



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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September 16, 2024

## Parent Meetings this Week!

### Parents...You're Invited

Coffee & Conversation  
with  
Principal Zapata



**Tuesday**  
**September 17**  
**9:00 AM** in the Library

### Calendar

#### **September 17**

Coffee with the Principal, 9:00 AM in the Library

#### **September 18**

Senior Parent Meeting at 6:00 PM, PTO Meeting at 6:30 PM, both in Mini Theatre

#### **September 21 & 28**

Saturday Tutorials, 9 AM-12 Noon

#### **October 3**

Staff Professional Development Day, No school for Students

#### **October 4**

Fall Holiday, No School

#### **November 8**

Staff Professional Development Day, No school for Students

#### **November 25-29**

Thanksgiving Break

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## CLASS OF 2025 PARENT MEETING

GET NEWS &  
INFORMATION FOR YOUR  
STUDENT'S SENIOR YEAR

**SEPTEMBER 18**  
**6:00 PM**  
**MINI THEATER**



## First PTO Meeting Of the Year

**Wednesday**  
**September 18**

**6:30 PM**

Following the  
Senior Parent Meeting

*In the  
Mini-Theatre*

# PTO News

## 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 until the end of 1st semester 2024, (only offered in August and January)

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



**JOIN TODAY!**



Entry for this month's raffle ends on August 30, 2024. The winner will be randomly selected and announced in our stories on September 5, 2024. Follow us on Instagram @westsidehptxo Must be a PTO member to win. Please scan QR code or visit us at westsidehighpto.org

## Here are some of PTO contributions:

School Store

HOCO Dance

Senior Scholarship

Welcome Breakfast

Teacher Supply Award

College Night

Teacher Appreciation

Harlem Wizards community game



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## YEAR AT A GLANCE

WHS PTO 2024 - 2025

<p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26th - Open House and Back to School Bash 5:30-8pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd &amp; 3rd - No School</li> <li>• 17th - Principal's coffee 8:30am at Library</li> <li>• 18th - Senior Parent meeting at 6pm and General PTO meeting 6:30pm in the mini theater</li> <li>• 20th - Senior Sunrise</li> <li>• 21st - Senior parking point day</li> </ul>	<p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd &amp; 4th - No School</li> <li>• 16th - PSAT and Senior class photo</li> <li>• 23-30th - HOCO Ticket sales</li> <li>• 31st - HOCO Parade &amp; Game</li> <li>• TBD - College Night</li> </ul>	<p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd - HOCO Dance</li> <li>• 7th - Senior Skate Night</li> <li>• 8th - No School</li> <li>• 20th - General PTO meeting 6:30pm S100</li> <li>• 22nd - Seniors Fee Due</li> <li>• 25-29th - Thanksgiving Break / No School</li> <li>• TBD - Prospective Students Open House</li> </ul>
<p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBD - Magnet Tours</li> <li>• Staff Appreciation</li> <li>• 23-5th - Winter Break / No School</li> </ul>	<p><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6th - Alumni Breakfast</li> <li>• 20th - No School</li> </ul>	<p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14th - No School</li> <li>• 17th - No School</li> <li>• 19th - General PTO meeting 6:30pm S100</li> <li>• TBD - Harlem Wizards game</li> </ul>	<p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-14th Spring Break / No School</li> <li>• 31st - No School</li> </ul>
<p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5th - Prom</li> <li>• 16th - General PTO meeting 6:30pm S100</li> <li>• 18th - No School</li> </ul>	<p><b>May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd - No School</li> <li>• 4-9th Teacher Appreciation Week</li> <li>• 26th - No School</li> </ul>	<p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4th - Last Day of School</li> </ul>	<p><b>Go Wolves!</b></p> 

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

# 2024-2025

## The PTO Welcomes All New and Returning Westside Families

### Raffle postponed to in-person on September 18th at next PTO meeting



Follow us on Instagram @westsidehptxo

## GO WOLVES!

WHS PTO Website



Scan using your camera

WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG

**NEXT PTO MEETING**  
WED 9/18 AT 6:30PM  
IN MINI THEATER  
SEE YOU THERE!

September 18 in the Mini-Theatre

Senior Parent Meeting at 6 PM
PTO General Meeting at 6:30 PM

# School News

## JROTC News



JROTC hosted a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on September 11, 2024

## September is Hispanic Heritage Month



### PIONEERS OF CHANGE: SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

Honoring the many Hispanic Americans who have paved the way for future generations to be able to enact change, and encompass the spirit of innovation, resilience and unity that define the Hispanic experience.

Join us as we recognize the impact and vital presence of Hispanic Americans in the United States, and we honor the diverse voices, achievements, and traditions that have shaped our world.

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY WELCOMES:



**SERGIO ADRIAN ABREGU**

PROFILE: LIFE COACH WITH 27 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. COUNSELS ON ISSUES OF LEADERSHIP AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

**CELEBRATE**  
*Hispanic*  
**HERITAGE MONTH**

PURPOSE: LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO FIND A PATH TO AUTHENTIC PERSONAL AND CORPORATE SUCCESS.

WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH  
WHERE: IN THE MINI THEATER  
TIME: DURING LUNCH

# Class of 2025 Announcements

**CLASS OF 2025  
PARENT  
MEETING**

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INFORMATION FOR YOUR  
STUDENT'S SENIOR YEAR

**SEPTEMBER 18  
6:00 PM  
MINI THEATER**

**MANDATORY  
SENIOR  
CLASS  
MEETING!!**

Thursday, Sept 19  
2:00 pm  
LOCATION: the COMMONS

Date: 9/20/2024 Time: 10:20 Location: S-100

**SENIORS ONLY  
COLLEGE VISIT**  
University of Texas

Sign up on Naviance &  
get a pass from A205

*Senior Sunrise*  
Sept 20, 2024

**6:45 am in the bleachers  
Track & Field**

**SENIORS PAINT YOUR  
PARKING SPOT!!**  
(MUST HAVE PAID PARKING SPOT IN THE STUDENT LOT)

*Bring brushes for your  
artwork!!!*

Saturday, September 21  
7 am - 1 pm

[Sign up here](#)

[bit.ly/WHSSPTP](https://bit.ly/WHSSPTP)

Rules/Details in the sign up  
Payment must be made on  
SchoolPay

# Announcements

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**



# 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

Remind  
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## JUNIORS

**IFS CLUB**  
**★ INTEREST ♥**  
**MEETING**

Join us for lively discussions on  
academic/financial opportunities  
our club has to offer!

**FRIDAY - SEP 20**  
**AT 11:10 AM**  
**Mr. Smith's Room - S221**

**SENIORS** **SOPHOMORES**

**FRESHMEN**



# Announcements

**"We are not your stereotype!"**

# B S U

## Black Student Union

### Interest Meeting

**Date: Wed. 9/18**  
**Location: s100**  
**Time: 11:10 am**

*POWER*

JOIN US TO WATCH

# Clueless

WESTSIDE DEBATE

September

Tuesday **17** 3:35

After school  
In the Library

Free entry  
Concessions \$1-2

# KEY CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY SEPT. 19TH

**1ST HALF OF LUNCH IN THE MINI THEATER**

# Announcements

## WESTSIDE WATER POLO HOME GAMES

Girls @6:00PM Boys @7:00PM

August 27<sup>th</sup> vs. **Deer Park**  
September 17<sup>th</sup> vs. **Strake/St. Agnes**  
September 20<sup>th</sup> vs. **Bellaire**  
September 24<sup>th</sup> vs **Lamar**



**ATTENTION ALL 9TH AND 10TH GRADERS!!!**

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING GIRLS BASKETBALL THIS YEAR???**

**CONTACT COACH GILLESPIE OR COACH SMITH TO GET ENROLLED!**

**MUST HAVE CURRENT SPORTS PHYSICAL.**

**MAIN GYM**

**TGILLESPIE@HOUSTONISD.ORG**  
**LSMITH55@HOUSTONISD.ORG**



## 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"!




**INSPIRING STORIES & MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

*IT'S ALL IN THE YEARBOOK.*

Scan to text your parent/guardian a reminder to order your yearbook.  
Or order at: [jostens.com/ybksm](https://jostens.com/ybksm)

*Jostens*

**2025 Yearbook!**

**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**



**LADY WOLVES TRACK & FIELD**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
COACH WHITE - GYM  
COACH THOMAS - R123B  
COACH RUBIO - N227

SEASON OFFICIALLY BEGINS JANUARY

FOLLOW OUR INSTAGRAM @WESTSIDEWOLVESTF




SHORT SPRINTS | HURDLES | DISTANCE RUNNING | RELAYS

LONG/TRIPLE JUMP | HIGH JUMP | SHOT & DISCUS | POLE VAULT

## 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)

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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!

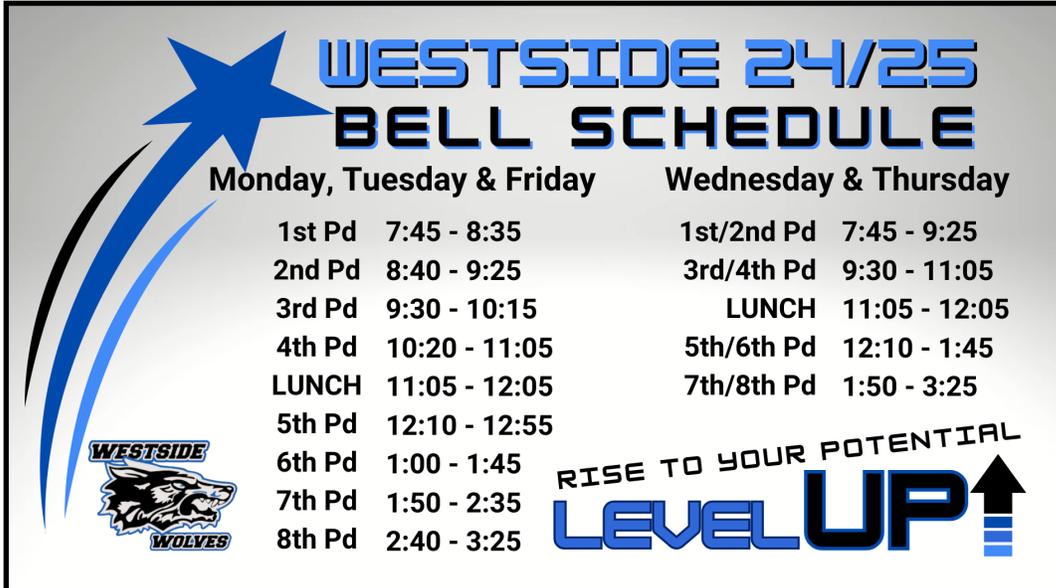
Escanear para aprender más

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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# LEVEL UP

### Follow Us on Social Media



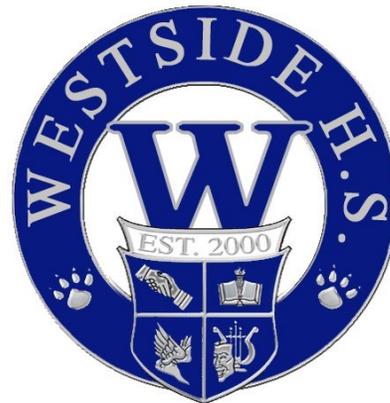
Facebook: Westside High School



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>

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