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from Westside High School

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April 23, 2018

Walking with the Pack

Last week, Westside students exercised their right to free speech by “Walking with the Pack”. In recognition of *National School Walkout*, our student leaders organized a unified walk of the student body around the perimeter of campus. This “Westside Way” of joining in on the national movement was planned by our students as a tribute to their peers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and also as a demonstration to advocate for safe schools.

As an option, students had an opportunity to register to vote during the walk. Twen-

ty Wolves registered to vote at school that day!

Student leaders will be sharing an inspirational video, including footage of the walk, with Douglas High School as a gesture of our support.

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Calendar

April 24

SAT for Juniors

Color Guard Tryouts,
Practice Gym, 4-7 PM

JROTC Awards Ceremony,
Auditorium, 7 PM

April 26

National Art Honor Society
Induction Ceremony,
Learning Commons,
6:00 PM

WEGA Junior Externship
Parent Meeting, S100,
6:30 PM

April 27

Pride Spring Show, Audi-
torium, 6:30 PM

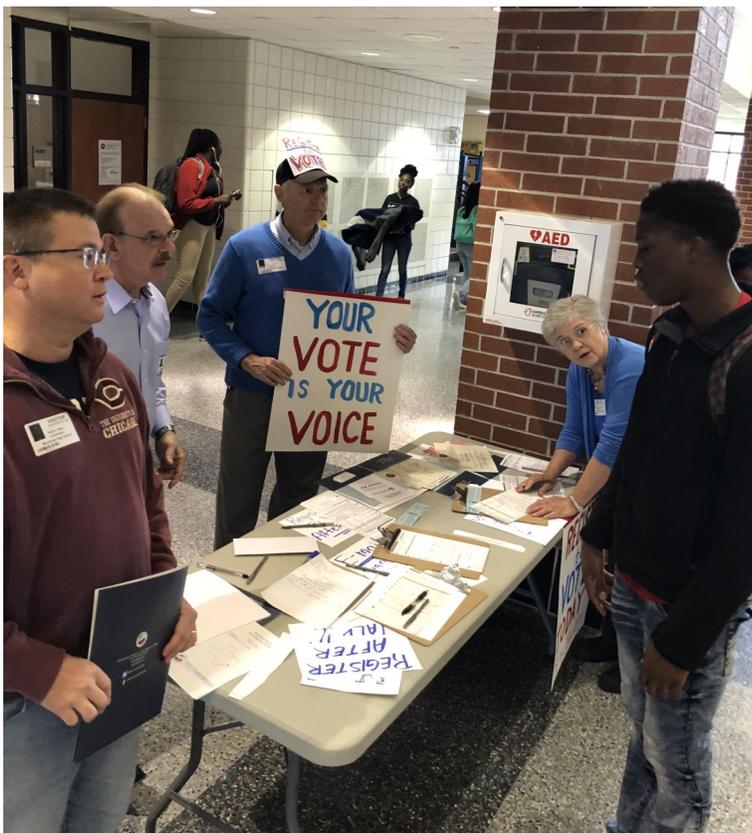
April 28

Special Education
Spring Parent Summit
and Forum, Hattie Mae
White Educational Sup-
port Center, 7:30 AM

Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM- 12 Noon

NHS Induction Ceremo-
ny, Auditorium, 2-5 PM

Walking with the Pack



Rice Computer Science Fair



On April 18, Westside students participated in Rice University's Computer Science Fair, showcasing Apps they developed in Ms. Willett's Computer Programming class. Adrian Abcede, Yureli Bustos Flores, Daniel Phillips, Myra Khan, Mairim Alvarez Pausa and Allison Lira shared the games/song Apps they programmed, "demo"-ing them with middle school students from across Houston. Our Westside students also spent time with the middle school students explaining the fun aspects of computer programming. The middle school students were asked to vote for their favorite computer application during the fair and, among participants from several high schools, Westside student, Myra Khan, was awarded the top honor.



Comedy Sportz

Westside's two-time champion ComedySportz team has advanced for the fifth time in five years to the final round of competition! Teacher, Tony Wallin, is eager to defend the title, saying, "We are proud to announce that we will be competing for our third title and holder of the Golden Lunch Tray! Our team is excited and prepared to take on this exciting challenge, and go for our third win!" Save the date for the championship: 7:00 PM on May 3rd at Cinco Ranch High School against 8 other schools!



Lacrosse All-Stars



(Left to right) Austin Hill, Will Collier, Max Mazoch, Aidan McQuerry, Adrian Mata

Shout out to Westside Lacrosse for wrapping up their season strong, including a first time playoffs win in ten years. Congratulations to our five South District All-Stars:

- Austin Hill (Middle)
- Will Collier (Defense)
- Max Mazoch (Defense)
- Aidan McQuerry (Attack)
- Adrian Mata (Attack)

2018 Westside Film Festival

The 2018 WHS Film Festival was held last week in the Learning Commons to celebrate the talents of our student filmmakers. Categories for awards included Grand Overall, Animation, Advertisement, Documentary, Narrative, and MicroMovie.

Congratulations to Ethan Guerra for receiving the First Place Grand Overall Award. His entry, *Disappear*, is a documentary about the struggles of a young-adult transgender male.

Audio/Video Productions teacher, Ms. Staci Delk, praised the students for their effort, creativity, and accomplishments. She also expressed gratitude to Deans Ghosn and Barry, and Westside teachers, for attending the event and celebrating the hard work of the students. "It meant a lot to these students that their teachers and administrators came out to support them", she said.

To see all of the award winners and view their films, check out the festival [web-site](#).



2018 WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
FILM FESTIVAL

ETHAN
GUERRA

1ST PLACE GRAND OVERALL

CHECK OUT ALL OF THE AWARD RECIPIENTS AT
[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/VIEW/WHSFILMCLUB/](https://sites.google.com/view/whsfilmclub/)

New Student Council Officers Voted In

Congratulations to our students who were recently elected by their peers to serve on the Executive Committee of the Westside High School Student Council for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Student Body President

Jailinne Rodriguez
Class of 2019

Student Body Vice President

Andy Nguyen
Class of 2019

Senior Class President

Priyam Mishra
Class of 2019

Senior Class Vice President

Adrian Rosales
Class of 2019

Junior Class President

Charles Loh
Class of 2020

Junior Class Vice President

Christopher Edwards
Class of 2020

Sophomore Class President

Anaya Parker
Class of 2021

Sophomore Class Vice President

Ethan Tran
Class of 2021

Congratulations to these student leaders. We are grateful for their service to the student body and to the school.

“Los Cilantros” Takes Second Place

Westside’s culinary team, Los Cilantros, took second place in the HISD *Cooking Up Change* competition on Saturday.

Leslie Rubi, Hugo Araiza, and Ismael Soto prepared General Tso’s Chicken with Cabbage Slaw and a Fruit Parfait for their entry. Unfortunately, they were edged out of an opportunity to take their dish to Nationals in Washington, DC by a talented team from Milby High School. Congrats to our Wolves and better luck next year.



Boys Track Team Shows Strength at District

By Coach Kyle Grimes

The Wolves Varsity Boys Track Team competed in the UIL District 17-18 Area Track meet last Thursday night at Barnett Stadium in Houston. The Wolves were expected to perform well and did not disappoint.

Bennie Clark earned a bronze medal in the open 400 meters and advanced to The Region 3 Track Meet. Other notable individual performers were Michael Opiela in the discus, Jaylyn Williams in the Triple Jump, Nicholas Emere in the open 300-meter hurdles, and Michael Jordan in the open 400 meters.

To wrap up the night, Nicholas Emere, Michael Jordan, Tomas Esquivel, and Bennie Clark put on a show in the 1600-meter relay, running a time of 3:23 and giving them a second-place finish. The four received a silver medal and will be advancing to the UIL Region 3 Track meet.

The Wolves are excited to get back on the road and go have a stellar performance at Turner Stadium in Humble, Texas next Friday and Saturday. Come out and support your Wolves as they burn up the track. Go Wolves.

Boys Water Polo Headed to State

By Coach Craig Sikkema

The Westside Boys' Water Polo team competed in the Region 2 Water Polo tournament this past weekend with tremendous success. They faced some very tough competition in what is considered the hardest region in the state. All the boys played their hearts out in every game and made it to the Championship game versus a very strong Jersey Village team. They fell a little short and finished 2nd in the region, but it still qualifies the Westside boys to go to the Texas State Water Polo Tournament, May 3-5, at The University of Texas – Austin. Coaches Alex Sikkema and Craig Sikkema are so very proud and happy for

these proud boys who have worked hard all year long to get this opportunity to play in the State tournament.

Westside players:

- Dimosthenis Mintzaridis — Capt. (1st Team All Region)
- Georgios Mintzaridis (1st Team All Region Team)
- Angelos Mintzaridis (2nd Team All Region Team)
- Nick Farley – Capt.
- Anthony Lorring
- Jared Schuette
- Abdias Aguirre
- Evan Fowler-Cook
- Everette Dagher
- Talgat Timruly

Good luck at State, Wolves!



Orchestra Earns First-Ever Sweepstakes Award at UIL



Westside's Orchestra, under the direction of Ms. Jessica Vandruff, earned a Sweepstakes Award at their UIL competition last week. To earn a sweepstakes, they must score superior ratings on both their stage performance and their sight-reading performance. A search of the archives reveals that this was a first-ever Sweepstakes Award for the Westside Orchestra. The last (and only) time they received a first division rating in any category was in sight-reading in 2006. Congratulations to all of the musicians and to Ms. Vandruff. Go Wolves!



Inertia Wows the Crowds with Show

Last week, in their last featured concert of the year, the Inertia Dance Co. presented their production, *"Pardon the Interruption."* In what was expected to be a hot ticket, Inertia delivered quality entertainment that encapsulated laughs, thought provoking pieces, and sentimental moments in the show, and brought the house to tears.

"Pardon the Interruption" opened on Thursday, later selling out to maximum-capacity on Friday and Saturday. The entire company, including the dancers and directors, express their gratitude for the support of the Westside community and look forward to next year! #inertiaproud #raisedbywolves



Amazing Student Art Exhibited in the Main Office



Announcements

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION SPRING - PARENT SUMMIT & FORUM

HISD would like to invite you to a **Special Education Parent Summit and Forum** where professionals knowledgeable in Special Education will work with you to support your family and your child's learning. We want to empower all of our parents to be partners – with a voice in their child's future.

Morning Event: Parent Summit

Attend sessions on health, study skills, inclusion, job training, the special education process and more, speak with administrative staff, and enjoy food and child care.

We asked our parents to choose their topics of interest and or those that could help them support their child's learning and to enhance their own knowledge. They answered, and we listened. Professionals will provide engaging and interactive presentations focused on the following topics parents have selected:

1. Understanding the IEP and Special Education Processes
2. Supporting Student Achievement
3. Supporting Healthy Parent & Student Relationships
4. Transition Services

Afternoon Event: Parent Forum

During this town hall meeting, information will be discussed about special education in the Houston Independent School District. Please join us for action updates and a presentation on services available in HISD, followed by a forum where parents can ask questions and share their input.

There will be multiple ways for parents to submit questions about special education services in HISD:

1. Ask a question during the forum portion of the town hall meetings.
2. Submit your question electronically at the computer stations in the Hattie Mae White lobby.
3. Email: SpEdSupportingParents@houstonisd.org or visit HoustonISD.org/SpecialEducation to submit a question electronically.
4. Summit a Special Education comment card using the following options:
 - Ask your school for a special education comment card, fill it out, and return it to your school's front office.
 - Electronically by visiting HoustonISD.org/SpecialEducation
 - Calling your school's main office requesting a comment card to be mailed to you.



YOUR VOICE, OUR COMMITMENT
Special Education Parent Summit and Forum
 Registration: 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
 Presentation: 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 28, 2018
 Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center
 4400 West 18th St., 77092

For Assistance Please Contact: SpEdSupportingParents@houstonisd.org

HATTIE MAE WHITE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER | 4400 WEST 18TH STREET | HOUSTON, TEXAS 77092-8501
WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG | WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HOUSTONISD | WWW.TWITTER.COM/HOUSTONISD

Click [here](#) for all the details. Click [here](#) to register.

Announcements

**HOST A FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENT
OCTOBER 17TH - OCTOBER 29TH**



**YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK FRENCH!
ALL WESTSIDE STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!**

- * Learn firsthand about a new culture! * Add experience to your résumé!
- * Students who host a French student can go to France next year!

See Mr. Alexander in S227 or email ralexan6@houstonisd.org or information!

Sign up now to become a part of this unique cultural-exchange experience. This will be the 2nd annual exchange between Westside High School and the Lycee Sacre Coeur. Reviews from the previous group of Westside students are overwhelmingly positive and they highly recommend it!

"I enjoyed my experience hosting Paul and Arthur very much and thought that both of my students were very nice and respectful. I enjoyed learning more about France from them and one of my favorite parts was hearing the differences between French and American culture. I can easily say that it was an experience that all of us will remember."

~Joseph Coolidge

Westside Student

Exchange Participant, March 2018

Contact Mr. Alexander today to get your name on the list!

ralexan6@houstonisd.org

Announcements

Westside High School
Pride Dance Team

Presents



April 27th

● Show starts @ 6:30 ●

Presale
\$8
At the Door
\$10

Announcements

Did you order a
2018 Yearbook!



Yearbook Distribution

SPECIAL SENIOR DISTRIBUTION:

Monday, May 7th at 2:25
in the Learning Commons
(you will receive an invitation to the event)

All remaining pre-orders:
Tuesday, May 8th ,
beginning at A Lunch, in E244.

Pre-Order purchases will close Wednesday, April 25.
If there are any remaining books to be sold, they will
be available beginning May 10th.

Questions: See Ms. Roberts in E244

Dual Credit

Get a head start on college!

Go to the HUB to find registration
instructions, forms, and deadlines.

Questions?

See Dean Matlock in N2 or email

smatlock@houstonsid.org.

WESTSIDE
THEATRE
AUDITION
PACKETS

Available in the
Main Office

Or click [here](#) to print at home

Announcements



SAVE THE DATE Induction Ceremony

Saturday, April 28th
Westside Auditorium
2-5 PM

Reception to follow in the Commons

Family members cordially invited to
attend ceremony & reception

Questions about NHS? Contact JSCHROE1@houstonisd.org

ATTENTION: WESTSIDE JUNIORS

THE POSSE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE

The Posse Foundation recruits outstanding high school students who have demonstrated leadership and academic excellence to receive four-year, full tuition scholarships at a partner college or university.



The folder on the HUB contains general Posse information, a spreadsheet comparing the available Posse Colleges, a Posse Timeline and the Application.

The Posse Foundation Scholarship Application is due: *May 18, 2018*



Class of 2018 News

Senior Countdown

Senior Dues \$200
 Submit payment in cash in A205
 Or pay by credit card:
<https://www.schoolpay.com/>

Prom May 4

Senior Honors Night
 Monday, May 21
 6:30-9:00 PM

Senior Check-Out
 May 30, 1-3 PM

May 31

8:30 AM Senior Panoramic Photo
 10:30 AM Grad March

Senior Picnic June 1st, 12-2 PM

Graduation Ceremony
 Saturday, June 9th
 3:00 PM at NRG Stadium



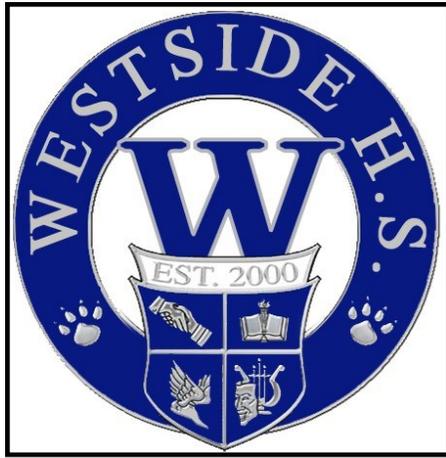
Prom May 4
 8 PM—12 Midnight
 Omni Houston Hotel Westside
 Eldridge Parkway at Katy Freeway

After Prom, 1-5 AM
 Dave & Busters
 6010 Richmond

Ticket Sales are Closed!

4 WEEKS
 UNTIL
AP
 EXAMS! **LC9**
 3:15-4:15
 PERSONALIZED REVIEW
 DON'T MISS IT!

Announcements



Westside High School

Scholarship Applications Now Available

PTO Spirit Scholarships
and
Alumni & Friends Scholarships

Applications available in the College Center
See applications for eligibility criteria

Due May 1st

Click [here](#) to print applications

Want to try YOGA?

Thursdays

A and B Lunch

N144

Ms. Lumpkin, Choices Counselor

Saturday Tutorials

Spring Semester

9 AM — 12 Noon

Students must arrive by 9:15!

Bring ID's, laptops & assignments

April	4/28
May	5/5 & 5/19

**Westside
Wishes
2018**

**Time is
running out!**

**Can you help
with our teachers'
wishes?**

[CLASSROOM WISH LIST](#)

[Go Fund Me page](#)

**Please support our
PTO Business Partners!**

A Cut Above Florals
1396 Eldridge Parkway

AMAZON SMILE
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-0633700>

Josephine's Day Spa & Salon
Now re-opened on Eldridge!

Kroger Community Rewards Program
Link your card to Westside HS PTO, #79002

RANDALL'S
LINK YOUR CARD TO #8860

State Farm Insurance Agent: Andrew Maule
\$5 Donation/Quote (832)328-0774

Your patronage is appreciated!

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>

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newsatwhs@gmail.com

School Pay:

Pay your senior dues, Power Up, band/orchestra/choir fees, and some athletics fees. [Instructions](#) if needed.

<https://www.schoolpay.com/>