Celebrating Seniors!

The Class of 2024 celebrated senior status by putting their personal stamp on the Westside campus. Our Seniors were given a one-time special opportunity to personalize their spots in the Student Parking Lot and express their creativity and school spirit. Thanks to our Wolves for brightening the place up!

Calendar

October 28
Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM—12 Noon

November 2
PTO General Meeting,
6:30 PM in S100

November 4
Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM—12 Noon

November 10
Staff Development Day,
No school for students

November 20-24
Thanksgiving Break

UPDATED!
2023-2024 HISD Calendar
School News

Wolf Band:
The Wolf Band competed in the UIL Region Marching Band competition last week at Legacy Stadium in Katy. They advanced out of Region and competed at the Area 1 competition on Saturday, October 21st.

The Wolf Band closed out their competitive season with a Prelims performance at the Area I Marching Contest, being one of only two Houston ISD schools to advance from the Regional level.

The band is appreciative of all the support and encouragement from the Westside Wolf Family, and look forward to presenting an encore performance of our UIL program "Black Swan" at this Friday's football game against Westbury High School at 7 PM at Butler Stadium! Congrats Wolf Band!
School News

Wolf Prairie:
The National Wildlife Federation grant that we received allows us to host students every other Friday during lunch to brainstorm and learn about our climate resiliency project at the Wolf Prairie. Last week, Westside's chapter of Resiliency in Schools and Communities (RiSC) had a visit from the Galveston Bay Foundation to learn more about our watershed. Next meeting students will have the opportunity to collaborate with landscape architects as we continue to discuss solutions to our biggest climate change issues!
**TSIA2**

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0, better known as the TSIA2, is a series of placement tests for students who plan to enroll in Texas public colleges & universities. These tests help Texas schools determine whether a current high school senior is ready for college-level courses in reading, writing, and math upon their college enrollment.

Students are **not** required to take the TSI if they have met college readiness standards through the SAT or successfully completed a high school college preparatory course. Students are recommended to contact the college they will be attending to see if they need to take the TSI. SAT Score Exemptions are as follows: Evidence-based Reading & Writing: 480 and Math: 530

In the case that a student does not pass one or all parts (reading, writing and math) of the TSI, they will be required to enroll in developmental education classes during their freshman year of college and must pass the course before being able to move onto their additional required college-level courses, such as College Algebra and English Composition. These developmental courses are “Credit/No Credit” only, meaning they do not count towards a student’s college GPA, and they are also **not** covered by financial aid.

To determine if your student will need to take the TSI, have them log into their College Board account to view their SAT scores. If a student is unable to login and/or needs to reset their account, contact College Board Customer Service at 866-756-7346. It is highly recommended that students use their personal email addresses for their account as they will lose access to their HISD email following graduation.

Questions? Contact: **Abby Paredes**

281-920-8000 (College Center) Ext. 036153 | Abigail.Paredes@houstonisd.org (Email)
Announcements

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

VAPE = DAEP
TEXAS HOUSE BILL 114

Any student caught violating the new law relating to e-cigarettes will be subject to immediate DAEP placement, as mandated by the state law.

Click to learn more about HB114 related to vaping: https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/199791

SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

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WESTSIDE
WOLVES
College Center Announcements for Seniors

Financial aid:

FAFSA - While FAFSA traditionally becomes available every October, due to major changes to the application and website, the 2024-2025 FAFSA application will not be made available until December 2023. An official release date has not been confirmed but colleges across the U.S. are aware of this change. However, the College Center is recommending students to still submit by the original priority deadline of January 15th to be safe. A major change to keep out for is that what was previously known as the “Student Aid Report” will now be shown as “FAFSA Submission Summary.”

TASFA – The biggest update to share about TASFA this year is that it will now available online! Each student and one parent/guardian will create an account and complete the application online and will have the ability to send their completed online TASFA applications to up 10 schools.

Scholarships:

HISD has provides students with a list of “Hot Scholarships” that are available to them throughout their senior year. The Hot Scholarship list for October-December is accessible through each student Schoolinks account and be found the by following these steps: Digital Resources > Schoollinks > Finances > Scholarship Matching

Testing:

SAT for Seniors - There are still several opportunities for seniors to take the SAT and/or ACT this school year! While many schools remain test optional, meaning SAT test scores are not required to be sent as part of the admissions process, a school may still ask for a student’s test scores to determine that they are “college ready.” To meet this criterion, a student must have scored the following: Evidence-based Reading & Writing: 480 and Math: 530

SAT for Juniors - A major change to the SAT is that starting in March 2024, all SAT exams given will be digital. Click here to find upcoming test dates for the 2023-2024 academic year. Juniors will take the School Day SAT in March 2024, and are recommended not to test before then as they will not have covered some material yet.

ACT – Click here to find upcoming test dates for the 2023-2024 academic year.

College and Career Planning:

- College Center Advisors are currently presenting in all Senior English 4 classes to discuss all things related to the college application process and Schoolinks account setup/utilization.

- Open lab in the college center is as follows:
  - During lunch
  - Off campus (7th period)
  - After school (on occasions if we’re in a classroom presentation throughout the day)
  - On very few occasions, the college center will be closed due to presentations or trainings.
Announcements from the College Center

INTERESTED IN VISITING TEXAS SOUTHERN?

IF SO, SIGN UP IN A205 FOR THE YARD EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023
DEADLINE 10/31/23

**MUST HAVE APPLIED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND

Follow the Westside College Center on Instagram for all College, Career, & Military Readiness Updates!

@westsidecc

NEED TO SEND AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT?

**STEP 1:**
- Setup your Schoolinks account (Digital Resources --> Search "Schoolinks")
- Add the colleges you will be applying to under “Final List” AND “College Applications”
- Waive your FERPA rights on Schoolinks AND CommonApp (if applicable)

**STEP 2:**
- Fill out the yellow “Transcript Request Form” in A205
- Pay $1-32 per transcript you are sending. Allow up to 2 business days for the request to be completed.
Announcements

**Westside Policy Updates/Reminders:**

- **Note:** Vendoland is no longer open
  - Students may get food in the cafeteria (regular lunch is free)
  - Or bring lunch from home
  - No food deliveries via apps (DoorDash, UberEats, etc)

- No Visitors in the Building Before 8:00 AM

- No Drop-Offs/Pick Ups in Horseshoe Driveway with the exception of special needs students with a school-issued access pass

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**SATURDAY TUTORIALS**

Snacks provided!

Find Support in:
- PSAT/SAT
- EOC/STAAR
- MATH
- SCIENCE
- ENGLISH

Refuel your Energy Bus!

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M

Remaining Dates:
- Oct. 7th, 2023
- Oct. 21st, 2023
- Oct. 28, 2023
- Nov. 4th, 2023
- Dec. 2nd, 2023

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**2023-2024**

The PTO Welcomes All New and Returning Westside Families!

WHS PTO Website

Scan using your camera

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:
- JOIN THE PTO!
- VOLUNTEER!
- DONATE!
- SHOP OUR STORE!
- ATTEND MEETINGS!

Join and become a PTO member today!

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE THE PTO FLYER IN YOUR STUDENT’S FIRST DAY PACKET!
Library News

COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL!

Jorge Cham

Brought to you by Brazos Bookstore

Jorge is the best-selling and Emmy-nominated creator of "PhD Comics", the popular ongoing comic strip about life (or the lack thereof) in Academia. He is the co-creator and co-Executive Producer of the celebrated animated series "E.B. Wonders Why", which airs on PBS Kids and in 178 countries around the world. He is also the co-author of the award-winning book "We Have No Idea" (and its follow-up "FAQ-U"), and the co-host of the "What" Radio show "Daniel and Jorge Explain the Universe". He is also the co-founder of PHDtv, a science and discovery outreach collaborative, and the author of the upcoming book "Oliver's Great Big Universe". He is originally from Panama.

Jorge Cham, the creator of "PhD Comics", will be visiting your school on October 25.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Cosmos meets Diary of a Wimpy Kid in this new illustrated middle-grade fiction series that blends science with narrative.

Oliver has a lot going on starting his first year of middle school: new friends, new classes, new everything. But at least there's one thing that still makes sense: science! Determined to be an astrophysicist one day, Oliver explains everything he learns—like how the sun burns, how ghost particles fly through you, and the uncanny similarities between Mercury and cafeteria meatballs. (Also, there are time bending black holes, exploding supernova stars, and aliens! Well, there could be aliens.)

Oliver finally feels like he's starting to figure things out... but can he stay out of the principal's office, or catch a break from his annoying sister? With laugh-out-loud humor and cartoon-style illustrations from bestselling author and the creator of "PhD Comics" Jorge Cham, "Oliver's Great Big Universe" is a STEM-themed, diary-style series following an eleven-year-old who's taking on the whole universe—if he can survive middle school first.

Book is available to order with 15% discount at

WWW.BRAZOSBOOKSTORE.COM/SCHOOL-VISITS
Get Involved!

List of Clubs & Orgs

Westside Coding Club
Meetings Every Tuesday in Room N225 During Lunch!!

- No experience needed
- Learn and collaborate with peers
- Practice coding skills
- Compete at UIL and HPE Codewars

Scan the QR Code to join the Remind, or type the link below
tinyurl.com/whs-code

Go, Wolves!
Get Involved!

Join Us
CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS
Wednesday’s and Friday’s During Lunch, Room E213
Join us for Fellowship, Teachings and Bible Study!

For more information please join our:
Remind: TEXT @whscoc23 to 81010
Insta: @whs.christians.on.campus

Gamer’s Club
Hosted in:
E124
We have Board Games & Videogames
WEDNESDAYS During Lunch
More Info:
jason.rodriguez@houstonisd.org

A club supporting feminism and discussing our love of pink!
BIWEEKLY
OCTOBER 4 & 18
NOVEMBER 1, 18 & 29
DECEMBER 13
PINK CLUB
the future is pink!

more information at @whspinkclub on Instagram!

Let’s Go Westside!
## Quick Links

**Submit stories and photos for eNews:**
barbara.nassab@houstonisd.org

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

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

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

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### 23/24 Bell Schedule

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