

# WOLF E-NEWS

*from Westside High School*

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## Calendar Notes

September 30, 2024

**NO SCHOOL  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

**10/3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**10/4 FALL HOLIDAY**

## Calendar

**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  
9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
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.

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# School News



## 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
<b>Total testing time</b>	<b>2 hours &amp; 14 minutes</b>

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

**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





## Examen PSAT otoño 2024



### Miércoles 16 de octubre de 2024

**¿Quién toma el examen PSAT?**

- PSAT 8/9: Todos los estudiantes de 8.º y 9.º grado
- PSAT / NMSQT: Todos los estudiantes de 10.º y 11.º grado

**Fechas límite importantes**

- 16 de septiembre:** Fecha límite para las solicitudes de adaptaciones para EB estudiantes
- Los estudiantes que tienen IEP, planes 504 o estudiantes bilingües emergentes (que requieren apoyo lingüístico para las pruebas) son elegibles para adaptaciones específicas.
- Las solicitudes de adaptaciones deben enviarse al College Board para su revisión y aprobación.
- Días de recuperación del PSAT: 17 y 18 de octubre

**Detalles importantes de la prueba**

- PSAT es una evaluación en línea
- El tiempo total de prueba es de 2 horas y 14 minutos.
- Una calculadora gráfica en línea está disponible para todos los estudiantes.
- Se proporciona una hoja de referencia de matemáticas con fórmulas matemáticas.

Sección	Hora
Lectura y escritura	64 minutos
Descanso	10 minutos
Matemática	70 minutos
<b>Tiempo total de prueba</b>	<b>2 horas y 14 minutos</b>

¿Tiene preguntas sobre los apoyos designados? Comuníquese con el coordinador de pruebas de su campus, el consejero, el presidente de educación especial/504 o el coordinador de LPAC.

**¿Por qué tomar el PSAT?**

**Preparación para la universidad:**  
Evalúa los conocimientos y las habilidades esenciales necesarios para la preparación universitaria y profesional. Las puntuaciones que califican permiten a los estudiantes tomar cursos con créditos universitarios (sin recuperación)

**Habilidades de alfabetización y matemáticas:**  
Mide las habilidades de lectura crítica, habilidades de escritura, razonamiento matemático y habilidades de resolución de problemas.

**Programación avanzada de cursos:**  
Puede usarse para determinar la elegibilidad para cursos avanzados, incluidos los cursos de crédito dual de HCC





# 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  
amerrive@houstonisd.org

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

**Location**

14201 Briar Forest Dr.  
Houston, TX 77077

# Saturday Tutorials

## October 12, 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 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 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

## 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!**

WHS PTO Website



Scan using your camera

**NEXT PTO MEETING**

11/20 AT 6:30PM  
ROOM S100. SEE YOU THERE!

WESTSIDEHIGHPTO.ORG

## YEAR AT A GLANCE

WHS PTO 2024 - 2025

<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><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 style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><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 paint day</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd &amp; 4th - No School</li> <li>• 10th - College Night</li> <li>• 16th - PSAT and Senior class photo</li> <li>• 23-30th - HOCO Ticket sales</li> <li>• 31st - HOCO Parade &amp; Game</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><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 style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><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 style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6th - Alumni Breakfast</li> <li>• 20th - No School</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><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 style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><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 style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><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 style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><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 style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;"><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4th - Last Day of School</li> </ul>	<p style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><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

## School News

### Wolf Band News:

Last week at Katy HS, two members of the Wolf Band – Liam and Kai Mahone – participated in the Region 23 Jazz Band Auditions. Kai Mahone (pictured, left) placed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet in the Jazz 2 ensemble, while Liam Mahone (pictured, right) placed as 1<sup>st</sup> Trombone in the Jazz 1 ensemble. Additionally, Liam has advanced to Area Jazz competition at HSPVA next Tuesday afternoon, with the chance to qualify for a seat in the All-State Jazz Band.



Congratulations to both students!

### JROTC News:

JROTC held a Parent Night to provide parents with information about JROTC. The Westside Drill Team and Flag Folding Team performed for the parents and the Westside Choir performed an excellent rendition of the National Anthem.



# Football vs. Lamar



## Announcements



# Homecoming

**October 31  
Parade & Game**

**November 2  
Dance**

**Details coming soon!**

# Homecoming

## 2024

# Court Nominations



Nominate the best representative for your class for homecoming court.

When: October 8 and 9

Where: CANVAS

(Form will open at 8:00 a.m. on October 8 and close at 4:00 p.m. on October 9)

## Announcements

***SENIORS:  
KEEP  
SELLING!!!***

Forms due Oct 7 - 10 in the Commons during lunch. Make sure your form(s) are complete and legible.



**CHEER MANAGER  
&  
MASCOT WANTED**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHEER MANAGER FOR OUR 24-25 SZN. PLEASE CONTACT COACH SHIRLEY:  
@VALENCIANA.SHIRLEY@HOUSTONISD.ORG  
AND OUR MANAGER LORRYNN:  
S1711794@ONLINE.HOUSTONISD.ORG

Monday October 7th  
Second half of lunch  
11:30Am  
Room N222



***Inertia***  
DANCE COMPANY

Inertia started its 25th year off strong, performing at the HISD Convocation, followed by an appearance in early September at the MATCH for Dance/Hunger/Action. They kicked off the Texas Street Dance Weekend in Sugarland with a high-powered Flash mob under the blazing sun, and had the distinct honor of performing at the Wortham Center as the preview for the legendary Twyla Tharp Dance Company this past weekend. This weekend they're off to Corpus Christi to participate in the Bailando International Dance Festival. They've been working hard, and they're not slowing down. Stay tuned, there's so much more to come!



# 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

## 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"!

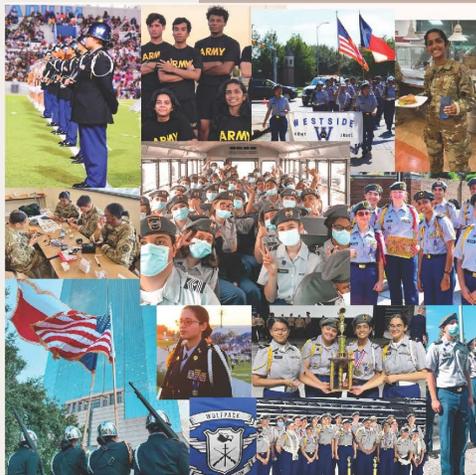


**Mission: "To motivate young people to become better citizens"**

## 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



**Drill**  
Armed & Unarmed Drill teams



**Marksmanship & Archery**



**Raider Team & Swim & Range**



**JLAB**  
JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl

### For PARENTS!



Parent Booster Club



JROTC website

Leadership Service Discipline Honor

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

## 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 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!

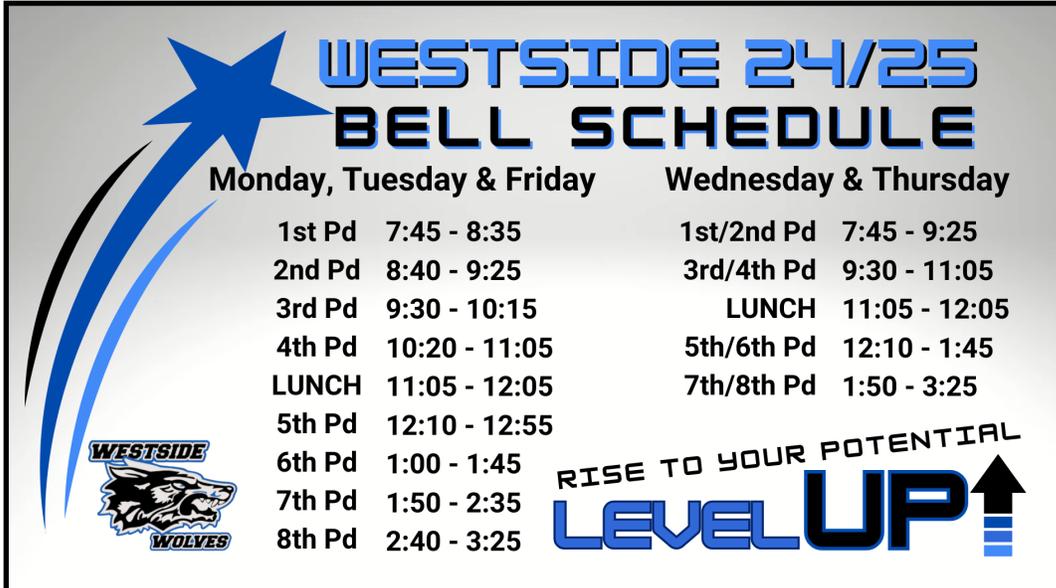
Escanear para aprender más

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



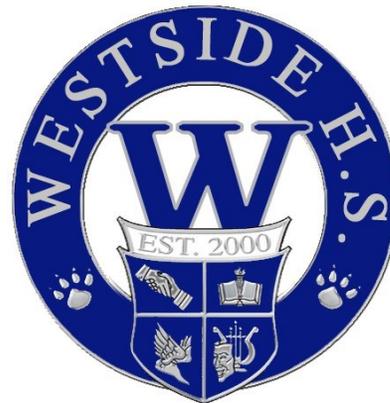
Facebook: Westside High School



Instagram: gowestsidewolves



Twitter: @westsidehigh



### 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>