



# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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September 23, 2024

## Senior Sunrise: Class of 2025



See more photos on pages 6 and 7

### Calendar

**September 28**  
Saturday Tutorials,  
9 AM-12 Noon

**October 3**  
Staff Professional  
Development Day, No  
school for Students

**October 4**  
Fall Holiday, No School

**October 10**  
College Night , 6-8 PM,  
Commons

**October 12, 19 & 26**  
Saturday Tutorials,  
9 AM–12 Noon

**November 8**  
Staff Professional  
Development Day, No  
School for Students

**November 25-29**  
Thanksgiving Break

## Westside College Night

**Grades  
9th - 12th  
Students &  
Parents**

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**6:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Westside Commons**

**The annual opportunity that every  
college-bound student does not want to miss!**

Approximately 100 college/program representatives will be at individual tables to answer questions and discuss their institutions and/or programs.

Texas & Out of State \* Public and Private

Highly Selective – Open Enrollment \* 2-year / 4-year & trade school programs

Show demonstrated interest  
Build a relationship with Admission Officers.  
Get informed of specific opportunities for each institution.

[2024-2025](#)  
[HISD](#)  
[Calendar](#)

# 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



Thank you sponsors:





**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 @westsidehtxpto Must be a PTO member to win. Please scan QR code or visit us at westsidehighpto.org

## 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

<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>• 7th - 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 paint 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 @westsidehtxpto for any updates or Scan QR code to visit us at westsidehighpto.org

# 2024-2025

## The PTO Welcomes All New and Returning Westside Families

**SCHOOL STORE HOURS**  
FRIDAYS: DURING LUNCH

Shop Online and Pick Up at Store

Follow us on Instagram @westsidehtxpto



**GO WOLVES!**

WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG

WHS PTO Website



Scan using your camera

**NEXT PTO MEETING**  
11/18 AT 6:30PM  
ROOM S100. SEE YOU THERE!

# Announcements

The next Pulse Check is Thursday, September 26th



**Get to know Possip!**

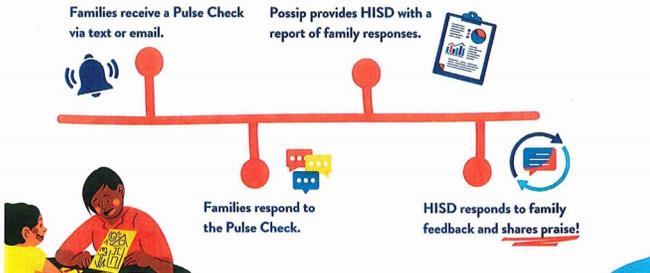
- Recurring Pulse Check surveys
- Sent via text & email
- No app or login needed
- Families respond in their home language
- Actionable data for schools & districts
- Stronger school communities



**HOW FAMILY VOICES WILL HELP**

Families receive a Pulse Check via text or email.

Possip provides HISD with a report of family responses.



Families respond to the Pulse Check.

HISD responds to family feedback and shares praise!

¡Esté atento a su próximo Pulse Check, muy pronto! el jueves, 26 de septiembre



**Cómo Possip Ayuda a Apoyar tu Escuela:**

- Encuestas periódicas de Pulse Check
- Enviadas por mensaje de texto y correo electrónico
- No se necesita aplicación o inicio de sesión
- Responda en su idioma preferido
- Datos accionables para escuelas y distritos
- Comunidades escolares más fuertes



**CÓMO AYUDA USTED VOZ**

Recibe Pulse Check por mensaje de texto o correo electrónico una vez al mes.

Possip proporciona a HISD un informe de las respuestas familiares.



Responder a la Pulse Check.

HISD responde a los comentarios de la familia y comparte elogios.

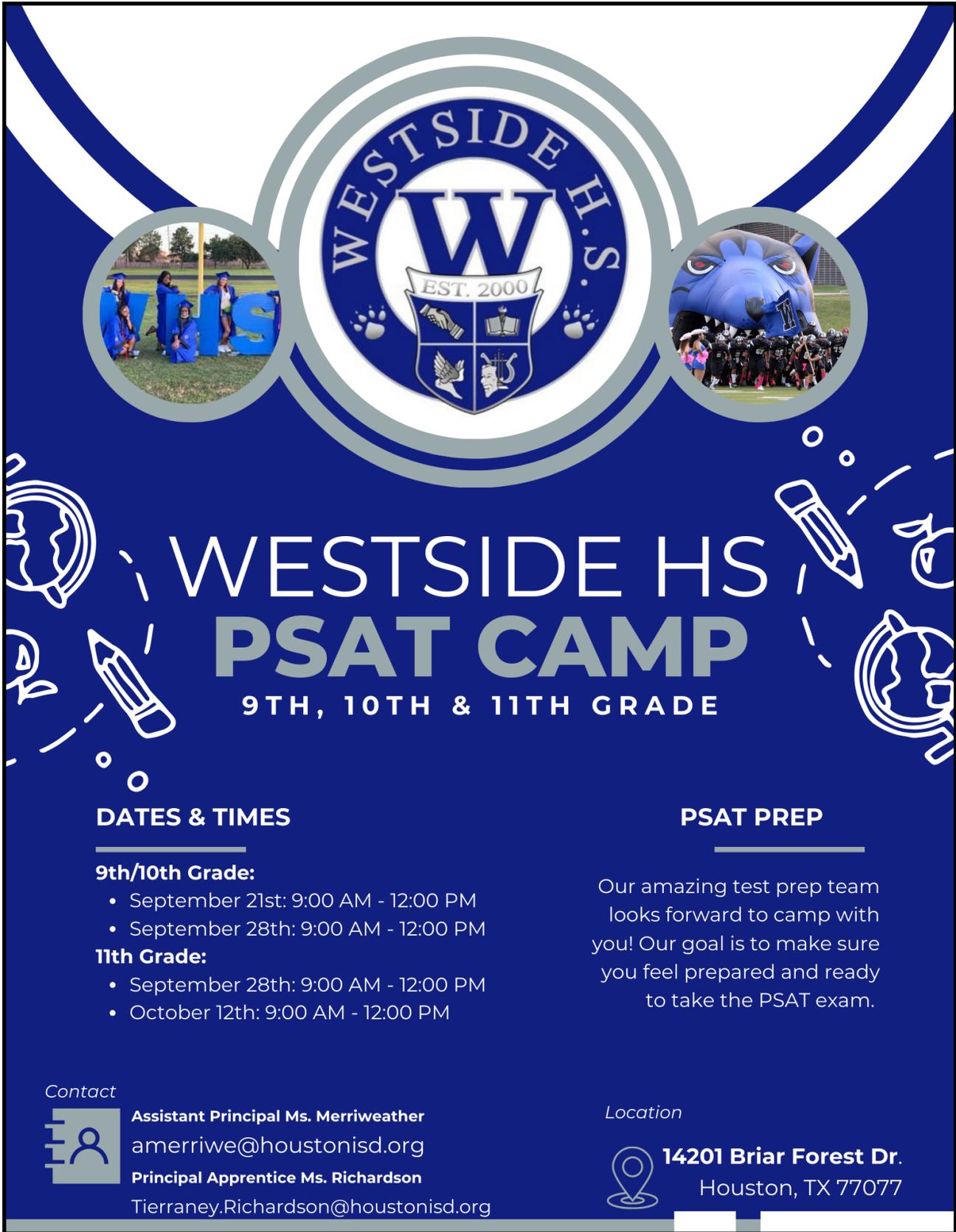
**September is Hispanic Heritage Month**



**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.

# Announcements



The graphic features a central circular logo for Westside HS with a large 'W', 'EST. 2000', and a shield with various symbols. Two circular inset photos show students in blue shirts and a large blue mascot head. The background is dark blue with white line-art icons of a pencil, a globe, and a graduation cap. The text 'WESTSIDE HS PSAT CAMP' is prominently displayed in white and light blue, followed by '9TH, 10TH & 11TH GRADE'. Below this, there are two columns of text: 'DATES & TIMES' and 'PSAT PREP'. At the bottom, there are contact and location details.

## WESTSIDE HS PSAT CAMP

9TH, 10TH & 11TH GRADE

### DATES & TIMES

**9th/10th Grade:**

- September 21st: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- September 28th: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**11th Grade:**

- September 28th: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- October 12th: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### PSAT PREP

Our amazing test prep team looks forward to camp with you! Our goal is to make sure you feel prepared and ready to take the PSAT exam.

*Contact*

 **Assistant Principal Ms. Merriweather**  
amerriwe@houstonisd.org

**Principal Apprentice Ms. Richardson**  
Tierraney.Richardson@houstonisd.org

*Location*

 **14201 Briar Forest Dr.**  
Houston, TX 77077

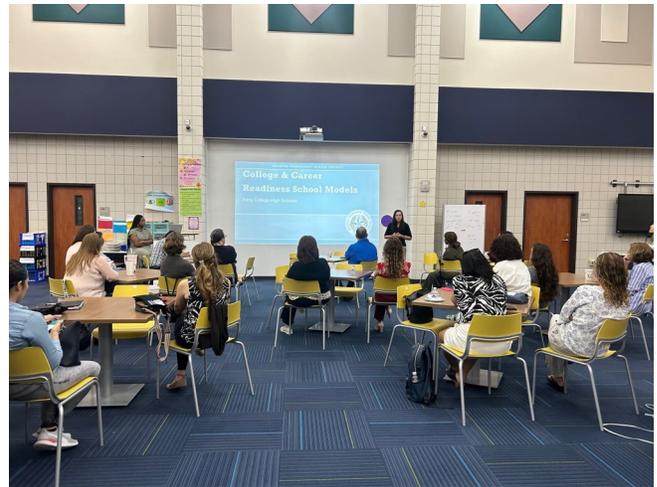
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### Westside Choir News:

Congratulations to **Jayita Hensh** and **Elaina Jordan** for advancing to region in the District choir audition last weekend. Good luck ladies!

### Principal's Coffee:

Thank you to the parents who came out for the Principal's Coffee last week. We appreciate your involvement.



## 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/BUYYEARBK](https://jostens.com/buyyearbk)



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CALL

1.877.767.5217  
8AM-5PM CST MONDAY-FRIDAY

# Senior Sunrise



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Thank you to  
Mr. Krisanto  
for the  
amazing  
photography!



# Announcements

**Herencia Latina**  
**VAMOS A PREPARARNOS PARA EL FESTIVAL LATINO!!!**

**2 DE OCTUBRE PRIMERA MITAD DEL LUNCH/N126**

Insta: herencialatina\_ws  
 remind: @c7bde36

**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**

# Announcements

Mission: "To motivate young people to become better citizens"

## JROTC IN A NUTSHELL

### Cadets Get Involved!

- Service Learning
- Toys For Tots fundraiser
- Wreaths Across America
- Parades
- Competitive Teams
- Scholarships
- Summer programs
- Leadership Positions



### New Year- New Changes!

This year we are implementing SEVA (Service, Engagement, Volunteering, and Action) to improve our program. We are also welcoming new teams, a new staff, and a new instructor!

### THE TEAMS WE OFFER

**Physical Fitness**  
District Male and Female Teams

**Color Guard**  
Honor Guard and Flag folding

**NEW**  
**Drill**  
Armed & Unarmed Drill teams

**NEW**  
**Marksmanship & Archery**

**NEW**  
**Raider Team & Swim & Range**

**JROTC**  
Leadership & Academic Bowl

### For PARENTS!



Parent Booster Club



JROTC website

Leadership Service Discipline Honor

It's  
A  
GREAT  
DAY  
to be a  
WOLF!

## 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"!



### 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



## 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!

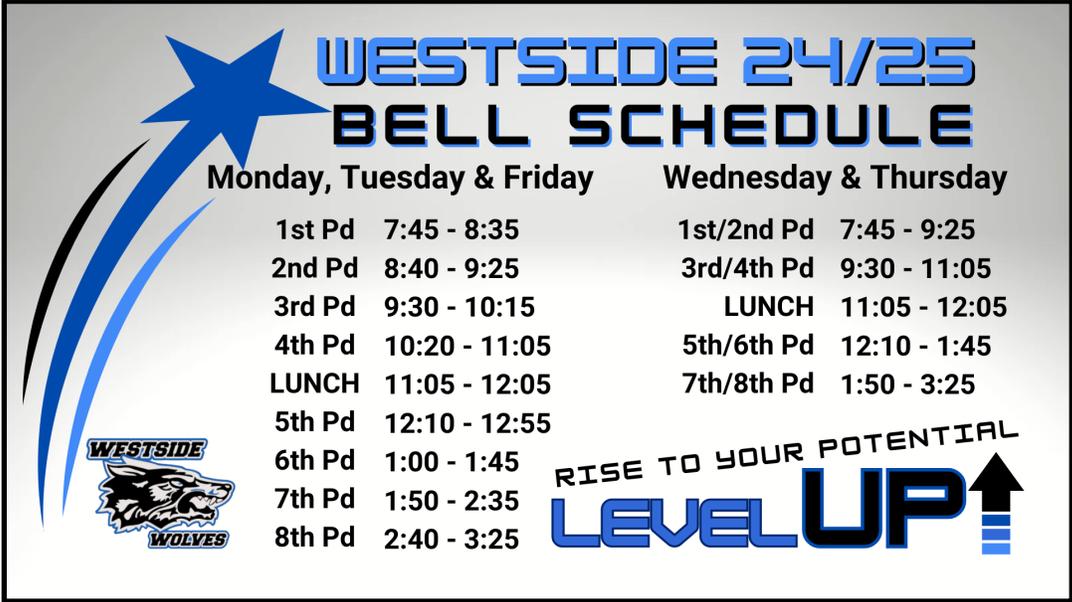
Escanear para aprender más

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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## LEVELUP

### Follow Us on Social Media



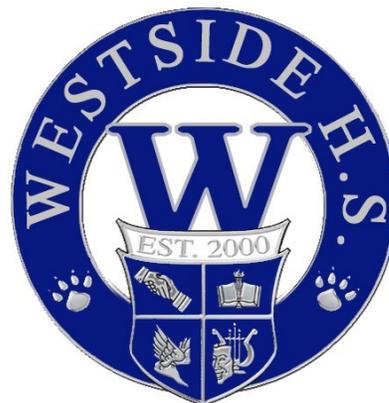
Facebook: Westside High School



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>