

# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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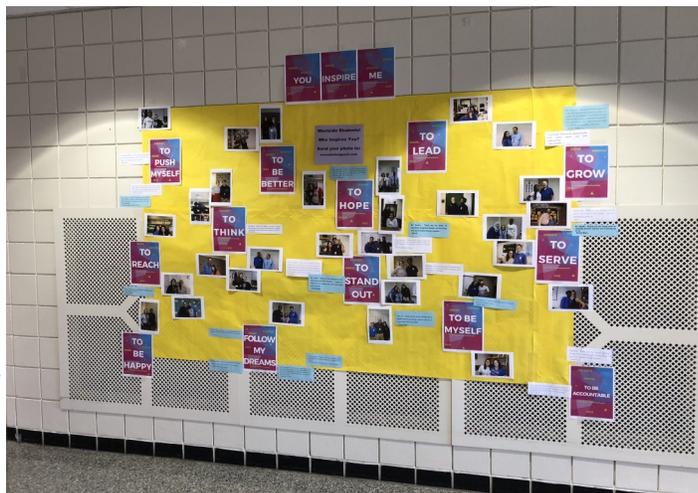
## Staff Appreciation Week

This week, we celebrate Staff Appreciation Week at Westside. To show our dedicated team of teachers, administrators, counselors, and all of our support staff how much we value their contributions to the school, the school and the PTO will treat them each day with a small token of appreciation.

Our students are honoring staff by taking photos with the ones they admire and who have inspired them. There is a collage of photos and quotes under construction in



Today is "Cupcake Day"!



"Inspiration Wall"

the Commons. Submissions for the collage may be sent to [newsat-whs@gmail.com](mailto:newsat-whs@gmail.com). Tell a staff member, "You inspire me!"

### Calendar

#### May 2

Dance Concert, Auditorium, 7:00 PM

#### May 3

Color Guard Show, 6:30 PM, Practice Gym

Comedy Sportz, Tournament Finals, 7:00 PM, Cinco Ranch High School

#### May 4

Senior Prom, 8:00 PM, Omni Houston Hotel Westside

#### May 5

After Prom, 1:00 AM, Dave & Busters (Richmond Ave)

SAT Test, 8:00 AM

Saturday Tutorials, 9:00 AM-12 Noon

#### May 7

Yearbook Distribution for Seniors, Learning Commons, 2:25 PM

# GHWCC Scholarship Recipient

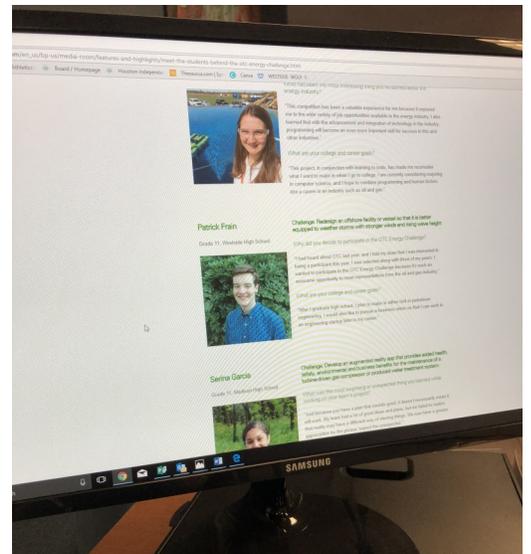
Congratulations to Westside student Leila Guisnjac, who was recently awarded a scholarship by the Greater Houston Women’s Chamber of Commerce (GHWCC). GHWCC is a non-profit business organization promoting the advancement and empowerment of women

through leadership, education, and mentoring. Leila received her award during the GHWCC Annual Conference at the Hilton Americas Hotel last week. Leila is pictured below, in the center of the row, wearing white. Congrats to Leila and all of the scholarship recipients!



# BP Highlights WEGA Student

Westside junior, Patrick Frain, is featured in BP’s online highlights of students competing in the OTC Energy Challenge. BP sponsors the program, which is a team competition for Houston-area high school students to solve real-world energy challenges. The students will showcase their projects this week at the Off Shore Technology Conference. Patrick’s challenge: to redesign an offshore vessel or platform to better weather storms. Click [here](#) to read BP’s online feature.



## Can You Grant a Teacher's Wish?

As we celebrate Staff Appreciation Week, now is a perfect time to support the PTO's Spring fundraising project, "Westside Wishes". We hope to fulfill all of the wishes on

the list, but we will not be able to do so without your support. Every donation is greatly appreciated and all the small donations add up quickly. Can you help?

### ***A Note From Our PTO Co-President About "Westside Wishes"***

A few weeks remain to contribute to the PTO's "Westside Wishes" campaign. We asked our teachers, "What item do you really need for your classroom or program that will improve students' learning experience?" You can help to provide the requested items! Click here to visit our [Go Fund Me](#) page and here to look through the [requests](#).

Enhancing education with technology is nothing new to Westside, as a Technology Magnet school. Many of the "wishes" are for equipment to enhance student learning either through tools for more effective teaching, or providing hands-on learning opportunities for students.

A Microsoft Surface 3 Tablet was requested by an English teacher. The tablet would allow the teacher to project to the board while walking anywhere in the class, giving assistance and increasing attention. The tablet also makes it easier to demonstrate skills such as annotation of text, showing teacher input onto printed material. Three I-pad 4 Mini were requested for the learning commons to assist with robotics. Other technology includes Ricoh Theta V 360 Spherical Camera and accessory spools for history and Rokoko Smart Suit Pro Motion Capture for Digital Media--which does some amazing things.

One of the items requested was gift cards for student incentives. This can be in amounts of \$5-\$20--great use for re-gifting. (Gift cards are also welcome for Westside Friends for students in need.)

Look through the list and see what calls out to your interest and budget. Donations of any amount are appreciated. For example: \$75 can purchase a dry erase board for the College Center.

There are many ways you can help. Donate to the [Go Fund Me](#) page or by check made to "Westside HS PTO" with "Wishes" in the memo line. If you wish to sponsor a specific item, or make the purchase yourself, just send a note to PTO Co-Treasurer, Pamela McCullough, at [makoa2136@gmail.com](mailto:makoa2136@gmail.com). Some parents have remarked this is a great way to search for online bargains or use credit card "points" toward purchases such as Surface Pro 3 or Ipad mini. Receipts can be provided for donation of goods. Help us spread the word of Westside Wishes. The fundraiser will be extended until later in May.

*Thank you,*

*Kathy Stallings and The Westside PTO*

# Softball Season Wrap-Up

By Coach Shea Parker

The Lady Wolves softball team ended this season last Monday to a hard fought loss against the Heights. This year was a growing season, as we lost 6 starters from last season and had a brand new team this year. We saw some outstanding performances from our Freshman and Sophomores so the future is looking bright!

Every year, the Lady Wolves work hard to give back to the community and those less fortunate. This year the Lady Wolves

teamed up with the Lady Wolves soccer program and played a fun game of kickball and donated toys collected between the two programs for the Toys for Tots Foundation. The softball program also helped with field maintenance and clean up at the MAGSA league fields this year. Additionally, the softball program does something special for the CHD families of Houston (Congenital Heart Defect) every year. This year, the girls donated games, gift cards, and toys to help older kids with CHD have something to do

while waiting long hours in the hospital. The softball program also teamed up with the Mended Little Hearts Foundation and helped them with their big Fun Run annual fundraiser that supports Houston heart hero families. Giving back to the community and helping those less fortunate is a BIG part of the Westside Lady Wolves softball program. The girls do a great job of helping others in need. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us this year! We really appreciate it! Until next year...GO WOLVES!!



## Focus on STAAR and AP for Next Week

Next week marks the beginning of AP Testing, as well as the continuation of STAAR testing.

**AP Testing** takes place daily for two weeks. Students who have registered for exams will follow the schedule below for next week.

AP Testing		
	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Mon. 5/7</b>	AP Chemistry AP Spanish Literature	AP Psychology
<b>Tues. 5/8</b>	AP Seminar AP Spanish Language	AP Art History
<b>Wed. 5/9</b>	AP English Literature	AP Japanese Language
<b>Thur. 5/10</b>	AP US Government	AP Chinese Language AP Environmental Science
<b>Fri. 5/11</b>	AP US History	AP Computer Science

**STAAR EOC Tests** will be given on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. See schedule below. Saturday Tutorials for all of the STAAR subjects will be offered on Saturday, May 5th, from 9 AM-12 Noon. Students must arrive by 9:15 AM, and bring laptops and IDs.

STAAR EOC Tests		
Tuesday May 8	Wednesday May 9	Thursday May 10
US History	Algebra 1	Biology

The bell schedule will be finalized this week and publicized as soon as possible. Stay tuned for more information.

## Chem Club Hosts Aspiring Scientists from Askew

By Lauren Hacker, Chemistry Teacher

Because Bill Nye said it best, I'll simply quote: "There's nothing I believe in more strongly than getting young people interested in science and engineering, for a better tomorrow, for all humankind." Because science is important throughout all aspects of life, it's important to get students interested early and keep them interested throughout middle school, high school, and life after graduation. But how do you get young people interested in science? It must be taught using demonstrations and hands-on experiments, relating the material back to information the students have already learned so the students can successfully inquire about the world around them. Thanks to a partnership with a local elementary school, Westside's Chemistry Club was able to do just that!

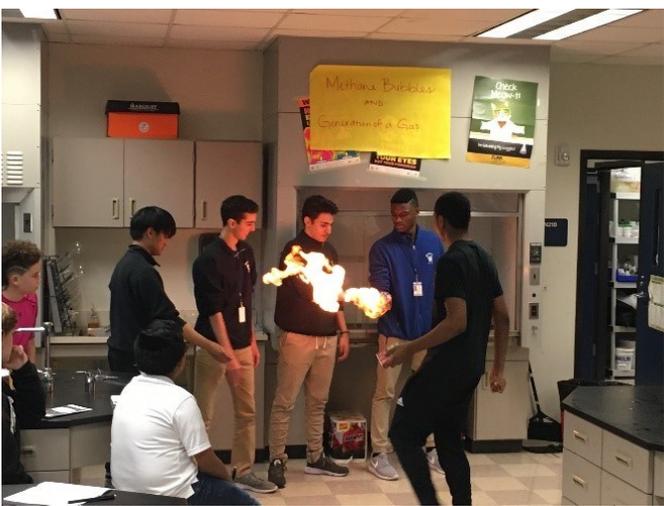
On Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, the 5th grade students from Askew Elementary traveled here to Westside High School to see just how exciting science can be. Members of the WHS Chemistry Club spent the past

four months planning and organizing our "Morning of Chemistry." From soil testing and a tour of the "prairie", to homemade rockets and methane bubbles, the elementary students learned about biodiversity, heat transfer, gas pressure, combustion, polymers, and chemical reactions.

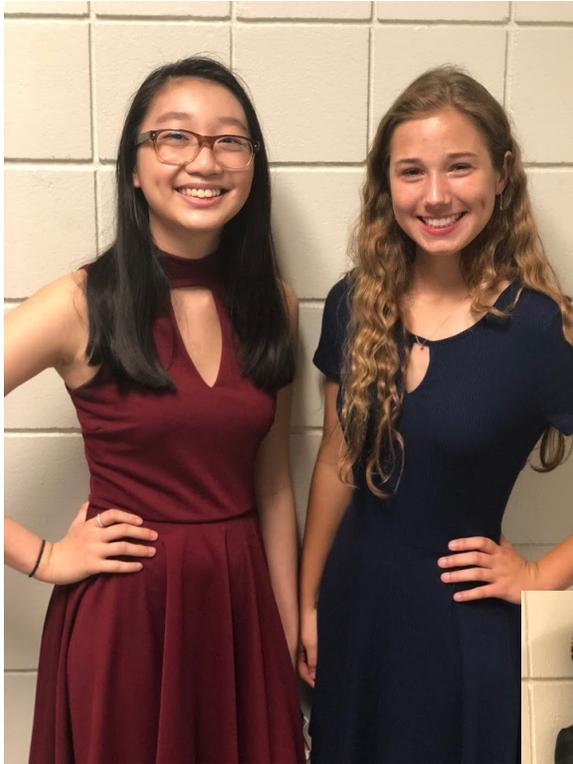
All demonstrations and experiments were planned out and led by high school students. A 2<sup>nd</sup> team of students—the group leaders—worked closely with small groups of Askew students to ensure each child not only saw the experiments, but learned something from them too. While this event was no small task, the high school students were able to work together to pull off a seamless event.

Westside's Chemistry Club hopes to create citizen scientists one "Morning of Chemistry" at a time, and with the positive feedback from demo days past, we plan to continue these science days next school year.





# National Honor Society Induction



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ralexan6@houstonisd.org)

## Announcements

### Dual Credit

Get a head start  
on college!

Go to the HUB for registration  
instructions, forms, and dead-  
lines.

Questions?

See Dean Matlock in N2 or email

[smatlock@houstonsid.org](mailto:smatlock@houstonsid.org).



### Comedy Sportz

Championship Round

Thurs. May 3, 7:00 PM

Cinco Ranch High School

The Westside Team needs your  
laughter & applause for the win!

Help them defend their title!

WESTSIDE  
THEATRE  
AUDITION  
PACKETS

Available in the  
Main Office

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

### *Powder Puff Football Game*

*Friday, May 18 at 3:45 PM*



*Sign-Ups*

*May 1-3*

## Announcements

Did you order a  
2018 Yearbook!



## Yearbook Distribution

SPECIAL SENIOR DISTRIBUTION:

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

All remaining pre-orders:  
**Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** ,  
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 10<sup>th</sup>.

Questions: See Ms. Roberts in E244

## 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/>

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*Prom May 4*

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

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Senior Check-Out  
May 30, 1-3 PM

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**May 31**

8:30 AM Senior Panoramic Photo

10:30 AM Grad March

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Senior Picnic June 1st, 12-2 PM

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



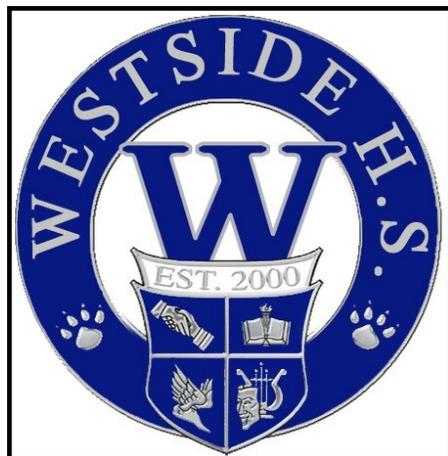
Prom May 4  
8 PM—12 Midnight  
Omni Houston Hotel Westside  
Eldridge Parkway at Katy Freeway

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

**Ticket Sales are Closed!**



## 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](#)

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PTO Business Partners!**

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