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PARENT NOTES
Year 11 Edition 6 – 10.15.2019

October 2019

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NO SCHOOL	Admin Duty: M. Dottley	PSAT and SAT School Day Admin Duty: T. Washington	Hispanic Heritage Potluck Admin Duty: M. Rodriguez	Admin Duty: R. Brown	
21	22	23	24	25	26/27
Birthday: Ms. Dottley Admin Duty: D. Laws	Birthday: Mr. Feind Admin Duty: A. Sifflet	Admin Duty: L. Alecio	Admin Duty: R. Warner	Admin Duty: F. Izuegbu	

For campus culture/testing dates → [West Marvels Calendar](#)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We are now ONE school day away from our first ever SAT School Day, here on campus! The SAT is an incredibly important exam for our students as it helps provide them the opportunity and options in their college decisions. You may or may not know that the SAT is traditionally given over the weekend at a campus different than our own. This new SAT School Day Program allows our students the opportunity to offer the SAT to Juniors and Seniors in school AND on a week day. This allows ALL of our students the best opportunity.

More info about SAT School day is below:

SAT School Day lets schools, districts, and states offer the SAT to juniors and seniors in school, on a weekday, expanding access to a globally recognized college admission test that's accepted at all U.S. colleges. Over 3.7 million students in over 3,000 districts and 9,000 schools have participated in SAT School Day.

By breaking down barriers to access, SAT School Day can have a profound impact on a community—opening doors to college, scholarships, and financial aid for every student.

Benefits of SAT School Day for Students

- **Convenience.** Students don't have to worry about locating or getting to the testing site. School day testing won't disrupt weekend plans, jobs, or family time.
- **Comfort.** Students test in familiar surroundings with people they know.
- **Confidence.** Nothing builds confidence like practice and the SAT is the only admission test that offers free, personalized practice plans for all students. Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® provides every student with a practice plan built just for them, along with integrated coaching tools for teachers to view progress and support their students.

Learn more ways SAT School Day benefits students.

SAT School Day Benefits for Low-Income Students

Low-income students participating in SAT School Day are eligible for the same benefits as students who use fee waivers for weekend administrations:

Free Tests and Feedback

- 2 free Saturday SATs, with or without the essay
- 6 free SAT Subject Tests
- 2 free Question-and-Answer Service (QAS) or Student Answer Service (SAS) reports

Free College Benefits

- Unlimited score reports to send to colleges
- Waived application fees at participating colleges
 - Search for participating colleges
- Free CSS Profile applications to apply for financial aid from participating colleges
 - Find out if a college requires the CSS Profile
 - Fill out your CSS Profile

Learn more about benefits for low-income students.

Students are considered low-income and eligible for additional SAT School Day benefits if:

- They're enrolled in or eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- Their annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.
- They're enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., Federal TRIO programs such as Upward Bound).
- Their family receives public assistance.
- They live in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home, or are homeless.
- They are a ward of the state or an orphan.

Benefits of SAT School Day for Schools and Districts

- **Cultivates a college-going culture and supports equity.** When students have the opportunity to take the SAT at their own school, they're more likely to take the test and gain access to higher education. Benefits for low-income students include unlimited free score sends and waived application fees at participating colleges.
- **Continuously improve outcomes.** All tests in the SAT Suite share a common score scale and are appropriate for their designated grade levels. This makes it easy to track performance across tests to measure growth and identify areas where students need help. Our interactive reporting portal makes it easy to view integrated data across the SAT Suite. Go to the K–12 score reporting portal.

Simple to order. The entire SAT Suite of Assessments—including the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9—are available to order online, all in one place, with the ability to administer multiple assessments at the same time. For SAT School Day, you can order for any number of students and select from 5 administration dates.

-Ms. Semaan

CULTURE



Mr. Feind
Director of Student Support



Hispanic Heritage Potluck and Concert <Updated>

The date for the Pot Luck is this Thursday, October 17th from 5:00-6:30. If you're interested in attending, [please use this link to sign up!](#) We already have lots of incredible food coming from our Parent Pack. This event ALWAYS has some of the best food in Houston, so we hope to see you all there! We'll also be hosting a variety of bid-trips to community events throughout the months of September and October. [Check out this article for a solid list of suggested activities!](#)

Red Ribbon Week 2019 < Possible Action Required>

Red Ribbon Week is just around the corner! This year we'll have a week of fun dress-up themes and some interactive lessons during homeroom and PACK time to help increase drug awareness on campus. Check out the themes below, and be sure to help spread the word!

Red Ribbon Week

YES Prep West
October 21st -25th, 2019

Monday
October 21st
Wear a Red Ribbon
Send a Message Stay Drug Free



Tuesday
October 22nd
Wear Blue to Stay True to the Real You Say NO to Drugs



Wear blue shirt, jeans or shoes

Wednesday
October 23rd
Give Drugs the Boot
Wear Boots with a White t-shirt and jeans



Wear any type of boots (steel-toed boots not allowed)

Thursday
October 24th
Shade Out Drugs
Wear Shades



Wear your favorite shades (shades will not be allowed during instructional time in the classrooms)

Friday
October 25th
Drug Free Red Out
Wear Red to be REDy to say NO to Drugs



Wear all red shirt, jeans, shoes
Grade level that wears the reddest outfits will win a Free Dress Pass Day

- GUIDELINES**
- If you are not participating in the festivities, you must be in uniform.
 - You **MUST** wear something according to the theme every day.
 - No tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, net or sheer tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, or strapless tops.
 - T-shirts are acceptable as long as their subject matter is appropriate.
 - No bare midriffs (half shirts) allowed.
 - No open-toed shoes.
 - All pants, shorts, and skirts must meet the criteria established in the Monday through Thursday uniform for Pants / Shorts / Skirts.
 - Athletic gear is not allowed: Sweat pants, yoga pants, athletic shorts, etc.
 - Bandanas, do-rags, hats or wave caps are permitted on campus.

Failure to meet this requirement will result in changing clothes plus receiving demerit or detention

COLLEGE INITIATIVES

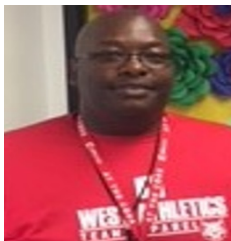


Ms. Waybright
Director of College Counseling

Wednesday, 10/16 - PSAT and SAT School Day

On Wednesday, 10/16, **10th** and **11th** graders will be taking the PSAT. **12th graders** will be taking the SAT. Bells will be off, classes may be displaced, and it will be silent hallways. Wish your high school students good luck!

ATHLETICS



Coach Fields
Athletic Director



Basketball Try-Outs	Oct 17
Soccer Try-Outs	Oct 28
Sports Physical	Oct 21

Game Schedule <New Info>

Come support our Marvelous Athletes at their home and away games! They appreciate all the support!



Varsity Girls Volleyball		Game Time	Versus	Place
Tuesday	15-Oct	6:30	KIPP Houston	10711 KIPP Way
Friday	18-Oct	6:30	HIS Sugarland	Home
JV Girls Volleyball		Game Time	Versus	Place
Tuesday	15-Oct	5:00	KIPP Houston	10711 KIPP Way
Friday	18-Oct	5:00	HIS Sugarland	Home
Varsity Boys Volleyball		Game Time	Versus	Place
Tuesday	15-Oct	5:00	YP Southside	5515 S Loop E Fwy
Friday	18-Oct	5:00	HIS Katy	22400 Grand Corner Dr.
Middle School Volleyball		Game Time	Versus	Place
Thursday	17-Oct	5:30	YP Brays Oaks	Home



PARENT PACK

Parent Pack is a group on campus that exists to be more involved on campus through volunteering efforts and staying in-the-loop with information on campus. We have established several communication groups on WhatsApp for parents to receive immediate information regarding events and volunteering opportunities. If interested in being added to these groups, please fill out the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/ParentPackForm>

Hispanic Heritage Month Potluck – THIS THURSDAY: 10/17/19

One thing that makes West so marvelous is the diverse student body population. Our heritage month celebrations are truly one of a kind! Preparations are already underway to celebrate all our students and staff that identify as Hispanic. If you would like to sign up to bring a dish to the potluck festivities, please click here: <https://tinyurl.com/HHMPotluck>



MARVELOUS MARVEL MOMENTS

CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES: Instagram - [@yesprepwestmarvels](#) • Facebook - [@West Marvels](#)

The Marvel Way!!!!



Staff Birthdays!

Ms. Dottley

10/21

Mr. Feind

10/22