



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL—Home of the Wolves

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HISD Trustee **Greg Meyers** (pictured right) will be hosting a District VI Town Hall Meetings this Wednesday at Westside. Come meet **Dr. Terry Grier** (left), HISD Superintendent, and hear his vision for the district and learn more about the great things happening in District VI. The meeting, which includes a special performance by our **INERTIA Dance Company**, will be held in our auditorium and begins at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP via email to boardservices@houstonisd.org.



2009 Advanced Placement Scholar Awards Announced

The College Board and Westside High School are pleased to announce the 2009 AP Scholar Awards. A total of 163 students (up from 139 last year) at Westside have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. The list is included on pages 2-3 and is posted on our website (Academic Programs/AP).

The College Board's AP Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams.

Students took AP Exams in May 2009 after completing challenging college-level courses at Westside. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

At Westside:

- 8 students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.
- 45 students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of at least 3.5 or higher on five or more of these exams.
- 20 students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams.
- 90 students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. In 2009, thirty-six AP Exams were offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and

WHS CALENDAR

Nov 16	5:00p Girls' Basketball v Westbury Christian (WHS)
	6:30p Music Boosters Meeting (Band Hall)
Nov 16-20	1:00p Magnet Tours
Nov 17	8:00a JROTC District Inspection
	3:30p NHS Meeting (MT)
	4:30p Freshmen-B Boys' Basketball v St. Thomas (WHS)
	4:30p Freshmen-A, 6:00p JV, 7:30p Varsity Boys' Basketball at St. Thomas
Nov 18	Report Cards
	5:00p Varsity Wrestling at Brazoswood
	5:00p JV Wrestling v Seven Lakes
	6:30p Town Hall Meeting (Aud)
Nov 19	8:30a Student Council Meeting (S-100)
	Career Speaker Series (Fine Arts) – both lunches (S-100)
	3:30p Rugby Team Meeting (S-100)
	7:00p No Costume Dance Concert (Aud)
Nov 19-21	Varsity Boys' Basketball Pasadena Tournament
Nov 20	4:00p Freshmen, 5:30p JV, 7:00p Varsity Girls' Basketball at Conroe
Nov 21	9:00a Magnet Tours
	9:00a Varsity Wrestling Toughman Invitational (Dallas)
	9:00a HISD Dance Montage and 4:00p Performance (Aud)
Nov 21-22	JV Wrestling St. Thomas Invitational
	TISCA Swim Meet (Conroe ISD Natatorium)

free-response questions. In May, Westside administered a record 1601 AP Exams to 865 students.

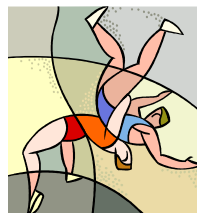
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Westside Wrestling Ranked #8 in State

After coming home last Saturday night with the Cinco Ranch Invitational championship trophy in hand, your Westside Wolf wrestlers found out that they are ranked #8 in the state of Texas out of 272 school that have wrestling teams. There are no separate classes in wrestling just one.

Winning the Cinco Ranch meet was an incredible feat as we only took 10 wrestlers out of a possible 15 weight classes. Team scores were 204 Westside, 188 Klein, 170 Seven Lakes and 165 Cinco Ranch. We came away with 6 champions, 2 third places, 1 fourth and 1 fifth:

- 103 lbs – **Sean Lofgren** – Champion
- 112 lbs – **Avril Wade** – 4th
- 119 lbs – **Chris Pacheco** – 3rd
- 125 lbs – **Bryan Diaz** – Champion
- 130 lbs – **Ryan Klein** – Champion – ranked #2 in the state
- 135 lbs – **John Pacheco** – Champion – ranked #1 in the state
- 140 lbs – **Asmir Ibisevic** – 5th
- 145 lbs – **Joey Ducker** – Champion
- 152 lbs – **JT Teske** – 3rd
- 189 lbs – **Taylor Winzeler** – Champion



Congratulations wrestlers and coaches! We're looking forward to an exciting season.

Thanks for a Great Football Season

Our season came to an end last Friday night for our District 20-5A Champion Wolves with a tough 19-28 loss to Aldine High School in round one of the playoffs at Thorn Stadium.

The football staff at Westside would like to thank all the parents and fans and administration for a great season. Talk about a learning environment. There was growth on the practice field and the field of play that was immeasurable. I want to thank the parents of these young men for the time they have given for my staff to work with them. What a great group of seniors we are sending out of here. A true testament to TEAM WORK and BLEEDING THE BLUE! Thank you for a season to remember and another one we will build from to make this program the Diamond of Houston. —Coach Mark Byrd

Wolves Nominated for Space City Classic, Cast your Vote!

The Houston Chronicle and Space City Classic have nominated some of the best players in Greater Houston to participate in the Space City Classic All-star game, March 13, 2010 at Delmar Stadium.

Westside running back **Frank Williams**, defensive lineman **Martin Ifedi** and linebacker **Stephen Thompson** are all on the ballot and need your vote! Simply go to www.chron.com/sports/highschool/spacecity and cast your vote for our Wolves so Westside will have representation among Houston's elite in the Space City Classic.



Veteran's Day Concert a Hit in the Westside Community

Our thanks go to the student performers and directors **Kelly Porter-Centanni**, **Chad Allen**, **Eric Hughes**, **Jason Carson**, **Kendra Boehing** and **Jessica Chan-**

Congrats to our Scholars!

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AP SCHOLARS

earned a 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams

Matthew Ackerman	Michelle Lin
Jimmy Andrade	Carmen Lindmoen
Thomas Balgairies	Brittany Long
Anjali Baxi	Neil Manchon
Michelle Bilby	Caroline Manning
Marvin Cabrera	Bradley McConnon
Alyson Carralez	Erin McGibbon
Luis Cartagenova	Joseph McLaughlin
Laura Castro	Raul Molina
Larry Cheung	Rachit Nanda
Po-Chen Chiu	Aivan Nguyen
Kerry Chu	Danny Nouri
Matthew Clayton	Katie Orr
Joanna Cortez	Ijeoma Osueke
Gabriel Cossio	Alexandra Parrish
Neal Cramer	Matthew Peavy
Jacob Doyle	Cesar Pham
Nathan Drake	Mark Reilly
Kelsey Dumba	Kevin Remigio
Erin Dunkelberger	Max Robertson
Alicia Dykema	Nicque Robinson
Carl Ebling	Maria Romero
Liuna Fekravar	Leah Rosenweig
Luisa Florez Umbarila	Kalen Rowe
Lauren Gallagher	Drew Sartain
Diamond Gallow	Drew Scott
Smith Garvin	Gabriel Simoes
Jonathan Gentsch	Sebastian Siverand
Lucy Gilmour	Elizabeth Snell
Emily Hacopian	Haley Swanson
Emily Hansen	Michael Takla
Michelle Harris	Felipe Tello
Taylor Harrison	Kathryn Thompson
Micah Head	Daniel Trinidad
Charlotta Hill	Jessica Truong
Shih-Tao Hsu	Obinna Ukawoko
Austin Jackson	Mauricio Vazquez
Jeremy Jones	Samuel Velasquez
Petter Kaalstad	Jacob Vinh
Christopher Key	Thu-Huong Vu
Geraldine Khoo	Ryan Walston
Sameen Kiayei	Alex Wilhelm
David Lanford	Ashley Williams
Alex Leal	Erika Willrodt
Scott Liang	Yanan Zheng

AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR

earned an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grade of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

Martin Aramayo	Yi Liu
Morgan Ball	Ananta Prameswara
April Bievenour	Sandy Qi
Lauren Coleman	Emily Rains
Erika Cruz	Veronica Seng
Anna Duey	Meredith Stevens
Kathryn Eccles	Caroline Straub
Kristoffer Hellesmark	Tho Tran
John Kramer	Julia Tsai
Cheng Li	Kristin Ward

bler for an outstanding concert last Tuesday. Our JROTC cadets under the direction of **Ret. Col. Keith Kalman, Sgt. Raul Byrd** and **Sgt. Axel Coll** enhanced the program dramatically throughout the evening.

The auditorium was filled for "Westside Salutes America" with a great representation from our community. The finale was spectacular! As the band, choir, and orchestra played a number that contained all the theme songs from the Armed Forces and our JROTC presented each flag, audience members who served were asked to stand and be recognized. The effect was very moving and amidst applause, cheering, flag waving and a few tears, the concert instilled pride in our armed forces and country. Thank you all!



From the Westside College Center

The **British American Foundation of Texas** is offering students age 16-17 the opportunity to apply for the "Junior Achievers" Award. This award provides a summer study program for academically strong students from low income families in the Houston and surrounding areas. The recipient will attend a two week British Studies Summer Program at the American Community School in England. Applications are due January 31, 2010. Visit Prep HQ and click on the Summer Programs link for details or visit www.baftx.org.

Texas A&M University is hosting a high school leadership conference call SLOT 2010. This conference will be held at the university from February 12-14th. It is available to all juniors and seniors. To register or find out more information, visit <http://slot.tamu.edu>. The cost of the weekend is \$90 and includes meals, room and board, a t-shirt, and an excellent leadership experience.

Upcoming college visits for graduating seniors are listed below. Please remember to pick up a permit in A-205 and have it signed by your classroom teacher prior to attending the session.

Nov 17: University of Houston Victoria, both lunches
 Nov 18: Texas Tech University, 10:00 am
 Nov 24: Yale University, 11:00 am

Lacrosse Midfielder to Play NCAA Division III



Congratulations to WHS Senior Men's Lacrosse midfielder, Alex Michael, who has committed to play NCAA Division III lacrosse at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. The Pirates are the first program to field an NCAA varsity lacrosse team in Texas. Way to go, Alex!

The Westside Men's Lacrosse Team will be participating in the Cy Fair Classic Tournament November 21st and 22nd and will be posting their spring schedule in the near future.

Attention Class of 2010 Seniors

Yearbook Pictures: Seniors must be photographed by Prestige Photographers in Katy no later than November 21 to have their picture included in the yearbook. Please call their studio at 281-492-9361.

Senior T-Shirts: Stop by A-206 by Friday, November 20 and check the spelling of your name and your t-shirt size. If we do not have a size listed, you will have to choose from what is left over. See Mrs. Matlock in A205/6 if you need to make corrections.

The Class of 2010 Graduation will take place on Sunday, May 30, at 4:00 pm at the Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy, Texas 77494

Senior Dues cover cap and gown, graduation expenses, diploma, diploma cover, Senior Picnic, Senior Honors Night, and the graduate panoramic picture. The \$125 dues can be paid to Mrs. Matlock in A205. Pay before December 18 and get

AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

earned an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grade of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

Jayvee Abella	Yudi Lin
Afif Alafifi	Schandra Madha
Ruba Alafifi	Cassandra Maneen
Lindsay Becker	Tu-Uyen Nguyen
Sean Boothe	Marina Nikolaou
Emily Brill	Andrew Oriani
Patrick Bushnell	Falak Pasha
Tiffany Chung	Alessandro Piccaglia
Camila Cossio	Rebecca Reardon
Andres Fadul	Garrett Reddin
Daniel Goodnight	Alessandro Reinoso
Niloufar Hafizi	William Sanchez
Pablo Hernandez	Randall Schlautd
Kian Hosseini	Isabel Shoemaker
Isadora Italia	Travis Smith
Alyssa Johnson	Maggie Strange
Do Soon Kim	Tiffany Trinh
Matthew Klein	Libia Vasquez
Ryan Klein	William Watson
Alexandra Laird	Lisa White
Victor Le	Katherine Wilson
Edward Lee	Anna Zhang
Mochi Li	

AP NATIONAL SCHOLARS

earned an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams and grades of 4 or higher on 8 or more of these exams

Lindsay Becker	Garrett Reddin
Niloufar Hafizi	Randall Schlautd
Schandra Madha	Libia Vasquez
Tu-Uyen Nguyen	William Watson

Upcoming Events



November 23

7:00p Voice Recital (Choir Room)

November 25-27

No School

November 26

Inertia performs in Thanksgiving Day Parade, KHOU-TV

December 2

6:00p Volleyball Banquet (Commons)

December 3

Progress Reports

7:00p Orchestra Concert (Aud)

December 5

8:00a Tutorials

December 7-11

7:30a-3:00p WHS Library Book Fair

your senior t-shirt for free! Visit the senior class page on our website for additional information.

24th Annual Career and Education Day

Save the date! The Houston Hispanic Forum invites all students in grades 6 through 12 and their parents to attend Career and Education Day at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 9th at the George Brown Convention Center. Get the facts about student loans and grants. Learn about career choices, college selection and application. Complete the FAFSA form online. It's all free at Career Day. For details, call 713-522-8077 or visit www.hispanicforum.org.



The Wolves Den has got you covered!



The weather is turning cooler and the Wolves Den has got you covered! They are currently taking pre-orders for Westside sweatshirts (\$12), sweatpants (\$20), and hoodies (\$25). All items will be available in grey, blue, and black.

Come to the school store in the commons during A and B lunch to place your prepaid order. The Wolves Den is owned and operated by Business Ownership students and also sells general school supplies.

Failing a class? Take Advantage of WHS Tutorials!

Westside High School continues to provide Saturday tutorials for students who are in need of academic assistance. Students who are struggling academically should take advantage of this opportunity to receive help developed around their individual needs. The program offers small learning environments and is taught by Westside faculty at no charge to students. The main focus will be placed on English, math, science, and history.

Breakfast is served at 8:00 am followed by two classroom sessions of 50-minutes of each. The student must bring their ID and material to work. We will provide a snack and a drink at the end of the day but please make arrangements for getting students home at the end of tutorials; the building will be closed at 10:30 am. Upcoming sessions are December 5 and December 12.

Why risk failure and the need to re-take a course when we have tutorials available Saturday and during the week? For more information, visit our Tutorial webpage under Academics or contact Rita Lopez at rlopez2@houstonisd.org.

School-wide Food Drive ends November 20

Help those less fortunate with a donation to the Houston Food Bank! Our Westside Student Council is running a school-wide food drive through November 20 and we're hoping each one of our Wolves will participate by bringing a canned good to school.

Students can drop off their donation in the designated boxes located in each small school office. Please help us feed those in need this holiday season!



It is the policy of the Houston Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of age, color, handicap or disability, ancestry, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex, veteran status, or political affiliation in its educational or employment programs and activities.



We value your feedback! Please direct comments or questions to Diana Baron, Communications Director, at dbaron@houstonisd.org.

Visit us on the web at www.westsidewolves.org

December 8

5:00p Choir Dinner (Commons) and 7:00p Concert (Aud)

December 10

7:00p Band Winter Concert (Aud)

Announcements

- There will be an **AP Government review** for the final exam held on Saturday, December 12th from 8-10:30 AM.
- There is still space available for any AP Government/Economics student to attend the **Close Up** trip in February. Any interested senior please come by and see Ms. Heil as soon as possible.
- Merci beaucoup to our **French Honor's Society** for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast last Friday!
- The Athletic Booster Club is looking for the large **W, H, S and Wolf flags** used in the past at football games. If you have any information about where to locate the flags, please contact Ginny Jones at gsjgarments@earthlink.net.
- Parents and community members **sponsoring a fundraiser for WHS**: Please remember to register your fundraiser with Ms. Neal in the main office. Westside requires ALL fundraisers be cleared so that we can include them on our fundraiser calendar and prevent conflicts. Thanks for your cooperation!
- The school's **Grading Policy** is now available on our website using the Quick Link on our homepage. Please register for [Parent Student Connect](#) to view a student's grades, assignments, progress reports, attendance records, etc. as they are inputted.
- You can now **order WHS Yearbooks** via Smart-Pay at www.smart-pay.com. Information has been sent home with students and watch for further details in the mail from Smart-Pay.
- The **Bookroom Hours** are Tuesday from 7:00-7:30 am and 3:20-4:00 pm; Wednesday during both lunches and Thursday from 7:00am -7:30 am, during lunch and 3:20-4:00 pm. A current schedule and student ID are required!
- **HISD News and Weather Hotline**: Channel 11 and 740 AM are the official TV/radio station for HISD news releases, including weather related information. The HISD weather hotline at 713-267-1704.
- What's happening in the district? Sign up to receive **news from HISD** via email at www.houstonisd.org/subscribe.