



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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February 10, 2025

Mark Your Calendar

# No School

## February 14

Professional  
Development Day  
&

## February 17

Presidents' Day  
Holiday

## PTO

### General Meeting

### February 19

### 6:30 PM in S100

#### Calendar

**February 14**

No School, Professional  
Development Day

**February 17**

No School, Presidents'  
Day Holiday

**February 19**

PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM  
in S100

**February 22**

Saturday Tutorials

**March 10-14**

Spring Break

**March 31**

Chavez Huerta Day, No  
School

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## Testing Information

### The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) Test

TELPAS is an assessment program developed by the Texas Education Agency for students in Texas public schools who are learning the English language. Texas annually assesses the English language proficiency of students who have been identified as English learners (ELs) in four language domains—listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Testing Window: February 19 – March 7, 2025

Audience: Students identified as English learners

### Spring TSIA2 Testing available at Westside High School for Seniors

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA2) is a series of tests for students enrolling in public colleges and universities in Texas. The tests help Texas schools determine whether a student is ready for college-level courses in the areas of reading, writing, and math.

Not all Texas college students have to take TSIA2. If your student has met college readiness standards on a standardized test like the SAT, they may be [exempt](#). NOTE: SAT Scores are available in your student's [College Board](#) account.

### SAT School Day

SAT® School Day allows states, districts, and schools to offer juniors the opportunity to take the SAT during their regular school day at their home school, expanding access to a globally recognized college admission test.

- Test Date: **Wednesday, April 2, 2025** Audience: All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students
- No registration necessary
- FREE
- Students will need a photo ID and their laptop and charger on test day.

Click here for [more information about the test](#) and here for [practice opportunities and sample questions](#).

## School Announcements

### Pride Dance Team News:

Congratulations to the Pride Dance Team on their 1<sup>st</sup> place wins at the Showmakers competition this past weekend. While competing against other dance teams from all round the greater Houston area, Pride took home first in every category sweeping the competition.

Both the team and the officers were awarded the following awards: showmanship for every routine, technique for officer open and jazz and team spirit and modern, precision for team spirit, and choreography award for officer contemporary and team spirit modern and pom. They also won best in class officers and best in class team, while the team took home the Line of Champions title.

What an amazing start to the season and good luck at your next competition this weekend at Crowd Pleasers Jordan!

## HCC Dual Credit Program

The Westside Houston Community College Dual Credit program is now accepting paperwork for the 2025-2026 school year.

**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, click [HERE](#)

Paper copies of forms also available in the Library

For more information, please contact Mrs. Matlock at [smatlock@houstonisd.org](mailto:smatlock@houstonisd.org) or stop by the Library.

## School Announcements

### Inertia Dance Company News:

The **Inertia Dance Program** dominated at their recent competition, bringing home **multiple top awards!**

- 1st Place Overall District Champion Team**
- Super Sweepstakes Award**
- Outstanding Choreography & Outstanding Technique Awards**

The team also swept **multiple 1st place wins** across various categories, including **Jazz, Contemporary, Hip-Hop, Open, and Novelty**, with standout performances from both **Inertia Dance Company** and **Inertia 2!**

A huge shoutout to our **soloists, duets, trios, and ensembles**, including **Nelly Azocar Luna**, who took **1st place in the Senior Solo Division!** ☐☐

Congratulations to every dancer, coach, and supporter who made this possible.

## School News

### Wrestling News:



For the 25th consecutive year, Westside wrestling will be represented at the State Championships.

Seniors Santiago Ramirez and Jamarion Moore both dominated their way to the regional finals and secured their spots the UIL State championships this weekend.

This will be the second consecutive year for Moore, while Ramirez became only the second wrestler in school history to become a **FOUR TIME STATE QUALIFIER**.

Ramirez also was voted UIL Region III **MOST OUTSTANDING WRESTLER**. This is the **THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR** a Westside wrestler was voted by the coaches as the best Wrestler in the Greater Houston Area.

Ramirez finishes as a **FOUR** time regional finalist and a **THREE** time Regional Champion. In four years he had a record of 15-1 at regionals, his only loss in the finals as a Freshman.

Jay and Santi will look to finish with a bang as the wrestle in the **UIL STATE TOURNAMENT** this weekend at the Berry Center in Cypress, TX.

**Choir News:** Congratulations to our choir on a successful UIL Solo & Ensemble contest this past weekend with numerous Superior and Outstanding ratings. Special shout out to the following students who advanced to State.

Rolando De Leon  
 Channing De Leon  
 Jayita Hensh  
 Felice Macari  
 Emma Minnock  
 Genesis Perez  
 Katherine Portillo  
 Lauren Robbins  
 Indigo Stewart  
 Daviana Veras  
 Luis Zamora  
 Gabriella Zapata

### Skills USA News:

#### \*Culinary Team \*

Bronze in Restaurant Services  
 Bronze in Culinary Arts  
 Gold in Culinary Quiz Bowl

#### \*Health Sciences Team\*

Bronze in Career Pathway-Health Sciences  
 Gold in Leadership and Skills Conference

### Swimming News:

Congrats to our State Qualifiers!

Mikael Larsson - 200 Freestyle  
 Colby Williams - 100 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke  
 Lina Aly - 100 Backstroke

Boys 200 Free relay and 400 free relay  
 Colby, Mikael, Luke Poncio, Kai Mahone

# Parent Announcements

## PTO Membership perks!



**1 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**  
To be eligible for a PTO Spirit Scholarship, the family must join the PTO by December 31, 2024.

**2 WHS SWAG!**  
Who doesn't want Free WHS swag?

**4 GIFT CARDS**  
• Chick-fil-a  
• Tropical Smoothie  
• Crumbl Cookie  
You could win one of these!

**5 EXTRA PERKS FOR STAFF MEMBERS**  
Win a VIP parking spot good for the whole school year! (Must be registered by Nov. 1, 2024)

**6 EXTRA PERKS FOR STAFF MEMBERS**  
Win 2 jeans day per year

Thank you sponsors:





JOIN TODAY!



Follow us on Instagram @westsidehtxpto  
Must be a PTO member to win. Raffles to be announced monthly.  
Please scan QR code or visit us at westsidehighpto.org

**Calling all Parents!!**  
Consider joining Westside PTO Board for 2025-2026 school year

Come learn more at next PTO meeting Wednesday, February 19th @ 6:30pm Room S100

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WHS PTO Website

**GO WOLVES!**

PTO Members: Upcoming raffle is on February 19th at next in-person PTO meeting. See you there!

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# WE'RE UNSTOPPABLE.

**HISD PARENT & FAMILY CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 • 8AM - 1PM**  
High School for Law and Justice • 3505 Coyle Street • Houston, TX 77003

REGISTER TO ATTEND!



**ALL PARENTS, FAMILIES, HISD STAFF AND COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO:**

- Learn more about various HISD and community programs and services
- Explore and network with businesses and school partners
- Receive resources and giveaways to further support student success

**SPANISH TRANSLATION SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED.**

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE HOUSTON

# WE'RE UNSTOPPABLE.

**CONFERENCIA PARA PADRES Y FAMILIAS DE HISD**

**SÁBADO, 22 DE FEBRERO DE 2025 • 8 AM - 1 PM**  
Preparatoria de la Ley y la Justicia • 3505 Coyle Street • Houston, TX 77003

¡REGÍSTRENSE PARA ASISTIR!



**INVITAMOS A PADRES, FAMILIAS, MIEMBROS DEL PERSONAL Y COLABORADORES COMUNITARIOS DE HISD A:**

- Obtener información sobre varios servicios y programas de la comunidad y HISD
- Conocer y conectarse con negocios y colaboradores comunitarios
- Recibir recursos y obsequios para apoyar aún más el éxito estudiantil

**SE PROPORCIONARÁN SERVICIOS DE INTERPRETACIÓN AL ESPAÑOL.**

# Senior News

## Join the Senior Night out

### Wear your senior shirt!

Tickets on sale Wed Feb 19 – Mon Feb 24 \$15 each  
Lunchtime in The Commons

Ticket includes: shoe rental, 1.5 hours bowling, \$10 arcade game card

No outside food or drink allowed – bring cash for snacks

# Senior BOWLING Night



## THURSDAY

27 FEBRUARY

6:30PM

(CHECK-IN 6:00PM)

No entry after 7:30 PM

## ENTRY

\$15 CASH/ \$17 CREDIT  
BUY IN ADVANCE

\$20 AT THE DOOR

## BOWLERO

925 BUNKER HILL  
(NR. MEM. CITY MALL)

**Seniors ONLY – absolutely no Juniors or underclassmen**

**WESTSIDE High School**

**2025**

Westside High School

HERFF JONES

IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER SENIOR PRODUCTS

SHARE YOUR ONCE IN A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY WITH PERSONALIZED GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Student name printed within announcement text.
- No additional purchase needed for namecards.
- Includes your official school information & formal elements.
- Includes inner and outer envelopes.
- Announcements will ship directly to your home shortly after the new year or 4 weeks after you place your order

Scan To View 2025 Senior Graduation Catalog

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it's that time... turn in your

# Senior Quotes

fill out this form:  
<https://bit.ly/WHSSeniorQuotes25>

Submit your quote by February 14!!

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**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

**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

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



**Questions?**  
 Info@Code2College.org

**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)

**It's a GREAT DAY to be a WOLF!**



**Saturday Tutorials**

**February 22**

**9 AM-12 Noon**

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

# Announcements



**Valentine's  
MOVIE NIGHT**

**THE FAULT IN OUR STARS**  
3:45 IN THE LIBRARY

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>CONCESSIONS</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>\$1-2</b>

**WESTSIDE DEBATE**

## Westside Cheerleading Tryouts

*Save the Dates!*

**February 11th OR 13th** - Mandatory parent/ cheerleader meeting 6:30pm  
Room S100

**February 27th** - Optional Open Gym  
4:30-6pm Gym

**March 3rd-6th** - Tryouts  
4:30-6pm Gym

*Scan to register!*



## CODING CLUB!

**WHAT WE DO**

Meet together with fellow peers interested in coding. Solve problems while working with one another to test skills and practice new languages

**REMIIND CODE:**  
wscod25

**WHERE TO FIND US?**

Meetings happen every Thursday in N225 during lunch.

**Start**

# Announcements



**!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



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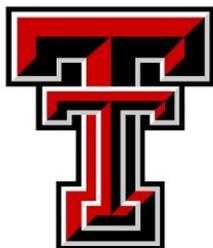
**UIL-SCIENCE CLUB**

**Ms. Akhter**  
**L204**

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

**Date: 2/24/2025      Time: 10:15    Location: A-205**

## **JUNIORS AND SENIORS: COLLEGE VISIT**



**Texas Tech University**

**Come by and get a pass from A-205**

# 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!!!**

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



## JOIN JROTC

- We have Competitive Teams
- Earn your Letterman
- Earn a PE Credit
- Earn a Military Scholarship
- Become a leader, a better person, And a better citizen

Questions: See Major Gozalo or Command Sergeant Major Dang at JROTC or email [ggozalo@houstonisd.org](mailto:ggozalo@houstonisd.org) or [hai.dang@houstonisd.org](mailto:hai.dang@houstonisd.org)



Archery



Marksmanship



Physical Fitness Team



Ranger Swim



Color Guard



Flagfolding Team



Rifle Drill Team

# Get Involved!

# 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**

# Get Involved!

## 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  
hazel.co

### 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 abdominal
- Dolor de estómago
- 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!

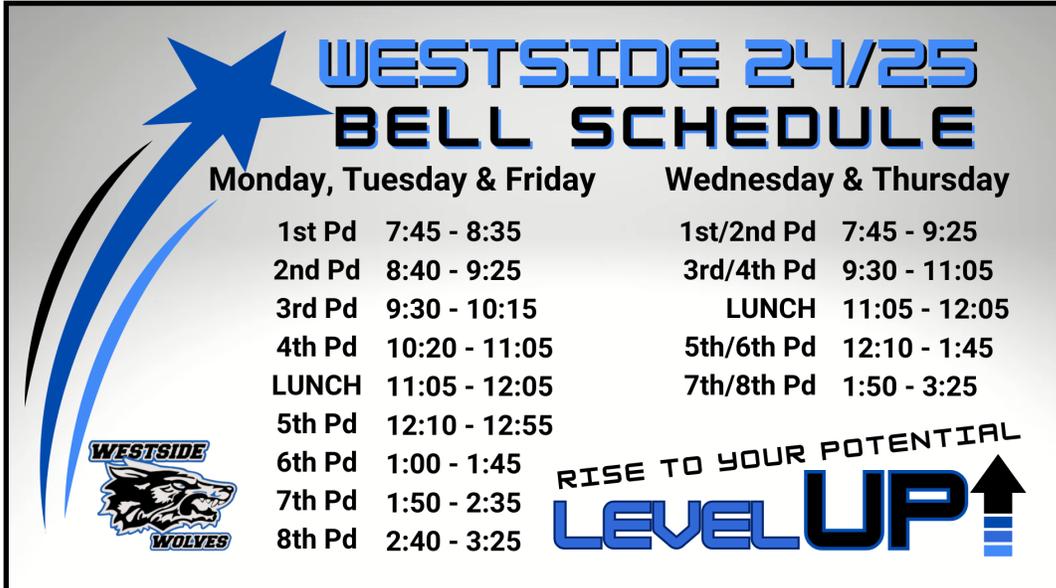
Escanear para aprender más

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



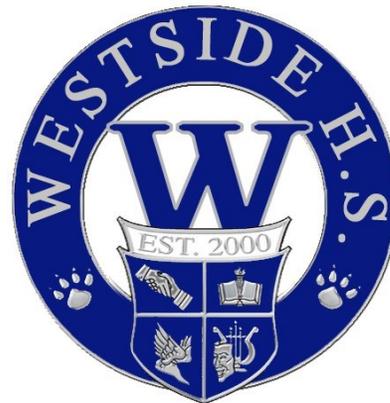
Facebook: Westside High School



Instagram: gowestsidewolves



Twitter: @westsidehigh



### Quick Links

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>