



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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November 13, 2023

## Family Friendly School: Certification Program



Westside is going for platinum for the 23/24 school year! Thank you to Ms. Beaty and Ms. Ringo from HISD's Family & Community Engagement Department for facilitating our Parent Walkthrough last week.

## Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving Break



## Calendar

**November 18**  
Saturday Tutorials,  
9 AM-12 Noon

**November 20-24**  
Thanksgiving Break

**December 4-8**  
STAAR Re-Testing

**Dec. 22-Jan. 5**  
Winter Break for  
Students

2023-  
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## School News

### Wolf Band:

This Summer, Liam Mahone (trombone) and Kai Mahone (trumpet) auditioned for placement in the Houston Youth Symphony, and we're excited to announce they have earned spots in their respective sections for the 23-24 season. Their concerts will be on:

12/16/2023  
2/4/2024  
2/24/2024  
5/5/2024

Please join us in congratulating them both on their distinguished musical achievement and for representing Westside High School Fine Arts at such a high level!



### Wrestling:

The #6 Westside Wolves got off to a great start to kickoff their season, going 3-0 for the week.

Thursday the Wolves beat the returning prep State Champions, St. John's, 42-36.

Friday night Westside welcomed Cy Creek and Brazoswood and sent them both home with a loss, beating Brazoswood 42-36 and Cy Creek 48-32.

#### Wrestlers of the Week

Varsity Boys- Xavier Royere  
Varsity Girls- Madison Nguyen  
Junior Varsity- Elijah McGinty

### Boys Basketball:

Let's go, Wolves! The Westside Boys Basketball Program kicked the season off on the right foot! The Freshmen, JV and Varsity all won their season openers against The Village School. The Freshmen and JV teams won in blowout fashion, and the Varsity team was forced to grind their way to a 17-point win against a very talented and well-coached team.

Over the weekend, the Varsity defeated The Kincaid School 57-24. Boys basketball is back in action this week on Wednesday at Westside versus St. John XXIII. The JV will play at 5:00pm and the Varsity will follow at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!!

## Announcements

### Join us for the Title I Meeting

Learn more about Title I

**November 16 at 11:30 AM**



<https://msteams.link/9GBQ>

**November 17 at 6:00 PM**



<https://msteams.link/6BVN>

Note: You will need your child's log-in credentials (ID and password) to attend.

**WESTSIDE**



**WOLVES**



### VOLLEYBALL ALL DISTRICT HONORS

#### FIRST TEAM

NUBIA NANGNE	SETTER
PAYTON COLLINS	OUTSIDE HITTER
JADA COOPER	OUTSIDE HITTER
ABISOLA ADEBAYO	MIDDLE BLOCKER

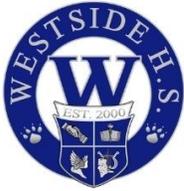
#### SECOND TEAM

KYYA HALEY	MIDDLE BLOCKER
KAYLYNN LAMAR	OPPOSITE

#### HONORABLE MENTION

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## Announcements



# 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.

## Announcements

### TSIA2

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0, better known as the TSIA2, is a series of placement tests for students who plan to enroll in Texas public colleges & universities. These tests help Texas schools determine whether a current high school senior is ready for college-level courses in reading, writing, and math upon their college enrollment.

Students are **not** required to take the TSI if they have met college readiness standards through the SAT or successfully completed a high school college preparatory course. Students are recommended to contact the college they will be attending to see if they need to take the TSI. SAT Score Exemptions are as follows: Evidence-based Reading & Writing: 480 and Math: 530

In the case that a student does not pass one or all parts (reading, writing and math) of the TSI, they will be required to enroll in developmental education classes during their freshman year of college and must pass the course before being able to move onto their additional required college-level courses, such as College Algebra and English Composition. These developmental courses are "Credit/No Credit" only, meaning they do not count towards a student's college GPA, and they are also not covered by financial aid.

To determine if your student will need to take the TSI, have them log into their [College Board](#) account to view their SAT scores. If a student is unable to login and/or needs to reset their account, contact College Board Customer Service at 866-756-7346. It is highly recommended that students use their personal email addresses for their account as they will lose access to their HISD email following graduation.

Questions? Contact: **Abby Paredes**

281-920-8000 (College Center) Ext. 036153 | [Abigail.Paredes@houstonisd.org](mailto:Abigail.Paredes@houstonisd.org) (Email)

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>

# College Center Announcements for Seniors

## 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.

# Announcements

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25 YEARS 1999-2024

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BLACK COLLEGE EXPO

COLLEGE IS AN OPTION FOR YOU

NOVEMBER 18, 2023  
at NRG CENTER  
10AM - 5PM

**WE OFFER:**

- MEET WITH OVER 50 COLLEGES
- GET ACCEPTED ON THE SPOT
- SCHOLARSHIPS ON THE SPOT
- APPLICATION FEES WAIVED
- SEMINARS
- SURPRISE CELEBRITY GUESTS
- WIN CASH & PRIZES

WIN A SCHOLARSHIP - DEADLINE 11/16/23  
Info at: [NCRFoundation.org/Scholarship](http://NCRFoundation.org/Scholarship)  
REGISTER TODAY AT:  
[NCRFOUNDATION.ORG/EVENTS](http://NCRFOUNDATION.ORG/EVENTS)  
Register your group

Follow the Westside College Center on Instagram for all College, Career, & Military Readiness Updates!

@westsidecc

**WESTSIDE COLLEGE CENTER**

**NEED TO SEND AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT?**

**STEP 1:**

- Setup your Schoolinks account (Digital Resources --> Search "Schoolinks")
- Add the colleges you will be applying to under "Final List" AND "College Applications"
- Waive your FERPA rights on Schoolinks AND CommonApp (if applicable)

**STEP 2:**

- Fill out the yellow "Transcript Request Form" in A205
- Pay \$1-\$2 per transcript you are sending. Allow up to 3 business days for the request to be completed.

# SENIOR FUNDRAISER

Delivery: Nov 16!!  
Pick up items in the Commons

Delicious

SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

# ORDER A YEARBOOK

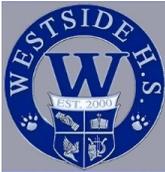
YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW  
**LIKE, RIGHT NOW**

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

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# Announcements



THE WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
WIND ENSEMBLE  
PRESENTS A

## CHAMBER CONCERT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH 2023  
6:00PM  
MINI-THEATER  
FREE ADMISSION



### 2023-2024

The PTO Welcomes All New and  
Returning Westside Families!

WHS PTO Website



Scan using your camera

VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE  
TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT THE  
WESTSIDE PTO!

We need  
your  
support!

#### WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- JOIN THE PTO!
- VOLUNTEER!
- DONATE!
- SHOP OUR STORE!
- ATTEND MEETINGS!

Join and  
become  
a PTO member  
today!

WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG

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

### 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!

# Announcements

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

## SATURDAY TUTORIALS



**NOV**

November 18, 2023  
(last opportunity to make up work before cycle 2 grades are posted!)

9-12 PM



**DEC**

December 2, 2023  
December 9, 2023  
December 16, 2023  
(Review for finals!)

9-12 PM

OTHER COURSES OFFERED

SAT PREP	TSIA REVIEW	STAAR SUPPORT	ESL COURSES
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- English 1
- English 2
- English 3
- English 4
- AP Lang
- AP Lit
- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Pre-Cal
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- World Geo.
- World History
- U.S. History
- APUSH

Cady Photography 11340 Richmond Ave. Houston, Texas 77082 (281)631-5599  
www.home.cady.com

## SENIOR PORTRAITS




Reminder




As of November 1st, you only have 2 months left to take your portrait so it will appear in 2024 Yearbook

### Book today!

Pictured: 2023 Westside graduates, Michaya Young, Sean Parascam, Citalily Ortega, Alexander Morales

Questions: Contact Ms. Roberts in A216 or on TEAMS or EMAIL [srobert2@houstonisd.org](mailto:srobert2@houstonisd.org)

## EARN \$6,000 NEXT SUMMER AND GET COLLEGE-READY

Learn how to code with us!

Code2College offers a **FREE** 9-week after-school program where our mentors teach you how to code and provide ongoing professional development.

Start in Spring 2024 to possibly enter a **paid, technical internship** in **Summer 2024!**

**WHY SIGN UP?**

- No prior coding experience necessary!
- Enhance your **college application** and learn technical and professional skills
- Intern for a top company like **YETI, Atlassian, Indeed** or one of forty Code2College partners and make a minimum of **\$6,000!**



**COURSE LOGISTICS**

- **Dates:** January 8 - March 7, 2024
- **Location:** Virtual and in-person in Pflugerville ISD, Manor ISD, Round Rock ISD and Austin ISD
- **Time Commitment:** 1 hour, 2x per week (M/W OR T/Th)
- **Class times:**
  - Virtual: 4 - 5 PM or 5 - 6 PM CT
  - In-Person: After school & varies based on school release time

Talent is universal. Opportunity is not.

## APPLY TODAY!

Use the QR Code to access our application

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

MONDAY, DEC 4th at 11:59 pm CST

[Code2College.org/studentapp/](https://code2college.org/studentapp/)



# Get Involved!

# WESTSIDE



# WOLVES

WESTSIDE GIRLS SOCCER

# GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

**NOVEMBER 27 - NOVEMBER 28**  
**MON - TUES**  
**TIME: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**



SCAN ME



**REQUIREMENTS: DUE BY 11/17**

- ✓ MUST BE PASSING ALL CLASSES!
- ✓ MUST HAVE AN OFFICIAL 23-24 STAMPED PHYSICAL ON FILE
- ✓ MUST HAVE REGISTER MY ATHLETE PAPERWORK COMPLETED

**2023-2024**

@WESTSIDESOC      WESTSIDESOCCER

*Calling all athletes!!*

## FCA Initial Huddle

When: 7:00am Tuesday, November 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Where: Small Gym

Who: All is welcome

*"Confidence through Christ"*



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CHRISTIAN  
ATHLETES**

*The heart and soul in sports®*

## ARE YOU CALLED?



# TEAM FCA

YOUR CALL TO CHRIST IN SPORTS



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

# Get Involved!

## Operation Smile Club

Every three minutes a child is born with a cleft lip or cleft palate. Operation Smile is an international medical charity that provides free surgeries for children and young adults born with facial deformities. This semester marks the beginning of the Operation Smile Club at Westside so we, as a community, can help.



**First Meeting: 1st Half of Lunch: Monday, October 30th**  
 Instagram: whs\_smileclub  
 Remind: whsope

**Room: S225**



Operation Smile

## 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)



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



## 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



A club supporting feminism and discussing our love of pink!

**BIWEEKLY**

**OCTOBER 4 & 18**    **NOVEMBER 1, 18 & 29**  
**DECEMBER 13**

**PINK CLUB** N130  
 the future is pink!

more information at @whspinkclub on instagram!



## 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 2:30 TO 5:00 IN ROOM VIII!



Join the Remind



## Let's Go Westside!

## 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)



# Get Involved!

## List of Clubs & Orgs

# 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



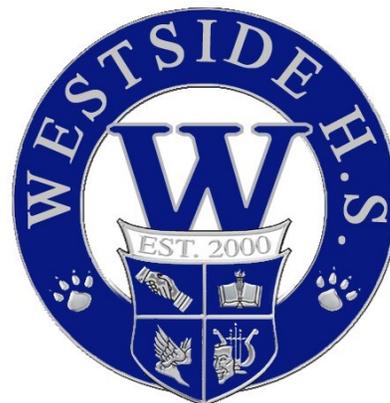
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Instagram: gowestsidewolves



Twitter: @westsidehigh



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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>