

Lamar High School AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL Rita Graves

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# **Principal's Corner**



#### ANNOUNCING!

Our Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony will be held at NRG Stadium on Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **COVID Vaccination Information**

I am grateful for our partnership with HEB. Once again we will be able to offer COVID vaccinations at Lamar. We have scheduled this vaccination clinic for Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Athletic Lobby at Lamar. We will provide a link next week to signup.

Who is eligible?

- Everyone 5 years of age and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination
- Everyone ages 18 and older may be eligible for a booster shot.

When is it time to get a booster?

6 months after being vaccinated (2 shots for Moderna and Pfizer; or 1 shot of J&J)

We have noticed a sizeable number of students who received the first series of vaccinations but have not received the booster. To be considered "FULLY VACCINATED" a student would need the booster at the 6-month mark following the initial vaccine series. Two weeks after the booster is administered, the "FULLY VACCINATED" status is in place.

#### SAVE THE DATE:

Camp Spark will be offered again during Spring Break on March 14, 15 and 16. Watch for more information next week.

# **Highlighted Events:**

- <u>Mon. Jan 31st:</u> Rising 9th Grade Course Selection Meeting zoned students only 5:30PM (Virtual)
- Wed. Feb 16th: Last day to order Cap and Gowns on Campus 11:45-12:45

# SHOUTOUTS!

Isabella Loffredo (10th grade) was accepted a a candidate in The Leukemia & Lymphona Society's Student of the Year campaign. Isabella was nominated because of her amazing leadership and passion to find a cure for blood cancers.

Jacqueline Taylor received Congressman Fletcher's nomination for the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

# **SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS - DEADLINE EXTENDED!**

Student/SENIOR Yearbook Ads:

DEADLINE to purchase ad is Jan 21st. DEADLINE for complete ad design is Jan 28th.

#### Time is running out to purchase a yearbook ad or shoutout for your student!

You can create the ad yourself (like Shutterfly) or we can create it with photos you supply.

It's quick, it's easy, and it'll last forever!

To view how to purchase a yearbook or yearbook ad, watch the following videos:

 Ad Video #1: <u>https://www.tiktok.com/@lamarlifeonline/video/6880686540880628998?lang=</u> <u>en</u>  Ad Video #2: <u>https://www.tiktok.com/@lamarlifeonline/video/6880689187918482694?lang=</u> <u>en</u>

Senior quotes need to be submitted by January 22nd!

# Follow us on Instagram and Twitter @lamarlifeonline and @lamarlifeyearbook for more updates!

Please contact Kadee Harper, <u>kadee.harper@houstonisd.org</u>, with questions.

# **Important Spring Testing Updates**

#### **December 2021 STAAR EOC Student Results**

If your child took a STAAR EOC exam in December 2021, their test results are now available at <u>www.texasassessment.gov</u>. if you do not know your child's Unique Access Code, please click on <u>Look Up Unique Access Code</u> You will need to enter your child's social security number to locate their code. Their Unique Access Code remains the same from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### 10th grade English 2 STAAR EOC Field Test – February 15th

All Houston ISD High Schools have been selected to participate in the Spring 2022 STAAR EOC Field Test. Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, currently taking English 2, will take the STAAR EOC English 2 Field Test on February 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 AM. This field test is required for all students currently taking English 2, but it is not part of their graduation requirement. Testing will be completed through the Texas Online testing platform on the students' HISD issued laptop. Since we do not have extra technology devices to loan to students, it is important that all students have their laptop and charger with them. If your child's laptop or charger is missing or broken, it is critical that they go to the Lamar IT Office (N215) for assistance as soon as possible. New laptop chargers can be purchased through the Lamar Business Office or using the SchoolPay link at <a href="https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Laptop-Charger---HP-45W--AC-Adapter--550/SCcrNI">https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Laptop-Charger---HP-45W--AC-Adapter--550/SCcrNI</a> . Please note that all students will be responsible for returning a laptop, charger and case at the end of the school year.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> grade School Day SAT – March 2<sup>nd</sup>

All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students have been registered to take the SAT, free of charge, on Wednesday, March 2nd. Testing will start promptly at 8:30 AM. For more information about the SAT, please visit the <u>College Board website</u>. To help prepare, students are encouraged to complete practice on <u>Khan Academy's Official SAT Practice website</u>. When students connect their College Board account with Khan Academy, a free personalized SAT test preparation plan is developed just for them. Students who use Khan Academy's SAT practice average a 115 point increase on their SAT score, as well as qualify for scholarships from the College Board. We will have calculators available for all 11<sup>th</sup> graders to use on this test.

All students are required to take and pass five STAAR End of Course (EOC) exams before graduating. This spring, all STAAR exams are transitioning to an online only testing format. All students taking STAAR EOC exams this spring must plan on using their HISD issued laptop and charger for these tests. If your child's laptop or charger is missing or broken, it is critical that they go to the Lamar IT Office (N215) for assistance as soon as possible. If your child's laptop charger is missing s/he will need to purchase a new charger through the Lamar Business Office or using the SchoolPay link at <a href="https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Laptop-Charger---HP-45W--AC-Adapter--550/SCcrNI">https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Laptop-Charger---HP-45W--AC-Adapter--550/SCcrNI</a>

#### Laptop Charger - HP 45W AC Adapter \$55.00

Replacement PowerUp Student Laptop Computer Charger \$55.00 Present receipt to IT department. To avoid convenience fees you may pay by cash or money order in the business office.

#### www.schoolpay.com

Please note that all students will be responsible for returning a laptop, charger and case at the end of the school year.

#### Spring 2022 STAAR Testing Dates

February 15, 2022 – STAAR EOC English 2 Field Test (10<sup>th</sup> graders) April 5, 20222 – STAAR EOC English 1 (9<sup>th</sup> graders and Retesters) April 7, 2022 – STAAR EOC English 2 (10<sup>th</sup> graders and Retesters) May 3, 2022 – STAAR EOC US History (11<sup>th</sup> grade and Retesters) May 4, 2022 – STAAR EOC Algebra 1 (9<sup>th</sup> grade and Retesters) May 5, 2022 – STAAR EOC Biology (9<sup>th</sup> grade and Retesters) All Houston ISD High Schools have been selected to participate in the Spring 2022 STAAR EOC Field Test. Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, currently taking English 2, will take the STAAR EOC English 2 Field Test on February 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 AM. This field test is required for all students currently taking English 2, but it is not part of their graduation requirement. This test will be great practice for the real STAAR EOC in April 2022. Testing will be completed through the Texas Online testing platform on the students' HISD issued laptop. Since we do not have extra technology devices to loan to students, it is important that all students have their laptop and charger with them. If they are having any problems with their HISD issued technology devices, students must report it to the Lamar IT Office in N215 immediately.

# IB Oral Assessment Updates for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

- All 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade **IB English students** will participate in an oral assessment.
- All students in an **IB language** (Mandarin, French, Arabic, Spanish) class that includes SL2 or HL2 in the course name (for example Spanish SL2) will participate in an oral assessment.
- These oral assessments are required IB assessments.
- Students participate in a recorded conversation with their teacher about topics discussed in class.
- Students will receive teacher guidance and class time to prepare for their oral assessments.
- Oral assessments begin in February. Students will receive their scheduled oral assessment time and day from their teacher.
- Your support at home is greatly appreciated. Please encourage your child to arrive on time and prepared for each oral assessment.
- Get in touch with Dr. Acord if you have questions. <u>suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org</u>



# Will you accept this carnation?



Orders can be placed on the second floor from January 24-February 10 during lunch!

All orders will be delivered on Monday February 14th during first period!

**COLLEGE CORNER** 

Just a reminder that the Texas priority deadline for FAFSA and TASFA was January 15th. <u>HOWEVER, YOU CAN STILL COMPLETE THE FAFSA AND TAFSA</u>. Don't miss out on grants and scholarships for college! Texas House Bill 3 implemented completion of FAFSA as a graduation requirement. If you need assistance with completing your FAFSA or TASFA, stop by the College Corner. Upload any financial aid confirmation emails at <u>https://forms.gle/e38JgGc9bUDvE4zH6</u>. Additionally, please use the Google Doc above to submit your College Acceptance notifications [screenshot, jpg or pdf].

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Houston ISD > College Readiness > Scholarships [link below] Good source of student scholarships. <u>College Readiness / Scholarships (houstonisd.org)</u>

<u>2022 LAMAR Alumni HOPE Scholarship</u> Complete form and turn into the College Corner for processing before 10 February. NEW 2-year option available. Eligibility target range is GPA 2.75 – 3.50. <u>HOPE Scholarship Application 2022</u>

Marvy Finger Foundation Scholarship [HCC specific] 2 year fully funded career fields. See link below for information or pick-up application at College Corner. Deadline 4 February. <u>https://www.mfffscholarship.com/apply-now/</u>

"SENIORS! The Marvy Finger Family Scholarship Application is due February 4th! This is a scholarship that you do NOT want to pass up! 2 FULL years paid in full, a free laptop, work attire/uniforms paid, food vouchers and more, when you are accepted! NO CATCH! Just a 2-year commitment to your technical education program!

SEE College Corner bulletin for weekly updates on scholarships available.

# **BUY THE 2021-22 YEARBOOK NOW!**

This is a year you won't want to forget! Help our yearbook staff reach our goal and buy your yearbook now for \$95. Price jumps to \$125 in March! Order here: <u>Balfour.com</u>

We only have a limited number of yearbooks to sell, so be sure to purchase NOW!

Please contact Kadee Harper, <u>kadee.harper@houstonisd.org</u>, with questions.

# Seniors - Updates from the CLASS of 2022

Senior Dues can be paid on School Pay:

https://www.schoolpay.com/link/LHSCLASS2022

	TEXANS
CL	ASS OF 2022
	Senior Dues
Early Bird	Special (Before Dec 17th) \$90
Includes	: T-Shirt, Sweet Treat Friday,
	arly Entry Pass, Diploma Cover,
W	hataburger Table Tent
	School Pay Link:
https://www.s	choolpay.com/link/LHSCLASS2022
After	r January 10 <sup>th</sup> , price is \$100
IMPORTA	NT CLASS OF 2022 DATES
	nber 16, 2021 Panoramic Photo
	cember 4, 2021 Movie Night
Fe	ebruary 26, 2022 LHS Fest
	April 2, 2022 Prom
	June 2022 Graduation
	ok, Panoramic Photo, Prom Ticket,
	wn are NOT included in Senior Dues
An Cap & Gowns ar	e ordered through Balfour: <u>www.balfour.com</u>

SAVE THE DATE: Prom will be April 2, 2022

# **Student Opportunities and Community News**

Join our Community Bulletin Board for featured opportunities students and parents. This site provides an information for high school students to browse local employers offering part-time jobs, internships, scholarships and community events all in one convenient place.

https://wke.lt/w/s/y3PC4F

### 2022 PTO Information

The Lamar PTO board would like to sincerely thank everyone who has donated to our Big & Bright fundraising campaign. As you know, part of the money raised goes toward benefiting our teachers and students to enhance the classroom experience.

To date, we've raised \$58,782.82 thanks to many generous donors. Our goal this year is to raise \$70,000. We need to raise an additional \$11,217.18 by the end of the school year to continue to assist in the classroom and for upcoming activities for our senior class of 2022. If you haven't already and would still like to make a tax deductible donation, please go to our website at www.LamarPTO.org.

Still haven't joined the Lamar PTO? It's not too late and membership is FREE! Signing up is easy and only takes a minute, so <u>CLICK HERE</u> to join today! You can also keep up with the PTO by going to our website at <u>www.lamarpto.org</u>.

# ALL GRADES CAN ORDER CLASS RINGS!!



Class Ring. Senior Ring. Graduation Ring. Whatever you call it, we've got you covered.

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#### See the newest collection of Class Rings online!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISSXrh4rPIQ&t=3s

Check out this video featuring the full collection. Flip through our online catalog that is fully shoppable and won't get lost in the trash.

https://issuu.com/balfour/docs/balfour-lumpkin-ring-sy22\_cstmissuu?fr=sODNhMzQxMTUzMjY

### JOIN LAMAR MEN'S LACROSSE

IT'S ALMOST LACROSSE SEASON!

New and experienced JV and Varsity players welcomed at all positions!

\*\* Speed \*\* Agility \*\* Teamwork \*\* Commitment \*\*

LAMAR MEN'S LACROSSE

Come out and see what everyone's talking about

and experience the fastest growing team sport in the US!

MONDAY - FRIDAY practices have begun at South Campus - 5:15-6:40p.

Get more info on the website <u>www.lamarlax.org</u> or contact <u>Lori Yi</u> with any questions!



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