



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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Info for you!

April 21, 2025

## Upcoming Testing Dates:

(See Altered Bell Schedule on p. 2  
for STAAR / Week of 4/21/25 )

**April 23: STAAR Biology**

**April 29: STAAR Algebra**

**May 5-16: AP Exams**

## Calendar

**April 26**  
Saturday Tutorials,  
9 AM-12 Noon

**May 2**  
Staff Professional Development Day, No School

**May 26**  
Memorial Day Holiday, No School

## *April PTO meeting:*

Dear Parents and Teachers,  
Thank you to all those that came to our general PTO meeting help us vote in the next year's board. Your engagement and support are vital to our community's success.

*Welcome your 2025-2026 PTO Board:*

PRESIDENT - MEYCY ZAPATA  
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# STAAR Information & Bell Schedule Week of 4/21/25

**Biology STAAR** takes place on **April 23**

**Testing begins at 7:45 AM**

**Location:** Students will receive a paper notification which indicates their test room; a digital room look-up is also located in the school's Canvas site.

To help your child do their best, please make sure they:

- Get a good night's sleep before testing
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Arrive to school **on time (by 7:30)**

Bring their **fully charged Chromebook** and **photo ID (School or state-issued)**

Please note: Cell phones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices **are not allowed** during testing; students must turn them in to the test administrator. If you have any questions, please contact your student's

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## HCC Dual Credit Program

The Westside Houston Community College Dual Credit program is now accepting paperwork for the 2025-2026 school year. **For more information, click [HERE](#) . Paper copies available in the Library. Deadline 5/9/25.**

**Courses offered:**

**ENGL 1301/1302**

English 4  
12th grade

**HIST 1301/1302**

U.S. History  
11th grade

**GEOL 1301 (Earth Science) & GEOL 1345 (Intro to Oceanography)**

11th or 12th grade  
Science or elective credit

**ECON 2301**

12th grade  
One semester economics credit

**For more information, please contact Mrs. Matlock at [smatlock@houstonisd.org](mailto:smatlock@houstonisd.org)**

# School News



*Save the Date!!*

**CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 7 @ 6:00 PM**  
**NRG STADIUM**

**NO TICKETS REQUIRED**  
**NO LIMIT ON NUMBER OF GUESTS**



# *Saturday Tutorials*

**April 26**  
**May 3, 10, 17 & 31**

**9 AM-12 Noon**

- Enter via main doors from horseshoe driveway on Briar Forest
- Wear school-appropriate attire
- Bring IDs, assignments & charged laptops



## Incoming Student Course Selection

For incoming zoned and transfer students and families who have NOT completed Westside course selection at their middle school

**May 3, 2025**  
**9:00 - 11:00 am**

**Meet with Deans to choose your courses for the 2025-6 school year.**

Can't make it?  
 You may also book a one-on-one appointment. Scan the QR code to book your virtual appointment

Questions? Contact Stephanie Matlock at [smatlock@houstonisd.org](mailto:smatlock@houstonisd.org)  
 Westside High School 14201 Briar Forest Drive



# School News & Announcements



Congratulations to Westside Senior, Hannah Cole, recipient of a **Reliant Scholarship for Champions**. Sponsored by Reliant and the Houston Texans, Hannah is one of six Houston-area students receiving a \$10,000 award toward college for exhibiting remarkable leadership in the classroom, on the field, and in the community. Proud of our Wolf!

THE HISD GIFTED & TALENTED DEPARTMENT PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

# DISTRICT G/T EXPO

**GIFTED & THRIVING:**  
BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF EXCELLENCE

MAY 8

HISD Delmar Fieldhouse  
2020 Mangum Road  
Houston, TX 77092  
6 PM-8 PM

Join us for the exciting annual G/T Expo hosted by HISD's Gifted and Talented Department! This dynamic event will showcase the exceptional projects created by G/T students throughout the school year.

Over **130+** Schools represented

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES  
FREE ADMISSION  
PARKING AVAILABLE

For more information please contact the G/T Dept at: **713-556-6954** [GiftedAndTalented@houstonisd.org](mailto:GiftedAndTalented@houstonisd.org)

EL DEPARTAMENTO DE SUPERDOTADOS Y TALENTOSOS DE HISD PRESENTA SU INFORME ANUAL

# EXPO DEL DISTRITO G/T

**DOTADOS Y PRÓSPEROS:**  
CONSTRUYENDO COMUNIDADES DE EXCELENCIA

PUEDE 8

Estadio Delmar de HISD  
2020 Mangum Road,  
Houston, TX 77092  
6 p. m. a 8 p. m.

¡Únase a nosotros en la emocionante Expo de anual para Estudiantes Dotados y Talentosos (G/T) organizada por el Departamento de Estudiantes Dotados y Talentosos de HISD! Este dinámico evento presentará los proyectos excepcionales creados por estudiantes G/T a lo largo del año escolar.

Encima **130+** Escuelas representado

• ABIERTO A TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES Y FAMILIAS  
• ENTRADA GRATIS  
• ESTACIONAMIENTO DISPONIBLE

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Departamento G/T en: **713-556-6954** [GiftedAndTalented@houstonisd.org](mailto:GiftedAndTalented@houstonisd.org)

# Announcements

*Parent Testimonials Needed*



**Westside Parent**  
FACE (Family and Community Engagement) wants your feedback.

Share a testimonial of something great happening at Westside that your family has experienced.  
(Ex: Love all the club options for my kiddo)

Email your testimonial to [whsptovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:whsptovolunteers@gmail.com)  
Subject: Westside Family Parent Testimonial



**WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PTO PRESENTS**

*Spring*  
**FRIDAYS AT**

**Chick-fil-A**

APRIL  
**FRIDAY | 25 | 2025** | AT 5:00PM - 8:00PM

13412 Briar Forest Dr.  
*Make sure to mention Westside PTO*

**WESTSIDE**



**WOLVES**



**WESTSIDE H.S.**  
ESTD 2000

**Join the Team!**

Please complete this form for next year's opportunities.



**Scan Me!**

Contact:  
Meycy Zapata  
[whspto.xpmembership@gmail.com](mailto:whspto.xpmembership@gmail.com)  
for any questions.

## School Announcements



# JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER

at 

Join us at the Raising Cane's at  
**1105 N. Dairy Ashford Rd Houston, Tx 77079**  
 on **Friday April 25th, 2025**  
 from **4:00PM - 9:00PM**  
 and mention the fundraiser at the register, and  
 Cane's will **donate 15% of the Net Sales\*** to:

### Westside High School Cheer

*Raising Funds with Raising Cane's*

Minimum donation amount will be 15% of net sales\* from your purchase donated directly to the participating organization. Not valid on mobile app, online or kiosk orders. \*Net Sales\* means the selling price of regularly inventoried merchandise, food, and beverages sold during the event for the purpose of supporting your organization, excluding special or limited time offers, discounts, returns, and taxes.

Learn more about how we can support you at [CanesAndCommunity.com](https://CanesAndCommunity.com)

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# DEBATE TOURNAMENT

## Judges needed!



### SCAN THE QR

Open to all students!  
 Volunteers must attend a training session to be able to judge  
 Four shifts available

### BENEFITS

- Volunteer hours available!
- Food provided!

## APRIL 26TH

7:30-9:30

### INFORMATION

For more information, contact Ms. Barbosa in the library



Code2College offers a 15-month after-school enrichment program focused on preparing you for a future in STEM.

**When**

- Tuesday, June 3, 2025 - Thursday, July 17, 2025
- No classes the week of June 30th for the 4th of July holiday
- Classes are 1.5 hours/day and meet T/W/Th

**Where**

- In-Person Classes (depending on location) or Virtual

**Benefits**

- Develop industry relevant experience
- Build your professional network
- Gain technical experience before college

**Earn up to \$6,000 Next Summer & Learn to Code for FREE!**

**You:** Commit 4.5 hours/week to summer coding classes and 2 hours/month for professional development

**Code2College:** Provide targeted support, development and (if you're successful) placement into a paid, Summer internship in Tech

**APPLY NOW!**  
 Early Decision Application Deadline: Monday, December 9th, at 9am CST  
 Regular Decision Application Deadline: Monday, April 21st, at 9am CST



**500+** HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS PLACED AT PAID, TECHNICAL SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

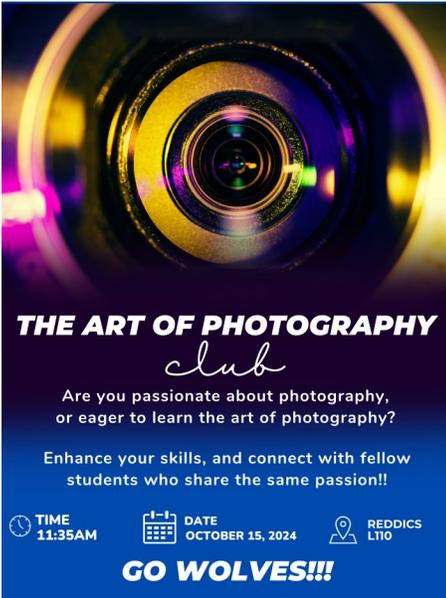
**1,000+** CODE2COLLEGE ALUMNI ATTENDING 4-YEAR STEM UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE

**20+** CODE2COLLEGE HS PROGRAM ALUMNI WHO ARE NOW FULL-TIME SOFTWARE ENGINEERS (POST-COLLEGE)

**Questions?**  
 [info@Code2College.org](mailto:info@Code2College.org)

# Westside High School Home of the Wolves!

# Get Involved!



**THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY**  
*club*

Are you passionate about photography, or eager to learn the art of photography?

Enhance your skills, and connect with fellow students who share the same passion!!

TIME 11:35AM    DATE OCTOBER 15, 2024    REDDICS L110

**GO WOLVES!!!**



**Gamer's Club**

Hosted In: **E130**

We have **board games** and **Videogames**

**WEDNESDAYS DURING LUNCH**



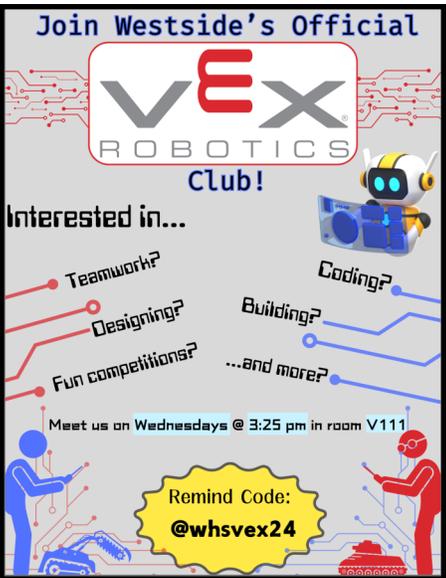
**DRONE Club**

**TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 ROOM V111**

**What we offer**

- ▶ Piloting Skills
- ▶ Coding Skills
- ▶ Team Work

Join Remind @dronewest



Join Westside's Official **VEX ROBOTICS Club!**

Interested in...

- Teamwork?
- Designing?
- Fun competitions?
- Coding?
- Building?
- ...and more?

Meet us on **Wednesdays @ 3:25 pm** in room **V111**

Remind Code: **@whsvex24**



Want to write better? Want to share your stories? Join NOW!

*Westside Writers*

Every Friday:  
**11:30 am - 12:05 pm**  
Room: N130  
First meeting - October 11th



Welcome to **UIL-SCIENCE CLUB**

Ms. Akhter L204

Come Join UIL Science Club every Friday 2nd Half of Lunch!



**CODING CLUB!**

REMIN D CODE: **wrcode25**

**WHAT WE DO**  
Meet together with fellow peers intrested in coding. Solve problems while working with one another to test skills and practice new languages

**WHERE TO FIND US?**  
Meetings happen every Thursday in N225 during lunch.

**Start**



**!Crafting Club!**

Need a place to unwind and design? Well join the Crafting Club! Every Monday at Westside High School!

**Meet us Every Monday During Lunch In S222**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Remind : 8fhfggg

## School Information

# Cell Phone Policy

- ❑ Cell phones must be placed in backpack throughout the entire school day.
- ❑ Cell phones are allowed during LUNCH only
- ❑ Failure to follow these guidelines will result in consequences as outlined in the student code of conduct.



**NEW!**

## HEADPHONES PROHIBITED at SCHOOL

Headphones cannot be visible at any time at school



## DRESS CODE



**What to wear:**

**Students must wear ID on Lanyard**  
Must be visible at all times

**Shirts with sleeves**  
Any color/pattern  
Must cover fully in front & back

**Jeans, joggers, leggings, pants**  
Worn at the waist

**Shorts, skirts & dresses**  
Length at least to mid-thigh

**Jackets & Hoodies**  
Worn with a shirt under it, hoods down

**No sleepwear**  
No pajamas, slippers/house shoes, blankets

**No headwear**  
(except for religious purposes)  
No hats, caps, durags, bonnets, bandanas, etc.

**No revealing clothing**  
No tank tops, camis, low-cut tops, crop-tops, biker shorts, sheer or tight-fitting clothing

**No sunglasses**

**No offensive clothing/accessories**  
May not represent or advocate offensive or inappropriate activities/ideologies

RISE TO YOUR POTENTIAL

# LEVEL UP

## School Information

**hazel** **HISD**  
hazel.co

### Hazel Health is here to support your student

With Hazel, your child can get the health care they need, when they need it, at school or at home, via TeleHealth at **no out-of-pocket cost to you.**

**Virtual physical and mental health care for students**

Physical health providers address student needs within minutes

- Cold or flu symptoms
- Headache
- Stomach ache
- Abdominal pain
- Minor injuries
- and more

Licensed therapists help students cope with what they're feeling

- Anxiety
- Academic stress
- Depression
- Bullying
- Change
- and more

Scan to learn more

Learn more and consent for services [my.hazel.co/houstonisd](https://my.hazel.co/houstonisd)

**hazel** **HISD**  
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### Hazel Health está aquí para ayudar a su estudiante

Con Hazel, su hijo puede obtener la atención médica que necesita, cuando la necesita, en la escuela o en el hogar, a través de telesalud **sin costo de bolsillo para usted.**

**Atención virtual de salud física y mental para estudiantes**

Los proveedores de salud física abordan las necesidades de los estudiantes en cuestión de minutos

- Síntomas de resfrío o influenza
- Dolor de cabeza
- Dolor de estómago
- Dolor abdominal
- ¡y mucho más!

Los terapeutas autorizados ayudan a los estudiantes a afrontar lo que sienten

- Ansiedad
- Estrés académico
- Depresión
- Acoso escolar
- Cambios
- ¡y mucho más!

Escanear para aprender más

Todos los servicios se prestan a través de la telemedicina

Obtenga más información y dé su consentimiento para acceder a los servicios. [my.hazel.co/houstonisd](https://my.hazel.co/houstonisd)

## Reminders for Parents/Students:

- The horseshoe driveway at the Main Entrance is reserved for students with special needs during morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal.
- No food deliveries! Door Dash, Uber Eats and all other food delivery services are prohibited.
- No visitors are allowed during the lunch period.



# WESTSIDE 24/25 BELL SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday & Thursday
1st Pd 7:45 - 8:35	1st/2nd Pd 7:45 - 9:25
2nd Pd 8:40 - 9:25	3rd/4th Pd 9:30 - 11:05
3rd Pd 9:30 - 10:15	LUNCH 11:05 - 12:05
4th Pd 10:20 - 11:05	5th/6th Pd 12:10 - 1:45
LUNCH 11:05 - 12:05	7th/8th Pd 1:50 - 3:25
5th Pd 12:10 - 12:55	
6th Pd 1:00 - 1:45	
7th Pd 1:50 - 2:35	
8th Pd 2:40 - 3:25	



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### Follow Us on Social Media



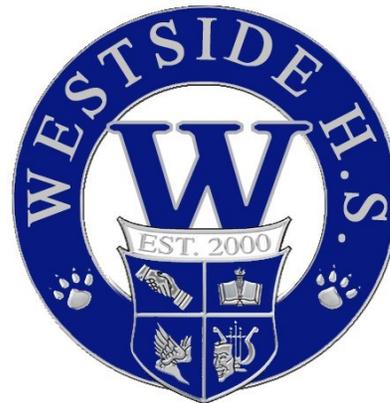
Facebook: Westside High School



Instagram: gowestsidewolves



Twitter: @westsidehigh



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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>