



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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## Wizards at Westside Draws Feeder Families!

Thank you to our fantastic Westside and West Briar PTOs for sponsoring the Harlem Wizards event. Students and families from all along the feeder pattern enjoyed a fun family night watching the Wizards take on the "Best of the West". See more pictures on pages 6-7.



February 26, 2024

### Calendar

**February 27-29**  
TELPAS Testing

**March 2**  
Saturday Tutorials and  
SAT Prep Camp,  
9-12

**March 11-15**  
Spring Break

**March 25**  
Chavez-Huerta  
Holiday, No School

**March 29**  
Spring Holiday,  
No School

2023-  
2024  
HISD  
Calendar

## Spring Testing News

### **The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) Test**

TELPAS is an assessment program developed by the Texas Education Agency for students in Texas public schools who are learning the English language. Texas annually assesses the English language proficiency of students who have been identified as English learners (ELs) in four language domains—listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Testing Window: February 21 – March 7, 2024

Audience: Students identified as English learners

### **Spring TSIA2 Testing available at Westside High School for Seniors**

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA2) is a series of tests for students enrolling in public colleges and universities in Texas. The tests help Texas schools determine whether a student is ready for college-level courses in the areas of reading, writing, and math.

Not all Texas college students have to take TSIA2. If your student has met college readiness standards on a standardized test like the SAT, they may be [exempt](#). NOTE: SAT Scores are available in your student's [College Board](#) account.

### **SAT School Day**

SAT® School Day allows states, districts, and schools to offer juniors the opportunity to take the SAT during their regular school day at their home school, expanding access to a globally recognized college admission test.

- Test Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024
- Audience: All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students
- No registration necessary

FREE

Students will need a photo ID and their laptop and charger on test day.

Click here for [more information about the test](#) and here for [practice opportunities and sample questions](#).

# Announcements

Buenas tardes,

Me dirijo a Ustedes para invitarlos a una **REUNION DE PADRES HISPANOS** organizada por la Oficina de Wraparound (Servicios Integrados) de Westside HS. La reunion tendra lugar el proximo **Jueves 29 de Febrero de 3:45 pm a 5:15 pm en Westside HS salon S100**. La idea es conocerlos, comentarles sobre el Sistema educativo en USA, explicarles como acceder a Power School: para que puedan hacer seguimiento de las calificaciones y las asistencias de sus hijos.

**MIENTRAS MAS CONOZCAMOS EL SISTEMA, MEJOR PODEMOS AYUDAR A NUESTROS HIJOS.** El soporte de la familia es importante en el proceso de formacion y educacion de nuestros Jovenes.

La forma de registrarse es llenando el formato que encontraran en el QR code que le envio en la hoja anexa o pueden ingresar a este sitio web. [https://hisd.my.site.com/saf/s/?language=en\\_US](https://hisd.my.site.com/saf/s/?language=en_US)

Cuando en el formato le pregunte que tipo de ayuda necesita. Debe seleccionar la opcion de Otros y escribir en el cuadro de notas: ASISTENCIA.


Cualquier pregunta estoy a la orden. Gracias!

**Laura Rodriguez-Olmedillo**

**Wraparound Resource Specialist – West Division (Westside High School)**

**SUPPORTING STUDENTS. UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES.**

281-920-8000(office) Ext. 036398, [Laura.RodriguezOlmedillo@houstonisd.org](mailto:Laura.RodriguezOlmedillo@houstonisd.org) (email)



Keep an eye out for your next  
Possip Pulse Check, coming  
Thursday, February 29th

**+ POSSIP**  
FOR PARENTS

**How Possip Helps Support Your School:**

- Recurring Pulse Check surveys
- Sent via text & email
- No app or login needed
- Respond in your home language
- Actionable data for schools & districts
- Stronger school communities


**HOW YOUR VOICE HELPS**


You'll receive a Pulse Check via text or email.

Possip provides HISD with a report of family responses.

Respond to the Pulse Check.

HISD responds to family feedback and shares praise.





¡Esté atento a su próximo Pulse  
Check, muy pronto!  
Jueves, 29 de febrero

**+ POSSIP**

**Cómo Possip Ayuda a Apoyar tu Escuela:**

- Encuestas periódicas de Pulse Check
- Enviadas por mensaje de texto y correo electrónico
- No se necesita aplicación o inicio de sesión
- Responda en su idioma preferido
- Datos accionables para escuelas y distritos
- Comunidades escolares más fuertes


**CÓMO AYUDA USTED VOZ**

Recibe Pulse Check por mensaje de texto o correo electrónico una vez al mes.

Possip proporciona a HISD un informe de las respuestas familiares.

Responder a la Pulse Check.

HISD responde a los comentarios de la familia y comparte elogios.



## School News

### **Girls Soccer:**

The Lady Wolves played a high intensity, hard fought game vs. district rival Bellaire on Saturday that ended in a 0-1 loss. All 11 starters had standout performances. The girls will be back in action this Wednesday 2/28 as they take on Heights @ 6 PM at Delmar Stadium. The Wolves have secured a playoff spot and will look to continue their success as they close out district play next Friday. Go Wolves!!

### **Westside Tennis:**

We competed in the 74th Annual Baytown Invitational on Friday. We had one athlete in boy's singles make it to the quarters, one mixed team make it to the semis of the consolation, and one girl's doubles make it to the semis of consolation. Overall, our team played in 18 combined matches on Friday.

### **Baseball:**

The Wolves baseball team went 2-3-1 this past week.

Jacob Cole threw 5 shutout innings against Aldine Macarthur as Joel Brown picked up the win. Aidan Canales, Tayte Barrow, and Kaeman Tatum each had run-scoring doubles. The Wolves beat Macarthur 4-0.

Freshmen Gavin Meador and Harol Duboy shut down Laredo Cigarroa. Kaeman Tatum doubled and Aidan Canales tripled as the Wolves won 7-5.



# Go Westside!



## School News

### Swimming:

Our Westside swimmers competed at the State Championships this weekend and put up some very fast times. We had multiple State finalists: Jack Brown 200 Freestyle, Colby Williams 50 Freestyle, Max O'Neil 500 Freestyle, Lina Aly 50 Backstroke, and our 400 Freestyle Relay of Jack Brown, Max O'Neil, Ian O'Neil, and Colby Williams. Another incredible season from the Westside Wolves Swim team!



**Way to go,  
Wolves!**



## Wizards at Westside

Thank you to our fantastic Westside and West Briar PTOs for bringing the Harlem Wizards to Westside. Students and families from all along the feeder pattern enjoyed a fun family night at Westside. Thanks to all the students and families for coming over to “our house”! Looking forward to seeing y’all again soon.





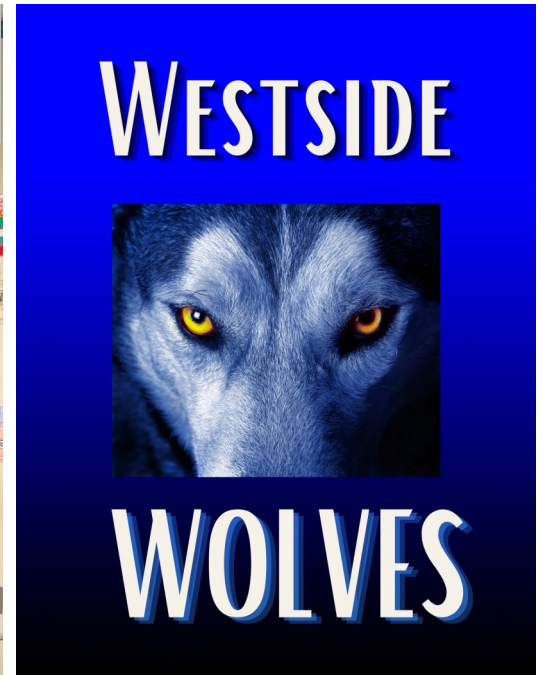
# Wizards at Westside





## Announcements

**Congrats to Mr. Omolaju, recipient of Associate Teacher Achievement Award!**



**Westside High School**

# SAT PREP CAMP

Need help preparing for the SAT?

Did you know that your SAT score can help you get approved for Dual Credit courses?

**FACT:** many colleges REQUIRE THE SAT/ACT

**9:00-12Noon**

**Sign Up below!**

**Saturday: 2/24**  
**Saturday: 3/2**

# Saturday Tutorials

March 2

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**9 AM-12 Noon**

- Enter via main doors from horseshoe driveway on Briar Forest
- Wear school-appropriate attire
- Bring IDs, assignments & charged laptops



## Senior News

**Senior BOWLING**

**Tickets \$15 at the door!**


**\$10**

**Friday, Feb 23**  
**Location: The Commons**

**TUESDAY**  
**27 FEBRUARY**

**6:00PM – 8:00PM**  
**BOWLERO**  
**925 BUNKER HILL**

**Seniors ONLY – no Juniors/underclassmen**



**Save the Date!!!**



**GRADUATION:**  
**NRG STADIUM**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**  
**12:00 PM**  
**CLASS OF 2024**



No tickets required  
No limit on guests  
More details to come.

**Make a good impression**



**at**  
**Westside**  
**High School**

## Announcements

**TRYOUT PACKET**

# CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

WHEN: MARCH 5-8 4:30PM-6:30 PM  
WHERE: PERFORMANCE GYM



## PRIDE DANCE TEAM




*Auditions*  
MARCH 26TH - 28TH




Audition Packet

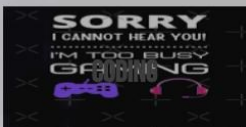



# BROS WHO CODE



## V105 THURSDAY LUNCH

REMIND - @d43h672  
INSTAGRAM - WHS\_BROSWHOCODE



## Announcements

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



## WESTSIDE FRC ROBOTICS CLUB

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 V111

DISCOBOTS

2587

Join the Remind

## Gamer's Club

Hosted in:  
**E124**

We have  
Board Games  
&  
Videogames

**WEDNESDAYS**  
During Lunch

More Info:  
jason.rodriguez@houstonisd.org

# Get Involved!

## List of Clubs & Orgs

## 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

## 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](https://tinyurl.com/whs-code)



## PTO Announcements



**\$100 PER PAWPRINT FOR A FULL YEAR**

**\$20 OF THE LOGOS GOES TOWARDS THE ORGANIZATION CHOSEN**

**Pawprints**  
Make Your Mark at Westside

**MONEY GOES TOWARDS THE SENIOR CLASS FUND FOR YOUR STUDENT'S GRADUATING YEAR.**

**THE COST FOR EACH LOGO IS \$25, WITH A MAXIMUM OF 2 LOGOS PER TRANSACTION.**

SCAN ME

[www.westsidehighpto.org](http://www.westsidehighpto.org)

# 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!

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WESTSIDE PTO!**

We need your support!

**Join and become a PTO member today!**

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

[WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG](http://WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG)



**WESTSIDE H.S.**  
ESTD 2000

**Calling all Parents!!**  
**Join the Westside PTO**

We are looking to fill several positions that will help with our Homecoming Dance, Teacher Appreciation events, Fundraising, and much more! This is a great opportunity to be involved in the school and get to know the Westside staff.

**Join the Team!**

Please complete this form for next year's opportunities.



**Scan Me!**


Contact: Meghan Hokom  
mehan98@hotmail.com  
for any questions.

## WESTSIDE SCHOOL STORE

A SERVICE PROVIDED BY PTO

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

**QUESTIONS: [WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM)**



# We Are Westside!



## College Center Announcements

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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.


It's a  
Great  
Day to  
be a  
Wolf!

WOLVES  
THRIVE!

# 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		

**ENERGIZE!**



## Follow Us on Social Media



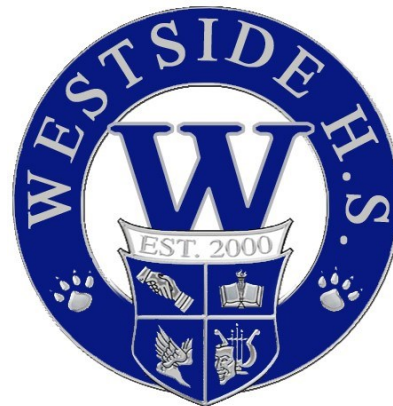
Facebook: Westside High School



Instagram: gowestsidewolves



Twitter: @westsidehigh



## Quick Links

Submit stories and photos for eNews:

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School Pay:

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

School Web Address:

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

HISD Web Address:

<https://www.houstonisd.org>