

Westside Wire

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Parents and the West Houston Community.

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A New School Year...Changes and Opportunities

By: Mr. Paul Castro, Principal

Entering a new school year is always exciting. Incoming seniors cannot wait to be the top dogs. Freshmen are keyed up and nervous. Teachers are readying their rooms. Parents are worried and hoping that everything works out.

To me, nothing is more exciting than the start of a new school year. Though the smells of freshly sharpened pencils, chalk dust, and crayons have been replaced by the dry-erase marker fumes and clicks on a computer keyboard, school is still school. Westside will also still be Westside. Many things have changed since the school year ended, but most things will stay the same.

As many of you know, Peggi

Stewart, our Associate Principal is the new principal at Kolter Elementary. Barbara Neal, former East 2 dean, will take her place. Tyrone Davis is also a new principal at Southwest High School and Marva Morrow has decided to retire. We have added 3 deans to replace these departing leaders. Michelle Griggs will come on board the North 1 team from Dulles HS, where she was the English department chair for the past 4 years. Gina Morris will join East 2 as an experienced administrator from SBISD & KISD. Nadine Ghosn is joining the South 2 team. She had previously taught Algebra II in East 1 at WHS. Together, they are adding over 50 years of school experience to our administrative team. We have also added depth in

our teaching ranks with adding 4 math teachers who were either a department chair or lead teacher on their campus.

As we move into the new school year, our challenge will be to stay true to the course we have laid out this past year and will remain focused on improving relationships, programs, and communication. In our hiring, we have passed up opportunities with some teachers who, though strong instructionally, may not be as student-centered in their work. The same has held true in our coaching and dean hires. Programming-wise, we are maintaining our JROTC staffing at 3 instructors, though our numbers have dropped, we have built in room for an addi-

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Calendar of Events at Westside High—Home of the Wolves

August

- 4-23 Important Back-to-School Dates on Page 3
- 11-15 Band Camp, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 12-15 Choir Camp, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- 14 Theatre Camp, 1 p.m., (BB)
- 18-22 Band Camp, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 22 Choir Camp, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- 22 Back-To-School Bash, 6 p.m.
- 25 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 29 Student Council Election of Reps.

For a complete calendar of Westside events, visit us at www.westsidewolves.org

September

- 1 No School
- 2 PTO Meeting, 7 p.m., Library
- 11-12 Freshman Student Council Officer Election
- 15-19 Rush Week
- 17 Open House, 6 p.m.

October

- 2-4 Theatre Show, 7:30 p.m., BB
- 7 Sr. Parent Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium
- 7 PTO Mtg., 7:30 p.m., Library
- 9 No School
- 14 Jazz Band Concert, MT
- 15 Report Cards

- 15 PSAT
- 15 College Night, 6 p.m., Commons
- 16 Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Auditorium
- 21-24 TAKS Exit Level Retests
- 21 Orchestra Concert, Auditorium
- 24 Homecoming Parade
- 24 Homecoming Football Game, 7:30 p.m. Butler Stadium
- 25 Homecoming Dance,
- 28 Freshman Parent Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Aud.
- 31 Random Acts of Dance, Aud.

Please confirm dates and times on our website or by calling 281-920-8000.

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tional teacher in our Out-back program, & we are adding a social worker to assist struggling students. We are continuing the strong work led by our communication director, Diana Baron. Our WHS E-Newsletter will continue its Monday delivery. We have updated and improved our voice-mail system as well as our website. In addition, our district is rolling out a new parent/student portal on the web this school year, giving you more access to your children's records in a timelier manner. We are also looking to provide you with feedback opportunities through surveys.

This is my 10th year to be involved with Westside. I am proud of the work that the students, parents, teachers, staff, and community have taken to make this a top 1% school. We continue to have challenges that provide us with work that drives us forward.

I thank you for the support that you have provided to us by sending us your children. Our hope is that we meet your expectations every day. Welcome to a great school year!



A Look Ahead at Upcoming Events

As you can tell from all the important dates throughout August, we hit the ground running the first day of school August 25th. Here's some information on events early in the school year:

Student Council Elections: Elections for sophomore, junior and senior Student Council officers were held last spring but it will soon be time to complete the rest of this important (and re-organized) leadership organization. This year the Council will include a representative from each homeroom. Information packets will be available during Wolf Days and the first two days of school with "Intent to Run" forms due August 27. Elections will be held in homerooms on Friday, August 29. Freshmen interested in running for an officer position can pick up information packets beginning September 3 and should attend an informational meeting the following day during their lunch period in S-100. Intent to Run forms are due September 5th, speeches given during an assembly September 11 and voting September 11-12.

Rush Week: Make the most out of your high school years - Meet new friends by joining a club with others who share your interests! During Rush Week, September 15-19, our WHS clubs set up informational tables in the Commons and invite students to come learn more about their organizations.

Open House: Here's your chance to experience a "day in the life" of your child at Westside. We'll meet in the Auditorium at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 17 for a brief welcome from Principal Castro and then you'll follow your child's schedule through an abbreviated "day." Meet each teacher and learn what your student will be learning in class this year!

College Night: Each year we welcome representatives from colleges and universities across the nation to WHS to answer your questions about their schools. All students and parents are invited to join us Wednesday, October 15 at 6:00 pm to check out the future!

Parent Nights: A Senior Parent Meeting is currently scheduled for October 7 and a Freshmen Parent meeting for October 28. Both will be held in the WHS auditorium and begin at 6:30 pm.

Homecoming: Our Homecoming game is Friday, October 24 at 7:30 pm vs. Bellaire at Butler Stadium and the dance will be held Saturday, October 25 at Westside. Watch our weekly e-news for details of all Homecoming events.

There are numerous events the first few months of school, many of which have not yet been scheduled. Please watch our weekly e-news and check out our website calendar for updated information.

Important Back to School Information

Day of Week	Date	Time	What	Place	Who
Monday-Friday	August 4-8	8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Open I.D. Days-Avoid the long lines on Wolf Days...Come early to get your I.D.!!	Attendance Office	All
Monday-Wednesday Monday Wednesday	August 11-13 August 18 August 20	4:00 p.m.	Form Distribution and Mandatory Training for Off-Campus Privileges and Student Parking	Mini-Theatre	Seniors and Juniors
Thursday	August 14	8:00 a.m.-11 a.m. (A-L) 12:00 p.m.-3:00p.m. (M-Z)	Freshman I.D. Days	Attendance Office	Freshman
Thursday	August 14	1:00 p.m.	Mentor Training	Mini-Theatre	Upper-classmen who signed up to be mentors
Friday	August 15	8:00 a.m.	Freshman Wolf Camp*	Commons	Freshman
Monday	August 18	1:00 p.m.	Wolf Days (formerly called Orientations)	Commons	Juniors
Tuesday	August 19	1:00 p.m.	Wolf Days	Commons	Sophomores
Wednesday	August 20	1:00 p.m.	Wolf Days	Commons	Seniors
Friday	August 22	6:00 p.m.	Back-to-School Bash Small School Orientations	Commons	Students and Parents
Saturday	August 23	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Off-Campus I.D. Pick Up**	Attendance Office	Seniors and Juniors



**Bring \$5 for lunch*

***Bring your Off-Campus Forms completed with all signatures, pay the \$5 fee (cash only) and exchange your regular I.D. for your Off-Campus Badge.*



Westside PTO Kicks Off “Dollars for Scholars 2008”

By: *Barbara Nassab and Joanne Pierre-Scott, VP Fundraising*

Want to make a positive impact on every student at WHS? Make a contribution to Dollars for Scholars and you will be making a difference in the educational experience of every student in the school.

Dollars for Scholars is the annual check-writing campaign that gives parents, community members and businesses the opportunity to contribute to student success by supporting PTO programs that supplement and enhance the educational experience of all students. Dollars for Scholars helps fund PTO scholarships, student and teacher appreciation, and grounds maintenance and beautification, and also provides support for the Library, Fine Arts, numerous curriculum-based and academic programs, and much more.

Your contribution makes a difference, no matter if it is \$5 or \$500. Participation is simple...write a check and you are done! No gift wrap catalogs, no auction dinners. Donation forms are now available in the office and will be included in your First Day Packet. We'll also have a table set up at Back to School Bash on August 22nd and, in a few weeks, will be sending a mail-out to your home with a formal invitation to participate in this worthy program.

Please consider making a difference for every student by making a family donation to Dollars for Scholars, and ask your employer about matching fund opportunities. If you have any questions, or if you are a business owner and would like additional information about donating, please contact Barbara Nassab at bnassab@comcast.net or Joanne Pierre-Scott at jemp1011@aol.com.

WHS LOVES ITS VOLUNTEERS

By: *Cathy McDonnell and Shelby Doehring, VIPS Coordinators*



The new school year is almost here and there many opportunities over the course of the year for parents to contribute their time. From field trip chaperone, to welcome desk staffer, to baked goods and hall monitor, your efforts are welcome.

Look for the Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS) form in your first day packets or at the BASH. Follow the instructions to complete and return the form and you are on your way to providing the help needed to make your child's high school experience great!.

Watch the WHS enews or check westside-wolves.org or westsidepto.org to stay up to date on back to school volunteer needs. Questions? Contact Cathy McDonnell at cmcdonnell935@sbcglobal.net or Shelby Doehring at sdoehring@swbell.net.

Texas All-State Choir Camp Offered at WHS



The WHS Choral Department is sponsoring a Texas All-State Choir Camp beginning on Tuesday, August 12 through Friday, August 15.

The purpose of the camp is to encourage and prepare WHS choir students for the Nationally Recognized Choir audition process. All students auditioning for the All-State Choir should attend this very valuable and resourceful camp.

The cost of the camp is \$10 for WHS Choir students & \$20 for non-Westside Choir students. Students should make arrangements to purchase the All-State Choir music from AMC Music (www.amcmusic.net) for \$19 before Tuesday, August 12th. The camp is scheduled from 1:00-5:00 daily with the assistance of area music teachers. Please email any questions and/or RSVP's to Mr. Carson at jcarson2@houstonisd.org.



PTO...A Bridge to Communication

By: Kelly Simmons, PTO President

On behalf of the WHS PTO, welcome to the 2008-9 school year! The beginning of school is such an exciting time, even if getting back into the swing of things is a challenge.

Communication. It's one of the most important aspects of a business, a government, a high school, as well as of our lives as parents. The PTO is committed to doing all we can to facilitate the communication process here at WHS. We publish the *Westside Wire* and mail it directly to parents' homes and we compile the "first day packets" to offer direct school-to-home information.

Last year the PTO also helped purchase the new electronic marquee for the school and launched our own website. One of the most vital ways we support the communication between home and school is by providing opportunities for parents to learn more about WHS through volunteering on campus or by attending events such as the Back to School Bash. Being involved in our children's lives at school is one sure way of improving the communication with our children. Any level of involvement makes a difference. And there are many ways to be involved—through the PTO, Athletic Booster Club (ABC), the fine arts booster clubs, or supporting the myriad of parent and student organizations on campus.

This year we'll continue to do our part to enhance and improve communication. We hope you'll take time to go through those "first day packets." Please join the PTO and consider a donation to the Dollars for Scholars Campaign. And, please complete the volunteer form and let us know how you'd like to be involved at Westside. Thank you in advance for your support of WHS and the WHS PTO! Contact me at kelsandel@earthlink.net with your questions or suggestions. Here's to a terrific year!

Go Wolves!

Back to School Bash

Friday

August 22nd

6 p.m.–8p.m.

Students, parents and staff come together to experience that great Westside spirit!

- ◆ Principal Castro gives us a LOOK AHEAD 2008-9 and we'll "get ready to rumble" at the PEP RALLY in the auditorium.
- ◆ Enjoy great DINNER options from local restaurants.
- ◆ Check out student CLUBS, ATHLETICS, FINE ARTS, parent organizations, cool classes & hot programs!
- ◆ Learn about SMALL SCHOOLS during break out sessions.

Come find out why we're Westside Proud!!

Attention Freshman...If I Knew Then, What I Know Now

By: *Veronica Watts, Proud Graduate of WHS!*

Congratulations, you made it to high school! Four more years and then you're off to college. But that's a lifetime away. You have bigger things to worry about right now.

I'm not going to nag you about stuff like cheating and tardies and IDs...I'll mention them, but I'll more or less leave that up to the teachers. Here are just some quick and easy tips for easy survival at Westside:

- Checking your cell phone every 5 minutes to see if your best friend responded to the "call me l8r?" message is not worth the \$15 it will cost you to get your phone back when it's confiscated.
- Think wearing an ID around your neck is bad? Try wearing one on your shirt all day long for work. Decorate it with sharpies or clip it to your belt loop if it truly that hideous (trust me - your picture cannot come out worse than all four of mine did!!)
- Keep close track of your text books. Even if this means you keep them in your locker all year long or hide them under your bed (always a favorite), or even under the backseat of your car. You have to pay more money than most of them are worth if you lose them and you can't graduate until they are either all turned in or all paid up.
- Yes, it's true that freshman year is the easiest year (next to senior year), but that does not mean you can take it easy. Get your GPA up now as high as you can as sophomore year and, especially, junior year will yank it down a bit (or more). Contrary to popular belief, after your junior year your GPA will NOT rise that much
- Learn to love your dean and teachers. Honestly, this is common sense here...who would you be more willing to help out; the kid you liked or the kid who comes in and annoys you every day?
- Take notes. The inconvenience it might cost you during class will be made up during A) open note quizzes/tests B) studying C) homework and D) finals. Oh, and all your classmates who didn't take notes will come flocking over to you, asking to borrow your notes. Be instantly popular!
- Get out and get involved in something; a club, a

sport, organization...even just going to events. It will make your life much more eventful and will make your high school experience more fun. Plus, that's your ticket to those kick-butt letter jackets!

- Speaking of those - no, you cannot just buy one; you have to earn one through a sport or organization (i.e. band). Sure you can go out and buy one at Steve and Barry's but everyone can tell you just went out and bought it.
- Take advantage of the free tutorials offered by teachers or students. It will make your life so much easier and it's FREE! Most of the time, you have to pay for it in college.
- Lastly, I know that you want to have fun during your high school years and you can...but if you mess up (no fun at all!) put it behind you and get back on track! You do well, you'll get good stuff.

Remember that WHS is a really good school. You made it to high school and have everything going for you. Make the most of these four years.

Good Luck!!!

Class of 2012...

Welcome to the Westside High School Family!



Summer Academic Assignments

All Westside students are aware that their summer plans included reading and some math work to keep their skills sharp. The Summer Academic Assignments are available on our website at www.westsidewolves.org. (Please be sure to use the hyperlinks to open worksheets and additional documents.) In addition to English and Math, there are assignments for some Spanish classes, AP Latin Literature and AP Studio Art. Please help your children start the year right by reminding them to complete the assignments and encourage additional reading for pleasure.



Congratulations to our 2008 WHS Varsity Cheerleading Squad!

Front Row (L-R): Daranesha Herron, Jameela Dale, Shane Green, Carly Propps, Lauren McIntyre, Ametis Bassir, Maddie Watson, Veronica Bouliva, Blair Kelley

Back Row (L-R): Nicole Daves, April Bievenour, Emily Hansen, Julie Carnett, Erika Willrodt (captain), Lauren Gallagher (captain), Brittany Higginbotham, Jessica Ande.

Student Drop-off, Pick-up and Campus Parking



The only place to drop off your children at WHS is in the Student Lot at the back of the school. It is extremely dangerous to unload passengers at the median or by the curb on Briar Forest and there is no U-turn permitted in front of the school. The Circle Drive is limited to the Special Education buses or those dropping off handicapped children. We cannot allow other vehicles through immediately before or after school. This is a fire lane and must be kept clear for emergency vehicles at all times. These safety precautions also apply to picking up your children after school.

Please plan to be in the vicinity of WHS by 7:30 am to ensure your child gets to class on time & have patience after school. We also ask that you arrange timely transportation each day for your child as we do not have the staff resources to supervise students after 4:00pm.

Visitors to the WHS Campus should park in the Circle Drive off Briar Forest in the spaces designated for that purpose. Please do not park in reserved spaces or the fire lane! If the Circle Drive lot is full, you may park in the adjacent lot in front of the school except during the hours of 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 2:30-4:00 p.m. on school days.

Students with off-campus privileges MUST park in the Student Lot if they intend to exercise those privileges during the school day. Information and parking applications are available at school and on our website.



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Serving the Community, Serving Our Schools

By: Greg Meyers, HISD Trustee

In a continual effort to keep you informed, myself and my colleagues on the Board voted on the 2008-2009 HISD budget and I am happy to say it passed 9-0! I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few areas that will be beneficial for your school financially.

As you may know, in March we allocated an additional \$43 per student outside of salary increases on top of what our schools received last year. With the vote, an additional \$23 per student was allocated in addition to \$159,500 for fine arts, \$159,500 for library/media, and \$319,000 for capital/technology for Westside.

I am also pleased to inform you that Westside will get \$3,000 for track repairs and \$6,000 for the softball field! It is very encouraging that we were able to do all this as well as increase the salaries of our greatest resource - our teachers!

I want to thank you all for the wonderful job done this past school year and I look forward to the continued success for next year.

Please do not ever hesitate to contact me at my office: 281-759-4475 or via e-mail at gmeyers@houstonisd.org.

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Announcements:

The **National Honor Society** will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. The first meeting is Tuesday, September 2 at 3:30 in the mini-theater. The membership dues of \$25 should be paid before October 10.



At the request of the Houston Texans, Bob McNair, and the Houston Independent School District, **WHS Chamber Singers** will represent Westside



High School at the annual Houston Texans Youth Day Thursday, August 28th at Reliant Stadium. The WHS Chamber Singers will start the festivities by

singing the National Anthem before the opening kick off. Please make plans to support the Westside Choral Department and buy your tickets for the home game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers!

The Texas Alliance for Geographic Education invited WHS

teacher **Bryan Hill** to present a workshop on using games and game theory in the classroom for their annual convention in



San Antonio this October. Way to go, Mr. Hill!

ALUMNI

The WHS Alumni Connection has several activities planned for the fall. Check the WHS website/alumni site for more dates and details. For more information, contact Susan Hertz, hertzmath@aol.com, Judy Thompson, judydthompson@gmail.com, or Cynthia Allen at allen1730@sbcglobal.net.

First Day Packets



Look for a large envelope to come home with your child the first day of school. The packet contains required HISD forms you need to complete and return, the Westside Way Student/Parent Handbook, and information and forms for our volunteer program, PTO, ABC, etc. you'll want to check out. Please be sure you read the Handbook section on school policies and procedures as it is updated every year! The information provided will help you and your child understand the "ins and outs" of things like attendance, dress code and cell phone use. You can avoid problems down the line simply by becoming familiar with school policy now.

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2008-2009 WHS PTO Board

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News from the College Center



We are pleased to announce that Princeton Review will offer discounted SAT Prep classes here on the Westside campus to prepare students for the October test! The session begins September 6 with classes held Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays through October 1. For more information, please contact Donica J. Merriman, Manager, Educational Partnerships at Princeton Review either by phone: 713-688-5000 or 832-476-4332 or email at www.princetonreview.com.

Important reminders:

Seniors: Please have your resumes in PrepHQ completed and attach it to the new Personal Data Sheet for dean and teacher recommendations for college. (The new Personal Data Sheet can be downloaded from our website.) Make sure your "college list" in Prep HQ is complete, and check out announcements, scholarships etc.

Juniors and Sophomores: You should be adding all activities, awards, community service, employment etc. that you completed this year to your resume in PrepHQ.

SAT **October 4 (Check Collegeboard.com for registration information)**

PSAT **October 15**

College Night **October 15**

ACT **October 25**





Senior Parent Information

By: *Debbie Noriega,
Sr. Parent Chair*

The Senior class of '09 will be working hard to raise funds and make plans for their big year. Parent support is vital to the success of the *prom, after-prom party, and Senior picnic*. The Senior parent group assists the students in fundraising, planning, and implementing those special activities. If you are interested in helping, please contact Debbie Noriega at doulogne@att.net to let me know what activities you're interested in. And, if you have not yet sent in your contribution for the mail in campaign, it's not too late!

All seniors need to be photographed this summer by Prestige. You should have received a reminder in your English classes during the last few weeks of school, and there are information cards in the main office. The number to the studio is 281-897-8300.

Let's make sure our Seniors have a wonderful and memorable year!

PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF...WHS PTO NEEDS YOU!

By: *Christie Petrie, VP Membership*

Our membership drive kicks off on August 22nd at the Back-To-School Bash!

We had over 500 families and WHS teachers and staff join PTO during the 2007-2008 school year. Won't you please join us this year and raise that number to over 600? Your membership includes a student directory and "W" car decal and supports many important activities at WHS.

Last year, the PTO provided supplemental funding for Science and Social Studies departments, landscaping, the new electronic marquee and \$10,000 for the library. In addition, the PTO sponsored the Back-To-School Bash, Homecoming Dance, College Night, several Teacher/Staff Appreciation events and awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.

Remember, you must be a member of the PTO, if your child plans to apply for a PTO Spirit Scholarship. Please complete and return the membership form on page 12 or on our website at www.westsiddepto.org. It's a great investment in your child's education.

Communication is a Westside Priority

By: *Diana Baron, Communications Director*

Later this summer we will be launching a new website! Check out our new look and easy-to-navigate format at www.westsidewolves.org. There is an enormous amount of information available just a click away. If you have questions, this is a great (and immediate) way to get answers! Our student/parent handbook, the *Westside Way*, is another useful tool to learn more about our school and become familiar with policies and procedures.

That being said, a high school by its very nature has activities, announcements and news on a daily basis. While our students will hear PA announcements each day once school is underway, our parents and community can receive weekly news via email. It's simple and free but not automatic; you do need to sign up for our WHS Community List Serve. Please use the link on our homepage or send an email to dbaron@houstonisd.org with "subscribe to list serve" in the subject line. It's that easy! The news is sent in a text only format every Monday afternoon and includes a link to the full color newsletter (with photos) posted on our website.



Wolves Varsity 2008 Football Schedule

Date	Team	Site	Time	
8/23	Cy Creek	Cy Creek	9 a.m.	
8/28	Sharpstown	Delmar	7 p.m.	
9/05	El Campo	Butler	7 p.m.	
9/12	Conroe	Delmar	7:30 p.m.	
9/19	Elsik	Crump	7:30 p.m.	
9/26	OPEN			
10/03	Lamar	Delmar	7:30 p.m.	
10/10	OPEN			
10/18	Milby	Butler	6 p.m.	
10/24	Bellaire	Butler	7:30 p.m.	Homecoming
11/01	Madison	Butler	1 p.m.	Senior Day
11/08	Chavez	Barnett	1 p.m.	



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The Spirit of ABC

The WHS Athletic Booster Club (ABC) exists solely to support your athlete and all of the 24 sports that are offered at WHS. Our school is unique for not only the number of sports available to our students but the quality of our coaching staff.

Did you know a percentage of your ABC membership goes directly to the sport your child participates in? There are fundraisers throughout the year to garner funds to buy new uniforms or equipment, maintain our facilities, support transportation needs to sporting events. Parent and community financial support is the key to the success of our student athletes.

Please help support our athletes and join ABC. A form can be found in your 1st Day Packets or online at www.westsidehighschoolsports.org. You can purchase your membership through PayPal or write a check.

Thank you for your support!

Make your Mark with a Paw Print

By: Barbara Nassab, Chair

Want to make your mark at WHS? Get a personalized paw print and leave a lasting impression of yourself on the WHS campus!

Paw prints are available to all students and interested community members and proceeds benefit the WHS Athletic Booster Club (ABC). Do-it-yourself paw prints are available for \$25. We paint the paw and you add your name, graduation year, and symbols to make it uniquely yours. For \$40, we'll personalize it with your name and graduation year for you. For \$10, we will refresh a paw purchased last year.

Order forms are now available in the office and will be included in First Day Packets. We'll also have an ABC booth at Back-to-School Bash on August 22nd. Please stop by and order your Paw Print!



Amegy Bank Supporting our Student Athletes

The WHS ABC would like to thank Amegy Bank for their generosity in underwriting our new scoreboard. Through the kind consideration of supporting WHS athletics, their gift will benefit at least three sports - soccer, softball and track. Athletics is an important part of any school experience & can offer avenues for student athletes to attend college that may otherwise not have been available. WHS ABC offers our wholehearted gratitude to Amegy Bank for supporting student athletes in the community. Remember to support those businesses that support our schools...please visit www.amegybank.com to see what Amegy has to offer you!

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PTO Membership Form 2008 - 2009

Parent's Name:

Parent's Name:

Street

City:

Zip:

Email Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Business Phone:

Westside Student's Name:

Grade Level

Dean/Small School

1.

2.

3.

I'm Interested in PTO Volunteering Opportunities ___Yes

YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE PTO for 2008-2009 \$50 Leader of the Pack \$20 Family \$10 WHS Faculty/Staff

Yes, I would like to contribute to PTO College Scholarship Fund \$10 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other

Yes, I would like an extra copy(ies) _____ of the Student directory at \$5.00 each (or 2 for \$9)

Yes, I would like to purchase an extra Westside Decal (s) _____ at \$3 each.

Amount Enclosed \$ **(Payable to "WHS PTO")** **Check #:**

Return completed form with payment to: Westside HS, 14201 Briar Forest Dr., Houston, TX 77077, Attn: PTO Membership