

December 3, 2018

Class of 2019: Important FAFSA Update

Calling all Class of 2019 Students and Families! We want to make you aware that the new FAFSA deadline is earlier than ever! The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed, including the verification process, by January 15, 2019. The FAFSA is a form for families to fill out to apply for federal and state money for college for their student.

Do you need help completing the FAFSA? The FAFSA Roadshow is at Westside High School on December 11th from 4:30-7:30 PM. It is a workshop-style event where seniors and their parents can get

one-on-one assistance with their FAFSA applications. In addition to our own College Center staff, experts from HISD will be on hand to help all students get their FAFSA completed in time to meet the new January 15th deadline.

If you already submitted your FAFSA and were selected for verification, you are also encouraged to attend the workshop for assistance

Feel free to arrive at your convenience during the workshop. There will be no formal presentation. However, be sure to give yourself time to receive the information you need.

Calendar

December 4

Futures Parent Meeting, 6 PM in S100

December 6

School Tours, 9 AM and 1 PM

December 8

Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM -12 Noon

December 11

FAFSA Roadshow, 4:30-7:30 PM in the Learning Commons

Winter Choir Concert, 5:30 PM, Auditorium

December 13

Winter Band Concert, 6:15 PM, Auditorium

December 15

Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM -12 Noon

December 17-20 Final Exams

December 21-January 4
No School—Winter Break

January 7

First Day Back to School



Important FAFSA Info

FAFSA Deadline Jan. 15, 2019

NEW GOVERNMENTAL DEADLINE FOR FEDERAL & STATE MONEY FOR COLLEGE PLEASE NOTE: NEW DEADLINE IS EARLIER THAN USUAL!

Need Help? FAFSA ROADSHOW

Dec. 11th, 4:30-7:30 PM, Library
HELP FOR FAMILIES NEEDING TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA



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Fall 2018 Final Exams Schedule

Monday 12/17/18		Tuesday 12/18/18		Wednesday 12/19/18		Thursday 12/20/18	
1st	8:30-9:15	1st	8:30-10:30 (10:00 ADA)	3rd	8:30-10:30 (10:00 ADA)	5th	8:30-10:30 (10:00 ADA)
2nd	9:20-10:00	2nd	10:35-12:35	4th	10:35-12:35	6th	10:35-12:35
3rd	10:05-10:45 (10:15 ADA)	Bus	runs at 1:00	Bus runs at 1:00		Bus runs at 1:00	
4th	10:50-11:30		7				
Lunch	11:35-12:25		pave	th	e Da	tes	e for
5th	12:30-1:10		a .		1		
6th	1:15-1:55		tu	ra	l Exc	im	
7th	2:00-4:00						

Saturday Tutorials

2 more sessions to help you finish strong!

December 8th and 15th

Session I—9-10 AM

Session II—10-11 AM

Session III—11 AM-12 PM

—bring IDs, laptops, and assignments—
Save the dates!



Did You Get Your Westside Car Decal?

Membership has its privileges! If you joined the PTO this year, you should have received your Westside car decal in the mail recently. We did receive a few forms with missing information, so if you were expecting a decal and did not receive one, please contact our PTO Vice President—Membership, Sheila Williamson, at whsptomembership@gmail.com.

It's not too late to join the PTO! Click here to print a form and send it in today. Every Westside family is encouraged to join to help support the efforts of the PTO, including staff appreciation, school improvements, and scholarships for graduating seniors. Membership is required for scholarship eligibility so join now!





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Students Share Holiday Spirit



Thank you to Ms. Astrid Gonzalez's Student Leadership Guidance Period class for decorating the Main Office for the holidays this year.







JROTC Toy Drive



Enjoy the Sounds of the Season

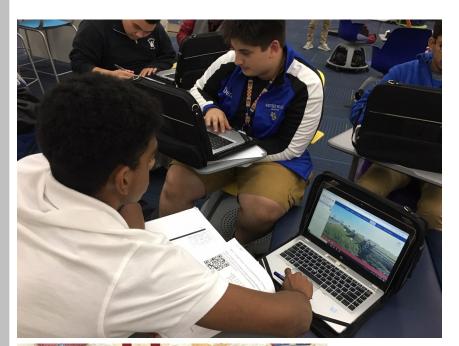
Holiday Concerts at Westside



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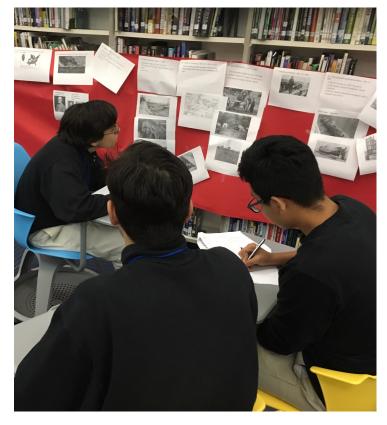
What's Happening in the LC?

AP American History students joined Ms. Z (aka Abolitionist Delia Watson) in the Learning Commons for Civil War day. They learned details about the Underground Railroad and life during the Civil War. They also analyzed documents in relation to the Emancipation Proclamation and the Gettysburg Address.



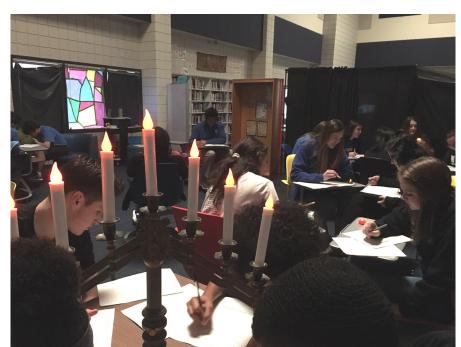






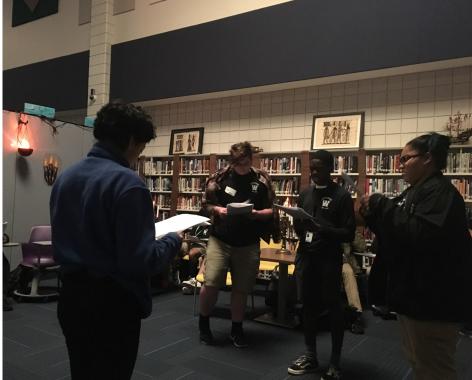
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AP World History analyzed primary documents about the Black Death in the castle set up in the LC. They investigated Point of View of the sources and inferred main ideas of the documents to practice for DBQ Essays. Lady Guinevere and her dragon were there to help along the way. Ms. Hall's and Ms. Chappell's English 4 classes shared the Learning Commons to read and act out *Macbeth* in the Castle.









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Are you interested in hosting a foreign exchange student?



We have a student seeking a host family!

Please contact Dean Matlock at smatlock@houstonisd.org





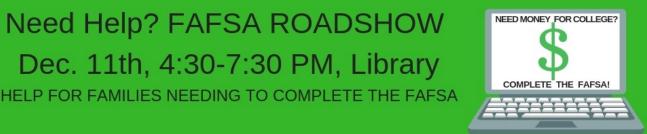


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Have you PAID your Senior Dues?

- . \$160 if paid by December 20th
 - . \$200 in 2019

Cash or Money Orders accepted in A205

Or

Click here to pay online!

Must be paid before Spring Break

2019 PTO Spirit Scholarships

PTO Membership is required for scholarship eligibility.

Join today!

Click here to print form and return ASAP

Scholarship applications available in March 2019

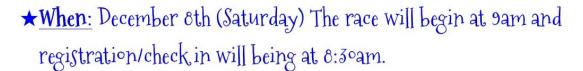
Announcements

Holiday Hustle Westside Fun Run

Come out and support your Westside High School Softball team! Sign up to participate!



★What: FUN RUN



★Where: At Westside High School

★<u>Why:</u> Raise money to fund the program to get equipment and to participate in tournaments

★<u>How:</u> Contact Coach Boles at <u>chelsea.boles@houstonisd.org</u> or any WHS softball player to sign up!

\$30-Adult \$15-Student

\$60- Family pack (4 people) \$5 - Child



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Do you know any prospective Westside students?



Invite them to tour our school! **Last Chance:**

Thursday, December 6 9 AM and 1 PM

Walk-in tours, no appointment required!



- Art Fee
- Band Fee
- Baseball Fee
- Basketball (Girl's) Fee

 Power Up
- Choir Fee
- Cross Country Fee Tennis Fee
- Football Fee

- HOSA Fee
- Inertia Fee
- Orchestra Fee
- Senior Dues

 - Theater Fee

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Do you plan to VOLUNTEER this year?

Athletics, Band,

PTO, T-Pro

Field Trips

You must be cleared through HISD

Click <u>here</u> to get cleared!





School Office Hours 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM

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