



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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September 11, 2023

**WESTSIDE WOLVES**

**If you missed...  
Open House**

Contact any of your student's teachers directly  
and make a connection! See our Staff Directory [HERE](#)

**ENERGIZE!**

## Calendar

**September 18**  
HISD Community Engagement Meeting,  
Westside Auditorium,  
6-7:30 PM

**September 25**  
Fall Holiday, No School

**September 29**  
End of Cycle 1

**October 13**  
Staff Professional Development, No School for  
Students

**PTO GENERAL MEETING**

Please join us! One of our primary functions of the PTO is providing communication to parents on what's going on at the school. We need your participation to provide feedback and work together with the school to keep Westside a top performing school. Come and find out more!

At our meeting, you'll have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Discuss issues that matter to you
- ✓ Share your ideas and suggestions

**THURSDAY  
21 SEP  
2023  
AT 6:30 PM  
\$100**

WHS PTO Website

Scan using your camera

**UPDATED!**

2023-2024

HISD

Calendar

# HISD Community Engagement Meetings

## HISD BOARD ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS TO SHARE VISION FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The Houston Independent School Board will host a series of community events to meet with community members and share more about their vision for the 2023-2024 school year.

At each meeting, community members will have the opportunity to meet the school board members in-person and provide feedback on the board's goals and constraints.

### THE SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS IS AS FOLLOWS:

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

**6-7:30 P.M.**

Farias ECC (515 Rittenhouse St.)

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

**6-7:30 P.M.**

Deady MS (2500 Broadway St.)

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 11

**6-7:30 P.M.**

Energy Institute HS  
(3501 Southmore Blvd.)

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

**6-7:30 P.M.**

Rodriguez ES  
(5858 Chimney Rock Rd.)

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

**6-7:30 P.M.** – Virtual

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

**6-7:30 P.M.**

T.H. Rogers School  
(5840 San Felipe St.)

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

**10-11:30 A.M.**

Highland Heights ES  
(865 Paul Quinn St.)

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 18

**6-7:30 P.M.**

Westside HS  
(14201 Briar Forest Dr.)

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

**6-7:30 P.M.**

Madison HS  
(13719 White Heather Dr.)

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

**6-7:30 P.M.**

Navarro MS (5100 Polk St.)

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

**10-11:30 A.M.**

Kashmere HS  
(6900 Wileyvale Rd.)



COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE EVENT CLOSEST TO THEM BUT MAY ATTEND ANY EVENT THEY CHOOSE.

IF NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE TAKE THE COMMUNITY SURVEY VIA THE QR CODE.

## Important HISD Announcement Re: Vaping—HB 114

### Parents and Guardians,

We would like to notify you of an important new policy change that has been passed by the 88th Texas Legislature and will be taking effect immediately in our district for September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

House Bill 114 (HB 114) has been enacted to respond to the increasing concerns around e-cigarettes, vaping, marijuana, and THC related products amongst our youth. The Bill mandates that any student found in possession of, under the influence of, selling, gifting, or delivering these substances within a 300-foot radius of any school premises, will be immediately removed, and placed in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP).

You can access the full version of the Bill here: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/HB00114F.pdf>

Please discuss the implications of this new law with your children, emphasizing the importance of adhering to school policies and laws for their own educational success and for the betterment of the school community.

Your cooperation and support in ensuring that Houston remains a safe and healthy educational environment for our students and staff is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns about this new policy, please contact your child's campus principal.

Thank you,  
Houston ISD Administration

### Padre o tutor de HISD:

Por la presente le comunicamos un cambio importante de política que ha sido aprobado por la 88ª Legislatura de Texas y entrará en vigor en nuestro distrito el 1 de septiembre de 2023.

El Proyecto de Ley 114 (HB 114) de la Cámara de Representantes ha sido promulgado en respuesta a las crecientes inquietudes relacionadas con el vapeo y el consumo de cigarrillos electrónicos, marihuana y productos relacionados con el THC entre los jóvenes. El proyecto de ley exige que cualquier estudiante que se encuentre en posesión de estas sustancias, o que esté bajo su influencia, o vendiéndolas, regalándolas o repartiéndolas en un radio de 300 pies de cualquier instalación escolar, sea retirado inmediatamente y colocado en un Programa Escolar Alternativo Disciplinario (DAEP).

Puede ver la versión completa del proyecto de ley aquí: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/HB00114F.pdf>

Por favor, hable con su hijo sobre las implicaciones de esta nueva ley, enfatizando la importancia de observar las leyes y políticas escolares por su propio éxito educativo y por el mejoramiento de la comunidad escolar.

Agradecemos su cooperación y apoyo para que Houston siga siendo un entorno educativo seguro y sano para nuestros estudiantes y personal. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud sobre esta nueva política, comuníquese con el director de la escuela de su hijo.

Gracias,  
Administración de Houston ISD



## 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

# 23/24 Bell Schedule

Mon/Tues/Fri	Wednesday & Thursday
<b>1st Period</b> 7:45 - 8:38	<b>1st Period</b> 7:45 - 8:45
<b>2nd Period</b> 8:43 - 9:38	<b>3rd/2nd Period</b> 8:51 - 10:24
<b>3rd Period</b> 9:43 - 10:36	<b>Pack Time</b> 10:30 - 11:00
<b>4th Period</b> 10:41 - 11:34	<b>LUNCH</b> 11:06 - 12:06
<b>LUNCH</b> 11:38 - 12:31	<b>5th/4th Period</b> 12:13 - 1:46
<b>5th Period</b> 12:36 - 1:29	<b>7th/6th Period</b> 1:52 - 3:25
<b>6th Period</b> 1:34 - 2:27	
<b>7th Period</b> 2:32 - 3:25	

## ENERGIZE!



## Announcements

# WESTSIDE SCHOOL STORE

A SERVICE PROVIDED BY PTO

**HOURS:**  
**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS**  
**DURING LUNCH**  
**&**  
**3:30 - 5:00 PM**

**QUESTIONS: [WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM)**



# 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!

**Join and become a PTO member today!**

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


[WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG](http://WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG)



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®

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PRESENTS

*College is an Option*

COLLEGE 101: BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE




A Chi Omicron Omega Signature Program

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
9 AM-12PM

**ALIEF TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
 7555 HOWELL SUGAR LAND RD. HOUSTON, TX 77083

To register click on the link: <https://rb.gy/j8w75>



For more information please contact: [ciaocoq@gmail.com](mailto:ciaocoq@gmail.com)

## Howler News

Westside Student Media

# HOWLER NEWS

*"We tell Westside's stories."*



### GOT YEARBOOK?

#### New Year, New Stories!

For the 2023-24 school year, Westside will be working with Herff Jones to publish your annual Canidae Yearbook. Books are now available for pre-order.

With a large staff of 40 Westside students, grades 9 to 12, the **2024** book expects to feature more students, more events, and more school spirit.

Don't be left out! Pre-order books are **\$85**. Name plates and icons can be included for an additional fee.

### ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR SENIOR PORTRAITS?

#### Class of 2024. Its your year!

Westside is proud to announce that Cady is our official photography company for the 23-24 school year.

**Seniors** book your appointments today for a full service photography experience.

There are a variety of packages available, each includes your formal yearbook portrait.

The **Cady Photography** studio is located on 11340 Richmond Ave. Houston, 77082



Order  
your  
Yearbook  
2024

Questions?

Contact:

Sharon Roberts

srobert2@houstonisd.org

Book  
Senior  
Portrait  
2024





## Library News



# AUGUST



## HIGHLIGHTS



WESTSIDE HS  
LIBRARY

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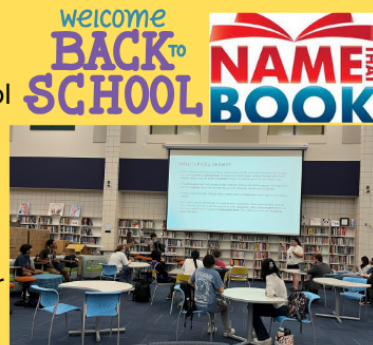
books checked out from  
Aug. 28 to Aug. 31

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Class Visits

### SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS:

- **Debate interest meeting** - Hosted by the library & Debate team during lunch
- **School Registration** - 1st week of school parents registered students for Westside and students got schedules fixed
- **Name That Book order received** - our Name That Book team received all their books for the year



STUDENT VISITS INCLUDE ON OWN  
TIME AND WITH CLASS VISITS



**STAY CONNECTED  
TO THE LIBRARY!**



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