Lock-Down Drill Follow-Up

October 1, 2018

On Tuesday, September 25th, Westside High School conducted a Lock Down Drill as part of our normal emergency-preparedness procedures. Following the drill, students were given an opportunity to participate in a follow-up survey and provide their feedback about the experience.

With almost 1000 students responding, a vast majority (96%) strongly agreed that they felt prepared for the drill because their teachers had taken time to give them detailed instructions on the classroom plans. Approximately 90 % of students felt their peers showed respect for the process and took the drill seriously.

Many students commented that they were grateful for the practice drill opportunity. One noted, "I am glad my school did the lock down drill and it makes me feel more comfortable and safe in my school." Another said, "Thank you for preparing for a real life situation with our school."

Some concerns were expressed regarding first floor classrooms with exterior windows, as well as proper training for substitute teachers. Principal Stewart is working on improvements such as replacing window blinds, and has assured students that substitutes receive written safety instructions and those classroom doors remain in the locked position at all times in the absence of the regular teacher.

HISD Police will soon be conducting an unannounced active shooter drill at Westside. Upon completion, families will be notified that it took place. Please encourage your students to take the drills seriously and respect the practice process.

Calendar

Mon., October 1
PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM in the Library,
TONIGHT!

Thur., October 4
College Fair Night, 6-8
PM in the Commons

Sat., October 6 SAT Exam at WHS, 7:30 AM

Tues., October 9 WEGA Extern Parent Meeting, 6 PM, Mini-Theatre

October 11-13 She Kills Monsters, 7 PM, Black Box

Saturday, October 13 Senior Portraits Super Saturday, 9 AM-4 PM



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College Night—Thursday, October 4th

Westside's annual College Fair Night will be held on Thursday, October 4th, from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Commons. Over 100 colleges, universities, and other programs will be represented. Students and parents are invited to come out to browse the information tables, pick up literature, and speak to representatives one-on-one to ask questions and receive individualized advice. All Westside students and families are encouraged to attend—from Freshmen through Seniors!



PTO Meeting TONIGHT

Monday, October 1st

7:00 PM

In the Library

Save the dates for future meetings:

11/5/18

Special pre-session at 6 PM Maximize the Parent-Teacher Conference

1/7/19 2/4/19 3/4/19 4/1/19



Do you plan to VOLUNTEER this year?

Athletics

Band

PTO

T-Pro

Field Trips

You must be cleared through HISD

Processing takes up to 3 weeks

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

Parent U Recap

Westside launched HISD's new initiative, Parent University, with a special event for freshman parents last week. Parent U is designed to provide parents with tools and supports they need to be invested in their student's success. In case you missed it, click here to access some of the materials presented last week.

HISD will host additional sessions periodically throughout the year at various campuses across the district. Click here to register for upcoming events.







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Future CSIs in Ms. Phillips' Forensic Science Classes

Ms. Phillips' Forensic Science classes work a mock crime scene.



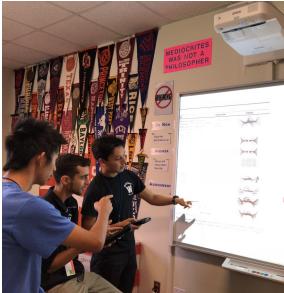




Calc 3 in High School?

Sixth Period Multivariable Calculus 3 Honors students are shown here working on cylindrical surfaces. These seniors have already earned college credit for Calculus I and Calculus II in AP Calculus BC their junior year.







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Choir Performs for 20,000 at Toyota Center



The ladies of Westside Choir were invited to perform at the Grace Hopper Celebration at the Toyota Center last Friday. The convention was attended by over 20,000 women in the technology field from across the country meeting to discuss innovation and research, as well as to advocate for equality for women in tech. Our ladies performed "Rise Up" as the finale to the convention. Shout out to soloists Jin Haugland, Angela Consuelo, and Ariana Pamphile.

Click to view the performance: https://youtu.be/Fgc7Xtd8qAc?t=1h51m43s



Cross Country Runs in the Rain—Again

Several rain-soaked Westside Wolves took home medals at the Westbury Cross Country Classic at Willow Waterhole Greenway on Sat., September 22. Runners who finished in the top 20 in the three-mile race included Freddie Corona-Rios in 5th place, Marius Streit 6th place, Zyon Thomas in 12th place and Joseph Coolidge in 16th place. The Westside girls who medaled in their three-mile race were Divya Joshi who placed 7th, Hope Hodge was 8th, Shivanni Saravanna 15th, and Maddie Sembritzky 19th place.



It's a great day to be a wolf!

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Homecoming Preview

WESTSIDE WILL REIGN SUPREME OVER THE CARDINALS!

Get ready for Westside's Renaissance Revival! Homecoming is just around the corner! Save the dates for all of the festivities and activities!

THE DANCE

RENAISSANCE ROMANCE

Saturday, October 27 8-11:30 PM In the Commons

Tickets Sales During Lunch

October 17-19 \$15

October 22-26 \$20

Contracts required:

Westside Student
or
Westside Student with
Non-Westside Guest

HOUSE DECORATING

Friday, October 19th
1-5 PM
&
Saturday, October 20th

9 AM-12 Noon

E1 – Galileo's Galaxy

E2 – Machiavelli's Philosophies

N1 – The Explorer Experience

N2 – The Royal Festivities

S2 – Michelangelo's Masterpieces

StuCo, WEGA and NHS sign up to volunteer on X2VOL.
Others, sign-up in your house office.

Homecoming Preview

SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 22-26

(appropriate apparel is expected)

Monday **DECADES DAY!**

Let's take a journey through time...

Tuesday MEME DAY!

Make satire your school attire!

Wednesday

10 YEARS FROM NOW DAY!

Shoot for the stars...achieve your dream...What will you be?

Thursday

ATHLETES VS. MATHLETES!

Learn about Great Warriors and Philosophers...

Friday

ROYAL BLUE OUT!

And Reign Supreme against the Cardinals!

PARADE

Starts off at Westside at approximately 1:45 PM.

Route:

East on Briar Forest
North on Parkway Plaza
East on Westerloch
North on Park Bayou
U-turn at Parkway Place
and
Return to WHS

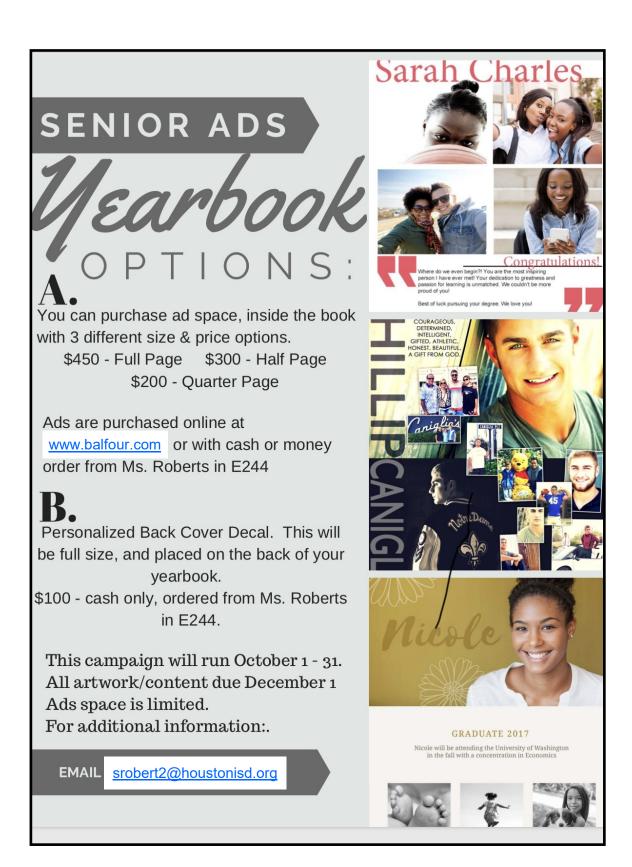
Parents and community members encouraged to come out and view the parade...
Great spot near West Briar baseball field.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DANCE

Click here

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Announcements



She Kills Monsters

Oct. 11-13
7 DM
Black Box



Westside PTO Introduces PayPal Option!

Pay for your WHS PTO membership and donate to Support Westside Success online! Simply click on the link(s) below:

WHS PTO Family Membership \$20.00

WHS PTO Leader of the Pack Membership \$50.00

Support Westside Success

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Saturday Tutorials Fall Schedule

Session I—9-10 AM
Session II—10-11 AM
Session III—11 AM-12 PM

October 13 November 3 December 8
October 20 November 10 December 15

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

Varsity Football Tickets on Pre-Sale

For sale during lunch in the Commons (available day before and gameday)

\$4 Students — \$6 Adults \$8 at the Gate





Mark Your Calendar

Westside 2018
Homecoming
Activities

<u>Parade</u> October 26, 2 PM

Game
October 26, 7 PM
at Butler Stadium
Wolves vs Bellaire

<u>Dance</u> October 27, 8 PM In the Commons Enjoy a nutritious, chef-created dinner meal to keep you fueled during your after-school enrichment activities!

Meals are FREE to all children ages 1-18.

Starting September 17
Mon — THUR | 4:01 — 5:01

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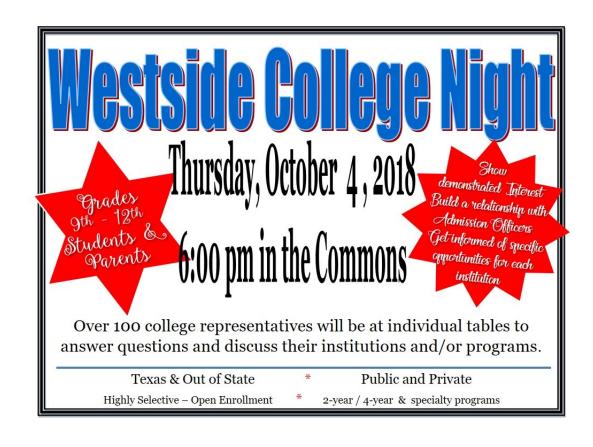
- Art Fee
- Band Fee
- Baseball Fee
- Basketball (Girl's) Fee
- Choir Fee
- Cross Country Fee
- Football Fee

- HOSA Fee
- Inertia Fee
- Orchestra Fee
- Power Up
- Senior Dues
- Tennis Fee
- Theater Fee

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Do you want to get more involved this year?

Parent volunteers needed for:

- Homecoming Dance
- Teacher Appreciation
- Senior Activities

Contact the PTO at

whsptovolunteers@gmail.com





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

Quick Links

School Web Address:

https://www.houstonisd.org/westsidehs

School Pay:

https://www.schoolpay.com/

HISD Web Address:

https://www.houstonisd.org