Events of the Week!

**Calendar**

**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

**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.

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**UPDATED!**

**2023-2024 HISD Calendar**
Bell Schedule Week of 10/9/2023

Homecoming Week Bell Schedule
October 9 – 13, 2023

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Accolades

Westside High School
has been recognized for the

2023 AP School Honor Roll

for developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit and to maximize their college outcomes. Westside High School is also honored with the 2023 AP Access Award for ensuring AP coursework is equally available to students no matter their backgrounds.
Upcoming Testing

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

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

**Parent Information:** 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, 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 to register for the test by November 3rd.**

- **Test Date:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023
- **Location:** TBD
- **Time:** 7:45 am
- **Length of Test:** 3 hours

To view Frequently Asked Questions about the program, please click here. If you are a student and wish to view more detailed information about the program, please click here.

**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)
Homecoming 2023

Homecoming Spirit Week

- **Monday**: 90's Day
- **Tuesday**: Barbenheimer
- **Wednesday**: PJ Day
- **Thursday**: Spirit Day/HOCO Parade
- **Friday**: No School Blue Out/Game Day
- **Saturday**: CASINO HOCO Dance

October 9th - 12th

Brought to you by Westside STUCO, NHS, and PTO

Parents We Need You!!!

HOCO Planning Meeting

October 3 and 10
6:30 P.M.

Meet at Westside Commons

Contact Jill Arntz
(713) 806-2794
jill@arnitzlaw.com

WHS PTO needs parents to help with the Homecoming Dance! Please join the homecoming committee at one of our upcoming planning meetings.
Homecoming 2023

Contracts Required to attend the dance! NO CONTRACT = NO TICKET
Calling All Parents & Community Members!
We invite you to grab a family member or friend and find a great viewing spot on the parade route!
Come out and cheer on the Wolves!
Homecoming Door Decorating Contest

1st Place:
National Art Honor Society Mrs. Susan Smith

2nd Place:
Crafty Club
Ms. Tonya Hebert

3rd Place:
Student Council
Ms. Ngalle-Mayer
News from Athletics

Tennis Districts update from Coach Ambree Christy:

Our tennis team played at districts last week. Through constant rain delays slowing us down, each player showed up and gave their best effort each day. Francisco Fonseca and Sricharan Machavarapu won all of their doubles matches.

We play tomorrow at 3 pm at Memorial HS.

Cross Country Districts Update from Coach Guy:

Last weekend the Boys & Girls Cross Country Team competed in the District Championships.

The Varsity boys placed third as a team and advanced to the Regional Championships, which will be held October 24th at Kate Barr Ross Park in Huntsville TX, starting at 8:00am. The boys were led by Nicolas Hutchinson with a 4th place overall finish. The members of the Varsity Team are Langston Beard, Job Ayala, Gavin McMahon, Talon Coulter, Alexander Medina and Jaden Insaidoo. Other members include Ruben Soares, Javier Martinez and Gaberial Hogan.

The JV boys ran a strong race and never quit. Team members include Johnathan Phan, Jacob Zeiter, Ziad Gire Yousef El-Miari and Shamah Amichoh.

The Freshmen boys were paced by Joshua Ffrench, who placed 1st overall, beating his nearest competitor by over 2 minutes on the 2 mile course.

The lady wolves were led by sophomore, Cynthia Lo, who placed 18th overall in the varsity division. The JV girls placed 3rd as a team and the members include Molly Maguire, Karis Chiao, Karla Martinez, Valeria Gomez, Noshin Nawar, Jenna Redwan and Javiera Herrera. Other team members include Amanda Santiago and Daniela Barcenas.

Overall, this was a very successful season for a group of dedicated young men and women who wake up every morning at the crack of dawn to put in hard work, day after day. This was also the very first cross-country season for the majority of the team so we are looking forward to next year.

Clinic Corner

News from Nurse Stephens

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
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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YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW
LIKE, RIGHT NOW

USE OUR ORDER NUMBER WHEN YOU LOG ON:
25686
Westside High School
YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM

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 provided 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 > Schoolinks > 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 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

WESSTSIDE 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!

NEED TO SEND AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT?

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

STEP 2:
- Fill out the yellow “Transcript Request Form” in A205
- Pay $1-52 per transcript you are sending. Allow up to 3 business days for the request to be completed.

CAREER PATH AHEAD

HUSTON BLACK COLLEGE EXPO

NOVEMBER 18, 2023
4PM - 8PM

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
- Win a scholarship - drawing 11/12

REGISTER TODAY AT:
NCREXPOHOU.COM/COLLEGE/EXPO/EVENTS
Register your group
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

- 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

2023-2024

The PTO Welcomes All New and Returning Westside Families!

WHS PTO Website

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WESTSIDE PTO!

Scan using your camera

W E  n e e d  y o u r  s u p p o r t!

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

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WESTSIDE SCHOOL STORE
A SERVICE PROVIDED BY PTO

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

QUESTIONS: WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM

Westside High School
Home of the WOLVES
Announcements

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
Get Involved!

**Calling all athletes!!**

**FCA Interest Meeting**

When: 7:00am Tuesday, October 17th, 2023  
Where: R122 (JROTC Hallway)  
Who: All is welcome

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**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

[Scan QR Code](tinyurl.com/whs-code)

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**Let's Touch the Sky**

**Drone Club**  
Westside High School  
Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 Room VIII  
Join the Remind  
Text @DRONEWEST TO 81010

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Go, Wolves!
Get Involved!

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!

Gamer’s Club
Hosted in: E124
We have Board Games & Videogames
WEDNESDAYS During Lunch

More Info: jason.rodriguez@houstonisd.org

Remind: WHSCOC23
Christians on Campus
Every Friday E213
Join us for Christ Centered Conversations

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