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Westside Makes List of Top Schools:

US News & World Report Ranks Best High Schools in the Nation

Westside High School made *US News & World Report's* list of the 2019 Best High Schools in the United States. Westside came in at #1540 out of over 17,000 high schools making the cut to be called the "Best". This puts us in the top 10% of the best schools. Click here to read our school's profile in the rankings.

Schools are ranked based on college readiness, reading and math proficiency, reading and math performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates . Earning the "Best High Schools" badge is widely recognized as a symbol of excellence in education.

US News & World Report
2019 Best High Schools

Westside High School

#1540 in the US

#152 in Texas

Top-Ranked comprehensive high school in HISD

Westside was ranked #152 on the list of the best schools in Texas. We are the top-ranked comprehensive (non-specialty) high school in the Houston Independent School District.

Way to go, Wolves!

Calendar

May 15
Choir Pop Show, 6 PM, Auditorium

May 16
Senior Honors Night, 6:30 PM, Auditorium

ComedySportz Championship Finals, 7 PM, Stratford High School

May 17
Chicago, 7 PM, Mini-Theatre

May 18
Saturday, Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

Chicago, 4 PM & 7 PM, Mini-Theatre

May 20
ComedySportz Faculty Edition, 7 PM, Black Box

May 21
Spring Band Concert, 6:30 PM, Auditorium

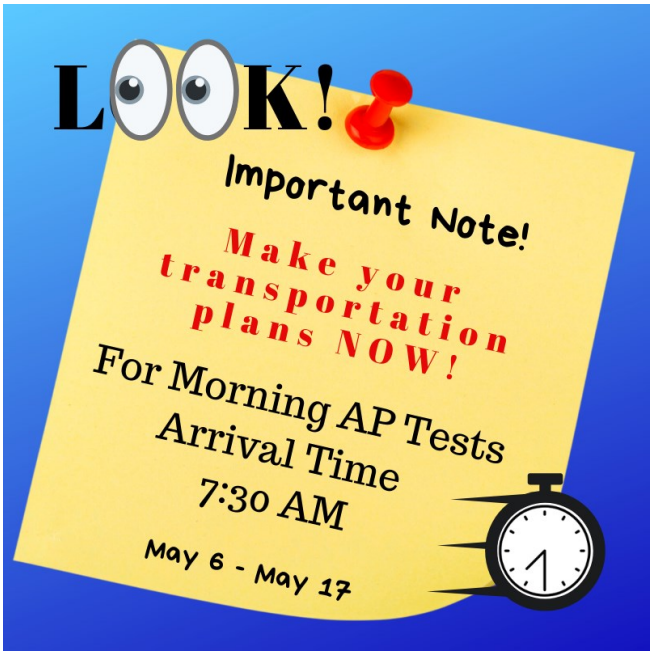
May 31
Last Day for HISD Transfer Applications

Week 2 of AP Testing

AP Testing continues this week through May 17th.

Important Notes for Testers:

- Arrive at 7:30 AM in the Gym for morning tests (please note this is earlier than the usual school start time and students need to make their own arrangements for transportation)
- Students taking an afternoon exam should bring a lunch from home and will be dismissed from class in time for a quick lunch break before the AP exam begins.
- Leave phones at home or in car



Week 2	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon	Afternoon 2 p.m.
Monday, May 13, 2019	Biology	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 14, 2019	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Art History Human Geography	
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	English Language and Composition	Italian Language and Culture Macroeconomics	
Thursday, May 16, 2019	Comparative Government and Politics World History	Statistics	
Friday, May 17, 2019	Microeconomics Music Theory	Computer Science A Latin	

Good Luck to Our Testers!

Westside Alum Offering $10,000 in Wolf Scholarships

Shannon Shorter (Westside Class of 2007) has found success in life, despite growing up with a few obstacles in his path. He grew up in Alief in a single-parent home and attended high school here at Westside. With encouragement from teachers and mentors, he defied the odds of his modest upbringing and got a Communications degree from the University of North Texas. He went on to became a professional international basketball player and has enjoyed a busy career for the last seven years. He has played in many countries around the world, including Mexico, Argentina, Israel, Japan and China .

Shannon is motivated by a sense of responsibility to give back to his community. He co-founded "It's Only Right" (IOR), a foundation formed to give underprivileged families a helping hand. He is guided by his favorite quote from the Bible, "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them " He says, "If you know the right thing to do when it comes to serving others, do it."

This spring, Shannon is offering $1000 scholarships to ten Wolves in the Class of 2019. He wants to help students who have served their community, and have shown determination and hunger to further their education. His goal is to send the message, "I believe in you", to kids who need a springboard or a push to strive for their dreams.

Click here to read details and requirements, and download the application. The deadline is May 30th.

It's Only Right

Foundation Scholarships

Class of 2019

$1000 Scholarships

For

TEN WESTSIDE WOLVES

Click HERE to Apply!

- Requirements
- Application

Deadline: May 30th

Shannon Shorter, Westside Class of 2007

Performing Arts Breakfast

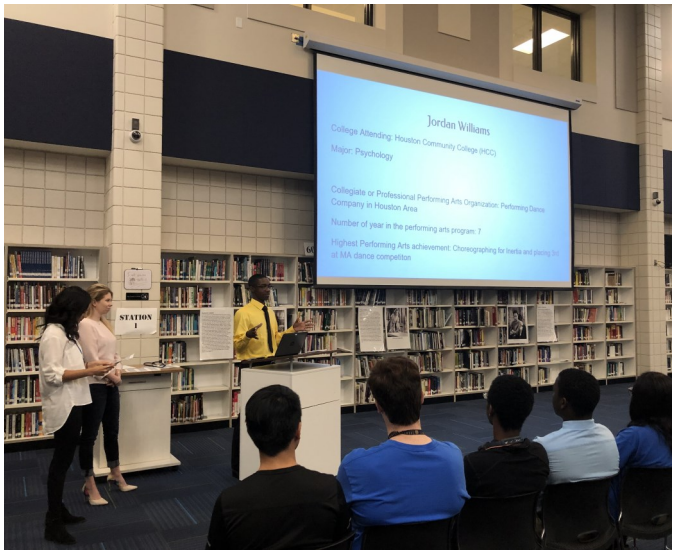
Westside celebrated our first annual Performing Arts Commitment Breakfast today in the Learning Commons. Over 50 students in the Class of 2019 who have been involved in Dance, Choir, Theatre Production, and Band were recognized.

All of the students participated in UIL competition during high school and plan to attend college next year. Graduates who are planning to continue to pursue their art beyond high school shared their goals and aspirations with the audience. Some will major or minor in the Arts, and some will join university choirs, dance ensembles, and bands and carry on their passion for the arts as a hobby or part-time endeavor.

Principal Peggi Stewart and Dean of Instruction, Mr. Scott Disch, attended the event, along with deans, parents and other guests of our honorees.

Best wishes to our Wolves! Thank you for your dedication to the Performing Arts during your time at Westside!

Performing Arts Breakfast



Westside Takes 2nd Place in OTC Energy Challenge

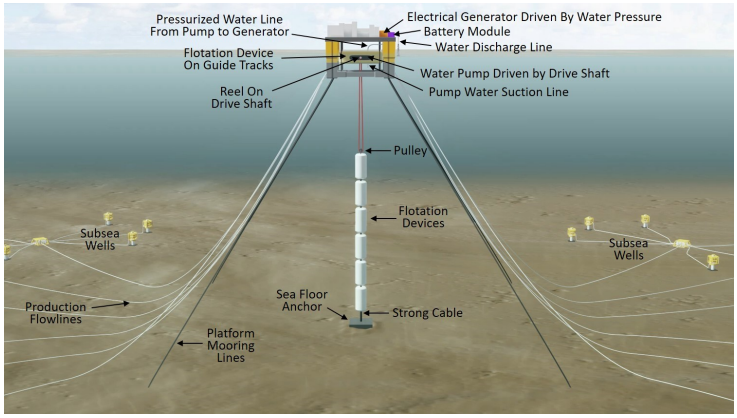
By Laurie Schlaudt

On Tuesday, May 7, Westside students won 2nd place at the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) Energy Challenge competition. Team members for Westside are Yasin Hamed, Charles Loh, Breann Keana Magno, and Sean Smeds, all juniors and all part of the engineering program. Westside was one of 18 schools participating in the Energy Challenge, including high schools from Houston ISD, Spring Branch ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Katy ISD, and several private schools. Each team was given a real world energy-related problem to solve; Westside's challenge was to find a way to cost effectively capture and utilize energy from the ocean to power an offshore production platform. The students have been working since January with their coach, Mrs. Laurie Schlaudt, to prepare their problem solution.

Our team had the assistance of two industry mentors: Mr. Bilen Ham, VP Project Development for BP; and Mr. Paul Parsons, Managing Director and Instructor for Energy Training Resources, LLC. The students met with their mentors on several occasions and communicated via email to exchange ideas and suggestions. Mr. Ham provided the students access to models of various oil platforms and related tools, and assisted with a video session; Mr. Parsons worked with the team to create a digital model of their design. The students created an e-poster and a video describing their solution.

The team attended the Offshore Technology Conference on May 7 to present their poster and discuss their research with other teams, coaches, mentors, and judges. Dr. Wafik Beydoun, Chairman of the OTC Board of Directors, welcomed the students and gave the opening remarks for the competition. Attendees also were treated to a panel discussion as guest speakers from BP discussed their careers and gave career advice to the students. Following the event, the team toured the exhibit floor of the OTC and saw the amazing collection of company displays representing energy related businesses from all over the world.

Left to right: Yasin Hamed, Charles Loh, Sean Smeds, and Breann Keana Magno, and Sean Smeds



Students received a glass trophy, which will be on display in the N1 trophy case, as well as a cash prize. This was the third year that Westside has competed in the OTC Energy Challenge, and the second year that we have placed among the top 3 teams. Congratulations to our 2019 innovators!

Announcements

THE SHOWS MUST GO ON...

Please see new schedule due to rain cancellations last week

Choir Pop Show

May 15

WEDNESDAY
6 PM Auditorium

Chicago

May 17 & 18

FRIDAY....7 PM
SATURDAY.....4 PM & 7 PM
Mini-Theatre

SEE YOUR DEAN
REGISTRATION STARTED

June 5-July 3 Monday-Thursday

SUMMER SCHOOL

AT WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Announcements

Pride Auditions

May 16th and 17th

Please see Ms. Emert in G111 for more information

High School League

Championship Finals

Stratford High School

May 16 at 7 PM

Quest for the Golden Tray!

Faculty Edition

Black Box

May 20 at 7 PM

Faculty

vs.

Students

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LAPTOP COLLECTION MAY 2019

Please note a few updates to original schedule

DURING SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES

Grades 9 & 10
May 15 & May 16

Seniors-May 17
Required for Senior Check-Out

Grade 11
May 20

MISSING CHARGERS $20 MISSING CASES $15

LOST/STOLEN LAPTOPS

STUDENT MUST FILE POLICE REPORT BEFORE MAY 13 OR WILL BE CHARGED FULL PRICE

SPRING SEMESTER SATURDAY TUTORIAL SCHEDULE

Jan./Feb.	1/26 2/2 2/16
Mar.	3/2 3/23 3/30
Apr.	4/6 4/27
May	5/4 5/11 5/18

Courses Offered:
Algebra I/II
Geometry
Pre-Cal
College Algebra
English I-IV
AP Lang
AP Lit
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Environmental Science
World Geography
World History
U.S. History
APUSH
Government

Announcements

Wolf Camp 2019

For incoming 9th graders

Friday, August 16th

7:30 AM-
1 PM

Westside school ID required to attend

Get your ID during Open ID Days (TBA)

Drop off/pick up in student parking lot behind school

No drop-offs in front circle drive

New students coming into 10th, 11th & 12th grade

New to Westside Welcome

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
1:00 PM IN THE MINI-THEATRE

Meet the Principal, Tour the School
Q & A Time with Mentors

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HISD STEM

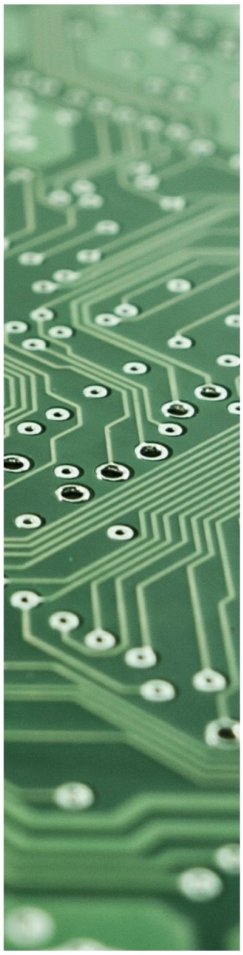
Two-Week Summer Camp

Grades 3 through 12
June 10-13 & 17-21

Click here for details!

Wolfpack
Youth Wrestling
Summer Camp

June 3-5
At Westside HS
Click here for details and registration form



WESTSIDE CODING CAMP

JUNE 10-13 9:00AM - 12:30PM
FOR INCOMING WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN

DEVELOP AN APP
DESIGN A GAME
PROGRAM A ROBOT

REGISTER ONLINE. SPOTS ARE LIMITED!
REGISTRATION CLOSES MAY 25
$75 INCLUDES SNACKS AND A CODING CAMP T-SHIRT
PROCEEDS GO TO WESTSIDE IT PROGRAM

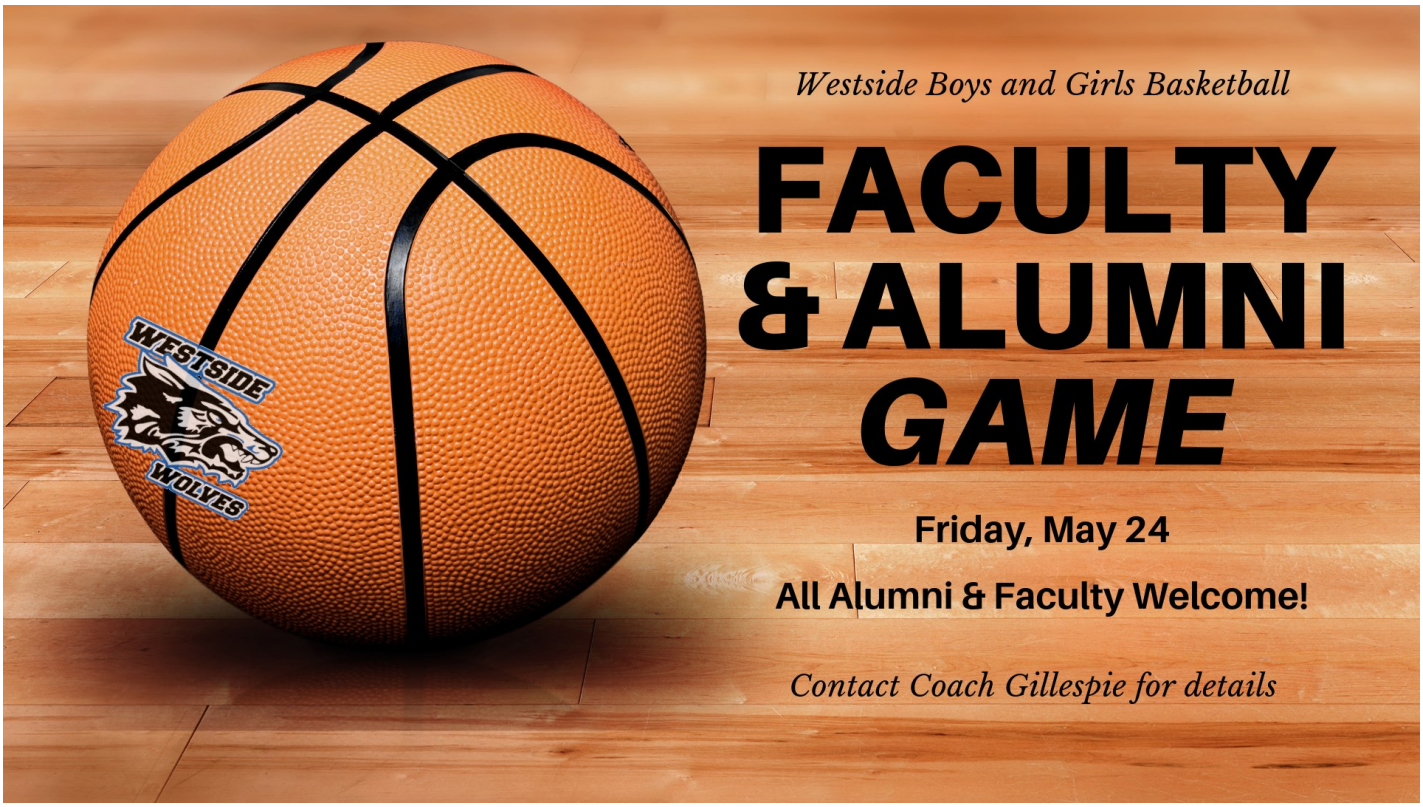
Click here to sign up.

Announcements

Westside High School Spring 2019 Final Exam Schedule

UNIFORM / DRESS CODE POLICY IS IN EFFECT THROUGH THE END OF SCHOOL!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 Regular Schedule 1st - 7th	**21** Regular Schedule 1st - 7th	**22** Regular Schedule 1st - 7th	**23** Block Schedule 1st 8:30 – 9:35 3rd 9:40 -11:40 Lunch 11:45–12:35 5th 12:40-2:40 7th 2:45-4:00 *Senior exams 3rd and 5th Periods*	**24** Block Schedule (Classes are not in order!) 1st Period 8:30 – 9:35 4th 9:40 -11:40 Lunch 11:45–12:35 6th 12:40-2:40 2nd 2:45-4:00 *Senior exams 4th and 6th Periods*
27 Memorial Day	**28** 7th Period Exam Modified Exam Schedule 1st 8:30-9:15 2nd 9:20-10:00 3rd 10:05-10:45 (ADA 10:15) 4th 10:50-11:30 Lunch 11:35-12:25 5th 12:30-1:10 6th 1:15-1:55 7th 2:00-4:00 *ALL grade levels 7th exam*	**29** 1st and 2nd Period EXAMS 1st Period Exam (8:30-10:30) 2nd Period Exam (10:40-12:40) *ALL grade levels* Lunch & Buses 1:00 *Senior check out 1:00-3:00	**30** 3rd & 4th Period EXAMS 3rd Period Exam (8:30-10:30) 4th Period Exam (10:40-12:40) *9th, 10th,11th grade* Lunch & Buses 1:00	**31** 5th & 6th Period Exams 5th Period Exam (8:30-10:30) 6th Period Exam (10:40-12:40) *9th, 10th,11th grade* Lunch & Buses 1:00 Grad Rehearsal Last day of Instruction



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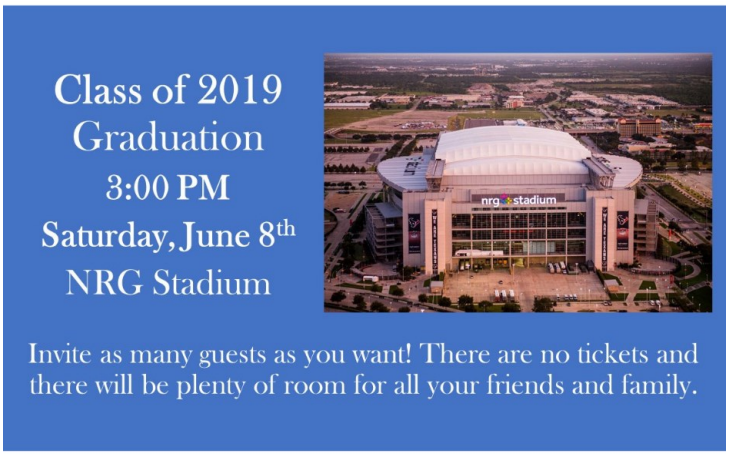

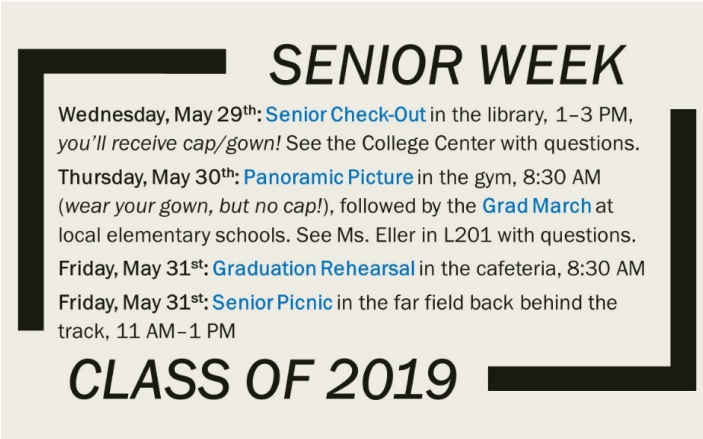

HCC Academic Bridge

Parents, is your graduating senior starting college at HCC in the fall before transferring to earn a bachelor's degree?

If yes, we have **great** news!!! Your child can start this summer and earn 6 college credit hours **FREE** at HCC through HISD-HCC Summer Academic Bridge Program. *Please note that Academic Bridge is for students who have not passed the TSI exam and will enroll in HCC in the fall.*

Students will earn college credit for Education 1300 and Sociology 1301; receive math TSI preparation; and engage in enrichment activities. Classes start June 10 and end August 1. Campus locations are Alief Hayes, Felix Fraga, Northline, and West Loop.

To enroll, seniors must let their high school College and Career Readiness Advisor know the program they are interested in and complete enrollment steps. That's it! Deadline is May 17.

More info @ http://bit.ly/308eGSa or call 281-920-8000.

Westside Academic Bridge Information Session

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Location: Westside RM s100

Time: 1:20 pm

*Students interested in attending the information session must request a pass from the college center beforehand

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SENIORS, DID YOU RECEIVE AN "NG" THIS SPRING, 2019?

SENIOR ATTENDANCE APPEAL

MAY 28TH, 29TH, 30TH, 31ST

1:00 – 4:00

Seniors will attend attendance appeal in the computer room to clear all "NGs" for qualified classes. Each student will complete one quiz for every hour he/she needs. Please see Ms. Williams in North 2 for details.

ATTENDANCE APPEAL

SENIORS ONLY

MAY 28 – 31, 2019

BRING YOUR REPORT CARD!

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
14201 Briarforest
Houston, Texas 77077

For more information, contact

Cheryl Williams

cbyrd@houstonisd.org

Or (713) 556-5248

Senior Countdown

Senior Honors Night
(By Invitation)
May 16
6:30-8:30 PM
Auditorium

Senior Week

May 29 Senior Check Out, 1-3 PM @LC

May 30 Panoramic Picture, 8:30 AM @ Gym

May 30 Grad March, 10:30 AM @ Elem. Schools

May 31 Grad Rehearsal, 8:30 AM @ Commons

May 31 Senior Picnic, 11 AM-1 PM, Back Fields

Graduation Ceremony
June 8
3 PM
NRG Stadium

SCHOOL STORE HOURS

8 AM-First Bell
AND
During Lunch

Click here for uniform policy and product list

Only Cash & Money Order Accepted
No Returns No Exchanges

VIPS

Do you plan to VOLUNTEER this year?
Athletics, Band,
PTO, T-Pro, Field Trips

You must be cleared through HISD

Click here to get cleared!

School Office Hours

8:00 AM- 4:30 PM

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- Art Fee
- Band Fee
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- Basketball (Girl's) Fee
- Choir Fee
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- Football Fee
- HOSA Fee
- Inertia Fee
- Orchestra Fee
- Power Up
- Senior Dues
- Tennis Fee
- Theater Fee

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