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from Westside High School

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December 6, 2023

STAAR Re-Testing Continues

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 – ENGLISH I
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 – US HISTORY
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 – ENGLISH II
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 – ALGEBRA I
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 – BIOLOGY

- Testers need to bring ID, charged laptop, & charger
- Report on time for school at 7:45 AM



Calendar

December 5-11
 STAAR Re-Testing

December 9 & 16
 Saturday Tutorials,
 9 AM–12 Noon

December 18-21
 Final Exams

Dec. 22-Jan. 5
 Winter Break for
 Students

[2023-2024](#)
[HISD](#)
[Calendar](#)

Final Exams Schedule

Westside High School
 Fall 2023 Final Exam Schedule

Monday, Dec 18, 2023		Tuesday, Dec 19, 2023		Wednesday, Dec 20, 2023		Thursday, Dec 21, 2023	
2nd	7:45 - 8:35	6th Period	7:45 - 8:50	7th Period	7:45 - 8:50	Pack	7:45 - 8:50
3rd	8:40 - 9:20	2nd Exam	8:55 - 11:35	4th Exam	8:55 - 11:35	6th Exam	8:55 - 11:35
4th	9:25 - 10:05						
5th	10:10 - 10:50	Lunch	11:40 - 12:40	Lunch	11:40 - 12:40	Lunch	11:40 - 12:40
6th	10:55 - 11:35	3rd Exam	12:45 - 3:25	5th Exam	12:45 - 3:25	7th Exam	12:45 - 3:25
Lunch	11:40 - 12:40						
1st EXAM	12:45 - 3:25						

Final Exams

Final exams will not be administered early without permission from the principal. Students who may need to take a make-up exam in January must schedule a meeting with AP Davis.

School News

Girls Basketball:

Congrats to the varsity girls basketball team for winning the HISD Platinum Bracket Championship vs Bellaire 66-34. Tournament MVP was Te'lynn Lee-Rose and Neso Anisiobi, Ahmaiya Haulcy, and Garlynn Grant were named to the All-Tournament Team. Also, all teams opened district play with a program sweep of Chavez.

Wrestling:

The #5 Ranked Westside Wrestling Team opened tournament season with a strong showing at the Rumble at the Rock Tournament in Rockwall, TX this past weekend. Westside wrestled with some of the top teams in the State and walked away with two tournament champions and tied with #2-ranked Arlington Martin for the most champions in a very stacked wrestling tournament.

Individual champions included:

#2 State Ranked in 6A Junior Santi Ramirez at 113 lbs. Santi defeated the #1 and #2 ranked 5A wrestlers in his way to the title.

#1 State Ranked Kyle Lew also won the championship. He defeated the #4 Ranked Wrestler from Arlington Martin in the finals and also defeated #6 and #15 earlier in the Tournament.

The girls had a strong showing as well, wrestling tough in a very tough tournament. Senior Alana Manzanares placed 5th at 138 lbs.

Wolf Band:

Shout out to all of the students who participated in All-Region Band Auditions on Saturday. Congrats to the following musicians who earned a spot in one of the Region Bands:

Maria Bello—Symphonic Winds 2, Bass Clarinet

Luke Castro—Symphonic Winds 2, Percussion

Kai Mahone—Symphonic Winds 1, Trumpet

Liam Mahone—Symphonic Winds 2, Trombone

Emilie Meiller—Freshman Band, Flute

Also, kudos to the Wolf Band for another successful March-A-Thon Fundraiser in the Lakes of Parkway community on Sunday. The students got into the holiday spirit and shared joy and cheer during their 10th annual holiday music parade. Way to represent Westside in the community, Wolf Band!



Ms. Morris Wins Texans/Chevron Teacher Grant

Ms. Abigail Morris, Westside engineering teacher, is a recipient of the Houston Texans/Chevron Teacher Grant for 2023. In addition to the \$1,000 award, she was invited as a guest to the Texans vs. Broncos game on Sunday, and served as a flag holder on field during the National Anthem. Congrats, Ms. Morris!



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SATURDAY TUTORIALS

December 9 & 16
9 AM—12 Noon

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



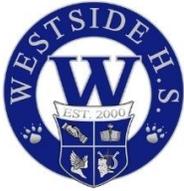
VAPE = DAEP

TEXAS HOUSE BILL 114

Any student caught violating the new law relating to e-cigarettes will be subject to immediate DAEP placement, as mandated by the state law.

Click to learn more about HB114 related to vaping: <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/199791>

Announcements



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

23/24 Cell Phone Policy

From 7:45 AM to 3:25 PM, students are required to stow away their cell phones, earbuds and headphones.

- Students may use their devices during the lunch period only.
- This rule applies throughout the entire school premises.

1st Offense

A warning will be issued to the student, emphasizing the importance of adhering to the policy.

2nd Offense

The student must surrender the device to the teacher.

- The device will then be submitted to the House Secretary and will be returned at the end of the day.
- For incidents in the hallways, students will be directed to take their devices to the House Secretary for safekeeping until the end of the day.

Note: Refusal to surrender the device will result in further disciplinary actions.

3rd Offense

Parents are required to meet with the dean to discuss repeated violations, and to pick up phone.

The meeting allows for a collaborative effort between parents and school staff to address any underlying issues.

- In cases of repeated violations beyond the second incident, the device may be barred from the campus for the remainder of the school year or until the dean deems it appropriate. This measure is taken to ensure a sustained focus on academic engagement.
- We believe that by implementing these measures, we can create an environment that minimizes distractions, promotes active participation in class, and fosters a more focused learning atmosphere.
- This policy is non-negotiable.

Senior & Underclassmen Portraits

Pictures and Portraits, with Cady Photography

Senior Portraits

Important dates ahead

281-631-5599

www.home.cady.com

Westside 2024 Seniors

Time is running out to submit your Senior Portrait for the 2024 Yearbook.

Book your appointment at the

Cady Studio today!

(suggested, use a computer!)

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****Yearbook only pose: \$10****

Questions: Contact Ms. Roberts
srobert2@houstonisd.org

Senior Portraits

Cady Photography 11340 Richmond Ave. Houston, Tx 77082

www.home.cady.com

Seniors, Class of 2024

Time is running out to take your Senior Portrait for the 2024 Westside yearbook. Cady Photography is open and ready to book your appointments. You have 2 options:

Book at the Studio:

Enjoy a full professional studio experience, complete with hair and make up teams, personal photographers, **THE WORKS!** Or you can book just your Yearbook portrait. Your choice. Cady will be open for bookings during the Winter Break.

Senior Roadshow on campus:

Cady will bring a team to Westside for a "Roadshow" day. They will set up in the Auditorium, 9:00 - 4:00 on January 5, 2024. They will set up a variety of backgrounds and options for your portrait sitting.

Book your appointment in advance. This day is LIMITED to 100 seniors. Plan ahead, and set your appointment ASAP. Don't plan to walk in, space is limited.

Our deadline for all SENIOR PORTRAITS is January 13, 2024.

If you've already taken your portrait, make sure to select the portrait you want to appear in the yearbook.

If you are taking your portrait in January, you will need to select your option during your portrait photo session.

If you have any questions contact Ms. Roberts, Room A216
srobert2@houstonisd.org

Seniors, drop by A216 any time, Ms. Roberts will help you navigate www.home.cady.com

Westside2024Seniors

Cady Photography has scheduled a

Roadshow day on campus

January 5, 2024

****Limited to 100 seniors****

Book your appointment today!

www.home.cady.com

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Senior Portraits
Roadshow

Underclass Picture Days

All 9th, 10th, & 11th grades

Cady Photography will be photographing all underclass students and all Westside staff

December 13 - 14

Students will come to cameras with their English class.

This event is re-scheduled from Nov. 29 - 30. Students have their brochures to order prints

College Center Announcements for Seniors

Financial aid:

FAFSA - While [FAFSA](#) traditionally becomes available every October, due to major changes to the application and website, the 2024-2025 FAFSA application will not be made available until December 2023. An official release date has not been confirmed but colleges across the U.S. are aware of this change. However, the College Center is recommending students to still submit by the original priority deadline of January 15th to be safe. A major change to keep out for is that what was previously known as the “*Student Aid Report*” will now be shown as “*FAFSA Submission Summary*.”

TASFA – The biggest update to share about [TASFA](#) this year is that it will now available online! Each student and one parent/guardian will create an account and complete the application online and will have the ability to send their completed online TASFA applications to up to 10 schools.

Scholarships:

HISD has provides students with a list of “Hot Scholarships” that are available to them throughout their senior year. The Hot Scholarship list for October-December is accessible through each student Schoollinks account and be found the by following these steps: *Digital Resources > Schoollinks > Finances > Scholarship Matching*

Testing:

SAT for Seniors - There are still several opportunities for seniors to take the SAT and/or ACT this school year! While many schools remain test optional, meaning SAT test scores are not required to be sent as part of the admissions process, a school may still ask for a student’s test scores to determine that they are “college ready.” To meet this criterion, a student must have scored the following: Evidence-based Reading & Writing: 480 and Math: 530

SAT for Juniors - A major change to the SAT is that starting in March 2024, **all** SAT exams given will be **digital**. Click [here](#) to find upcoming test dates for the 2023-2024 academic year. Juniors will take the School Day SAT in March 2024, and are recommended not to test before then as they will not have covered some material yet.

ACT – Click [here](#) to find upcoming test dates for the 2023-2024 academic year.

College and Career Planning:

- College Center Advisors are currently presenting in all Senior English 4 classes to discuss all things related to the college application process and Schoollinks account setup/utilization.
- Open lab in in the college center is as follows:
 - ◆ During lunch
 - ◆ Off campus (7th period)
 - ◆ After school (on occasions if we’re in a classroom presentation throughout the day)
 - ◆ On very few occasions, the college center will be closed due to presentations or trainings.

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WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



Class for 2024

PTO SCHOLARSHIP

Calling all Seniors!!
Join the WHS PTO, by December 31
in order to be eligible for a
PTO SCHOLARSHIP!!!!
DON'T WAIT!

WHS PTO Website



Scan using your camera

SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

ORDER A YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW
LIKE, RIGHT NOW

USE OUR ORDER NUMBER WHEN YOU LOG ON:
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Westside High School

 YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM



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Follow the Westside College Center on Instagram for all College, Career, & Military Readiness Updates!

@westsidecc



WESTSIDE COLLEGE CENTER

NEED TO SEND AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT?

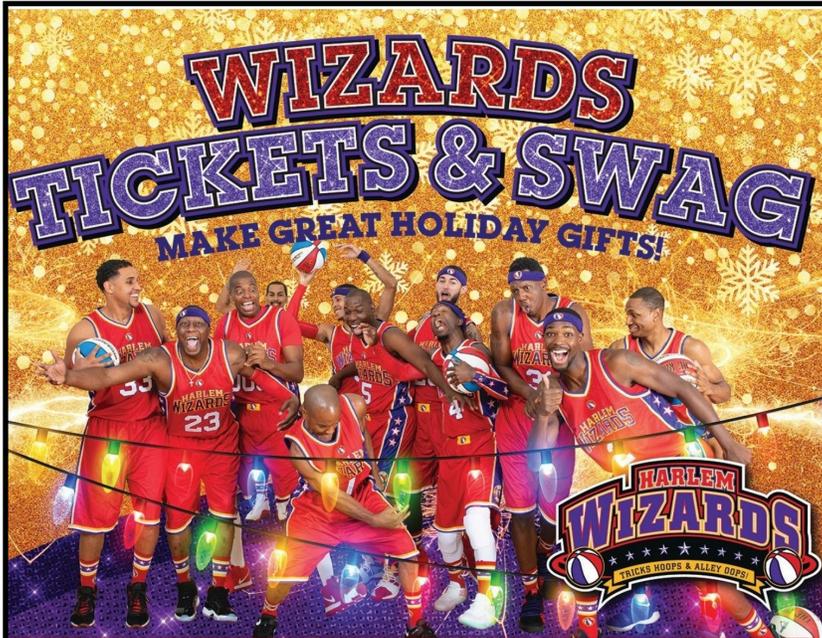
STEP 1:

- Setup your Schoolinks account (Digital Resources --> Search "Schoolinks")
- Add the colleges you will be applying to under "Final List" AND "College Applications"
- Waive your FERPA rights on Schoolinks AND CommonApp (if applicable)

STEP 2:

- Fill out the yellow "Transcript Request Form" in A205
- Pay \$1-\$2 per transcript you are sending. Allow up to 3 business days for the request to be completed.

Announcements



WIZARDS
TICKETS & SWAG
MAKE GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS!

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE @ WWW.HARLEMWIZARDS.COM

vs. HISD West

Venue: Westside High School Gym 14201 Briar Forest Drive	Hosted By: West Briar Middle PTO & Westside High School PTO
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024	Game Time: 7:00 p.m. Doors Open: 6:00 p.m.

Advance Tickets: Students: \$ 15.00 General Admission: \$ 18.00	Tickets At The Door: Students: \$ 18.00 General Admission: \$ 20.00	Reserved: \$ 45.00	Courtside Plus: \$ 65.00
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Tickets on Sale at: Click here to purchase tickets

Other Info: Neighboring schools share a portion of the proceeds

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SAVE the DATE

Alumni Breakfast

WHS COMMONS 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.
01.05.2024

2023-2024

The PTO Welcomes All New and Returning Westside Families!

WHS PTO Website



Scan using your camera

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- JOIN THE PTO!
- VOLUNTEER!
- DONATE!
- SHOP OUR STORE!
- ATTEND MEETINGS!

Join and become a PTO member today!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
SEE THE PTO FLYER IN YOUR STUDENT'S FIRST DAY PACKET

WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG

WESTSIDE SCHOOL STORE

A SERVICE PROVIDED BY PTO



HOURS:
TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
DURING LUNCH
&
3:30 - 4:00 PM

QUESTIONS: WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM

It's a Great Day to be a Wolf!

Get Involved!

Dec 1st- 15th
2023
TOYS FOR TOTS
Deliver Packaged toys to your House secretaries

HELP SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER

Gamer's Club

Hosted in: **E124**

We have Board Games & Videogames

WEDNESDAYS
During Lunch

More Info:
jason.rodriguez@houstonisd.org

Join Us
CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS
Wednesday's and Friday's During Lunch, Room E213

Join us for Fellowship, Teachings and Bible Study!

For more information please join our:
Remind: TEXT @whscoc23 to 81010
Insta: @whs_christians.on.campus

LET'S TOUCH *the sky*

EST. 2018

DRONE CLUB

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 ROOM VIII
JOIN THE REMIND
TEXT @DRONEWEST TO 81010

A club supporting feminism and discussing our love of pink!

BIWEEKLY

OCTOBER 4 & 18 **NOVEMBER** 1, 18 & 29
DECEMBER 13

PINK CLUB N130
the future is pink!

more information at @whspinkclub on instagram!

WESTSIDE FRC ROBOTICS CLUB FIRST

Remind: @frc2587w

- Design, build, and program robots!
- Gain valuable STEM skills!
- The hardest fun you'll ever have!!

MEETINGS EVERY THURSDAY FROM 3:30 TO 5:00 IN ROOM VIII!

Join the Remind

Let's Go Westside!

Get Involved!

List of Clubs & Orgs

Westside Coding Club

Meetings Every Tuesday in Room N225 During Lunch!!

- No experience needed
- Learn and collaborate with peers
- Practice coding skills
- Compete at UIL and HPE Codewars

Scan the QR Code to join the Remind, or type the link below

tinyurl.com/whs-code

23/24 Bell Schedule

Mon/Tues/Fri	Wednesday & Thursday
1st Period 7:45 - 8:38	1st Period 7:45 - 8:45
2nd Period 8:43 - 9:38	3rd/2nd Period 8:51 - 10:24
3rd Period 9:43 - 10:36	Pack Time 10:30 - 11:00
4th Period 10:41 - 11:34	LUNCH 11:06 - 12:06
LUNCH 11:38 - 12:31	5th/4th Period 12:13 - 1:46
5th Period 12:36 - 1:29	7th/6th Period 1:52 - 3:25
6th Period 1:34 - 2:27	
7th Period 2:32 - 3:25	



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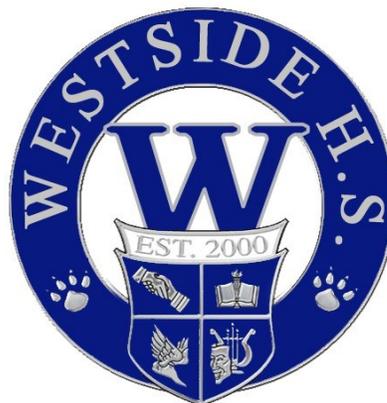
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