

WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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A Letter from Principal Wittpenn

November 1, 2021

Dear Westside Parents,

I wanted to reach out to all stake holders this afternoon to provide additional information regarding events that have transpired on our campus over the past couple of days. As you are likely aware, we had two separate and unrelated incidents on campus; one involved the possession of a handgun and the other involved social media threats of the possibility of using a gun. The threats made on social media over the weekend were not substantiated, and, as the day progressed, we were informed that other schools within HISD and in other districts received similar threats. Regardless of where other threats may have occurred, we took all threats seriously and had extra police presence on campus today. My purpose writing this message is not to convey specific details about each incident, but rather to speak about them as a whole, as I think that is what will move us forward.

I believe it is important for you to know that if a student is found with a gun in their possession, they will be arrested. Additionally, The HISD Code of Student Conduct details that if a student uses, exhibits, or possesses a firearm, they shall be expelled. These specific and serious consequences are a demonstration of the commitment that both Westside and Houston ISD have to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff.

I remain committed to providing a safe learning environment for our entire school community. Our absolute best asset is the relationships we have on campus. Providing a climate in which students feel comfortable talking to us is paramount. If you have not done this recently, then I would request that each of you ask your kids tonight who it is on campus that they could go to in a pinch, or if they were in a jam. It makes no difference if it is a teacher, dean, social worker, house secretary, nurse, the cafeteria manager, custodian, associate principal or me. Every member of the Westside team is committed to being there for your child. That remains firmly in place. Additionally, we have two full-time HISD police officers on campus. Finally, our anonymous reporting tool "See Something, Say Something" is located on the HUB. Once a report is completed, it is routed directly to me and I quickly triage. A member of my team follows up as appropriate. This is a valuable tool that is used for all types of situations, none too large or too small.

I have been supported by the Houston ISD administration and police department. Earlier today I spoke to the entire student body via our intercom system to remind them of what happens if you choose to bring a weapon to campus, and the importance of reporting. Each family makes a choice to come to Westside and I will never take that for granted. My commitment also remains to share information with you when I believe it to be both accurate and complete.

Our best path forward is to continue to be vigilant as a school community. If someone sees something then they need to say something. I have always relied upon each of us to participate and to collaborate to provide the best possible experience for our kids. I remain available to any student, family or community member that may have further questions, comments or ideas. A student input form has been created and shared regarding safety and security here on campus. The results of this survey will continue to inform our practices moving forward. Students can access the form [HERE](#).

Sincerely,
Keri Wittpenn, Principal

News from Westside Debate Team

By Mr. Schwerdtfeger

Westside Debate has had a great start to the 2021-2022 season at several tournaments over September and October:

- Mahintha Karthik and Townes Schultz were quarterfinalists at the Grapevine Classic and octafinalists at the Greenhill Fall Classic in Policy Debate, earning them a bid to the Tournament of Champions, 3 points towards a TFA State Qualification, and a nomination for to be included on the University of Michigan's Coaches Poll.
- Runtian Du was a quarterfinalist in Lincoln-Douglas Debate at the L.C. Anderson Trojan Classic, earning 1 point towards a TFA State qualification.
- Tyler Stremple was an octafinalist in Lincoln-Douglas Debate at the Dulles Classic, earning 2 points towards a TFA State qualification.
- Sripad Yadagiri was a quarterfinalist in Lincoln-Douglas Debate at the Dulles Classic, earning 3 points towards a TFA State qualification.
- Runtian Du Placed seventh at the first Houston Urban Debate League Invitational in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.
- Megan McKay Championed the first Houston Urban Debate League Invitational in Lincoln Douglas Debate and was the first speaker overall.
- Tu Dang and Harshadeep Kambhampati placed third in Policy Debate at the first Houston Urban Debate League Invitational. Harshadeep was the third speaker overall.
- Madison Harmon and Daniel Ensandoost placed second in Policy Debate at the first Houston Urban Debate League Invitational. Daniel was the second speaker overall.
- Liam Mahone placed 10th at the first Houston Urban Debate League Inviational in Novice Lincoln-Douglas.
- Gavin Snyder placed 9th at the first Houston Urban Debate League Invitational in Novice Lincoln-Douglas.

Football Gets a Big W vs. Sam Houston



Pics of the Week



Another All American Wrestler from Westside

By Coach Froehlich

This past weekend, Westside wrestling sent 5 wrestlers to Des Moines, Iowa to participate in USA Wrestling Preseason Nationals.

We are proud to announce that one of our own, 113 pound Junior, Juan Cantu, placed 6th in this national tournament and achieved ALL AMERICAN status!

Cantu actually reached the national Semi finals, and lost a very close match 6-4 that would have put him in the National Finals!

Over 100 wrestlers from Texas entered the tournament, and only 4 High School Wrestlers earned All American placement. Only two high school wrestlers in the State placed higher than Juan this weekend!

This is the 2nd All American Wrestler in the last 4 years to achieve All American status at Nationals, as Christian Lopez, an engineering major who now wrestles for Colorado School of Mines, placed 6th back in 2017.

Also notable that Sophomore Kyle Lew made the quarterfinals at Nationals but ended up 1 win short of All American status.



Way to Go, Wolves!

Webinars from Revolution Prep

Financial Aid 101

The cost of a college education continues to rise which may lead some families to assume college is too expensive for them. However, the Financial aid 101 webinar will help families understand what the actual costs are and more importantly, discover ways to pay for a college education. In addition, we will cover the financial aid forms needed and ways to simplify the process of applying for aid. [See dates and sign up to attend Steve's webinar here.](#)

Understanding Athletic Recruiting

Athletic recruiting is one of the more confusing processes for counselors, students, and their families because it involves a tricky intersection of parent expectations, student aspirations, coach idiosyncrasies, and conflicting league policies. This program examines recruiting from an educational standpoint to learn how counselors can “coach” students and families on how to ask the right questions, self-recruit to achieve their athletic goals, and avoid the “Here’s How to Win a Scholarship” distractions from popular media and for-profit recruiting services. We will include the latest trends in athletic recruiting, including specialization, early commitments, the rise of club sports, the nuances of NESCAC and Ivy league recruiting, the accelerated timeline, and the impact of the pandemic on recruiting from both the coaches’ and students’ perspectives.

[See dates and sign up to attend Jeffrey and Holly's webinar here.](#)

Maximizing Your Potential Using Growth Mindset

See how a growth mindset (by Stanford University’s Carol Dweck) can help any student improve in any subject. By removing their “fixed mindset,” we can unlock their ability to believe their capacity can trump the difficulty of the content. And this shift in perspective leads to more confidence and better grades and test scores. [See dates and sign up to attend the webinar here.](#)

Insider’s Guide to College Admissions Tests

Learn insider tips and tricks and get an overview of each test so you can develop a test-prep plan with your child. [See dates and sign up to attend the webinar here.](#)

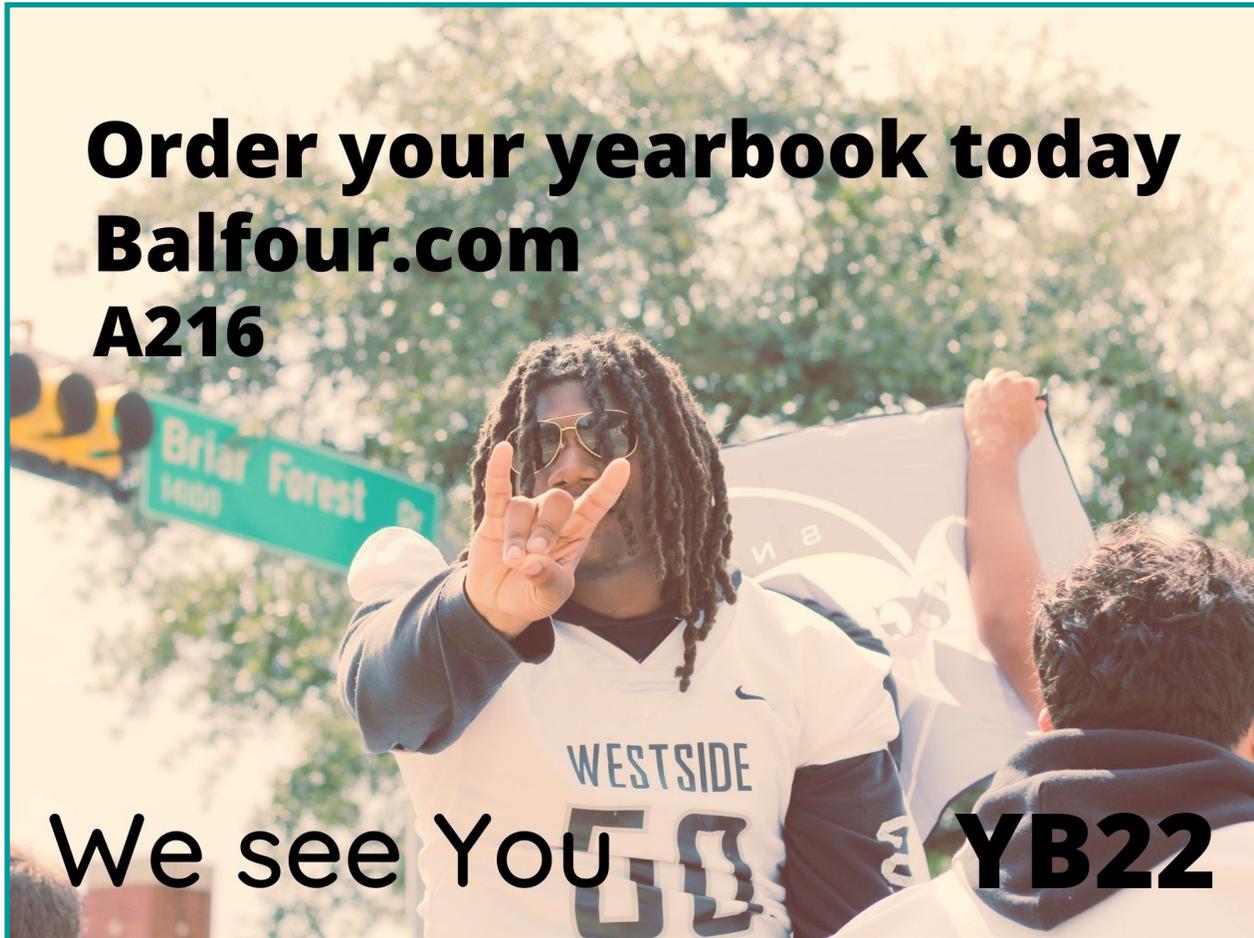
How Executive Functioning Skills Improve Grades & Lower Stress

Find out our executive functioning secrets that have helped struggling students become successful independent learners. [See dates and sign up to attend the webinar here.](#)

PSAT, Now What?

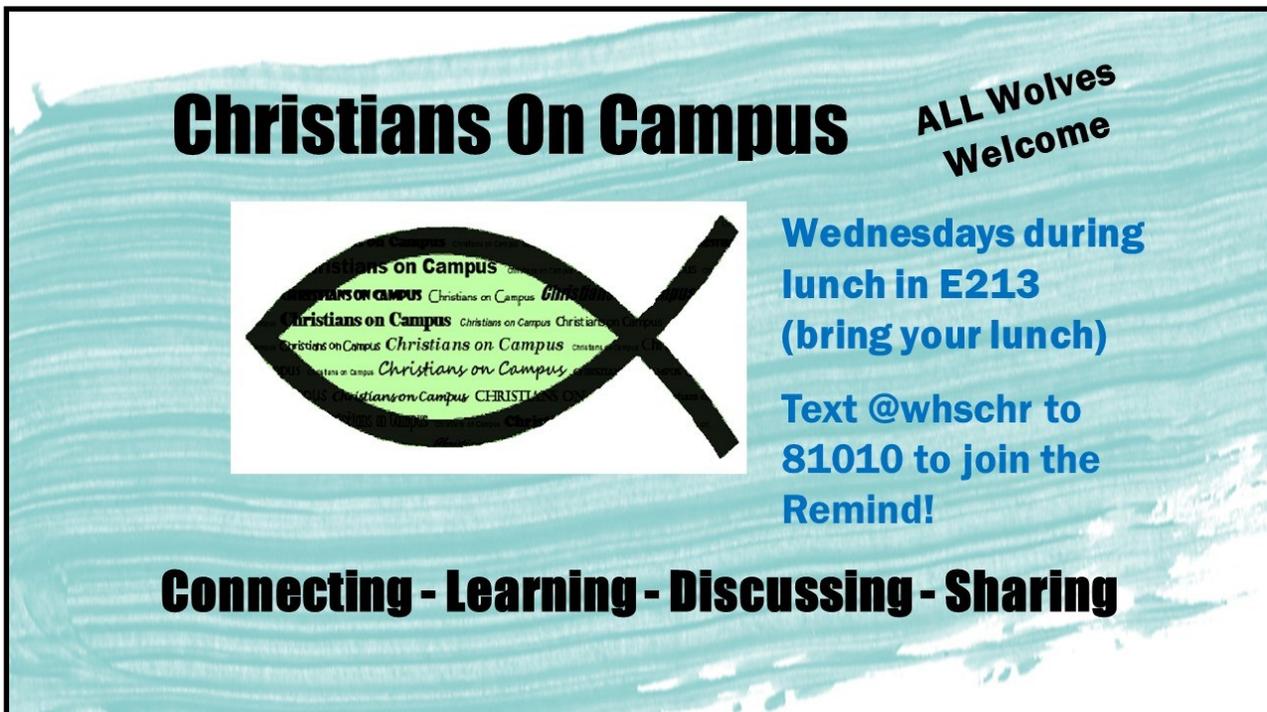
The PSAT is a great indicator of SAT and ACT readiness. Based on different score ranges and target schools, this webinar will help you build a test-prep plan for your child! [See dates and sign up to attend the webinar here.](#)

Announcements

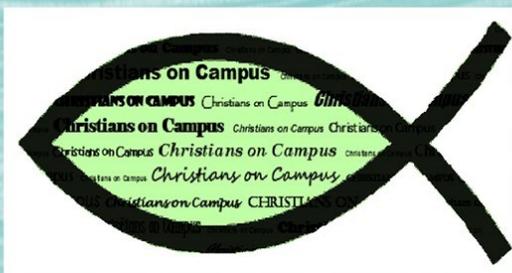


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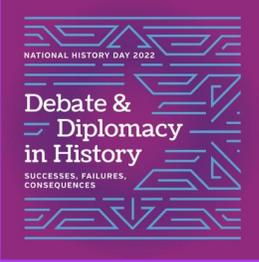


Wednesdays during lunch in E213 (bring your lunch)

Text @whschr to 81010 to join the Remind!

Connecting - Learning - Discussing - Sharing

Announcements




Want to know more about debate & diplomacy?
 Want to show off your creativity?
 Want to possibly improve your social studies grade?

History Day meeting **11:15 a.m.**
Wednesday, Nov. 3
in E235

GET INVOLVED!




WINTER 2022
APPLICATION OPEN NOW!

Code2College has a FREE program for YOUR student!

Our program offers software-engineering and web-development instruction, professional skills development through **consistent mentorship**, and the opportunity to qualify for **paid, software-engineering internships**.

 WHEN IS IT? Sessions are provided virtually! Classes are for 1 hour two times a week Winter Semester classes begin on January 5th	 WHAT IS IT? Three different programs for any skill level and interest! From advanced software engineering to web development basics , there is a class right for you. Languages covered include HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, and more	 WHY SIGN UP? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn new technical and professional skills, • Meet new people (students and tech professionals!) • Gain an invitation to an exciting calendar of events for the entire school year
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.CODE2COLLEGE.ORG
 APPLY TODAY: [HTTPS://CODE2COLLEGE.ORG/STUDENTAPP/](https://CODE2COLLEGE.ORG/STUDENTAPP/)
 DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2021

Student Council Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 4th
2ND HALF OF LUNCH @
MINI-THEATER

Remind: Text @hcc2d8 to 81010
 Follow us on Instagram: @wolf.connect

Announcements

Hosted by HOSA and MD Anderson

Westside High School Blood Drive



ON NOVEMBER 6
In the Bus parking lot from 9-1pm

GIVING BLOOD
Open to everyone 17 and up. If you are 17 or 18, you must get a permission slip from S110

SIGN UP TO GIVE BLOOD
Scan the QR code to sign up!
Link is also in the HOSA Instagram Bio

Instagram: @westsidehosa



STUDENTS AND ALUMNI



Join the Squad!

New Seating Section for Students & Alumni!
Find us on the 50-Yard Line
Friday, Nov. 5
7 PM vs. Westbury @ Delmar
Senior Night & Feeder Pattern Night!

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**DID YOU RECEIVE AN “NG” FOR A CLASS
AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE
ATTENDANCE APPEAL PROCESS?**

LAST CHANCE

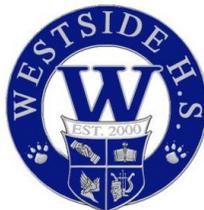
ATTENDANCE APPEAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

9:00 AM

*IF YOU HAVE ANY CLASSES WITH AN “NG” FROM 2020-2021 OR
EARLIER, THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR CREDIT(S)
RESTORED OR YOU WILL HAVE TO REPEAT THE CLASS(ES).*

YOU MUST BRING YOUR LAPTOP



**ATTENDANCE
APPEAL**

FALL 2021

ATTENDANCE APPEAL DATE

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 13, 2021

9:00 am

**STUDENTS MUST BRING
LAPTOPS TO ENTER**

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For more information,
contact

Cheryl Williams

cbvrd@houstonisd.org

Or (713) 556-5248

Free Tutorials & SAT Prep at Westside



Saturday Tutorials

October 9, 23 & 30
November 6 & 13
December 4 & 11

9 AM-12 Noon

- Must enter via main doors from horseshoe driveway on Briar Forest
- Wear an appropriate face mask and get temperature checked upon arrival
- Adhere to dress code, bring IDs, assignments & charged laptops



SATURDAY
SAT
MATH
PREP

Every Saturday starting 10/16

Score of 550 or lower
on your PSAT or Practice Exam
11 AM-12:30 PM

Score of above 550
on your PSAT or Practice Exam
12:30-2 PM

See Mr. Anderson-Kelly in N237
or email PANDERS5@houstonisd.org



Howler Hour
AFTER SCHOOL
TUTORIALS

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Schedule



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Thursday Virtual Magnet Tours



WESTSIDE SCHOOL TOURS



VIRTUAL TOURS	TIME	MICROSOFT TEAMS LINK
Thursday, October 14th	1:00 pm	Click here: Oct. 14th Tour
Jueves, Octubre 14th En Espanol	1:45 pm	Haga clic aqui: Oct. 14th Excursion
Thursday, October 21st	1:00 pm	Click here: Oct. 21st Tour
Jueves, Octubre 21st En Espanol	1:45 pm	Haga clic aqui: Oct. 21st Excursion
Thursday, October 28th	1:00 pm	Click here: Oct. 21st Tour
Jueves, Octubre 28th En Espanol	1:45 pm	Haga clic aqui: Oct. 28th Excursion
Thursday, November 4th	1:00 pm	Click here: Oct. 28th Tour
Jueves, Noviembre 4th En Espanol	1:45 pm	Haga clic aqui: Nov. 4th Excursion
Thursday, November 11th	1:00 pm	Click here: Nov. 4th Tour
Jueves, Noviembre 11th En Espanol	1:45 pm	Haga clic aqui: Nov. 11th Excursion
Thursday, November 18th	1:00 pm	Click here: Nov. 11th Tour
Jueves, Noviembre 18th En Espanol	1:45 pm	Haga clic aqui: Nov. 18th Excursion
Thursday, December 2nd	1:00 pm	Click here: Nov. 18th Tour
Jueves, Diciembre 2nd En Espanol	1:45 pm	Haga clic aqui: Dec. 2nd Excursion
Thursday, December 9th	1:00 pm	Click here: Dec. 2nd Tour
Jueves, Deciembre 9th En Espanol	1:45 pm	Haga clic aqui: Dec. 9th Excursion

For more information contact

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9th Graders: Interested in Westside’s “Futures Academy of Health Sciences”?

Applications are available now for current WHS 9th grade students who are interested in Westside Future’s Academy of Health Science. The Futures Academy provides the opportunity for students who are interested in the medical profession to take classes through Houston Community College. Upon successful completion of the program, students will earn an Associates Degree, 60 college credit hours. If interested, apply now at www.HISDChoice.com For more information regarding this impressive program, please contact Dean Stephanie Matlock, SMATLOCK@houstonisd.org For information on how to apply, please contact E. Jane Miller, Westside’s Magnet Coordinator and Campus Transfer Analyst.



THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN MEDICINE?

CURRENT 9TH GRADE STUDENT?

	Spring/Fall 9 th Grade	Principles of Health Science
	Spring/Fall 10 th Grade	Medical Terminology
	FUTURES HCC COURSE WORK	AA Degree

THIS IS YOUR PROGRAM

Want to earn 60 college hours?

An Associates Degree?

Westside High School	Spring/10th Grade	(48) EDUC 1300: Learning Framework
	Summer/10th-11th Grade	(48) PSYC 2301: Intro to Psychology (48) HUMA 1301: Intro to Humanities
	Fall/11th Grade	(96) BIOL 1406: General Biology I (96) CHEM 1411: General Chemistry I (48) HIST 1301: U.S. History to 1877 (48) GOVT 2305: Federal Government
	Spring/11th Grade	(96) BIOL 1407: General Biology II (96) CHEM 1412: General Chemistry II (48) HIST 1302: U.S. History after 1877 (48) GOVT 2306: Texas Government
HCC Campus	Summer/11th-12th Grade	(48) HIST 2311: Western Civilization (48) MATH 1314: College Algebra
	Fall/12th Grade	(48) ENGL 1301: Composition I (96) BIOL 2401: Anatomy & Physiology I (48) MATH 1316: Trig
	Spring/12th Grade	(48) ENGL 1302: Composition II (96) BIOL 2402: Anatomy & Physiology II (96) MATH 2412: PreCalculus
		TOTAL HCC Credits: 60 hrs



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Barbara Bush Elementary

Thursday, November 11
8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Multipurpose Room

FREE T-SHIRTS FOR DONORS

*** HOLIDAY HUGS ***
Record a video for our patients spending their holidays in the hospital and they will receive a FREE TEDDY BEAR!

Questions? Contact:
Zonia Flores
zonia.flores@houstonisd.org
Sponsor Code: B080



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Parenting Together with FACE

In collaboration with:

Join us here:

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Join us on Tuesdays at 11AM to learn more about parenting strategies to help promote emotional health for your child and family via Zoom in English:

1. **October 26:** Be an Involved Father.
2. **November 2:** Raising Safe and Capable Boys and Girls.
3. **November 9:** Raising Resilient Boys and Girls.

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Únase a nosotros los jueves a las 11AM para obtener más información sobre las estrategias de crianza y el mejoramiento de la salud emocional de su hijo y su familia a través de Zoom en español:

1. **28 de octubre:** Ser un Padre involucrado.
2. **4 de noviembre:** Criar Niños y Niñas Seguros.
3. **11 de noviembre:** Criar Niños y Niñas Resilientes.

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Volunteer 2021-2022

New and Returning Volunteers, please click [here](#) to complete the online application process.

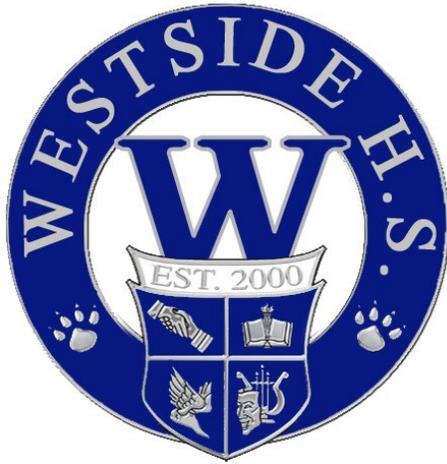
 Bell Schedule 	
Mon/Tues/Fri	Wednesday & Thursday
1st Period 7:45 - 8:45	1st Period 7:45 - 8:45
2nd Period 8:50 - 9:41	3rd/2nd Period 8:50 - 10:22
3rd Period 9:46 - 10:37	Home Room 10:27 - 11:07
4th Period 10:42 - 11:33	LUNCH 11:11 - 12:11
LUNCH 11:37 - 12:37	5th/4th Period 12:16 - 1:48
5th Period 12:42 - 1:33	7th/6th Period 1:53 - 3:25
6th Period 1:38 - 2:29	
7th Period 2:34 - 3:25	



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
School Schedule
2021-2022



7:45 AM-3:25 PM



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