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from Westside High School

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January 8, 2024

Save the Date for Showcase

All students and families interested in learning more about Westside's offerings are invited to our Showcase on January 18, from 5-7 PM. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors!

**WESTSIDE'S
SHOWCASE**
OPEN HOUSE EVENING EVENT

For ALL 8th and 9th grade students - zoned and magnet - and families!

Thursday, January 18, 2024
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Meet the Principal
Check out our
Academics
Magnet Programs
Athletics
Fine Arts
Clubs
Enjoy Student Performances



www.westsidewolves.org
Westside High School 14201 Briar Forest Drive

Calendar

January 15
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday, No School

January 16-18
Interim STAAR Testing

January 18
Westside's Showcase,
5-7 PM

January 20
Attendance Appeal Reg-
istration, 8:00 AM

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Altered Bell Schedule for Interim Testing January 16-18 (Subject to Adjustments as Needed)

Non-Testers

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45 am – 9:15 am	1 st period	1 st period	2 nd period	1 st p: 7:45 – 8:38
9:20 am – 10:50 am	2 nd period	3 rd period	3 rd period	2 nd p: 8:43 – 9:38
10:55 am – 11:55 am	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	3 rd p: 9:43- 10:36
12:05 pm – 1:35 pm	4 th period	5 th period	4 th period	4 th p: 10:41 – 11:34
1:40 pm – 3:25 pm	6 th period	7 th period	6 th period	Lunch: 11:38 – 12:31
				5 th p: 12:36 – 1:29
				6 th p: 1:34 – 2:27
				7 th p: 2:32 – 3:25

Testers

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45 am – 9:15 am	Interim Testing			1 st p: 7:45 – 8:38
9:20 am – 10:50 am	English 1	English 2/Biology	Algebra / USH	2 nd p: 8:43 – 9:38
10:55 am – 11:55 am	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	3 rd p: 9:43- 10:36
12:05 pm – 1:35 pm	4 th period	5 th period	4 th period	4 th p: 10:41 – 11:34
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				7 th p: 2:32 – 3:25

Students enrolled in English I and II, Algebra I, Biology, and US History will be taking interim STAAR exams next week.

General information for testers:

- Testers will need their student ID, charged laptop and charger
 - Report time each day is 7:45 AM

Announcements



Registration

Saturday
January 20
8:00 am

All Grades

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ATTENTION!
DO YOU HAVE NGs ON YOUR REPORT CARD FOR THE FALL SEMESTER 2023?

REGISTRATION FOR ATTENDANCE APPEAL

SATURDAY

JANUARY 20

8:00 AM

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR ATTENDANCE APPEAL BEFORE YOU CAN COMPLETE HOURS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER.




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.

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>

Alumni Breakfast 2024



On January 5th, Westside welcomed alumni back to the pack for our annual Alumni Breakfast. Students from as far back as Class of 2007 attended, despite the rain and the early hour.

The former students have attended universities and colleges near and far, including HCC, UH, UT, TAMU, SFA, Houston Christian University, Brigham Young University, Virginia Tech, De Paul



University and more. Their areas of study include Nursing, Art, Theatre, Math, Publishing, Business, Finance, Engineering, Computer Science, History, and Pre-Med.

Thanks to all of the alumni for coming back and reconnecting. Thanks also to our PTO for organizing and hosting this annual event. Once a Wolf, always a Wolf!

Announcements

Westside Wolves Lacrosse

2024 SEASON KICKOFF

Join us to finalize your spring registration, get your questions answered, and support our Westside Wolves!

January 11th, 6pm
@Flip 'n Patties

Westside High School

SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

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 Westside High School

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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*

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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

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

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 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 Schoolinks account and be found the by following these steps: [Digital Resources](#) > [Schoolinks](#) > [Finances](#) > [Scholarship Matching](#)

Testing:

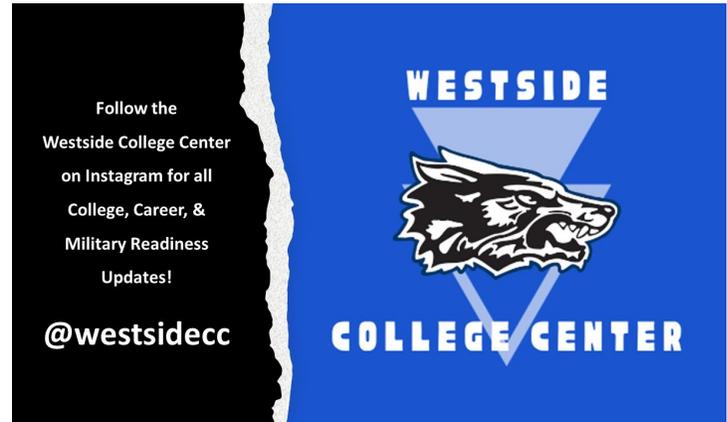
SAT for Seniors - There are still several opportunities for seniors to take the SAT and/or ACT this school year! While many schools remain test optional, meaning SAT test scores are not required to be sent as part of the admissions process, a school may still ask for a student's test scores to determine 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 Schoolinks 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.



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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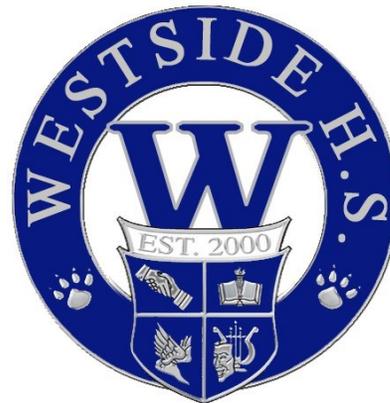
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