October 2, 2023

Mark Your Calendar!

**Parents...You're Invited**
Coffee & Conversation with Principal Zapata
Tuesday
October 3
Main Office/8:30-9:30 AM

**Westside College Night**
Thursday, October 12, 2023
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Westside Commons

The annual opportunity that every college-bound student does not want to miss!

Approximately 100 college/program representatives will be at individual tables to answer questions and discuss their institutions and/or programs.

- Texas & Out of State
- Public and Private
- Highly Selective – Open Enrollment
- 2-year / 4-year & trade school programs

**2023**

- **OCTOBER 9-12:** SPIRIT WEEK
- **OCTOBER 12:** HOMECOMING PARADE @ 1:15
- **OCTOBER 13:** FOOTBALL GAME AT 7:30 PM vs. Heights at Delmar Stadium
- **OCTOBER 14:** HOMECOMING DANCE 8-11 PM. Commons

**Calendar**

- **October 3**
  - Coffee with the Principal, 8:30 AM, Main Office
- **October 7**
  - PSAT/SAT Camp, 9 AM–12 Noon
- **October 12**
  - Homecoming Parade, 1:45 PM
  - College Night, 6-8 PM, Commons
- **October 13**
  - Staff Professional Development, No School for Students
  - Homecoming Football Game vs. Heights, 7:30 PM at Delmar Stadium
- **October 14**
  - Homecoming Dance, Commons, 8-11 PM

**UPDATED!**

**2023-2024**

**HISD Calendar**
Upcoming Testing

**PSAT 9 & PSAT/NMSQT on October 11**

Audience: All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students

Parent Information: [https://blog.collegeboard.org/parents-guide-psat-nmsqt](https://blog.collegeboard.org/parents-guide-psat-nmsqt)

Students should: arrive at school no later than 7:30

Bring the following items: Photo ID, Calculator, Laptop and charger (the test is all done digitally)

We recommend that phones be left home, but if they must be brought to campus, students should be prepared to turn them in to their proctor before testing.

For security reasons and to prevent disruptions on test day, no visitors are allowed on campus during testing. Please note that we can only accommodate 11th grade homeschooled students at this time.

**ASVAB Career Exploration Program at Westside High School - sign-up by 11/3**

Westside High School is very excited to announce our partnership with the [ASVAB Career Exploration Program](https://www.gatepath.com), a free career planning tool.

Participation in the ASVAB Career Exploration Program is optional and open to any WHS student in grades 11 & 12 who are not sure about what they want to do after high school. Taking the ASVAB test does not commit students to the military in any way.

Click [here](https://www.gatepath.com) to register for the test by November 3rd.

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To view Frequently Asked Questions about the program, please click [here](https://www.gatepath.com). If you are a student and wish to view more detailed information about the program, please click [here](https://www.gatepath.com).

**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](https://www.collegeboard.org) 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)
Congratulations to Westside Senior
Dhriti Gupta
US Navy ROTC Scholarship Recipient

Shout Out to
Mr. Tyrone Davis
HISD West Division
AP of the Month
Senior Sunrise
Announcements from the College Center

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT

DATE
Oct. 12, 2023

TIME
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Westside High School Commons

Join us for a night of college & career exploration and speak to representatives from all over!

WESTSIDE COLLEGE CENTER

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 Schoolink account (Digital Resources -> Search “Schoolink”)
• Add the colleges you will be applying to under “Final List” AND “College Applications”
• Waive your FERPA rights on Schoolink AND CommonApp (if applicable)

STEP 2:
• Fill out the yellow “Transcript Request Form” in A205
• Pay $1-$2 per transcript you are sending. Allow up to 3 business days for the request to be completed.

CAREER PATH AHEAD

Houston BLACK COLLEGE EXPO

NOVEMBER 18, 2023
41 NRG CENTER
10AM - 5PM

WE OFFER:
• Meet with over 50 colleges
• Get accepted on the spot
• Scholarships on the spot
• Application fees waived
• Seminars
• Surprise celebrity guests
• Win cash & prizes

NCBCC FOUNDATION
REGISTER TODAY AT:
NCBCC.ORG/BLACKCOLLEGEEVENTS
Register your group
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

- For Special Needs Students Only:
  * Drop-Offs in the AM in the Bus Lane
  * Pick-Ups in the Afternoon—may use the horseshoe driveway if displaying school-issued access pass

Announcements

2023-2024

The PTO Welcomes All New and Returning Westside Families!

WHS PTO Website

Scan using your camera

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WESTSIDE PTO!

We need your support!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- JOIN THE PTO!
- VOLUNTEER!
- DONATE!
- SHOP OUR STORE!
- ATTEND MEETINGS!

WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE THE PTO FLYER IN YOUR STUDENT'S FIRST DAY PACKET

Westside High School

CollegeBoard

PSAT/SAT CAMP

Need help preparing for the PSAT/SAT?

Did you know that your SAT score can help you get approved for Dual Credit courses?

FACT: many colleges REQUIRE THE SAT/ACT

Sign Up below!

9:00-12 Noon

Saturday: 9/30
Saturday: 10/7

SNACKS provided!

Westside High School
Home of the WOLVES

WESTSIDE SCHOOL STORE
A SERVICE PROVIDED BY PTO

HOURS:
TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS DURING LUNCH & 3:30 - 4:00 PM

QUESTIONS: WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM
Announcements

Saturday October 7th
JOIN US FOR A MASTER CLASS!
GRADES: KINDER-12TH GRADE

TIME:
9AM TO 1PM WITH
PERFORMANCES AT 12:45
IN THE SMALL GYM

PRICE
$20

WHERE:
WEST SIDE HS SMALL GYM
REGISTRATION IS IN THE FOYER
OF THE GYMS
STARTING AT 8:45

SNACK INCLUDED

PRE-REGISTER
CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT
THE DOOR
Announcements

**Casino Royale Homecoming Dance**

- **Tickets are limited**
- **Secure your spot now!**
- **Tickets desk is open**
  - During lunch
  - In the Commons
- **October 5th - 12th**

**Saturday, October 14, 2023**
- The Commons
- 8-11 PM

**Tickets $25 per person**
- Pay online or pay in cash

**Complete contract and pay for your ticket online at:**
[WestsideHighPTO.org/Homecoming]

- All non-WHS guests are required to complete a paper contract.

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**Hoco Planning Meeting**

- **October 3 and 10**
- **6:30 P.M.**

Meet at Westside Commons
Contact Jill Arentz
(713) 806-2794
jill@jauntzlaw.com

WHS PTO needs parents to help with the Homecoming Dance! Please join the homecoming committee at one of our upcoming planning meetings.

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**Homecoming Save the Date**

- **Parade**
  - October 13, 2023

- **Game**
  - October 13, 2023
  - Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.
  - Delmar Stadium

- **Dance**
  - October 14, 2023
  - Westside Commons
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!

ORDER A YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW LIKE, RIGHT NOW

USE OUR ORDER NUMBER WHEN YOU LOG ON:

25686
Westside High School

YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM

HERFF JONES / BY YOUR SIDE.

WESTSIDE

WOLVES
Get Involved!

West Houston Lacrosse Association is kicking off the 2023-24 season! Join us for our

**Fall Faceoff**
Meet coaches and families, learn about registration, and find out how to support West Houston Lax this year!

**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!

Westside High School

**D&D Club**

**COME ADVENTURE WITH US!**

Join the Remind!
Join Code: @whsdd23

Interest Meeting on Friday, October 6th!

Questions? Talk to Ms. Dentler in S235

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**Gamer’s Club**

Hosted in: E124

We have Board Games & Videogames

**WEDNESDAYS**
During Lunch

More Info: jason.rodriguez@houstonisd.org

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**K-POP CLUB MEETING**

LOCATED: E232
TIME: 11:05 - 11:50 AM

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**WESTSIDE FRC ROBOTICS CLUB**

Remind: @frc2587w

- Design, build, and program robots!
- Gain valuable STEM skills!
- The hardest fun you’ll ever have!!

MEETINGS EVERY THURSDAY FROM 3:30 TO 5:00 IN ROOM V71

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**Join the Remind**
Follow Us on Social Media

Facebook: Westside High School

Instagram: gowestsidewolves

Twitter: @westsidehigh

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