

WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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January 22, 2024

Saves These Dates in February : Parent Engagement Events

Get Set for Student Success

Calling All 9th Grade Parents!

Save the Date!

**Saturday
February 10
9 - 11 AM**

Info, tips, & advice for parents to help set your student up for success in their high school career



February 15

5:30 PM:
Anti-Vaping Workshop for Parents

6:30 PM:
PTO Meeting



Rm. S100

Calendar

February 10
Get Set for Student Success (9th grade parents), 9-11 AM

February 15
Anti-Vaping Workshop at 5:30 PM in S100

PTO General Meeting at 6:30 PM in S100

February 19
Staff Professional Development Day, No School for Students

2023-2024 HISD Calendar

Region Band News

The weekend of January 12 and 13, five members of the Westside HS Wolf Band represented us in the Texas Music Educators Association All-Region Band clinic and concert for Region 23 (Katy ISD, Alief ISD, Houston ISD). These students prepared audition music back in December and earned a spot in one of 4 performing ensembles, which put on incredible concerts after only 7 hours of rehearsal between Friday afternoon and their performance Saturday evening!

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication to their craft!

Kai Mahone, trumpet - Symphonic Band 1

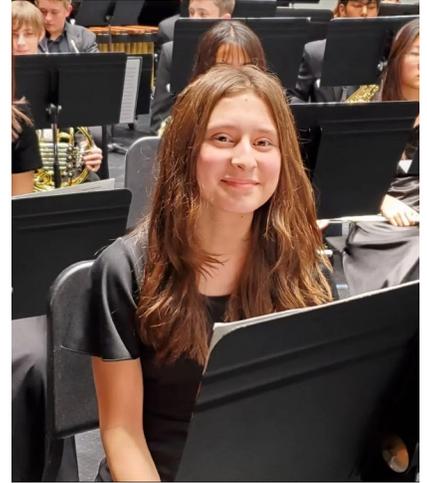
Maria Bello, bass clarinet - Symphonic Band 2

Luke Castro, percussion - Symphonic Band 2 and Region Orchestra

Liam Mahone, trombone - Symphonic Band 2

Emilie Meiller, flute - 9th Grade Band

If you see any of these students, give them a pat on the back!



Announcements

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.**



FANTASTIC FUN!

Hosted By: **WEST BRIAR AND WESTSIDE PTO** Fundraiser For: **STUDENTS**

VS. HISD WEST SCHOOLS

Date: **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024** Game Time: **7:00 P.M.** Doors Open: **6:00 P.M.**

Advance Tickets: STUDENTS \$ 15.00 GENERAL ADMISSO \$ 18.00	Tickets at the Door: STUDENTS \$ 18.00 GENERAL ADMISSO \$ 20.00	Reserved: \$ 45.00	Courtside Plus: \$ 65.00	Courtside Player: COURTSIDE + A JERSEY + PLAY IN A HALFTIME GAME \$ 140.00
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Tickets On Sale At: **CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS**
[HTTPS://PRETIX.EU/HARLEMWIZARDS/HOUSTON02-22-24-07-00PM/](https://pretix.eu/harlemwizards/houston02-22-24-07-00PM/)

*Processing fee is \$1.50 per ticket.
Online box office is open until 3 hours prior to game, unless game is sold out so

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HISD is sending our next Possip Pulse Check on Thursday January 25th!

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.



HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT ORGANIZATION EXPO 2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024
8:00am - 1:00pm
Lamar High School
3325 Westheimer Road Houston, TX 77098

Calling all current PTO/PTA's, interested parents and school staff!

- » Do you want to start a parent organization at your school?
- » Do you want to grow the membership of your PTO/PTA?
- » Do you want to expand the way you can support students at your campus?

This FREE event includes:

- » Experienced parent organization vendors
- » Personalized workshops
- » Lunch & Learn to network with other parents in your division
- » Translations services and on-site childcare

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Spaces are Limited Register to Attend

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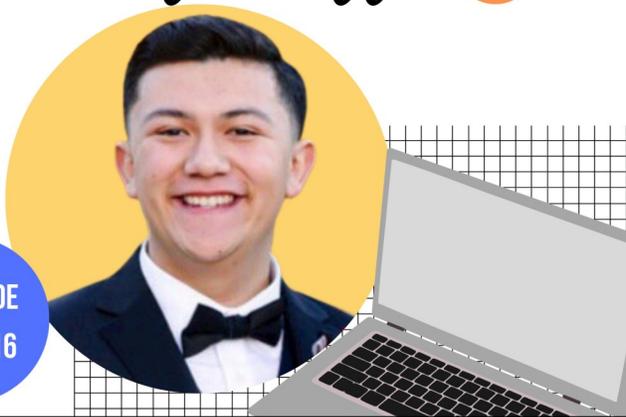
LUNCH AND LEARN W/ Emanuel Pinilla

LEARN MORE ABOUT ABOUT EMANUEL'S EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF COMPUTER SCIENCE! SNACKS PROVIDED.

FRIDAY, JAN 26TH

DURING LUNCH
ROOM #N225

WESTSIDE C/O 2016



Career & Leadership Summit for High School Girls

EXPLORE, DREAM, ACHIEVE: DISCOVER YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS

 SATURDAY, JAN 27TH

 9AM - 12:30PM

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



"Being able to attend this Summit gave me the chance to meet with women in careers I had not considered. I feel more confident in the fact that I have choices for my future!"

Brianna (Student Attendee)

SIGN UP & JOIN US!

Presented by
NERDY GIRL SUCCESS

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Register for Free
Scan or Visit
bit.ly/summithouston



Announcements

Westside High School

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

SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

ORDER A YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW
LIKE, RIGHT NOW

USE OUR ORDER NUMBER WHEN YOU LOG ON:
25686
Westside High School

YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM

Calling all athletes!!

FCA January Huddle

When: 7:00am Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024
Where: Small Gym
Who: All is welcome

"New Year, New Goals"

ARE YOU CALLED?

TEAM FCA

YOUR CALL TO CHRIST IN SPORTS



Learn more at: <https://www.fca.org/get-involved>



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

The heart and soul in sports™

Gamer's Club

Hosted in: **E124**

We have Board Games & Videogames

WEDNESDAYS
During Lunch

More Info:
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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 VII!



Join the Remind

Go Wolves!

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



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

It's a Great Day to be a Wolf!

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

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WESTSIDE SCHOOL STORE

A SERVICE PROVIDED BY PTO

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

QUESTIONS: WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM

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 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 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 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 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.



JOIN THE WESTSIDE COLLEGE ADVISORS TO WORK ON YOUR 24-25 FAFSA/TASFA APPLICATION!

2024 FINANCIAL AID ROADSHOW

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE WORKSHOP:

- General overview on types of financial aid and eligibility.
- Assistance in creating FSA ID for both student and parent.
- 1 on 1 guidance on FAFSA/TASFA forms with a college advisor and/or editing forms.
- Learn the next steps after submitting!


**FEB 1
2024**

 5pm-7pm

 Westside Library

BRING YOUR TAX PAPERS, YOUR LAPTOP AND A NOTEBOOK!

University of
ST. THOMAS
CAMPUS TOUR
MUST HAVE:
2.8 GPA OR HIGHER
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE
PICK UP PERMISSION SLIP IN A205
JANUARY 24, 2024

**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	



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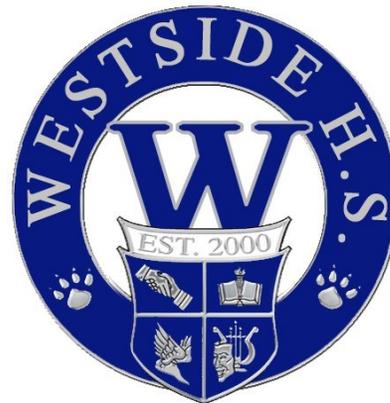
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