

Showcase Means Showtime for Westside

Thursday night is Westside! "showtime" at This is our opportunity for prospective students and families. and interested members. community to come out and get to know us!

Do you have neighbors and friends who may be interested in seeing what Westside High School is all about? Invite them to the Showcase. Community members, prospective students in elementary and middle school, private school families, even Westside students and families who want to find out more about what Westside has to offer...all are welcome! Tours begin at 5:30 PM, Clubs and Organizations will be on display at 6 PM, and Principal Peggi Stewart will speak at 6:30. Everyone will want to stay for the Showcase Show at 7 PM featuring performances by many of our talented students. Save the date and invite your friends! Questions? Contact Jane Miller at :

EMILLER4@houstonisd.org



Meet the Principal • Check out our Academics, Athletics, Fine Arts & Clubs Enjoy Student Performances

14201 Briar Forest. Houston. Texas 77077

November 12, 2018

<u>Calendar</u>

November 12-16 Skate Night Ticket Sales at Lunch

November 15

Westside Showcase

5:30 PM Tours

6:00 PM Clubs and Organizations Expo

6:30 PM Q & A with Principal

7:00 PM Showcase Show!

November 17

Football Playoffs vs. Cy-Falls, 1:00 PM, Pridgeon Stadium at the Berry Center

November 19-23

Thanksgiving Break

Genesys Works for Westside Students

Fifteen Westside seniors are participating in business practicums through the Genesys Works program. Genesys Works is a national non-profit organization providing pathways to career success for high school students in underserved communities. The doal is for students to acquire meaningful work experiences through skills training and impactful relationships. This year, our students, under the direction of teacher Avis Jones, are interning at world class companies across the Houston area, including Baker



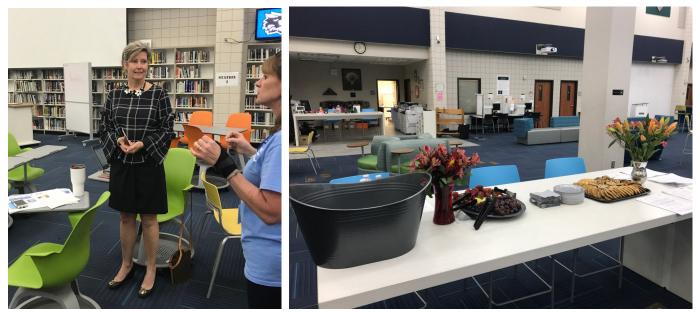
Hughes, G.E. Oil and Gas, McDermott, Weatherford and Hines.

Two Westside students were featured on the marketing materials for "Breaking Through", the annual ceremony to celebrate the launch of students' transformational journey through internship to becoming young business professionals. The event occurred on October 30, 2018 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. "Breaking Through" references students breaking through barriers and entering the professional world.



Principal Reception

Parents honored Principal Peggi Stewart at the beginning of the November 5th PTO meeting in celebration of National Principals Month.



Fall 2018 Final Exams Schedule

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
12/17/18		12/18/18		12/19/18		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	Bus runs at 1:00		Bus runs at 1:00		Bus runs at 1:00	
	(10:15 ADA)						
4th	10:50-11:30						
Lunch	11:35-12:25		Save	t	e De	ate	s for
5th	12:30-1:10						- 0
6th	1:15-1:55	Final Exams					
7th	2:00-4:00						

PTO News and Updates

By Kathy Stallings, Co-President

Volunteers Needed for Showcase & School Tours

Evening, morning and afternoon shifts available--whatever works for you. Tour guides and bilingual helpers/assistants are most needed in the evening on Wednesday, November 15, plus 9 AM tours Thursday 11/29 and 12/6. Knowledge of magnet/pathway programs is helpful but not required. Directions and a script will be provided to for tour guides. Help during Community Showcase is even easier! Please see the sign up for details:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ea9aa2aa4fd0community

Westside PTO Ambassadors

Occasionally, we are in need of volunteers to greet and welcome parents, answer simple questions, and point them in the right direction for detailed answers. Volunteers who conversational are fluent or in languages other than English are extra helpful in relating to Westside parents who may struggle with a language barrier. We are building a list of bilingual (and tri-lingual) volunteers, languages spoken and availability. If interested in serving in this capacity, please contact whsptovolunteers@gmail.com.

Library Helpers

During student lunch time, help is needed checking books in and out, as well as other tasks . Having an extra pair of hands allows Ms. Ziegler, Campus Educational Technologist, to spend more time directly assisting students and offering technology instruction. With one lunch, the library is a popular spot! Looking for regular or occasional help--whatever works best for your schedule. We have two volunteers covering most Fridays and some midweek days. If interested, contact please Ms. Ziealer. Jkwezi@houstonisd.org or the PTO, whsptovolunteers@gmail.com

HISD VIPs Clearance

If you have not already done so this school year, please register and select Westside HS. Processing for background checks is going much faster now, typically, less than a week.

https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/126421

Parents of Seniors

If you wish to volunteer and are not already receiving emails from our senior parent liaison, Sarah Castro, please email her at <u>shfcastro@gmail.com</u> to be added to the list. Remember the faculty contact for senior activities

is <u>Jeffrey.Donofrio@houstonisd.org</u>.

Homecoming

A big THANK YOU to all those who volunteered. Students had a great time and over \$13,000 was raised to support Westside HS, including PTO scholarships. If you want to serve on the HOCO 2019 planning committee, please email: <u>whsptovol-</u> unteers@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Kathy Stallings PTO Co-President



Region Choir



Congratulations to Jin Haugland, Ben Williams, Andy Nguyen, and Waley Ruan for wonderful performances at Region Choir Weekend this past Saturday. Over 300 students from our district participated, and sang for a full house! Good Luck to Jin and Ben as they advance to Pre-Area auditions!



Wendy's Scholar

Christina Watson of the Lady Wolves Volleyball Team has been named Westside's recipient of the Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship Competition. Congratulations to Christina and Go Wolves!



Girls Soccer Shares HoCo Parade Video

The Lady Wolves Soccer Team lit up the streets surrounding Westside with their energy and passion during the Homecoming Parade last month. They made their own video to capture the memories. To view their video, click here: <u>https://</u> vimeo.com/298901694



Football Going to Playoffs

The Westside football team solidified their spot in the playoffs with a 54-30 win against Sam Houston HS last week. Lone Wrangler, Anastacia Castro, got in a great workout running the flag on the touchdowns.

Come out and support the team against Cy-Falls in Round 1 of the playoffs, Saturday, November 17 at 1 PM at Pridgeon Stadium at the Berry Center, 11499 Bobcat Rd., Houston, TX 77064.





Bees and Seeds

The Westside Ecology club is supporting student, Linh Nguyen's, **Bee Helpful** project by putting together native bee houses for the Westside Wolf Prairie.



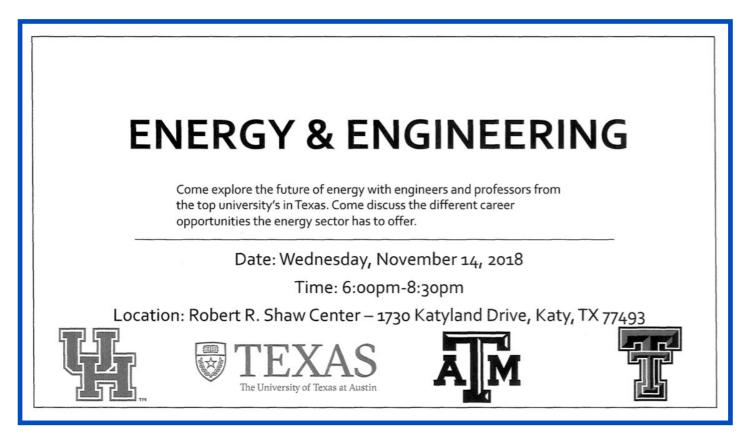




Next week, packages of native wildflower seeds will be available at lunch as Linh promotes the importance of native bees. What can you do at home? Plant native wildflowers to support our pollinators!



Announcements



Senior Skate Night

7:00-9:00 PM on Wednesday, November 28 @ Dairy Ashford Roller Rink



Tickets on sale at lunch: Monday 11/12 through Friday 11/16 \$10 in advance / \$20 at the door



\$15 t-shirts on sale beginning Thursday 11/15



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Announcements

Do you know any prospective Westside students? **Invite them to tour our school!**

Thursdays at 1 PM Through Dec. 6

Additional morning tour 9 AM on Nov. 29 & Dec. 6

Walk-in tours, no appointment required!

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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 STORE HOURS





8 AM-First Bell AND During Lunch

Reminder: Only Cash & Money Order Accepted No Returns No Exchanges

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

Quick Links

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