



Lamar High School
AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
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Principal's Corner



Tis the season of gratitude!

Each fall I take time to reflect on the many people who come together to make this work of guiding our children toward adulthood happen. The cliché "it takes a village" has more truth to it than not. This year we've had the benefit of a PTO that works tirelessly to support our teachers, our program and our school. That allows us to support students. We've had the great fortune of having neighbors that are invested in the success of Lamar. Banning together to create Loving Lamar, they help us meet students' basic needs, emotional support needs and help us connect our kids with internships, practicums and mentors to make the experience they get here even richer.

We also have a student body that is committed to learning and growing here at Lamar. It is our student body that works tirelessly to take care of one another and to make it easier for us to take care of them. I am grateful for the support of the Houston Independent School District in allowing us to explore new learning opportunities for kids and allowing us to be creative in that pursuit.

I also have an immense gratitude for the people who work alongside me each day, who are as committed as I am to providing the best educational experience in Houston.

I thank you teachers, administration, parents, students, neighbors and friends for the opportunity to do this work with your support.

Highlighted Events:

- **Fri. Nov 19:** REPORT CARD DAY
- **Mon. Nov 22-26:** Thanksgiving Holiday Week

- **Tues. Nov 30:** StuCo Blood Drive- Athletic Lobby 8:45AM-1:45PM
- **Sat. Dec 4:** Movie Night- Soccer Field 6:00-9:00PM
- **Tues. Dec 7:** Balfour Cap/Gown, Graduation Announcements/Letterman Jackets 11:45-12:45
Transit Center

StuCo and MD Anderson Blood Drive

Blood
Drive

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Lamar High School

BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Student Council

Tuesday, November 30

8:45 am – 1:45 pm

Athletic Lobby

Schedule an appointment during lunch

Eat a Hearty Breakfast! Please!

*Appreciation gift and refreshments are
provided for donors!*

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Parents please complete the permission slip: [Parent Permission](#)

Sign up for a time slot: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949abab28a4f85-mdanderson>

CONGRATULATIONS to the Lamar Boys Varsity Golf Team



The Varsity Golf Team placed in the top 5 out of 18 teams in the Clearbrook boys golf tournament held at Timbercreek Golf Club. Players include Brennan Creech, Stephen Hernandez, Charlie Wirth and Trotter Kinney who had his all-time personal best score of 89. Way to go!!!

Congratulations Ricardo Garza!

Our very own Ricardo Garza won "Plant Operator of the Year"! Lamar is truly fortunate to have such an incredibly hard working PO who has overcome a variety of challenging conditions year-round. We truly appreciate his effort and dedication.



Attention all 10th Grade Students!

Make plans to attend informational meetings about our two IB programs – Career-Related and Diploma.

Diploma Program OR **Tuesday, November 30**

Monday, November 29 12:15-12:45

12:15-12:45 10D

10B

Career-Related Program OR

Wednesday, December 1 Thursday, December 2

12:15-12:45 12:15-12:45

10B 10D

Sports Med Community Service Project



Football Playoff T-Shirt Sales

T-shirt are available for purchase for \$13.00 through School Pay or with cash in the Business Office



<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/2021-Lamar-Football-Playoff-Shirts-13/MdVp>

There are only L, XL, 2XL and 3XL available.

Save the Date STAAR EOC Retest December 7-10, 2021

Identified students are scheduled to take the STAAR EOC (End of Course) exam December 7th – 10th. Students who previously failed an EOC or who were absent during testing last year, will have an opportunity to take the needed EOC at Lamar this December. Students will be reminded through their HISD school email the first week in December, if they need to test. Students must pass all five STAAR EOC tests to meet graduation requirements. The next opportunity to retake these tests will be in April/May 2022. STAAR EOC retests will be administered on the computer. Students must bring their fully charged laptop, charging cable, and headphones to their assigned testing room at 8:30 AM on the day listed below. If you have any questions, please email your child's Academic Dean or Ms. Walton, the Campus Test Coordinator, at swalton@houstonisd.org.

December 7 – English 1

December 8 – Algebra 1, US History

December 9 – English 2

December 10 – Biology

Band Fundraiser



Save the Date

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December 15th
10:30am - 10:00pm

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<https://www.groupraise.com/events/211681-the-lamar-band-booster-at-mod-pizza>

COLLEGE CORNER

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Houston ISD > College Readiness > Scholarships [link below] Good source of student scholarships. [College Readiness / Scholarships \(houstonisd.org\)](https://www.houstonisd.org/College-Readiness/Scholarships)

US Rice Producers Association. I'm pleased to share a new scholarship opportunity, the **Ray Stoesser Memorial Scholarship**. In partnership with the US Rice Producers Association, the Stoesser family is offering a **\$5000 scholarship** to one deserving high school senior.

The application deadline is Wednesday, December 15. Finalists will be interviewed by the selection committee via Zoom in January 2022.

2022 UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship. We are excited to announce the launch of the 2022 UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program™ and the "Where Are They Now?" (WATN) campaign. This year's application deadline is March 1, 2022.

We ask for your help to raise awareness about this program for students whom you believe would be a good fit. Potential applicants may obtain program information and apply online by creating an account at www.ucbepilepsyscholarship.com.

College Applications > Please submit applications! Do not wait on teacher recommendations, transcripts, fee waivers, or FAFSA. College admissions need your applications to make admission decisions.

Need a counselor rec letter? Be mindful of due dates and school holidays as your deans need ample time to complete them!

Need a rec letter submitted by 1/1? Must submit request for letter by 12/3.

IB Fees Due April 15th, 2022

All students who are currently taking an IB course (SL2 or HL2) have been registered for testing.

The actual cost of registering students for courses is \$119 per subject. HISD and Lamar HS take on the majority of costs associated with the registration and administration of exams. Students are asked to cover part of the fee.

Whether you are taking one exam or are testing in 5 subjects, we ask that each student pay \$90 for the School year.

Students who complete the SocioEconomic form and qualify for additional benefits are asked to pay a reduced fee of \$30 for the school year.

Make payments through school pay at <https://www.schoolpay.com/>

Registration \$90.00

Reduced Fee \$30

To avoid convenience fees payments may be made in the business office by cash, money order or cashiers check..

IB Fees are non-refundable.

Winter Spectacular Saturday December 11th, 2021 6:00PM Gym

Teachers & Staff can watch the show for free downstairs in the First floor of the gym.

The 2nd floor will only be for those who has purchased a ticket.

Seating is limited due to COVID.

We hope to see you there supporting our wonderful Dance & Cheer programs.

<https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/MdSL> - If you would like to purchase a calendar or DVD please use the link. All money raised will help us get to Nationals in March.



Underclassmen Photos

If your student was absent, retakes are scheduled for December 14th.

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter @lamarlifeonline for all Lamar Life Media publication content including information and reminders of importance.

Please contact Kadee Harper, kadee.harper@houstonisd.org, with questions.

Purchase a Yearbook, Student Ads and Senior Photos

The 2022 yearbook is **NOW ON SALE!**

Further, you can make the yearbook even more special for your student by creating a personalized ad at www.balfour.com! A yearbook ad is a loving tribute to your student, customized with photos, a photo collage, and/or own sentimental message.

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

Example AD

Mackenzie Wilson

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations Mackenzie, We are so proud of you and are blessed to have been on this journey with you. We are excited to see what God has planned for you.

Love Mom, Dad, and Maya

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For information on senior photos, please view the senior photo flyer at the following

link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SefkrSq2pMEeFk_GDL3StKzobQKXXXKa/view

Seniors - Updates from the **CLASS of 2022**

Senior Dues can be paid on School Pay:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/LHSCCLASS2022>

TE★ANS CLASS OF 2022

Senior Dues

Early Bird Special (Before Dec 17th) \$90

*Includes: T-Shirt, Sweet Treat Friday,
LHS Fest Early Entry Pass, Diploma Cover,
Whataburger Table Tent*

School Pay Link:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/LHSCCLASS2022>

After January 10th, price is \$100

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2022 DATES

November 16, 2021 Panoramic Photo

December 4, 2021 Movie Night

February 26, 2022 LHS Fest

April 2, 2022 Prom

June 2022 Graduation

*Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, Prom Ticket,
Cap & Gown are NOT included in Senior Dues*

All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Balfour: www.balfour.com

CLASS CHAIRS: BETH LANE & ALYSON ROONEY

SAVE THE DATE: Prom will be April 2, 2022

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your questions answered!



SCAN ME



**Every Tuesday, starting October 5th
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

<https://bit.ly/VirtualStudyHall21-22>

Virtual Study Hall will have a
channel for Math, Science, Social
Studies, and English.

2021 PTO Information



As we celebrate this season of giving and thank, the Lamar PTO would like to say "thank you" to everyone who has contributed their time, money, and energy to helping our efforts to support the students, faculty, and staff at Lamar High School. While we are truly thankful for every dollar donated to the PTO, we still have a long way to go to reach our revenue goals which will allow the a PTO to continue to support the programs that we have historically funded each year.

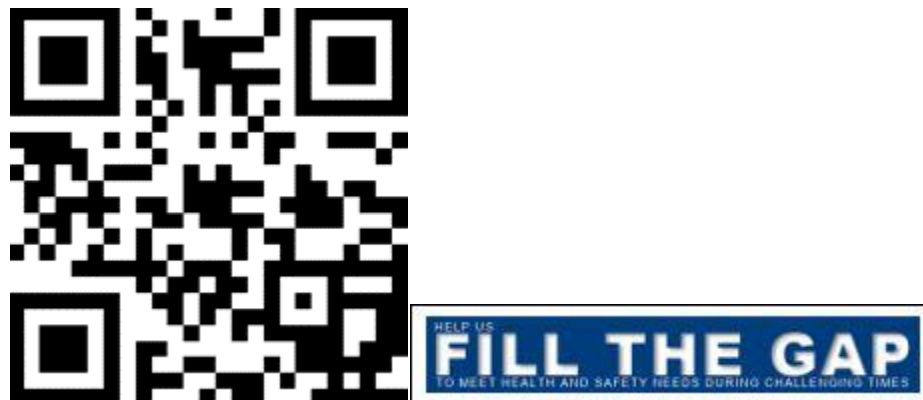
In the spirit Thanksgiving, the PTO has launched the first annual ["Big & Bright Fall Giving Campaign"](#) from Tuesday, November 16 to Thursday, November 18 to help raise enough revenue to fully fund the following programs:

- College Workshop Wednesdays – These seminars led by college preparedness professionals give students and parents the tools they need to help prepare for the college application and scholarship acquisition process and more.
- Technology in the classroom – cameras, iPads, and audio/visual equipment which help to ensure that our teachers have the most up-to-date technology to serve our students.
- Teacher programs and instructional tools including curriculum support software, classroom supply needs, lab instruction materials, writing support programs, fine arts and athletic equipment, professional development programs, and more.

- Teacher appreciation projects which help to motivate and thank our hard-working teachers.
- Senior class activities such as LHS Fest, senior treat day and senior t-shirts.
- Campus community building events including Homecoming activities and Movie Night which help foster a sense of community among our students.
- Campus improvements and beautification projects which help provide an optimal learning environment for our students.

Please consider donating to the “Big & Bright Fall Giving Campaign.” No amount is too big or too small, and all donations will be used to directly support the programs listed above. To donate, simply click the picture above or click [HERE](#).

<https://lamarpto.wufoo.com/forms/mshkcbr1qxc906/>



Do you own or work for a business that might benefit from partnering with the Lamar PTO? If so, please consider donating to our annual [FILL THE GAP - Corporate Sponsorship Campaign](#).

School-Wide PTO Events

FUNDRAISING DONATIONS

Thanks to everyone who donated chips, candy & sodas for HOCO Tailgate & Fun Food Friday - PTO raised \$1,880 and appreciates your donations!

*School-Wide Movie Night **ELF** Saturday, December 4 at Lamar Field*

We need you AGAIN!!! Movie Night is a fundraiser for the PTO. Proceeds directly support all PTO events and activities. To maximize profits, please consider donating:

CANDY (full-size/movie size box of chocolate bars or sour treats)

CHIPS (assorted, individual packages)

SODAS (Sprite, Coke, Dr. Pepper & Coke Zero 12 oz cans)

Donations can be dropped off at

Beth Lane's Home

3763 Georgetown 77005

or via Amazon Link: <https://a.co/1q4bDSD>

Sam's Club: <https://www.samsclub.com/list/e53eecd7-5c3b-42d8-bf8c-97566741f86c>

We REALLY appreciate your support!!

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 [CLICK HERE](#) to join today! You can also keep up with the PTO by going to our website at www.lamarpto.org.



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