

International Festival Sponsored by Student Council

Students are invited to participate in Westside's 2024 iFest (International Festival). Come and explore the array of cultures represented at Westside by enjoying music, performances, games and activities. Admission is free. You can purchase a \$5 wristband for food on SchoolPay <u>here</u>.



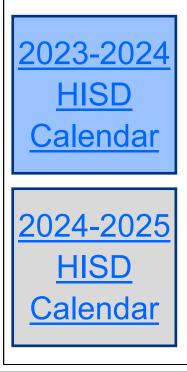
March 19, 2024

<u>Calendar</u>

March 25 Chavez-Huerta Holiday, No School

March 29 Spring Holiday, No School

April 10 Spring Holiday, No School



HCC/Dual Credit

Westside Houston Community College Dual Credit program is now accepting paperwork for the 2024-2025 school year.

12th Grade Courses offered:

- ENGL 1301/1302
- English 4

11th Grade Courses Offered:

- HIST 1301/1302
- U. S. History

After you take PreCal at Westside HS:

- MATH 1314/1316
- College Algebra and Trig (CANNOT count as your 4th year of required math)

Science or Elective Credit:

- GEOL 1305/1345
- Environmental Science/Oceanography

NEW CLASSES FOR 2024-5 – we are looking into adding new courses!

- American Sign Language
- Economics
- Business Law

For more information and required forms, click <u>HERE</u> to go to the Westside Homepage and then go to "Dual Credit" under Current Headlines.

Paper copies of forms are available in the Library and in all house offices.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Matlock at smalock@houstonisd.org.

Wolf Band:

Prior to Spring Break, members of the Wolf Band competed in the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest with outstanding results! We are proud to announce that EVERY single Wolf Band performer (57 entries!) earned either a **Superior** or **Excellent** rating from their UIL judge! Of our 57 events, 49 brought home medals for their outstanding performances! In addition, 12 of those medalists performed their music **by memory** resulting in TWELVE State Qualifiers! Congratulations to our outstanding students!

Medalists and State Qualifiers:

Eliana Ardon **Emilie Meiller** Rubi Rivera David Awa-Gabriel Calvin Hensley Khoi Hoang Maya Kandala Eloy Pinango Laura Fernandes Javion Lyons Noah Perez Amelita Reyna Jacky Rodriguez Maya Vantoto Ethan Scowcroft Roland Delgado Siddharth Agarwala - STATE QUALIFIER Davet Cabrera - STATE QUALIFIER

Isabella Coronado - STATE QUALIFIER Gabriel Eljach lan Lu Levi Ary **Dia Dagher** Adrian Pardo - STATE QUALIFIER John Ducoing Jacob Layfield Angel Mandujano Ivan Miranda Sarah Breunig - STATE QUALIFIER Adam Codina Kai Mahone - STATE QUALIFIER Caitlynn Smith Maria Krylova Noah Scowcroft Ann Seiler Joshua Wickman - STATE QUALIFIER

Sophia Heinzelman Liam Mahone - STATE QUALIFIER Varun Krishnan Diego Cepeda Sean Limon Prem Ramchandani - STATE QUALIFIER Luke Castro - STATE QUALIFIER Elle Duncan - STATE QUALIFIER Sebastian Esquivel - STATE QUALIFIER Daniel Martinez - STATE QUALIFIER Daniel Nelson-Evbuomwan - STATE QUALIFIER Samantha Vu







Girls Soccer:

Last week the varsity girls soccer team beat Westbury by a score of 8-0 and then played Sam Houston on Senior Night and got the 5-0 win with Senior Sophia Powell scoring the fastest goal in Westside Soccer history 30 seconds into the game. During Senior Night we honored our four seniors Barbara Nunez, Daniela Ordaz, Sophia Powell, and Kayla Tzoc for their commitment to the program. Earlier in the week Sophomore Striker Sophia Wilkinson was named to the Houston Chronicle girls' soccer top performers for her play which resulted in five goals and three assists in two district games. Next up for the Lady Wolves is a playoff game vs. Stratford High School. Go Wolves!!



Baseball News:

The Westside Wolves Baseball Team swept Chavez HS and are 2-0 in District play.

Anthony Hanley, Tayte Barrow, and Riggs McKay all had 3 hits. Anthony Hanley had a triple and 2 RBI's.

Jacob Murillo, Nathan Roden, and Deuce Abel all had 2 hits. Nathan Roden had a double and 5 RBI's.

Jacob Murill had a double and 4 RBI's.

The Wolves play Lamar this week at Delmar Stadium. Tuesday and Friday, both at 5:00 PM.

Let's Go, Wolves!

Band Students Represent at National Competition:

Congratulations to Liam and Kai Mahone who represented Westside High School in the recentlyformed Clutch City Brass Quintet. Last weekend they were invited to Austin as Semi-finalists in the 11th Annual National Coltman Chamber Music Competition. Out of 143 applicants from across the country, they ranked in the top three brass ensembles.



(Photo: Kai Mahone (2nd from left), Liam Mahone (center)



Alumni Spotlight

Sophomore Emma Minnock and her mom were honored to meet Westside alum, Trey Curtis, class of 2014. Trey is starring as Alexander Hamilton in the musical "Hamilton" on Broadway in New York City. After enjoying the performance during their Spring Break trip, Emma and her mom shared, "Needless to say, he was phenomenal; we were excited to meet him at the end of the show!"



Senior Bowling Night

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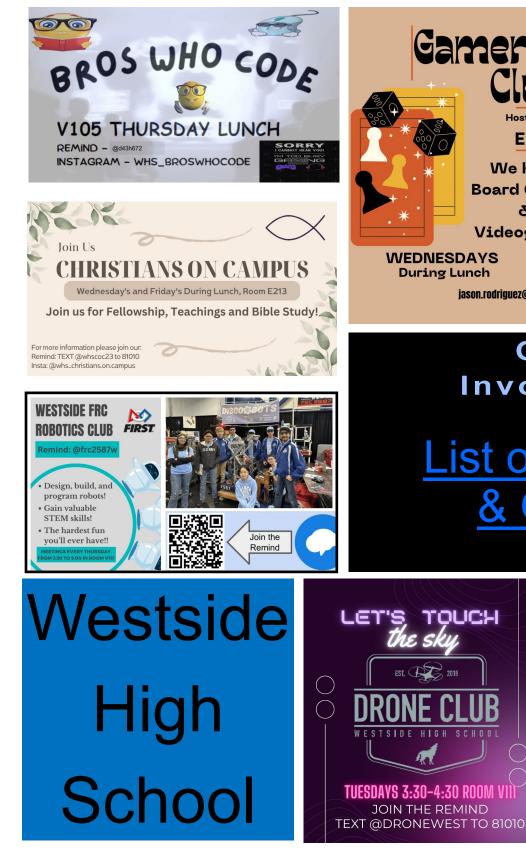
Before Spring Break, seniors participated in the first ever Senior Bowling Night. Special thanks to the PTO for helping to organize such a fun event for the seniors.



Announcements



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WEDNESDAYS **During Lunch** More Info: iason.rodriguez@houstonisd.org

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Get Involved!

List of Clubs **C**QS

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

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Financial aid:

FAFSA - While <u>FAFSA</u> traditionally becomes available every October, due to major changes to the application and website, the 2024-2025 FAFSA application will not be made available <u>until December 2023</u>. 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 <u>TASFA</u> 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 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 <u>Seniors</u> - 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 <u>here</u> to find upcoming test dates for the 2023-2024 academic year.

College and Career Planning:

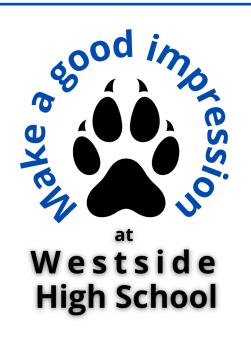
 College Center Advisors are currently presenting in all Senior English 4 classes to discuss all things related to the college application process and Schoolinks account setup/utilization.

- 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.



Save the Date!!!





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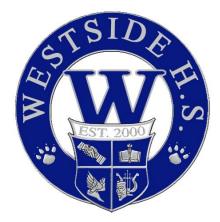


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