

WOLF E-NEWS

from Westside High School

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Upcoming Testing

Parents and Guardians! Please see page 2 for details regarding upcoming testing:

- **NWEA MAP BOY assessments:** For all students in Algebra, English I, English II, and Biology will participate in taking the assessment during their class time on Wednesday and/or Thursday. It will be imperative that all students bring their laptop with the charger to take the assessment.
- **PSAT**
- **ASVAB**

September 19, 2023

Calendar

September 25
Fall Holiday, No School

September 29
End of Cycle 1

October 3
Coffee with the Principal, 8:30 AM

October 13
Staff Professional Development, No School for Students

PTO GENERAL MEETING

Please join us! One of our primary functions of the PTO is providing communication to parents on what's going on at the school. We need your participation to provide feedback and work together with the school to keep Westside a top performing school. Come and find out more!

At our meeting, you'll have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Discuss issues that matter to you
- ✓ Share your ideas and suggestions

**THURSDAY
21 SEP
2023
AT 6:30 PM
\$100**

WHS PTO Website

Scan using your camera

UPDATED!

2023-2024

HISD
Calendar

Upcoming Testing

MAP Growth Testing

Date: September 20 – 22

Audience: All English I, English II, Biology, and Algebra I students & STAAR re-testers in those subjects

Parent Information: <https://www.nwea.org/family-toolkit/>

Students will be tested during their class time and need a charged laptop to participate in testing.

PSAT 9 & PSAT/NMSQT

Date: October 11

Audience: All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students

Parent Information: <https://blog.collegeboard.org/parents-guide-psat-nmsqt>

Students should: arrive at school no later than 7:30

Bring the following items: Photo ID, Calculator, Laptop and charger (the test is all done digitally)

We recommend that phones be left home, but if they must be brought to campus, students should be prepared to turn them in to their proctor before testing.

For security reasons and to prevent disruptions on test day, no visitors are allowed on campus during testing.

Please note that we can only accommodate 11th grade homeschooled students at this time.

ASVAB Career Exploration Program at Westside High School - sign-up by 11/3

Westside High School is very excited to announce our partnership with the [ASVAB Career Exploration Program](#), a free career planning tool.

Participation in the ASVAB Career Exploration Program is optional and **open to any WHS student in grades 11 & 12 who are not sure about what they want to do after high school**. Taking the ASVAB test does not commit students to the military in any way.

Click [here](#) to register for the test by **November 3rd**.

Test Date:	Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Location:	TBD
Time:	7:45 am
Length of Test:	3 hours

To view Frequently Asked Questions about the program, please click [here](#).

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanics: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America.

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



Football Game, Saturday, 9/16



Announcements

Westside Policy Updates/Reminders:

- Note: Vendoland is no longer open
 - * Students may get food in the cafeteria (regular lunch is free)
 - * Or bring lunch from home
 - * No food deliveries via apps (DoorDash, UberEats, etc)
- No Visitors in the Building Before 8:00 AM
- No Drop-Offs/Pick Ups in Horseshoe Driveway
- For Special Needs Students Only
 - Drop-Offs in the AM in the Bus Lane
 - Pick-Ups in the Afternoon—may use the horseshoe driveway if displaying school-issued access pass

WESTSIDE SCHOOL STORE

A SERVICE PROVIDED BY PTO

HOURS:

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

DURING LUNCH

&

3:30 - 5:00 PM



QUESTIONS: WHSPTOSTORE@GMAIL.COM

Announcements

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

Learn how to code with us!

Code2College offers a **FREE** 9-month after-school program where our mentors teach you how to code and provide ongoing professional development. Start in Fall 2023 to 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:** September 20th - November 16th
- **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, SEPT 18
Code2College.org/studentapp/






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College is an Option

COLLEGE 101: BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



A Chi Omicron Omega Signature Program

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023	9 AM-12PM
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ALIEF TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL
7555 HOWELL SUGAR LAND RD. HOUSTON, TX 77083

To register click on the link: <https://rb.gy/j8w75>



For more information please contact: ciaocoq@gmail.com

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!

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

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WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the WOLVES



Announcements



The poster features a dark blue background with various sports-themed illustrations: a football, a basketball, a soccer ball, and a football field with yard lines. The Westside High School logo is prominently displayed at the top center. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the main title in a large, white, cursive font. The event details are separated by horizontal lines.

WESTSIDE H.S.
EST. 2000

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Homecoming
Save the Date

PARADE
October 12, 2023

GAME
October 13, 2023 | Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.
Delmar Stadium

DANCE
October 14, 2023
Westside Commons

Announcements

PARENTS WE NEED YOU!!!
HOMECOMING COMMITTEE
PLANNING MEETINGS:

SEP	SEP	OCT
19	26	10
6:30 PM		

WHS PTO needs parents to help with the Homecoming Dance! Please join the homecoming committee at one of our upcoming planning meetings

Meet at Westside Commons

Contact Jill Arntz
(713) 806-2794
jill@jarntzlaw.com



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Westside Student Media

HOWLER NEWS

"We tell Westside's stories."



GOT YEARBOOK?

New Year, New Stories!

For the 2023-24 school year, Westside will be working with Herff Jones to publish your annual Canidae Yearbook. Books are now available for pre-order. With a large staff of 40 Westside students, grades 9 to 12, the **2024** book expects to feature more students, more events, and more school spirit. Don't be left out! Pre-order books are **\$85**. Name plates and icons can be included for an additional fee.

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR SENIOR PORTRAITS?

Class of 2024. Its your year!

Westside is proud to announce that Cady is our official photography company for the 23-24 school year.

Seniors book your appointments today for a full service photography experience.

There are a variety of packages available, each includes your formal yearbook portrait.



The **Cady Photography** studio is located on 11340 Richmond Ave. Houston, 77082



Order your Yearbook 2024

Questions?

Contact:

Sharon Roberts

srobert2@houstonisd.org

Book Senior Portrait 2024



College Center News

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

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:

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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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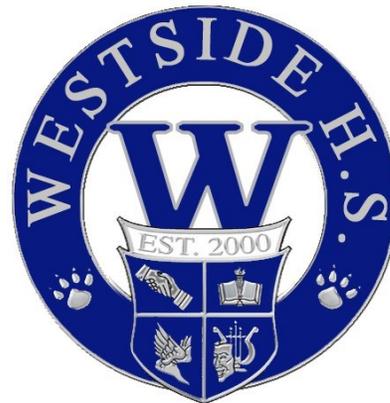
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