



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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April 2, 2018

## Prom Tickets On Sale Now for the Class of 2018

Westside seniors are gearing up for the Prom! Enchanted Garden 2018 will be held on Friday, May 4, at the beautiful and elegantly-appointed Omni Houston Hotel Westside from 8:00 PM-Midnight. The formal dance is exclusively held for Westside seniors and their dates and features a decadent buffet of hors oeuvres and sweets and amazing party decor.



The fun continues through the night at the after-prom party at Dave & Buster's Richmond location from 1:00-5:00 AM. Students will have the entire venue all to themselves for video and arcade games, billiards, movies, and food. The highlight of the event is the senior raffle; featuring cash, electronics, gift cards and great merchandise, with drawings every 15 minutes.

### **Ticket Sales**

#### **A-Lunch, Commons**

April 2-13 \$75/person

Late: April 16-20 \$100/person

Includes admission to  
Prom & After Prom Party

Completed contracts and  
copies of student, date, and  
parent IDs required.

Click [here](#) for contracts.

### Calendar

#### **April 2**

Choices Parent Night,  
6:00 PM, N144

PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM,  
Library

#### **April 3-6**

International Festival

#### **April 3-20**

Prom Ticket Sales, Com-  
mons, A Lunch

#### **April 3**

Choir Pre-UIL Concert,  
4:30-6:30 PM, Mini-  
Theatre

#### **April 4**

Comedy Sportz, 7:00 PM  
in the Black Box

#### **April 6**

iFest Dance, 6:00-9:00  
PM, Commons

#### **April 7**

Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-  
12 Noon

AP World History Mock  
Exam, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM,  
S100

## Debate Team Preparing for 2018-2019

Westside Speech and Debate had an outstanding year this school year and they are gearing up to hit the ground running for 2018-2019. Students with an interest in politics, economics, or philosophy, or who wish to developing academic skills, such as research and presentation, are encouraged to join the team. Enrollment in the Debate class is strongly encouraged, and attending scheduled practices is mandatory.

The team competes in a wide variety of events throughout the year, including the University Interscholastic League (UIL), the Texas Forensic Association, the Houston Urban Debate League (HUDL), and many others. Debaters at Westside have had opportunities to compete at the local, state, and national levels. In addition to Houston area tournaments, Westside debaters traveled to Austin, Dallas, Washington D.C., and Fort Lauderdale, Florida during the 2017-2018 season. Last month, we had two teams compete at the UIL CX State Tournament; Andrew Moore & Kenneth Pinzon-Rojas, and Sherrod Session & Aymen Labidi.

There are a wide variety of speech and debate events to choose from and stu-

dents from all levels of experience are welcome to get involved. Speech events focus on the presentation of information in an informative or persuasive fashion. These are always done individually. Students are judged based on the content and presentation of their speech. Debate events follow various formats, but each debater has one speech during which they may state their position on a predetermined resolution without being interrupted by their opponent(s), one opportunity to question their opponent(s), and at least one speech to rebut their opponent's arguments while defending their own.

Plans are underway for the **Westside Debate Pre-Season Prep Camp 2018**, which will be offered August 22 through August 25th from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM daily. Interested students should sign up through this google form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/qLQ25QanTKOszDyO2>

If you have questions about the Speech and Debate Team or summer prep camp, send an email to our Debate teacher:

[Eric.Schwerdtfeger@houstonisd.org](mailto:Eric.Schwerdtfeger@houstonisd.org) .

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**PTO Meeting**  
**Tonight! Mon. 4/2**  
**7:00 PM**  
**In the Library**

Exciting news on 2018-2019 budget to be presented by Principal Peggi Stewart.

Bring a friend!

**iFest**

**Wear your cultural clothing  
to school on Friday, April 6**

**iFest Dance**  
**Friday, April 6**  
**6-9 PM**

**Tickets \$5**  
**On sale at lunches this week**

# Westside Student Presents Tedx Talk

On Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Westside student, Madeleine Ferrand, presented at TEDx Youth in the Woodlands. Her topic, "Gene Regulation: A Cure for Cancer," explored the ways genetic researchers are looking at inactivating the genes responsible for cancer proliferation. The research may lead to developing cancer treatments that do not require chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. She discussed theories for a cure for cancer through the use of gene regulating therapy. Maddie aspires to a future career conducting genomic cancer research.

Maddie, along with other high school students from around the state of Texas, presented "Ideas Worth Sharing".



 The graphic is framed by a border of 32 national flags. In the center, the text reads:
 

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**  
**APRIL 3-6, 2018**

**iFest Dance**  
 Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 6-9pm  
 Ticket Cost: \$5.00 ea.

*Tickets will go on sale this Wednesday during both lunches.*

Two starburst callouts are present: a red one on the left that says "Wear your best cultural outfit on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> during school." and a yellow one on the right that says "Special events throughout the week."

# Boys Sub-Varsity Track Wraps Up Stellar Season

By Coach Kyle Grimes

We are excited to share news about our Wolves' success at the 2018 UIL 18-6A JV and Freshmen District Track Meet Championships, which took place last Tuesday night at Barnett Stadium. Both the JV and Freshmen teams took home a team Second Place and earned silver medals.

Our freshmen boys met with success all around the Barnett Sports Complex. In the High Jump, Messiah Farinas placed first and received a gold medal, and Maties Honeycutt followed him up with a second place finish, earning a silver medal. Rounding out the field events for our freshmen, Jared Gay did an outstanding job in the disc throw and earned a bronze medal with a third place finish.

On the track, our freshmen Wolves 4X100 meter team comprised of Kylas Wright, Maties Honeycutt, Messiah Farinas, and Matthew Estrada, earned a silver medal. Our 4X200 meter team made up of Maties Honeycutt, Messiah Farinas, Kylas Wright, and Jordan Simms earned a silver medal, and our 4X400 meter team made up of David Pilsen, Maties Honeycutt, Zach Robinson, and Kylas Wright earned a silver medal. In the 110 meter and 300 meter hurdles, Matthew Estrada earned a bronze medal and David Pilsen put up a stellar time in the open 400 meter, earning a silver medal.

On the Junior Varsity side of the meet, the Wolves did an outstanding job as well. In the field events, Anthony Peterson-Lockett earned a silver medal in the high jump, Akeem Benjamin earned a silver medal in the long jump, Jalen Waddy earned a bronze medal in the shot put, and Johan Rodriguez rounded out the field events by earning a silver medal in the discus.

On the track, our JV relay teams showed extremely well. The 4X100 meter team, made up of Anthony Peterson-Lockett, Timothy White, Don Lawson, and Exilus Louis, earned a silver medal, our 4X200 meter team, made up of Akeem Benjamin, Tah Macbright, Anthony Peterson-Lockett, and Exilus Louis earned a silver medal, and our 4X400 meter team, made up of Nick Tinsley, Caleb Morgan, Don Lawson, and Tah Macbright, ended the night on a high note with a first place finish.

In the individual events Don Lawson earned a silver medal in the open 100-meter dash, Nick Tinsley earned a silver medal in the 800 meters, Ridwan Penn earned a bronze medal in the 800 meters, and Chad Knop earned a bronze medal in 300-meter hurdles. Tah Macbright earned a silver medal in the open 200 meters, and Caleb Morgan earned a silver medal in the open 400 meters.

We couldn't be more proud of our guys and all of the work they put in throughout the season. Go Wolves!

*UIL Varsity 18-6a  
District Track  
Championships  
at Barnett Stadium  
next week.  
Come out and support  
our Westside Wolves!!*

## “Alumni & Friends” Raise Scholarship Funds

Every year, *Alumni & Friends of Westside*, a group comprised mostly of former Westside parents, raises funds to support some time-honored Wolf traditions. The primary mission of the group is to give former Westside families a means to stay connected after graduation. They host a fundraiser social every year and raise money for two scholarships, which are awarded to graduating seniors. The group also funds and hosts the annual Alumni Breakfast, a rite of passage for many newly-minted Westside alums.

To support the efforts of the Alumni & Friends of Westside, please consider shopping a special Online Spring Market Fundraiser. Now through April 6, the following vendors will donate a portion of proceeds back to the group:

Pampered Chef Cookware: <https://pamperedchef.com/go/westside18>

Unik Fashion Jewelry: [Unikmcdesigns.com](http://Unikmcdesigns.com). (Use code Westside)

Ruby Ribbon Apparel & Shapewear: [www.rubyribbon.com/MaryannHammerle](http://www.rubyribbon.com/MaryannHammerle)

Thanks for your support!

## English I and II STAAR Tests Next Week

Next week, STAAR testing will begin at Westside. The English I test for 9th graders will be administered on Tuesday, April 10th. The English II test for 10th graders will be given on Thursday, April 12th. Students must pass to graduate, so please encourage a good night's rest and get them to school on-time.

### **English I STAAR Test**

Tuesday, April 10 at 7:45 AM

### **English II STAAR Test**

Thursday, April 12 at 7:45 AM

**Non-Testers may arrive at 1:00 PM**

Students who are not testing on those days will have a later start. Non-testers will begin classes at 1:00 PM on April 10 and 12. Lunch will be available at 12:30 PM if desired. Please note that bus service will not be altered, so bus riders must ride on the normal schedule and will report to the Learning Commons if not testing.

Juniors and seniors who require a re-take of the English I or English II exams will be notified by a special call-out. Please check with your student's dean if you have any questions.

## Announcements

# Westside Wishes 2018

Every year, the PTO asks our teachers for their

### [CLASSROOM WISH LIST](#)

Please help us fulfill their wishes!

Go to our [Go Fund Me page](#) and  
make a contribution!



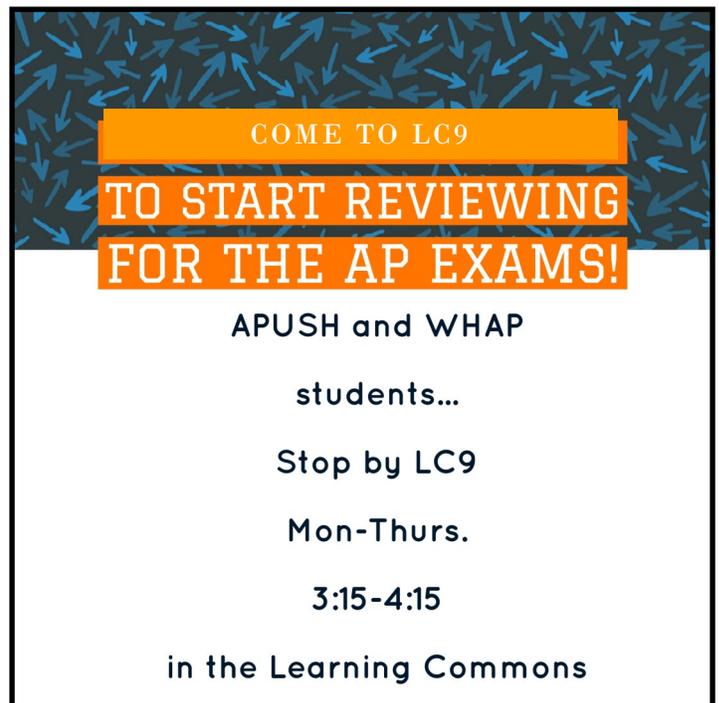
The INERTIA DANCE CO.  
presents

**PARDON THE INTERRUPTION**

WESTSIDE THEATRE | APRIL 19 -21, 2018  
PRE: \$8 DOOR: \$10 | 7:00 PM

TICKETS SOLD IN RM. X121

\*LIMITED SEATING | CHILDREN AGES 3+ WILL REQUIRE A TICKET  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT BPAULE@HOUSTONISD.ORG



COME TO LC9  
TO START REVIEWING  
FOR THE AP EXAMS!

APUSH and WHAP  
students...

Stop by LC9  
Mon-Thurs.  
3:15-4:15  
in the Learning Commons

## Announcements



**Wednesday, April 4 7:00 PM in the Black Box**

**\$5 Admission at the door**

**Bring your laughter and your applause for the win!**



Calling All Westside Sophomores!

**Are you interested in becoming an  
Atlas Scholar?**

- Energy/finance focused development program
- Current sophomores are eligible to apply
- Takes place during the month of June for three consecutive years (starting this summer)
- Provides college prep, professional development, visits to companies, guest speakers, mentorships, and scholarships

**Application deadline extended to April 3, 2018**

To apply, go to: <https://www.atlasscholars.org/apply>



# 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

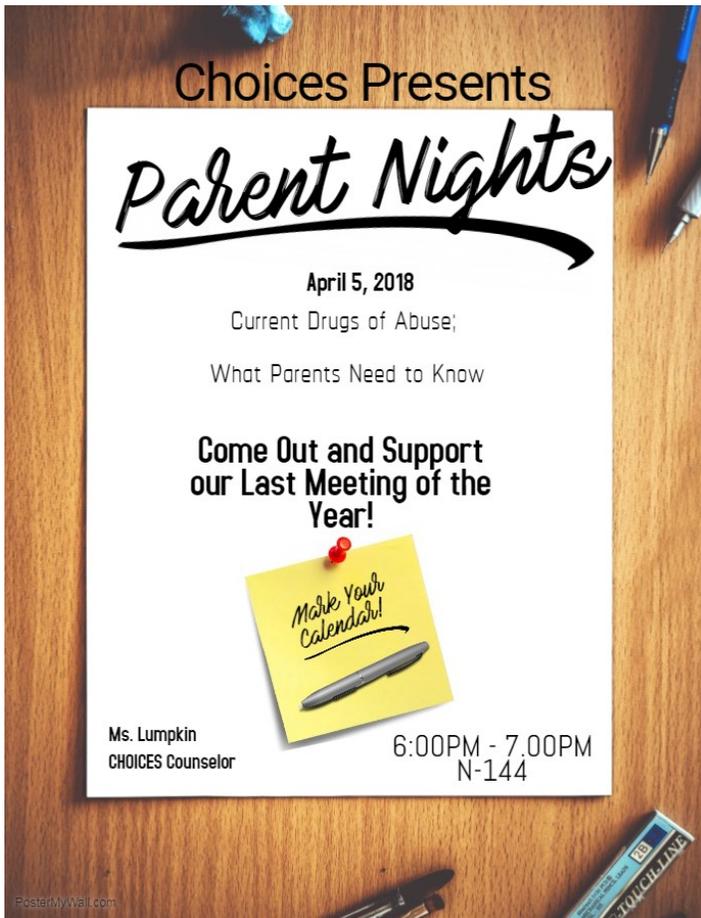
**Ticket Sales**  
April 2—13.....\$75  
April 16—20.....\$100

Click [here](#) for contracts

Must present:  
Westside Student ID  
Signed Contract(s)  
Copies of Required IDs

No ticket sold if:  
Senior Dues is Unpaid  
Credit Appeal is Incomplete

# Announcements



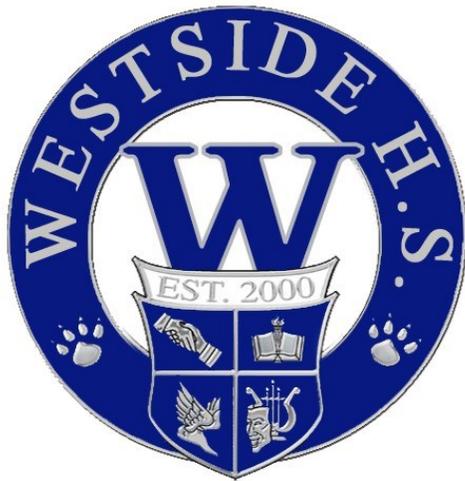
PTO Meeting  
Tonight  
Monday, April 2  
7:00 PM  
In the Library

Want to try  
**YOGA?**  
Thursdays  
A and B Lunch

**Saturday Tutorials**  
Spring Semester

April	4/7, 4/21, & 4/28
May	5/5 & 5/19

**9 AM — 12 Noon**  
**Students must arrive by 9:15!**  
**Bring ID's, laptops & assignments**



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

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