February 25, 2019

# Westside to Offer Computer Science Classes in Partnership with Amazon

Westside is now part of the Amazon Future Engineer program and will receive funding for computer science classes next Fall. Amazon Future Engineer is a national program aimed at making computer science accessible to all students.

Amazon will provide funding for Intro to Computer Science and Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science classes through curriculum provider, Edhesive. The program includes preparatory lessons, tutorials, and professional development for teachers, digital curriculum for students, and live online support for teachers and students. These full-year courses are designed to inspire, prepare, and propel students in their pursuit of computer science

education.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that by 2020 there will be 1.4 million computer-science-related iobs available and only 400,000 computer science graduates with the skills to apply for those jobs. Computer science is the fastest growing profession within the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) field, but only 8% of STEM graduates earn a computer science degree, with a tiny minority from underprivileged backgrounds. And, underprivileged students are 8 to 10 times more likely to pursue college degrees in computer science if they have taken AP computer science in high school.

"We want to ensure that every child, especially those from underprivileged communities, has an opportunity to study computer science." said Jeff Wilke, CEO Worldwide Consumer, Amazon. Click here to learn more.

## Calendar

#### February 26

Shades of Blue Jazz Concert & Dinner/Dance, 6 PM, Commons

#### February 28

ComedySportz, Black Box at 7 PM

#### March 2

Saturday Tutorials 9 AM-12 Noon

#### March 4

PTO Meeting, 7 PM, Library

#### March 4-8

Spring Fling Week



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## Girls Basketball Team Finishes Strong

The Westside Girls Basketball season came to a heart-breaking end on Sat-

urday in a gut-wrenching, triple overtime loss to Summer Creek in the Region III Fi-



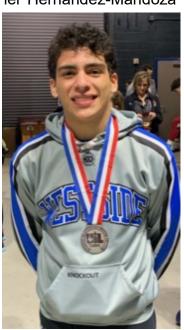
nals. Congratulations to Coach Gillespie and all of our Lady Wolves on an outstanding season. You inspired a wave of Westside spirit, and we are proud of your grit, teamwork, and relentless drive.

**Wolf Proud!** 

## State Wrestling Recap

Congratulations to our two Wolves who placed in the UIL State Tournament over the weekend at the Berry Center. Daniel Hernandez-Mandoza (left photo) placed

second in State in 138 pounds and Christian Lopez (pictured on the podium on the far right) took third in 113 pounds.





Congratulations to Christopher Cofield and Takaya Matsuki, who also wrestled at State, and to Coach Froehlich and Coach Carter and the entire Boys and Girls Wrestling Teams, for an excellent season! You represented our school and our district well with great sportsmanship and work ethic.

Way to go, Wolves!

### Girls Doubles: Double Trouble at Alief







Megan and Lucia—3rd Place

Westside Varsity Tennis played in the Alief Tournament last Friday. Elisa Rodriguez and Moira Silva placed first in Girls Doubles and remain undefeated this season. Doubling the Girls Doubles success, Lucia Rodriguez Megan and Heng came in Third Place. Congratulations to our Lady Wolves! . Good luck this Friday at the Spring Branch Tournament!

## Jin Haugland Performs with All-State Choir



**All-State Choir Rehearsal** 

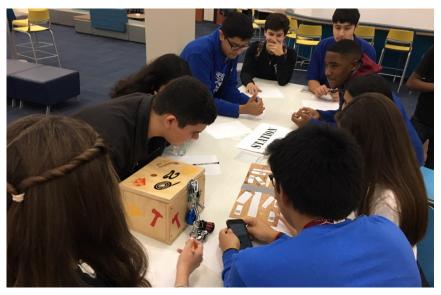


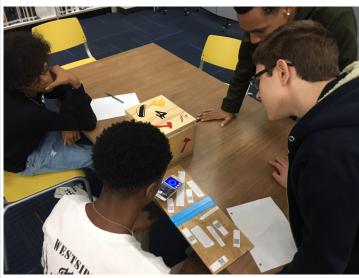
Jin with Clinician, Anton Armstrong

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# LC Turns Into Escape Room

Ms. Dummar's and Ms. Herbert's English 2 classes participated in a special "Escape Room" style learning activity in the Learning Commons. Using end of course (EOC) information to unlock clues, they reviewed and reinforced their study of Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury, their class novel.











## Six Westside Student Artworks Move On to State



Zara Perez - Hidden Figures

Sixty Westside students participated in the regional UIL Visual Art State Event earlier this month. Six artworks by five students were chosen to go on to the State competition to be held in San Marcos on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Drawing students:

- Derricka Jay
- David Pilson
- Anna Trishina

#### Photography students:

- Zara Perez
- Gwendolyn Varnado



**Gwendolyn Varnado - Life and Decay** 

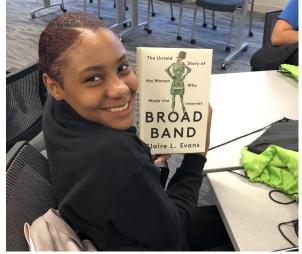


Gwendolyn Varnado - The Sculpture of Ariadne

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# **Collins Aerospace Field Trip**

Ten female STEM students visited the Houston office of Collins Aerospace for "Introduce a Girl to Meteorology and Engineering Day". The students prepared a weather map, recorded a weather briefing, and practiced coding a mobile app. Thanks Collins!







### **Girls Soccer News**

Great weekend for Westside Girls Soccer. Varsity gets a win against Sam Houston and JV places second at the Waller ISD Tournament. Go Wolves!





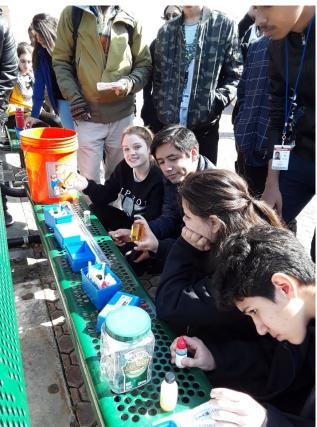
# **Ship Channel Field Trip**

Ms. Klein's Environmental Science students enjoyed a recent field trip to Port of Houston. The group observed the petroleum supply chain up close on the Sam Houston boat tour, and tested water quality on Buffalo Bayou at the port and downtown at Allens landing. They will do an analysis comparing data from their new samples to samples previously tested from Buffalo Bayou upstream at highway 6.









#### **Announcements**







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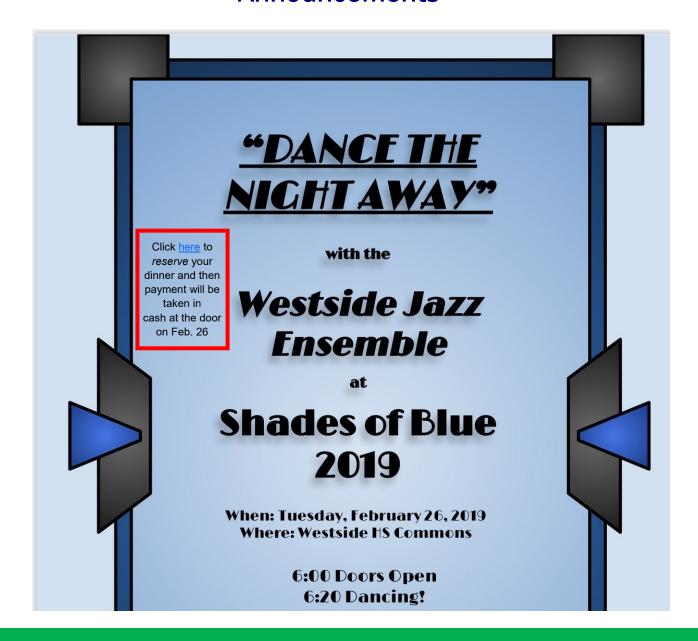
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#### **Announcements**



# March PTO Meeting

Monday, March 4th 7:00 PM Library



Do you still need to order grad announcements or class rings? You have one more chance!



Herff Jones reps will answer questions and accept new orders in the commons during lunch Thu. 2/28. You can pick-up order forms before 1st period in S213 OR order online at www.hjgradcenter.com.



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