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from Westside High School

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October 14, 2024

Westside College Night: A Big Success



More pictures on pp. 6-7.

Last week's College Night was a resounding success for students and families! Many thanks to the representatives from all of the colleges, universities and programs for joining us, and to the Westside staff and PTO volunteers for making it an informational and inspirational experience for all. Pics pp. 6-7.

Volunteers Needed!

*Homecoming Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 15th*

**FOR MORE INFO PLEASE EMAIL
WHSPTO.PRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM**

Calendar

October 16
PSAT Day

October 19 & 26
Saturday Tutorials,
9 AM—12 Noon

November 8
Staff Professional
Development Day, No
School for Students

November 25-29
Thanksgiving Break

[2024-2025
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PSAT on October 16

On Wednesday, October 16, 2024, all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will take the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). This test measures for the knowledge and skills that are essential for college readiness and success. The College board is the organization that develops and scores the PSAT/NMSQT tests as well as the Advanced Placement exams and the SAT.

For 9th graders, the score sets a college readiness baseline, and then in 10th grade, the score provides a check on the progress in comparison to that baseline.

For 11th graders, the scores from the test help narrow their college choices. The results can also qualify the student for the National Merit Scholarship competition and open up future college scholarship opportunities.

On test day, students should:

Arrive at school by 7:30 am

Wear their Westside photo ID

Bring their Chromebook AND charger (all testing is done digitally)

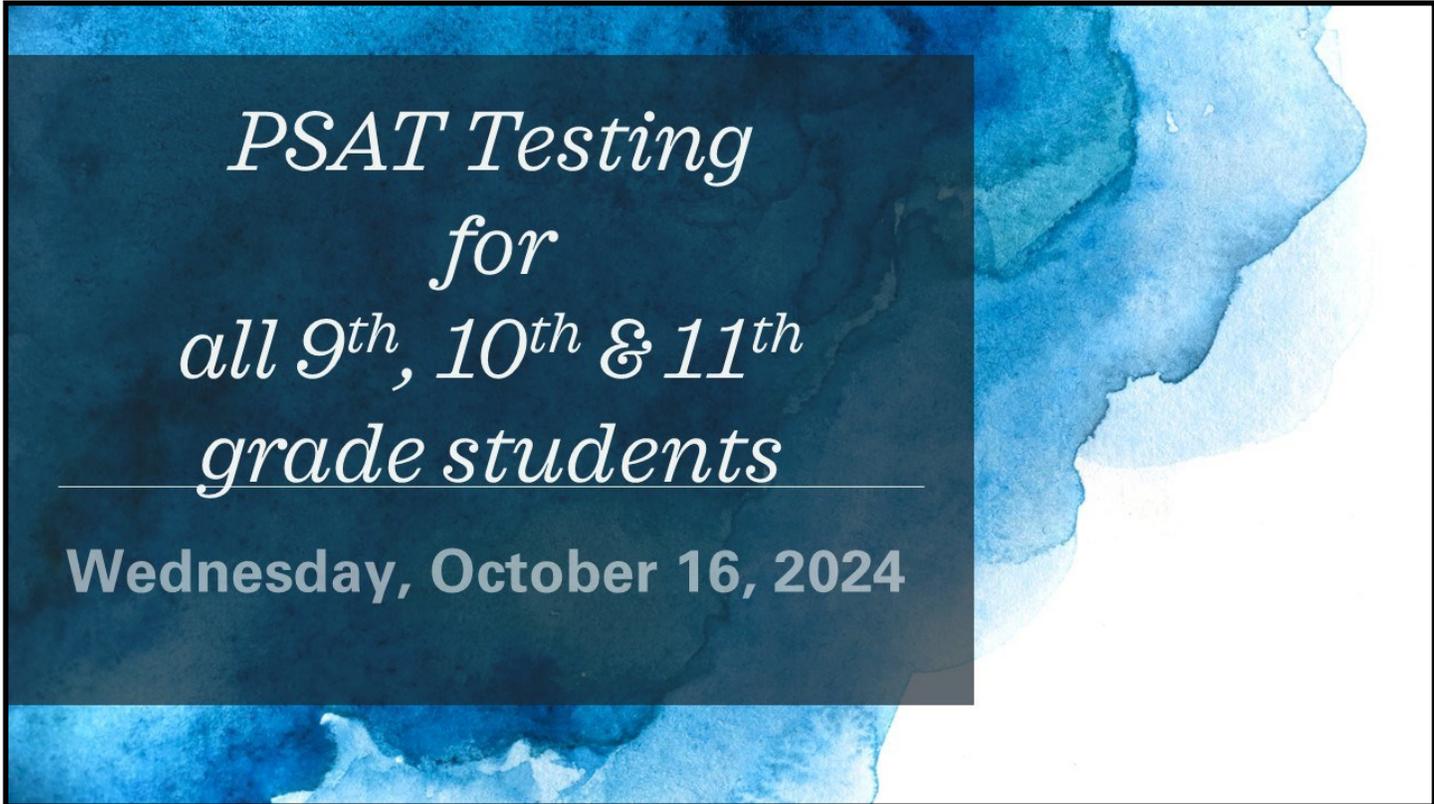
Be prepared to turn in all electronic devices and accessories (they will be secured and returned at the end of testing)

Please note that if a student's electronic device disturbs the testing environment by making a sound, per school policy, the device will be confiscated for two weeks, and the Testing Coordinator will report the irregularity to the College Board. This may result in the test not being scored. Please note that this applies even if the phone is not in the student's possession, for it will still have created a disturbance to the testing environment.

Scores will be available in your student's college board account in November; we no longer receive paper score reports.

Finally, no visitors are permitted on test day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our campus testing coordinator at Schandra.holloway@houstonisd.org



*PSAT Testing
for
all 9th, 10th & 11th
grade students*

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Testing & Tutorials

ASVAB
Get to know your strengths, yourself, and your options.

What's Your Dream Job? ?

Deadline Oct. 30

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE

PSAT Exam Fall 2024

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Who takes the PSAT?

- PSAT 8/9: All Grade 8 & 9 Students
- PSAT / NMSQT: All Grade 10 & 11 Students

Important Deadlines

- September 16: Deadline for EB Language Support Requests
- Students who have IEPs, 504 plans, or Emergent Bilingual students (who require language supports for testing) are eligible for specific accommodations.
- Accommodations requests must be submitted to College Board for review & approval
- PSAT Make-up Days: October 17 and 18

Important Test Details

- PSAT is an online assessment
- Total time for testing is 2 hours and 14 minutes
- An online graphing calculator is available for all students
- A Math reference sheet with Math formulas is provided

Section	Time
Reading & Writing	64 minutes
Break	10 minutes
Math	70 minutes
Total testing time	2 hours & 14 minutes

Why take the PSAT?

College Readiness: Evaluates the essential knowledge and skills needed for college and career readiness. Qualifying scores allow students to take college credit courses (no remediation)

Literacy and Math Skills: Measures critical reading skills, writing skills, math reasoning and problem-solving skills

Scholarship Opportunities: Provides an opportunity to enter the competition for National Merit Scholarships

Advanced Course Scheduling: May be used to determine eligibility for advanced courses, including HCC Dual Credit courses

Questions about designated supports? Please contact your campus testing coordinator, counselor, special education/504 chairperson, or LPAC coordinator.

Saturday Tutorials

October 19 & 26

9 AM-12 Noon

Enter via main doors from horseshoe driveway on Briar Forest

Wear school appropriate attire

Bring IDs, assignments & charged laptops

PTO & Booster Announcements

Parents!

Homecoming Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 15th

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Volunteers needed to help with the dance!



Pawprint

- \$50 per pawprint for a full year. Money goes towards the senior class fund for your student's graduating year.**
- The cost for each logo is \$15, with a maximum of 2 logos per transaction. \$10 goes towards the organization chosen.



MAKE YOUR MARK TODAY!





**** TO MAINTAIN YOUR PAW PRINT FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR, PAYMENT IS REQUIRED EVERY YEAR. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN THE PAW PRINT BEING REPAINTED.**

YEAR AT A GLANCE

WHS PTO 2024 - 2025

August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th - Open House and Back to School Bash 5:30-8pm 	September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd & 3rd - No School • 17th - Principal's coffee 8:30am at Library • 18th - Senior Parent meeting at 6pm and General PTO meeting 6:30pm in the mini theater • 20th - Senior Sunrise • 21st - Senior parking paint day 	October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd & 4th - No School • 10th - College Night • 16th - PSAT and Senior class photo • 25-30th - HOCO Ticket sales • 31st - HOCO Parade & Game 	November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd - HOCO Dance • 7th - Senior Skate Night • 8th - No School • 20th - General PTO meeting 6:30pm S100 • 22nd - Seniors Fee Due • 25-29th - Thanksgiving Break / No School • TBD - Prospective Students Open House
December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD - Magnet Tours • Staff Appreciation • 25-5th - Winter Break / No School 	January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th - Alumni Breakfast • 20th - No School 	February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th - No School • 17th - No School • 19th - General PTO meeting 6:30pm S100 • TBD - Harlem Wizards game 	March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-14th Spring Break / No School • 31st - No School
April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th - Prom • 16th - General PTO meeting 6:30pm S100 • 18th - No School 	May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd - No School • 4-9th Teacher Appreciation Week • 26th - No School 	June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th - Last Day of School 	Go Wolves! 

Dates are subject to change. Please follow us on Instagram @westsidehptxo for any updates or Scan QR code to visit us at westsidehighpto.org

PTO Membership perks!

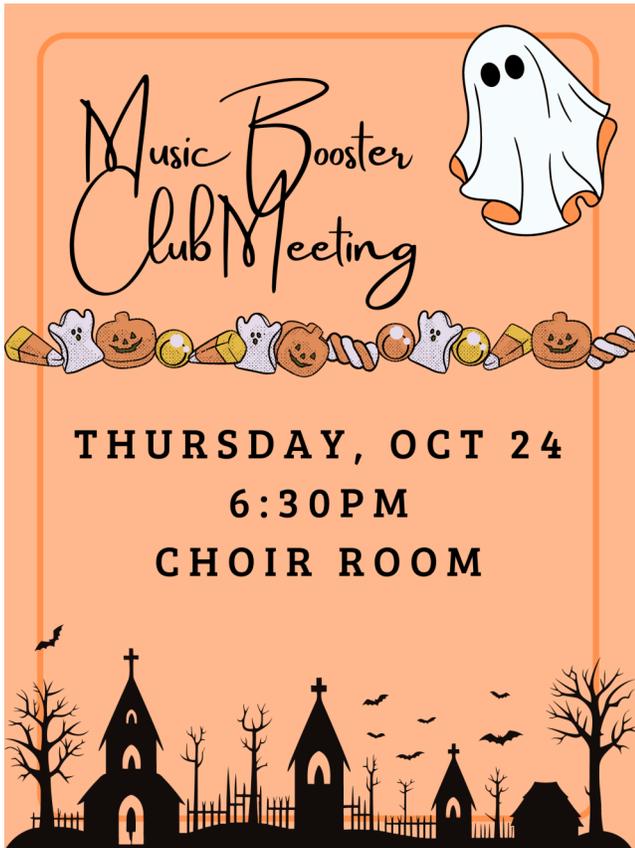
- SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**
To be eligible for a PTO Spirit Scholarship, the family must join the PTO by December 31, 2024.
- WHS SWAG!**
Who doesn't want Free WHS swag?
- GIFT CARDS**
• Chick-fil-a
• Tropical Smoothie
• Crumbl Cookie
You could win one of these!
- EXTRA PERKS FOR STAFF MEMBERS**
Win a VIP parking spot good for the whole school year! (Must be registered by Nov. 1, 2024)
- EXTRA PERKS FOR STAFF MEMBERS**
Win 2 jeans day per year
- JOIN TODAY!**


Thank you sponsors:




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

School News



Music Booster
Club Meeting

THURSDAY, OCT 24
6:30PM
CHOIR ROOM



CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA
FALL
CONCERT

WEDNESDAY OCT 30
MINI-THEATRE
6PM



Inertia
DANCE COMPANY

Inertia had an exciting and exhausting few weeks, performing at the Wortham Center, and then later that week attending the Bailando Festival on the beautiful TAMU campus in Corpus Christi. They attended Master Classes, performed, took in a few local sights and got to watch some exceptional performances from around the world.

HUGE Congratulations to our very own Carnell Jackson and Miriam Makondekwa for being selected as scholarship recipients to train in Mexico!!! Up Next: Guest choreographers!

College Night



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College & Career

Go Westside!



Homecoming Announcements



Homecoming

October 31 Parade & Game

November 2 Dance

Details coming soon!

HOMECOMING VOTING

October 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14	15	16 PSAT DAY	17	18
21 12TH GRADE VOTING	22	23	9TH & 10TH GRADE VOTING	11TH GRADE VOTING
			24	25

YOU MUST HAVE A SCHOOL ID TO CAST YOUR VOTE!

Announcements

Herencia latina

ESPERAMOS VERTE EL JUEVES 24 DE OCTUBRE PARA CELEBRAR NUESTRO FESTIVAL LATINO. ICOMIDA, PUESTOS, BAILE Y UN POCO MÁS! DÓNDE: CAFETERÍA COMMONS HORA: 4:30 P. M. ENTRADA: \$3

INSTA:HERENCIALATINA_WS
REMIND: @C7BDE36

Herencia latina

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH TO CELEBRATE OUR LATIN FESTIVAL. FOOD, BOOTHS, DANCING AND A LITTLE MORE! WHERE: CAFETERIA COMMONS TIME: 4:30PM TICKET: \$3

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Senior Aerial Photo Day

Wednesday, OCTOBER 16

TIME: 10:00 AM

WHAT: Wear Black top & MUST HAVE ID for attendance

WHERE: Track and Field

DO NOT BE LATE!!!!

SIMONE BILES, JADE-CAREY, JORDAN CHILES, HEZLY RIVERA, PAUL JUDA, BRODY MALONE, FREDERICK RICHARD, AND AMERICA'S ELITE GYMNASTS SET FOR EPIC 30-CITY U.S. TOUR

The Athleta Presents Gold Over America Tour Brings Superstars From Women's and Men's Gymnastics to Arenas Across the Country This Fall.

The Athleta Presents Gold Over America Tour (GOAT), starting Simone Biles and the best of the best female and male competitors from the gymnastics world, will be leaping into 30 arenas around the U.S. this fall with a high-energy and high-flying gymnastics-meets-concert spectacle. Bringing their talents from the world stage to the GOAT includes Biles, Jade Carey, Jordan Chiles, Hezly Rivera, Paul Juda, Brody Malone, Frederick Richard, Joseph Robinson, Shane Wiskus, Val Moldasour, Ian Gunther, Trinity Thomas, Donnell Whitteburg, Katelyn Ohashi, Peng Peng Liu, Mariana Johanna De Jesus Dos Santos, Ellie Black, and Cassinid Schmidt. For tickets, tour dates, and more information visit www.goldoveramerica.com.

Produced by MagicSpine Entertainment and AEG, *Present/Concerts Wear, the Athleta Presents Gold Over America Tour* — or GOAT in its sublime acronym — brings an exhilarating display of unrelenting athletic brilliance and high-energy choreography imbued with inspirational messages of hope, strength, resilience, and determination. Every tumble, twist, and gravity-defying trick will have audiences on the edge of their seats at every performance. The tour kicks off September 16 in Oceanside, California before visiting Huntington and averaging its way through the country including stops in Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, Houston, Atlanta, and Boston before concluding in Detroit on November 3, 2024.

"I'm so honored and excited welcome these incredible athletes to the tour for an amazing and

unforgettable journey," says Biles. "This tour is not only about amazing performances, but connecting with our fans and building up the confidence of the next generation of athletes. We are so excited to be a part of the Athleta Presents Gold Over America Tour and can't wait to take a victory lap throughout the U.S. and celebrate with all the fans this fall. I can't wait to see you all out there."

The creative team for the tour includes Director Mark "Swamy" Swartz and Associate Director Louanna Maderna, along with world-renowned gymnastics coach Viktor "Mis Val" Koudos Field, who serves as Supervisor of Choreographer for the tour.

Biles' long-term apparel partner, Athleta, returns as the title sponsor supporting the brand's "Find Your Movement" rally cry and mission to build confidence, strength and belonging through movement. Gold sponsors include SPIETH and GK Spieth is the global leader in gymnastics equipment with over 190 years of tradition, innovative design and elite proven performance. GK is a long-standing partner company with clinically proven, high-performance results that transform hair routines and lives. The sponsors represent a commitment to excellence and innovation and empowering athletes and fans alike.

Follow the tour: <https://www.instagram.com/instagram> and <https://www.facebook.com/GoldOverAmericaTour>

Our very own Houston native, Ian Gunther will be performing in the 30 City G.O.A.T. Tour. Ian, a graduate from Stanford, is a 4X NCAA Champion and a well-known Social Media Sensation. The Houston performance will be Saturday, October 19th at the Toyota Center at 7:30 pm

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!!!



W&GA
October Townhall
October 18

1st half of lunch
in the mini

Let's go, Westside!



Music Booster
Skate Night
Friday Oct 18
5-9pm

MENTIONING THE WHS
MUSIC BOOSTERS GIVES \$3
BACK FOR EACH ENTRY

ENTRY: \$12
SKATES: \$4

LOCATION:
DAIRY ASHFORD ROLLER
RINK
1820 S. DAIRY ASHFORD
RD, 77077

NEW DATE!!



**Let's
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

Get Involved!

More Yearbooks are Available for Purchase!

More yearbooks have just been added for you to purchase, but they **WILL** sell out! Order yours today!

ORDER TODAY:



ONLINE

JOSTENS.COM/BUYEARBK



SCAN



CALL

1.877.767.5217
8AM-5PM CST MONDAY-FRIDAY

Submit Your Photos to the Yearbook!

Help us capture the Spirit of Westside by submitting your photos today! Scan the QR code and send us photos! We want the following:

- First day of school
- Candid photos of you and your friends
- Behind the scenes of your club and organization
- And anything else you think captures the "Spirit of Westside"!



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

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 or hai.dang@houstonisd.org

Archery

Color Guard

Marksmanship

Ranger Swim

Flagfolding Team

Physical Fitness Team

Rifle Drill Team

DRONE Club

TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 ROOM V111

What we offer

- Piloting Skills
- Coding Skills
- Team Work

Join Remind
➤ @dronewest

Gamer's Club

Hosted In: **E130**

We have **board games and Videogames**

WEDNESDAYS DURING LUNCH

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

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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

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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!

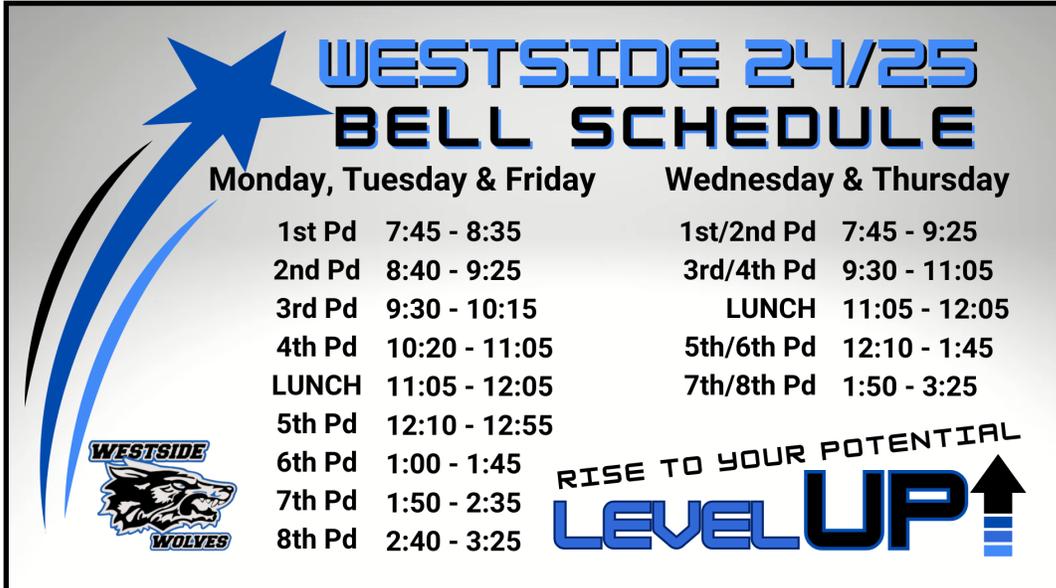
Escanear para aprender más

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

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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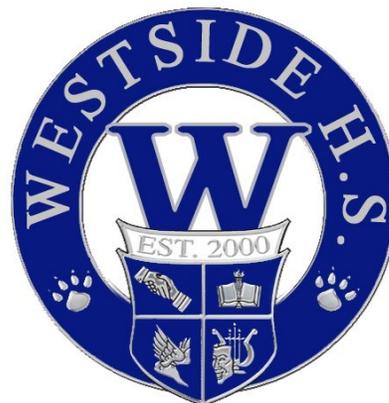
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School Pay:

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<https://www.houstonisd.org/westsidehs>

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<https://www.houstonisd.org>