  
(Election Day, Polling Place)

### November 23-27

Thanksgiving Break

### December 21-January 1

Winter Break



Dear Westside Parents:

As we get settled into the 2020-2021 school year, all parents must complete the **Student Information Verification** application to ensure student information is accurate and up to date. The form will be available on the HISD Connect Parent Portal from Monday, Oct. 26 to Friday, Nov. 13: <https://hisdconnect.houstonisd.org/public/>

The Student Information Verification application will allow parents the opportunity to verify or update information to stay connected to their student's school, such as home addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts.

If a parent indicates that their home address has changed, the campus will contact the parent to obtain updated proof of address documentation.

Please complete this form so you can receive important updates regarding your student's education.

If you have not set up your HISD Connect Parent Portal account and do not have your access code, contact your student's school to obtain your student's access ID.

As a reminder, the HISD Connect Parent Portal is a tool to track information related to your student's schedule, grades, attendance, academic history, and more.

If you haven't created your HISD Connect Parent Portal account, use a web browser to access the HISD Connect Parent Portal at <https://hisdconnect.houstonisd.org/public/> Complete the following steps:

1. Select the tab to Create an Account.
2. Click the Create Account button.

Enter **Parent Account Details**:

1. Your First Name
2. Your Last Name
3. Your Email Address
4. Your Email Address again as the Username
5. Note the password rules and enter your desired password.
6. Re-enter the password.

Complete the **Link Students to Account** section (example information):

7. Student Name: **Adams, Jennifer G**
8. Access ID: **ag1parent2898**
9. Access Password: **parent**
10. Select your relationship with the student.

Repeat steps 7-10 for all students you would like to link to your account and click enter.

You will be re-directed to a new login screen where you will enter the login username and password created above. After setting up an account on a web browser, you will be able to use the login credentials you created to access your student's profile on the PowerSchool Mobile app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Keep your username and password confidential so only you can access the information for your student.

Thank you for your collaboration as we continue to #ReconnectSafely and #ReturnStrong.

Sincerely,

Principal Wittpenn

## Baby Wolf on the Way!



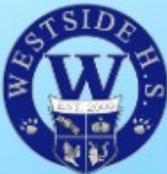
## Baby Wolf on the Way!

Congratulations to Principal Wittpenn and her family... She is Expecting in January!

Rex is fulfilling his civic duty as Candidate for Best Big Brother!



## Calling All Westside Families! We Need Your SIF!



Wolf Families!

**PLEASE SUBMIT**

**SIF**

**SOCIOECONOMIC INFO FORM**

To Ensure That Our School Gets Fully Funded

If you have not submitted your Socioeconomic Information Form (SIF), please take a moment to do so now.

Click [here](#) for Socioeconomic Information Form in English

Click [here](#) for Socioeconomic Information Form in Spanish

## Staff Highlight: Sponsored by the PTO

### Teacher Spotlight of the Week

Suspa Chowdhury Sinha



Department: SCIENCE  
Prep Physics

**Attended the Universities:** I have earned my Bachelor of Science from Calcutta university with a Geology major and a Math and Chemistry minor. I finished my Masters in Applied Geology from Jadavpur University followed by my PhD in Geological Sciences from IIT-Bombay. I have also earned a petroleum engineering certificate from Texas A&M. Most recently I have completed my school administrative certification from Region 4.

**I have been at Westside for** 4 years as a Physics teacher. I did my student teaching at Westside as well. This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year at HISD. My teaching career started back in India as an Engineering Geology professor; I have been in that position for four years before leaving the country. I have worked as a Petro-physicist in the oil industry both in the UK and the USA for six years.

**The reason I went into education is** to give back to the society and to influence the future generation to achieve a successful life through higher education. Teaching is natural to me, I realized it even better while serving the corporate world. My students make every day a new experience for me. Education is where I belong.

**I love Westside High School because** of our positive school culture. Here my colleagues are always ready to help, our administrative team is very supportive of me to achieve my growth. I can proudly say, "Westside is one of the best schools in HISD".

**My favorite memory from when I was in high school** was organizing and participating in our theater show. I also cherish the time I spent with my friends hanging around the campus during lunch or after school.

**If I wasn't a Teacher at Westside High School,** I would have been continuing as a Geology Professor or as a Petro-physicist in the oil industry.

## NEW! Updates to HISD's Curbside Meal Pick-Ups

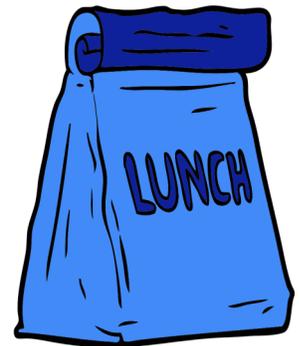
### Curbside Pick-Up for Student Meals

Families will pick up several days' worth of meals at each pickup — three on Mondays and four on Thursdays. The pick up time is from 2-5 PM. **Meals available in our area at Paul Revere Middle School.**

### Neighborhood Supersites

Beginning Saturday, Oct. 24, Nutrition Services will host weekly community food distributions every Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. The two Neighborhood Supersites — one at the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center and the other at the Hexser T. Holliday Food Services Support Center — provide a place where Houstonians can go each week to pick up 32-pound family food packages and a week's worth of student meals.

The Saturday distributions will replace the previously scheduled Wednesday distributions to better accommodate working families.



Click [HERE](#) for more details and curbside pickup.

# Announcements

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## School Choice Virtual Fair

Join from any device at [ChooseHISD.com](https://www.choosehisd.com)



HISD magnet programs include College & Career Readiness, Fine Arts, Futures Academy, International Specialty Schools, International Baccalaureate, Language Immersion Schools, Language Programs, Montessori, S.T.E.M. & S.T.E.A.M., Single-Gender College Preparatory, and Vanguard. Additionally, HISD program transfer options include Boundary Option, Career/Technology Education (CTE), Dual Language, International Baccalaureate (IB), and Prekindergarten (pre-K).

### SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR DATES:

- **Virtual Fair 4: October 31, 2020 9am – Noon**
- **Virtual Fair 5: February 13, 2020 9am – Noon**

Joining is easy, just go to [ChooseHISD.com](https://www.choosehisd.com) and click the School Choice Fair picture located at the top of the page. If you are joining via our webpage you will not need to download the TEAMS application. However, if you are joining via phone or tablet you will need to download the TEAMS application before joining.

### 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

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Phase 1: Sept 19 – Nov 6, 2020
- Phase 2: Nov 7 – Feb 26, 2020
- Deadline for current HISD students to apply for the 2021-2022 school year is February 26, 2020

### HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

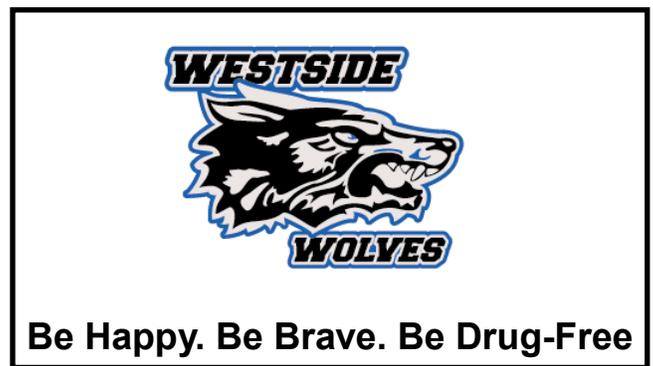
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# Red Ribbon Week

Westside’s Student Council is supporting our HISD Superintendent’s initiative to recognize Red Ribbon Week, the nation’s oldest and largest Drug Prevention Program. Dr. Grenita Lathan writes, “This year’s Red Ribbon Week theme is: **Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.** Celebrate the week in your school community and raise awareness of living a drug free life”.

Westside StuCo encourages our Wolves to dress up and stand

up against drugs according to the theme days below. Please take pictures and post using **#RedRibbonWeek** so we can show our school’s support on social media.



MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
OCTOBER 26: <b>MASK UP</b> AGAINST DRUGS	OCTOBER 27: <b>PAIR UP</b> AGAINST DRUGS	OCTOBER 28: <b>SOCK IT TO</b> <b>DRUGS</b>	OCTOBER 29: <b>SHADE OUT</b> DRUGS AND PEER <b>PRESSURE</b>	OCTOBER 30: <b>TEAM UP</b> AGAINST DRUGS
<b>STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE URGED TO WEAR AND POST PICTURES IN THEIR FAVORITE MASK.</b>	TEAM UP WITH A BUDDY AND SHOW HOW YOU ALL SUPPORT EACH OTHER BY <b>DRESSING ALIKE (TWIN DAY)</b>	<b>WEAR CRAZY SOCKS TO KICK DRUGS OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY</b>	<b>TAKE PICTURES IN YOUR FAVORITE SHADES</b>	<b>WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM’S JERSEY</b>

**-RED RIBBON WEEK-**

## Mr. Davis Shows Support for the Foodservice Team



## Parent College Knowledge

A brief overview for parents on the application and financial aid processes. This is the same presentation that was given to the PTO in September.

Join on WHS College Center Teams channel with code k4gyt21

Wednesday, 10/28, at 6pm

Get Involved!



**WOMEN**  
**in tech**

Virtual Summit Hosted by  
Nerdy Girl Success™

SATURDAY  
NOV. 7TH  
12 - 4PM CST  
[bit.ly/2020wits](https://bit.ly/2020wits)

Open to all girls! Nerdy Girl Success has an upcoming free virtual event on Saturday Nov. 7th, Women in Tech. We have some amazing speakers including the first female consulting partner at IBM Watson and the first woman to found a tech company in the state of Texas. There will also be some great workshops. This link has more information on the event: <https://www.nerdygirlsuccess.com/women-in-tech/>

***Reminder:***  
***No Classes for Students***  
**November 3 (Election Day)**

# Get Involved!



# Boys Basketball Try Outs 10/27

## 5-6:30 PM



**Meet at 4 PM in the  
Student Parking Lot**

Required:

- Temp. checks & Covid survey
- Wear workout attire/athletic shoes
- Wear a mask
- Bring water

Questions? Email Coach Deon Williams:

**dwilli13@houstonisd.org**



### PARENTS

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

Click [here](#) for details:

**NEW  
Online VIPs  
Volunteer Orientation**

**WESTSIDE**



**WOLVES**

# JOIN!

**W e s t s i d e**

**CLUBS &**

**ORGANIZATIONS**

[https://www.houstonisd.org/  
domain/37759](https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/37759)

## Announcements

### Need to pick up your 2020 Yearbook?

#### ON CAMPUS STUDENTS:

Come by Room A216 before or after school to pick up your book

#### VIRTUAL STUDENTS:

Contact Ms. Roberts at [srobert2@houstonisd.org](mailto:srobert2@houstonisd.org) to arrange a time to pick up your book

#### WANT TO PURCHASE A 2020 YEARBOOK?

Contact Ms. Roberts for details. Books are \$85



SchoolPay®

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

Click [HERE](#)

**NO SATURDAY  
SAT & ACT TESTS  
AT WESTSIDE  
CANCELED THRU END OF DECEMBER**

# Announcements



**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)  
UPDATES**

**HISD's  
Covid Dashboard**  
[https://www.houstonisd.org/  
COVID19Dashboard](https://www.houstonisd.org/COVID19Dashboard)

Updated daily,  
the dashboard helps  
HISD families make  
informed decisions about  
students' health & safety.



**Explore the  
Westside  
Website**

A Wealth of Info for Wolf Families

[www.westsidewolves.org](http://www.westsidewolves.org)

**FUTURES ACADEMY  
OF  
HEALTH SCIENCE**

Click [HERE](#) for more information

**Find out more  
about Westside's  
Magnet  
Programs**

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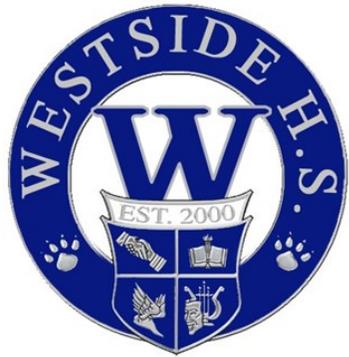
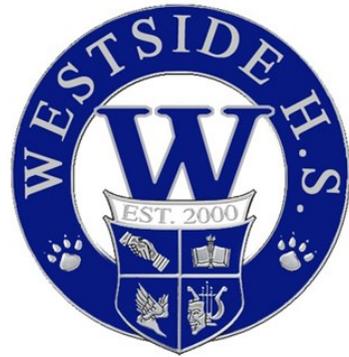
**HISD's Magnet  
Applications  
Available Online.**

Phase 1 – Sept. 19, 2020 – Nov. 6, 2020  
Phase 2 – Nov. 7, 2020 – Feb. 27, 2021  
Phase 3 – Feb. 28, 2020 – until full  
(Out of District transfers considered  
during Phase 3)

**S.T.E.A.M.**

Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics

Click [HERE](#) for more information

## Announcements

Westside High School



# WEGA

**Informational Live Event**  
When: Monday, October 26, 2020 6:30 pm



Scan to Join on Microsoft Teams or Use this link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/OctoberWEGA>

*\*\*Note: You will have to be a part of the HISD organization to attend this meeting or use your HISD student's Teams account\*\**



## Student Parking

**Permits will be required Beginning October 26**

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.

## Get to Know NAVIANCE!

**Naviance is a student and parent platform providing students opportunities for self-discovery, academic, and post-secondary planning. If you're interested in learning more about your unique strengths and how they tie to post-secondary options...this is the place to be! (Can be accessed through the Hub: Digital Resources)**

[Naviance Newsletter](#)

[Logging In to Naviance Account](#)

# Senior Page



## SENIOR DUES

- Senior Dues are **MANDATORY** for all seniors or fourth-year students.
- Every senior is expected to make a one-time payment of **\$70** by Friday, 12/18/20.
- If a student misses that fall deadline, a \$30 late fee will be added. The new one-time payment of **\$100** will be due by the start of Spring Break: Friday, 3/12/21.
- Students do not have the option to select and pay for only individual items from the list below. The total dollar amount is non-negotiable.

### What is paid for by Senior Dues?

1. Cap and Gown
2. Diploma & Diploma Cover
3. Awards for Senior Honors Night (medals, cords, and other graduation regalia)
4. Graduation Ceremony

Administrative Expenses (COVID-19 preparations, unexpected increases, etc.)

**Students who do not pay dues will not receive their cap/gown or a diploma, and they will not be able to attend any graduation ceremonies.**

**Dues may only be paid via School Pay  
on the Westside website:**

[tinyurl.com/wolfseniordues21](https://tinyurl.com/wolfseniordues21)

If you will be unable to pay dues on time due to financial difficulty in your family, please email Helen Tran ([HTRAN5@houstonisd.org](mailto:HTRAN5@houstonisd.org)) AND copy your dean.

Senior dues are NOT connected to any prom expenses.

Senior Class Sponsor: Mr. Donofrio

[jeffrey.donofrio@houstonisd.org](mailto:jeffrey.donofrio@houstonisd.org)

# PTO Announcements



## Show your Westside Spirit Buy a Westside Wolves Yard Sign!

- SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!
- POST A PHOTO WITH YOUR STUDENT AND THEIR YARD SIGN ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM
- RAISE MONEY FOR THE PTO
- REUSE SIGN YEAR AFTER YEAR

**\$15**



**ORDER ONLINE TODAY!**

**ORDER YOUR SIGN ONLINE AT: [WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG/SHOP](http://WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG/SHOP)**

**NEW IN-PERSON PURCHASE DATES!**

You can order online and pick up OR

**BUY YOUR SIGN AFTER SAT AND PSAT TESTING ON OCTOBER 27th & 29th.**

**LOOK FOR SALES TABLE NEAR STUDENT PICK UP IN THE CARPOOL AREA (student parking lot). CREDIT CARD OR EXACT CHANGE ONLY.**

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# We Want YOU...



## To JOIN the Westside PTO

# Daily Schedule & Semester 1 A/B Rotation



## Westside HS Daily Virtual Schedule

2020-2021

**\*\*Updated:** to begin October 19, 2020

	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 - 12:05	Lunch				
12:05- 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

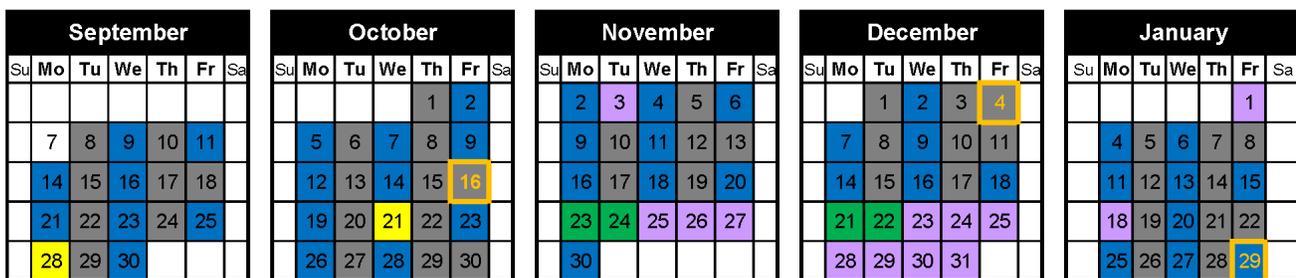
\*Not all students have a 0 or 8th period.

\*See Rotating Friday A/B Calendar

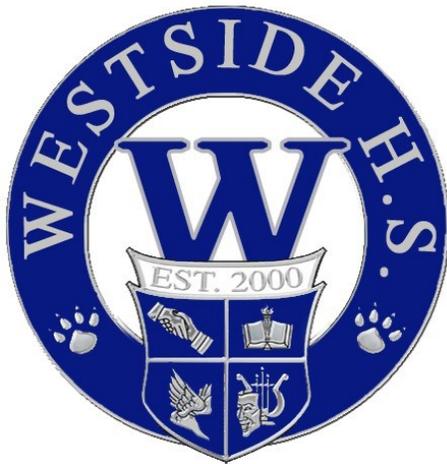
### Westside HS

### Rotating Friday A/B Calendar: Semester 1

**A DAY**      **B DAY**



- Teacher Service Day (no students)
- Holiday
- # End of Cycle
- Enrichment Opportunity



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