



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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January 30, 2024

## Save the Dates



# *Saturday Tutorials*

## February 3

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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

# **Get Involved!**

## **PTO General Meeting**

### **Feb. 15**

### **6:30 in S100**

## Calendar

### **February 3**

Saturday Tutorials,  
9 AM-12 Noon

### **February 10**

Get Set for Student  
Success (For incom-  
ing 9th grade par-  
ents), 9-11 AM

### **February 15**

PTO General Meeting  
at 6:30 PM in S100

### **February 19**

Staff Professional  
Development Day, No  
School for Students

### **March 11-15**

Spring Break

[2023-2024](#)

[HISD](#)

[Calendar](#)

# Swim Team News

## Westside Boys 2023/2024 District Champions

Congratulations to Westside Boys Swim Team on earning the HISD District title on Saturday.

### District Champions

Lina Aly – 100 Backstroke

Jack Brown – 200 Freestyle

Colby Williams – 100 Backstroke

Luke Poncio, Mikael Larsson, Karthik Bobbili, Max O'Neil – 400 Freestyle Relay

### Top-3 Finishers

Lina Aly (200 Individual Medley and 100 Backstroke)

Karthik Bobbili (100 Breaststroke)

Jack Brown (200 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke)

Emily DeVany (500 Freestyle), Cynthia Lo (100 Breaststroke)

Ian O'Neil (200 Individual Medley and 100 Butterfly)

Max O'Neil (200 Freestyle and 500 Freestyle)

Luke Poncio (100 Freestyle)

Josie Tran (200 Individual Medley)

Colby Williams (50 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke)



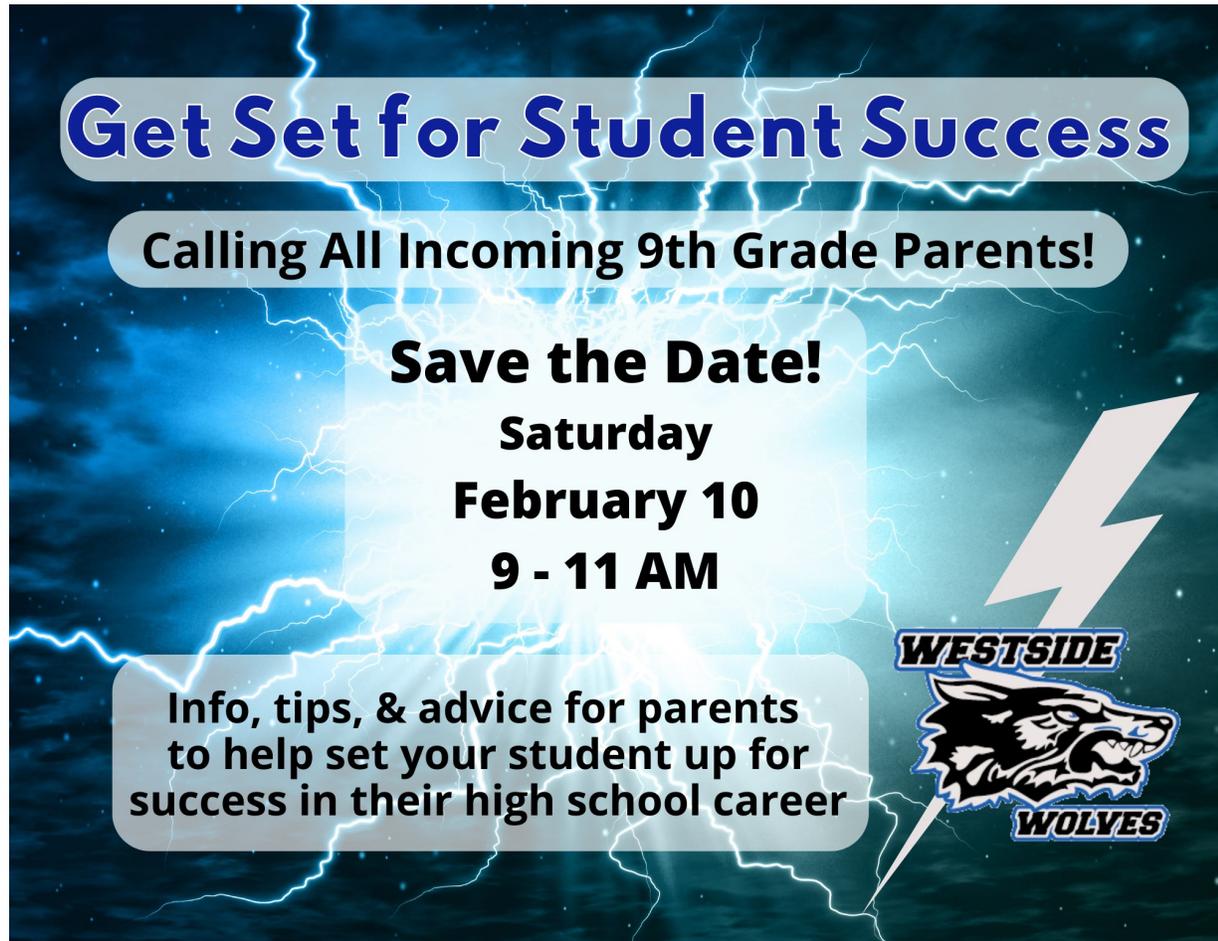
## WEGA News

WEGA and Dual Credit Geology attended a field trip to the Bureau of Economic Geology. Students were given a brief presentation and then had the opportunity to rotate through three stations to learn about geology. They got to examine different sediments under a microscope, learn how to differentiate properties of rocks and minerals, and learn how to interpret cores with a sedimentologist.

Thank you to Dale Carnegie and the Houston Geological Society for providing our students with this opportunity.



# Announcements

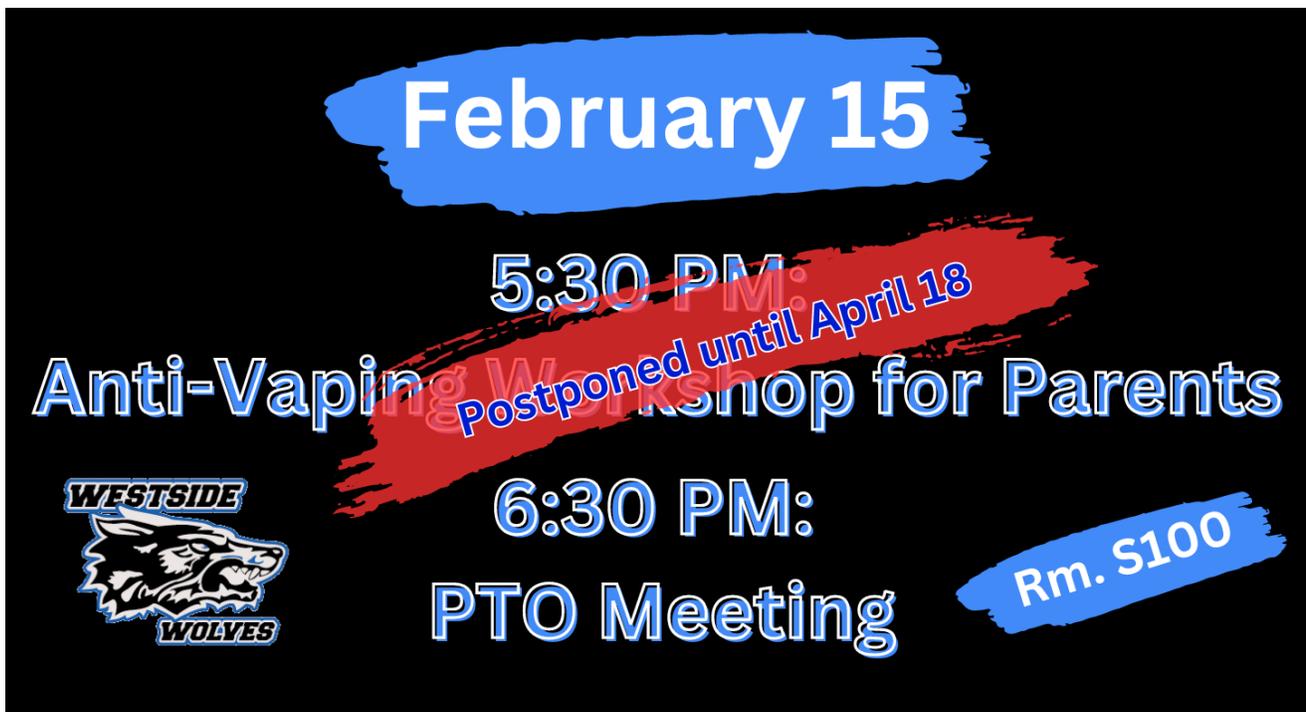


**Get Set for Student Success**

**Calling All Incoming 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**  
*postponed until April 18*

**6:30 PM:**  
**PTO Meeting**

**Rm. S100**



# 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 \$ <b>15.00</b> GENERAL ADMISSION \$ <b>18.00</b>	Tickets at the Door: STUDENTS \$ <b>18.00</b> GENERAL ADMISSION \$ <b>20.00</b>	Reserved: \$ <b>45.00</b>	Courtside Plus: \$ <b>65.00</b>	Courtside Player: COURTSIDE + A JERSEY + PLAY IN A HALFTIME GAME \$ <b>140.00</b>
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Tickets On Sale At:  
**CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS**  
[HTTPS://PRETIX.EU/HARLEMWIZARDS/HOUSTONTK02-22-24-07-00PM/](https://pretix.eu/harlemwizards/houstontk02-22-24-07-00PM/)

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

[www.facebook.com/TheHarlemWizards](https://www.facebook.com/TheHarlemWizards) @HarlemWizards @WorldFamousHarlemWizards

**We  
Are  
Westside**



**WESTSIDE WOLVES**

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

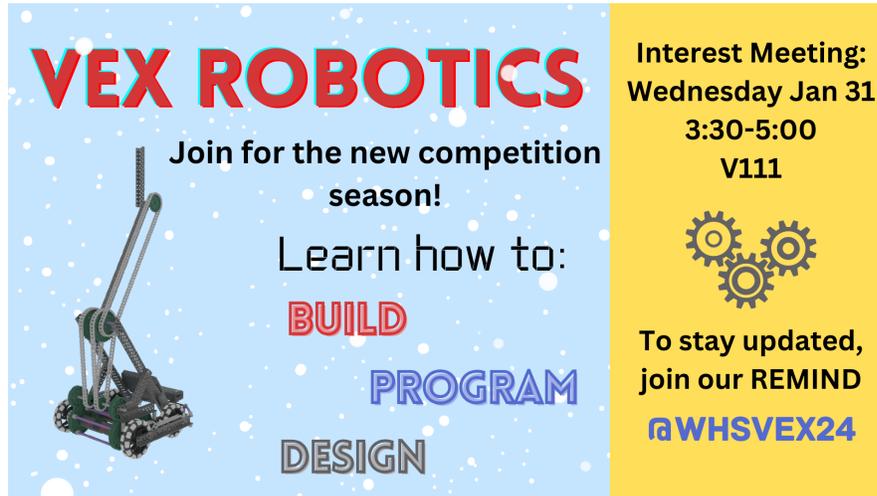
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**Spaces are Limited  
Register to Attend**

**HISD** Family and Community Engagement  
EMPOWERING FAMILIES. ADVANCING LEARNING.  
713-556-FACE(3223) | FACE@HOUSTONISD.ORG | @FACEHISD

## Announcements



**VEX ROBOTICS**

Join for the new competition season!

Learn how to:

**BUILD**  
**PROGRAM**  
**DESIGN**

Interest Meeting:  
Wednesday Jan 31  
3:30-5:00  
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To stay updated,  
join our REMIND  
[@WHSVEX24](#)



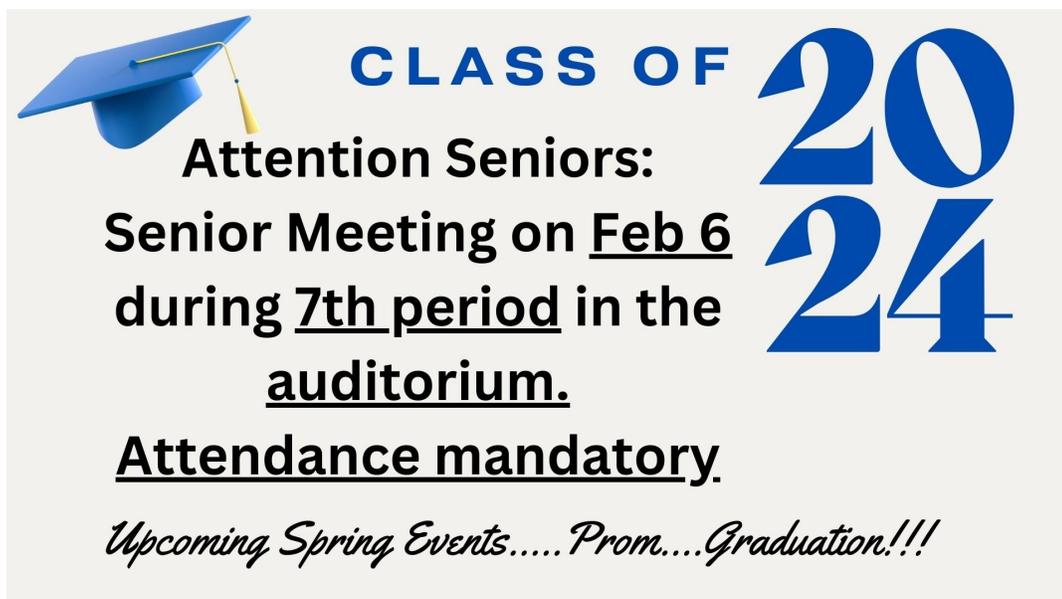
**LUNCH AND LEARN** w/ *Emanuel Pinilla*

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

**FRIDAY, FEB 2ND**

DURING LUNCH  
ROOM #N225

**WESTSIDE**  
C/O 2016



**CLASS OF 2024**

**Attention Seniors:**  
**Senior Meeting on Feb 6**  
**during 7th period in the**  
**auditorium.**

**Attendance mandatory.**

*Upcoming Spring Events.....Prom....Graduation!!!*

# 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

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



### 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




Join the Remind



## Gamer's Club

Hosted in: **E124**

We have Board Games & Videogames

WEDNESDAYS During Lunch

More Info: [jason.rodriguez@houstonisd.org](mailto: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)

# 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!

**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)

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)**

# It's a Great Day to be a Wolf!

# 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 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 (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.



## 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!**

# WOLVES

# THRIVE!

# 23/24 Bell Schedule

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



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## ENERGIZE!

### Follow Us on Social Media



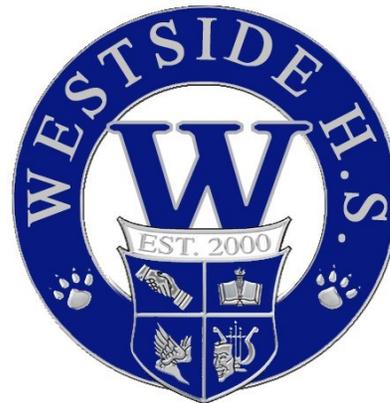
Facebook: Westside High School



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>