



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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A Message from Our Principal

Wolf Spirit Prevails Over Hurricane Harvey

Dear Westside Students and Families,

On behalf of our faculty and staff at Westside, we are eager to wrap our collective arms around our students as they return to Westside on September 11th. The spirit of West Houston has been nothing short of inspirational and the unity and steadfastness of our community is now known by our entire nation. Westside opened its doors as a temporary shelter on 8/28 to upwards of 400 evacuees and received an outpouring of clothing, bedding, food, and supplies; all of which came from individual community members and neighbors. One evacuee, an elderly cancer patient with an open wound, was cared for in our nurse's office by a Class of 2002 volunteer who had just graduated from medical school. I'm certain each of you were helping others, or in some way doing your best to preserve the lives and safety of your loved ones. As you send your child to Westside this week, please know that a core tenet of our campus culture is knowing students personally and providing each student with individual support and guidance. Our goal is to learn the degree of impact each of our families experienced, and to leverage all resources to respond appropriately; needs

ranging from complete loss of home and belongings to feelings of survivor's guilt. Students will be provided an opportunity to describe how they were impacted and need for assistance, or volunteer to help others. This information will be held confidential between the student and their assigned dean and/or social worker. We also encourage our parents/guardians to request help directly from your child's dean, social worker, or school nurse. It is essential that every family know the name and contact information for their child's HOUSE, HOUSE SECRETARY and DEAN. This is your child's "home base" for virtually all needs! If you don't know your child's dean, the main office can assist you!

-Uniforms are still required. If you have them, you must wear them. If you lost your uniforms in the storm and cannot afford to purchase new ones, we will have assistance for you here at school. If you do not have a uniform to wear on Monday, please wear something as similar as you have, such as a WHS spirit shirt. When you get to school, we will assist you in getting them. Donated uniforms will be cleaned and processed and made available to students in need. Everyone in need will be given ample time and assistance to get uniforms.

-All students are eligible for free meals at Westside.

-If you have lost laptops or books in the storm, please bring the damaged ones to school, if you have them, and they will be exchanged. If you do not have them, parents will be asked to sign a statement that they were destroyed in the storm and they will be replaced.

We are happy to have our Wolf Family back together again!

Calendar

Tues. 9/12

8:30am New Student Registration, first 55 sign-ups

Wed. 9/13

8:30am New Student Registration, first 55

Thur. 9/14

8:30am-10am New Student Registration

7:00pm Varsity Football vs. Fort Bend Bush, Butler Stadium

Fri. 9/15

8:30am-10am New Student Registration

3:30 Girls/Boys Cross Country, Spring Creek Park, Tomball

Fri. 9/22

Fall Holiday

Tues. 9/26

Senior Parent Meeting

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How Can I Help?

Many have asked, "How can I help?" There are multiple ways you can support a fellow Westside Wolf:

HISD Foundation

For Monetary Donations to HISD families affected by Harvey—if you want this to be for Westside Families, please specify on the form you fill out:

<http://www.houstonisd.org/harvey>

Westside High School Go Fund Me—School Supplies Drive

<https://www.gofundme.com/westside-high-schoolharvey-relief>

T-Shirt Drive

Purchase a Westside T-Shirt that can be worn as a uniform top to help support the Westside High School Go Fund Me campaign which will help provide backpacks, supplies, and uniforms for students who were affected by the hurricane.

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/westside-high-school-relief-t-shirt>

Gift Card Donations for Staff

PTO is collecting gift cards for staff members recovering from Harvey. Drop in main office.

Amazon Wish List—Clothing & School Supplies

This list was compiled based on a needs survey that we sent out to families. Please click the link below to help with clothing and school supplies.

[Westside High School Hurricane Harvey Recovery Wish List](#)

Please have shipped to the following address:

14201 Briar Forest Dr. Houston, TX 77077

Donations By Check

Checks can be written to WHS PTO, with "Harvey Relief" in the memo line. Tax receipts will be sent automatically for donations of \$250 and up. Please drop off in the main office, or mail to:

Westside High School PTO
14201 Briar Forest
Houston, TX 77077

Uniform Donations

You may drop off gently used, clean uniform shirts and bottoms in the collection box in the main office.

Thank you for your generosity!

Uniform Sales

The School Store is open daily for all of your back-to-school uniform needs.

Before School: 7:30-7:50am

A & B Lunch

After School: 3:15-3:35pm

Details: <http://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/42219/UniformOrderFormAugust.jpg>



New Student Registration

Please bring all required paperwork when registering new students.

Tuesday, September 12th in the Auditorium

Processing begins at 8:30am for first 55 sign-ins

Sign-In begins at 7:30am

Wednesday, September 13th in the Auditorium

Processing begins at 8:30am for first 55 sign-ins

Sign-In begins at 7:30am

Beginning Thursday, September 14

Registration will take place in the Main Office

Daily from 8:30-10:00am



Senior Parent Meeting

There will be a Senior Parent Meeting on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Parents will receive information regarding Senior Dues and all of the special events that take place throughout the year, including Skate Night, Prom, Senior Picnic and Graduation. Be sure to sign-in and provide your contact information so you will receive important communications and volunteer requests. Please contact Ms. Kindred, Senior Class Coordinator, if you have any questions: kkindred@houstonisd.org

*Class
Of
2018*

Quick Links

School Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org/westsidchs>

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>

Link to the Bell Schedule for First Week of School:

<http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/61397>

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