



WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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In Case You Missed It:

A Summary of Summer Updates and Changes

Over the summer, a number of important changes were implemented here at Westside. In case you missed any of the news, here is a summary:

Congratulations to Mr. Scott Disch! Formerly our WEGA Dean, Mr. Disch has been promoted to Dean of Instruction. In his new role, he will provide instructional support to our teachers, working together with them towards achieving Westside's visions and goals.



Scott Disch, Dean of Instruction

House Shuffle To create the best possible home-base for every student, our "houses" and deans have been shuffled. Please see the article on page 2 with all the details.

New School Schedule As announced by HISD last spring, the district has standardized the start/dismissal times for all schools. The first bell will now ring at 8:18 AM, and dismissal will be at 4:00 PM. Please see the complete Bell Schedule on page 7 and plan accordingly.

For the rest of the news and information you need to get ready for back-to-school, please read all the details in this special summer edition of the eNews. The *Wolf eNews* is published every week during the school year and helps keep you informed and up to date with school news and information. If you are not already receiving a link to the eNews in your email inbox on Monday evenings during the school year, please subscribe [here](#).

August 8, 2018

Calendar

Thur. Aug. 9-Fri. Aug 24

School Store Open,
8 AM-3 PM

(Freshmen only on Aug. 17)

Thur. Aug. 9

Open IDs, Attendance
Office, 9 AM-3 PM

Fri. Aug. 10

Open IDs, Attendance
Office, 9 AM-2 PM

Tues. Aug. 14

Senior Orientation,
2:30-5 PM

Wed. Aug. 15

Junior Orientation,
2:30-5 PM

Thur. Aug. 16

Sophomore Orientation,
2:30-5 PM

Fri. Aug. 17

Wolf Camp, 8 AM-1 PM

Thur. Aug. 23

Back to School Bash, 6
PM, Info Sessions at 5:30

Mon. Aug. 27

First Day of School, First
Bell at 8:18 AM

House Shuffle

As announced in July, we have regrouped the dean teams in all of our "houses" and "academies". In the wake of staffing changes, and to account for variations in enrollment in our career pathways, the deans have been shuffled. Every effort has been put forth to create the best home base for all of our students.

In late July, parents of upperclassmen received an email notification of their

student's 2018-2019 dean and house assignment. (If you did not receive the email, please be sure you have an updated and accurate email address on record with the school.) Some returning students may have a new dean and/or house assignment. We are working together to provide a seamless transition for all. Thanks for your patience as we adjust!

2018-2019 Bell Schedule

LOCATION	PATHWAY GROUPING	DEAN TEAM	HOUSE SECRETARY
North 1	Engineering North/ Computing Sciences	Mr. Craig Pliskin/Ms. Sarah Anthony	Ms. Henry
South 2	Engineering South/Digital Media & Design	Ms. Monica Williams/Mr. Bryce Barry	Ms. M. Rodriguez
North 2	Health Science North	Mr. Tyrone Davis/Ms. Ann Mayfield/Ms. Cheryl Williams	Ms. Le
East 2	Health Science East/ Humanities	Ms. Stephanie Matlock/Ms. Edith Gonzalez	Ms. Brochu
East 1	Business/Culinary/Arts	Ms. Erika Willams/Mr. John Robbins	Ms. Hopes

New!

School

Office Hours

**8:00 AM-
4:30 PM**

Westside High School

Reminder

New school schedule for 2018-2019

First Bell 8:18 AM

Dismissal 4:00 PM

Begins first day of school
Monday, August 27

School Store

SCHOOL STORE IS OPEN!



2018 SUMMER HOURS
 Mon-Fri
 8 AM-3 PM
Aug. 17 Freshmen Only


New this year!

- PE Uniforms are required for all students enrolled in PE Classes
- PE Uniforms may be purchased in the school store
- Uniform shorts/shirt required, string bag optional

Reminder: Cash Only, No Returns!


The School Store is open Monday-Friday from 8 AM-3 PM for the remainder of the summer, serving all of your uniform needs. For the Uniform Policy and Order Form/Price List, please click [here](#).

Please note, new this year, PE Uniforms are required for all students enrolled in PE classes. Click [here](#) for all the details.




WESTSIDE WEAR

2018-19 PE UNIFORM ORDER FORM




PE Bag
\$5



PE Shorts
\$10

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PE Shirt
\$10

S	M	L	XL	2XL
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Sign-Up to Volunteer with PTO

WHS PTO needs you! Volunteers are needed to assist with Laptop Deployment, Uniform Sales, Wolf Camp and the Back To School Bash! Click or copy and paste on the Sign-Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044fa5ae28a3f58-whsback3>

Do you want to get more involved this year? WHS PTO also needs volunteers to serve on various committees, including the Homecoming Dance, Teacher Appreciation, and 2019 Senior activities throughout the year. If you are interested in serving on a committee, send an email with your contact information to whsptovolunteers@gamil.com.

Go Wolves!!

SUPPORT
YOUR KIDS

PTO

PTO Needs YOU!

Parent volunteers needed for:

- Laptop Deployment
- Uniform Sales
- Wolf Camp
- Back to School Bash

Do you want to get more involved this year?

- Homecoming Dance
- Teacher Appreciation
- Senior Activities

Contact the PTO at whsptovolunteers@gmail.com

Orientation Sessions

Senior Orientation Tuesday, August 14	
2:30-3:15 PM	Dean Time
2:30-4:30 PM	Laptop Deployment
3:15-3:45 PM	Off-Campus ID Session
4:00-5:30 PM	Student Parking Sales

Junior Orientation Wednesday, August 15	
2:30-3:15 PM	Dean Time
2:30-4:30 PM	Laptop Deployment
3:15-3:45 PM	Off-Campus ID Session
4:00-5:30 PM	Student Parking Sales

Sophomore Orientation Thursday, August 16	
2:30-3:15 PM	Dean Time
2:30-4:30 PM	Laptop Deployment
3:30-4:30 PM	Student Parking Sales

Student Parking

Reserved parking spaces in the student lot will be sold in the North 1 Office on the dates below for \$50 each. Click [here](#) to print the *Student Parking Application Form*. Please read the details on the form carefully and bring the completed form plus all of the required documents with \$50 cash payment.

Aug. 14, Seniors, 4-5:30 PM

Aug. 15, Juniors, 4-5:30 PM

Aug. 16, Sophomores, 3:30-4:30 PM

Make-up sale dates for any student:

Aug. 21 & 22, 6:30-8 PM

Off-Campus IDs

Steps to Obtain an Off-Campus ID

1. Juniors & Seniors attend mandatory Off-Campus ID Session during their Orientation and receive form.

2. Get form notarized for two signatures—both student and parent.

(For your convenience: A notary will be on campus on Thursday, August 16, from 8 AM-12 Noon, \$10 cash fee. Both student and parent must be here in person with government-issued picture IDs in hand.)

3. Student must submit completed and notarized form to House Secretary by Aug. 17.

4. Student reports to Attendance Office for photo ID, August 20-24, 8-10 AM.

Make-up Off-Campus ID Sessions:

Aug. 21 & 22, 6-6:30 PM

Laptop Deployment

Westside students pick up laptops in the Learning Commons during their Orientation sessions, August 14-17. A fee of \$25 is required for pick-up. Click [here](#) for details.

To avoid long lines at Orientation, the fee may be paid in advance. To pay online, click [here](#). You may also pay \$25 cash at the school, Aug. 8-13, 8 AM-3PM.

Westside students "PoweredUp" for the first time in January of 2015. Since then, teachers have incorporated technology in their lessons to help provide rigorous, engaging instruction. Students must have laptops for the first day of school—Aug. 27!



Wolf Camp: A Freshman Right of Passage

Calling all incoming freshmen! You do not want to miss Wolf Camp on Friday, August 17! Check-In is at 7:30 AM. You will meet the Principal, tour the school, and pick up your laptop. Most importantly, you will meet with your dean, as well as with student mentors.

Remember to bring \$5 for lunch and please check your Freshman Letter which you received in

Wolf Camp
Friday, August 17
8 AM-1 PM, Check-In at 7:30 AM

the mail. Know the name of your dean, and corresponding color of your house assignment!

New to Westside, But Not a Freshman?

New to Westside Welcome

Thursday, August 16,
1 PM in the Mini-Theatre

If you are a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior and you are new to Westside, let us welcome you. Join us in the Mini-Theatre on

Thursday, August 16 at 1:00 PM. You will meet our Principal, Mrs. Peggi Stewart, tour the school, and have an opportunity to meet with mentors for a Q and A session.

Welcome Wolves
and
Hope to See You There!

Back-to-School BASH

All members of our Wolf Family are invited to come out and enjoy the Back to School BASH on Thursday, August 23rd at 6:00 PM. Optional parent information sessions are offered from 5:30-6:00 PM. All students, including Freshmen and Upperclassmen, are encouraged to attend this fun "Welcome Back" event to launch the 2018-2019 school year.

- Food trucks will be serving up options for the entire family!
- Clubs, Organizations and Team Sports will host booths with information and sign-ups for new members!
- Band, Inertia and Pride will kick-off the new year with phenomenal performances!

All are welcome!

Hope to see you there!



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1. Click the unlock icon

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3. Email In System - Or - Email Not in System

A password link will be emailed to you. Click the link, select a new password, and you're all set! Your children will be in your account.

You will be guided through creating an account. You will need:

- ▶ Student's ID Number
- ▶ School's Site Name

* Important to either scenario: Make sure to check spam folders for auto-response emails coming from support@schoolpay.com. Whitelisting SchoolPay with your email client will also ensure future mailings.

support@schoolpay.com 888.88.MYPAY (888-886-9729)

For your convenience, Westside offers School Pay. Go to schoolpay.com to pay your school fees online!

- Art
- Band
- Baseball
- Basketball (Girls)
- Choir
- Inertia
- Football
- Power Up
- Soccer (Boys and Girls)
- Softball

Watch for more coming soon!

New Bell Schedule

<u>Monday, Tuesday, Friday</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>		<u>Thursday</u>	
Entry Bell	8:18	Entry Bell	8:18	Entry Bell	8:18
1 ^{st*}	8:30 – 9:35	1 ^{st*}	8:30 – 9:35	1 ^{st*}	8:30 – 9:35
2 nd	9:40 – 10:30	3 rd	9:40 – 11:10	2 nd	9:40 – 11:10
3 rd	10:35 – 11:25	Guidance	11:15 – 11:55	Guidance	11:15 – 11:55
4 th	11:30 – 12:20	Lunch	12:00 – 12:50	Lunch	12:00 – 12:50
Lunch	12:25-1:15	5 th	12:55 – 2:25	4 th	12:55 – 2:25
5 th	1:20 – 2:10	7 th	2:30 – 4:00	6 th	2:30 – 4:00
6 th	2:15 – 3:05				
7 th	3:10 – 4:00				

As announced by HISD last spring, the district has standardized the start/dismissal times for all schools. The first bell will now ring at 8:18 AM, and dismissal will be at 4:00 PM. Please plan accordingly.

- Off-campus is available 7th Period ONLY; Thursdays will NOT include an off-campus period.
- Class periods marked with an asterisk (*) include extra minutes for announcements

and Average Daily Attendance.

- School Office Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- Students may access building at 7:45 AM and must remain in a supervised activity or common area (courtyard, commons or library).
- Doors will be locked at 4:15 PM. No student are allowed in the building after 4:15 PM unless supervised by a staff member.

Ready for First Day Packets?

Parents, get ready for *your* annual “homework” packet. Watch for the large brown envelope coming home in backpacks on the first day of school!

New this year: there will be no lunch application. Instead, look for a new blue form

titled “Socioeconomic Information Form”. It must be returned for each student.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation in filling out and returning all of the required forms.

First PTO Meeting of the Year!

**Tuesday, September 4th
7:00 PM
In the Library**

Save the dates for future meetings:

**10/01/18
11/5/18
1/7/19
2/4/19
3/4/19
4/1/19**

Transportation

All bus-riders can expect to receive post cards in the mail the week before school begins with bus route, bus stop, and schedule information. If you have not received your postcard by August 22nd, please call your student's [House Secretary](#).

Magnet students, please check the [HISD Transportation Page](#) for Magnet Hub information.



**Save
the
Date**

**Credit Appeal
Parent/Student Meeting
Sept. 15 & 25 at 9:00 AM**

Quick Links

School Web Address:

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

School Pay:

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>