December 4, 2017

# Westside PTO Enriches School

One of the hallmarks of Westside High School that distinguishes our school is our dedicated and involved Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). The mission of the PTO is to provide support to the school in two invaluable forms; monetary support via fundraising, and more importantly, a team of active parent volunteers.

Our PTO is led by co-Presidents Michel Hinton and Kathy Stallings. They are backed up by a team of hardworking and enthusiastic Board members serving in numerous roles throughout the entire school year, and even during the summer months.

So far this year, through successful fundraising efforts, the PTO has provided special funding for new directional signage around the campus grounds, back-toschool professional development for faculty, and refurbishment of lettering above the front and back entrances to beautify our outward appearance. Additionally, regular support includes staff appreciation events, student incentives, and school improvements. PTO volunteers have assembled first day packets, assisted with Back to School Bash, College Night and Community Showcase, organized the Homecoming Dance, and scooped Ice Cream for a teacher treat—just to name a few of the many activities they have supported.

To continue the tradition of enhancing the educational experience of all of our students, the PTO relies on donations from parents and community members. You can contribute to PTO efforts by making a donation to Support Westside Success, the annual check-writing campaign. No wrapping paper nor candles to sell, no orders to distribute. Just write a check and 100% of your money goes to PTO programs and projects.

Click <u>here</u> to print a donation form and send it in by December 21. Your name will appear on our new Donors List behind the Welcome Desk after the break.

Thank you for your support of the PTO!

# Calendar

Thurs. 12/7

Paris Trip Meeting, 6 PM in S-100

1940's Radio Christmas Carol, 7 PM, Mini-Theatre

Fri. 12/8

1940's Radio Christmas Carol, 7 PM, Mini-Theatre

Sat. 12/9

Soccer Fest, 9-2, Band Lot

Winter Literacy Event, 9-12 Commons

1940's Radio Christmas Carol, 2 PM, Mini-Theatre

Mon. 12/11

Futures 10th Grade Parent Meeting, 6PM, Mini Theatre

Pride Booster Meeting, 6 PM in S-100 Page 2 Wolf eNews

# Westside Swim Team Successful at TISCA



Recently the Westside Men's and Women's swim teams traveled to Corpus Christi to compete in the TISCA Hornet Invitational. Fifteen schools participated from around the state of Texas, including Waco, McAllen, Houston, Austin, San Antonio & Corpus Christi. Although both of our teams have comparatively smaller rosters than many other schools, we did not come up short on success for the 2-day swim meet.

The competition was fierce but our swimmers made a very strong showing. The girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Corpus Christ Flower Bluff (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Memorial (1<sup>st</sup>). The boys team finished 4<sup>th</sup> behind FB Austin (3<sup>rd</sup>), Corpus Christi Flower Bluff (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Memorial (1<sup>st</sup>). In overall combined scores, Westside finished 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Corpus Christ Flower Bluff (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Memorial (1<sup>st</sup>).

Highlights of the results:

#### 200 Medley Relay

Women

1<sup>st</sup> place – Emma Clark, Claudia Kuck, Annika Ruehlicke, Valeria Zanetti

Men

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Aidan Garriga, Nathan O'Neil, Hector Bayaborda, Tarun Bobbili

#### 200 yard freestyle

Women

1st place – Annika Ruehlicke

#### 200yd Individual Medley

Women

1st place - Claudia Kuck

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Kendall Hoffman

Men

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Hector Bayaborda

3<sup>rd</sup> place Batrykhan Timuruly

### 100 yard Butterfly

Women

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Emma Clark

### 100 yard Freestyle

Women

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Valeria Zanetti

#### 500 yard Freestyle

Women

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Annika Ruehlicke

### 200 yard Freestyle Relay

Men

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Batyrkhan Timuruly, Tarun Bobbili, Hector Bayaborda, Aidan Garriga

#### 100 yard Backstroke

Women

1<sup>st</sup> place – Emma Clark

#### 100 yard Breaststroke

Women

1<sup>st</sup> place – Claudia Kuck

Men

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Tarun Bobbili

#### 400 yard Freestyle Relay

Women

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Emma Clark, Claudia Kuck, Annika Ruehlicke, Valeria Zanetti

Men

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Hector Bayaborda, Batyrkhan Timuruly, Nathan O'Neil, Aidan Garriga

# **Wrestling News**

Last weekend, the Westside Wrestling Team travelled to Rockwall, Texas to compete in the 2017 Rumble at the Wall Tournament. Daniel Hernandez (126) took home a first; Christian Lopez (106), a second; Franklin Fitzgerald (182), a third; and Trey Graham (145), a fourth. The Lady Wolves also earned some hardware: Antoinette Blackburn and Shavonne Bell both went home with medals for fourth place.



# **Inertia News**



Future Westside stars inspired by *Dance with Inertians* last Saturday morning



Random Acts of Dance capped off the night

# 4th Annual Holiday March-A-Thon

The Westside Marching Band shared the sounds of the season with Lakes of Parkway residents last Saturday in the 4th Annual *Holiday March-A-Thon* fundraiser parade.







# Class of 2018 Info & Events



# Senior Dues is Now Due!

Don't delay! Fee goes up in January!

## Dues cover:

Cap & Gown Diploma Cover

Senior Panoramic Picture

Senior Picnic Senior T-Shirt

# Amount Due:

\$160 (\$140 Free/Reduced Lunch)
Through December 22nd

On January 8, 2018, dues will go up to \$200

Pay cash/money order in A205

Pay with credit card:
<a href="https://www.schoolpay.com/">https://www.schoolpay.com/</a>
<a href="Instructions">Instructions</a> if needed.

# Yearbooks Make Perfect Holiday Gifts

Looking for a nice holiday gift for your Westside student? Maybe a 2018 Westside Yearbook would be the perfect choice? It is a lasting high school memento for students in all grade levels.

To purchase a 2018 Canidae Westside yearbook, you can visit www.Smart-Pay.com to pre-order your book online. The cost of the book is \$85.

If you have questions or need information about cash orders and senior ads, please contact Ms. Roberts at <a href="mailto:srobert2@houstonisd.org">srobert2@houstonisd.org</a>.

Join the PTO so your senior is eligible to apply for a

Senior Spirit Scholarship

(applications available in March of 2018)

Print your <u>form</u> now!

Deadline extended to

December 21!







# Canada Trip

Bonjour, Quebec & Montreal! July 2018

Westside's French teacher, Mr. Robert Alexander, is hosting a trip to Canada this summer, July 10-15, 2018. All Westside students and families are invited to enroll.

No language requirement.

Click here for additional information and detailed itinerary.

Contact Mr. Alexander if you are inter-

ested in participating: ralexan6@houstonisd.org



Westside

Wolves

# **Westside Soccer Festival**



SATURDAY, DEC. 9TH 2017 SOCCER FEST

#### JOIN THE FUN

It's that time of the year again! So wear your favorite team jersey, invite family and friends to join us for a fun filled soccer day. THE WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL LADY WOLVES AND THE BOYS SOCCER PROGRAMS would like to invite you to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual soccer festival. Join us on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> for food, fun & soccer activities. All ages are welcomed. We are looking forward to another fantastic turnout, enjoying soccer in a fun filled and social atmosphere! If you have any questions, please contact mgusart@houstonisd.org or pospina@houstonisd.org.

DART SOCCER - BUBBLE SOCCER - TENNIS SOCCER - FOOTBOWL- SCRIMMAGES



FESTIVAL HOURS: 9am – 2pm

ADMISSION: \$5

**FOOD TRUCKS** 

RAFFLE TICKETS

DJ

ZUMBA

GAMES

ARCADE

#### LOCATION



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL 14201 Briar Forest Dr. Houston, TX 77077

# **Saturday Tutorials**

Last chance this semester!

December 16th 9:00am –12 Noon

Please note:

Students must arrive by 9:15 AM

-bring IDs, laptops, and assignments-



# **Quick Links**

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