



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

Principal's Corner



In this week's Principal's Corner I would like to answer some of the frequently asked logistical questions families have about the new building. So, here goes!

Will students have the opportunity to socialize with students in other neighborhoods?

Of course! Students will be assigned to the neighborhood based on their four core courses, but will still have opportunities in their schedule to engage with students from other neighborhoods in the fine arts, physical education, career and technical education classes. Students will continue to have opportunities to engage in clubs and other student activities and programs, and we expect this to take a more prominent role in the new building.

Will students have the ability to eat lunch outside (like they do now) or will they be kept indoors all day?

Breakfast and lunch distribution will take place throughout the building in the neighborhoods. We have heard from many students that they wish to continue to have opportunities for lunch locations outside of the neighborhood and are exploring those options. Currently there is one patio area within the perimeter of the fence line that would serve as a secure location for students to eat lunch.

Will we be able to have pep rallies for the entire school in the new gymnasium?

The new gym is approximately three times the size of the current gym, and would be a fantastic space for pep rallies next year. The gym will have seating for 800.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. Dec. 3rd-A-Day
- STAAR EOC Eng. 1 Retesters
(Library) @ 8:30 am
- Tues. Dec. 4th-B-Day
- STAAR Algebra 1 Retesters
(Library) @ 8:30 am
- Senior Pictures
- IB Exams Payment Due
- Freshmen Boys BB vs Episcopal
(Episcopal) @ 4 pm
- Freshmen/JV Girls BB vs
Eisenhower (Lamar) @ 4:30/
5:45 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Episcopal
(Episcopal) @ 5:30 pm
- Varsity Swim vs Westside
(Westside) @ 6 pm
- Band Winter Show (Performance
Hall) @ 6 pm
- FFA Meeting (Cafeteria) @ 6 pm
- Competitive Cheer Parent
Meeting (Library) @ 6 pm
- Girls Varsity BB vs Eisenhower
(Lamar) @ 7 pm
- Wed. Dec. 5th-A-Day
- STAAR English 2 Retesters
(Library) @ 8:30 am

Will the North building maintain the original classrooms or will the interior be redesigned completely?

The historic north building will be completely renovated to contain suites for several of our programs, including orchestra, choir, dance, visual arts, JROTC, engineering and our variety of communications programs. Our clinic will be moved to the second floor near the Main Office, and our special education suite will be located in the same area. That work will take place over the summer and the Fall semester.

How will you determine which students will be in a neighborhood?

Neighborhood assignments will be determined by coursetaking. We have studied common coursetaking paths to determine which courses should be offered together. In essence, a student who wishes to take Geometry in 10th grade will be placed in a neighborhood where Geometry is offered for 10th graders.

Will there be tutorials before and after school for students?

We will continue to have tutorials available through our student services before and after school.

STAAR Retesters Schedule

Monday, December 3rd - STAAR EOC English 1

Tuesday, December 4th – Algebra 1

Wednesday, December 5th – English 2

Thursday, December 6th – Biology

Friday, December 7th – US History

Testing will be held in the library beginning at 8:30 am and students must bring their fully-charged laptop and charging cables.

Thespian Convention

William Derden was the winner of the Musicalworks competition. With this honor, he was able to take the opening number of his original musical and workshop it with theatre professionals and then showcase it at the festival. This honor also allows him to submit it to the National Thespian Festival that is held in Nebraska over the summer. If he is chosen again, he will present his piece at the National level.

Surina Belk-Gupta received a Superior rating in Monologue.

Ivey Shoemaker received a Superior rating in Costume Design.

Elyssa Contreras received a Superior rating in Stage Management.

These three ladies can compete at the National Festival. Congratulations to our students! We are Lamar proud of you!

- Senior Pictures
- Progress Reports Issued to Students
- Freshmen Roundup (Cafe) @ 6 pm
- Orchestra Winter Show (Performance Hall) @ 6 pm
- Thurs. Dec. 6th-B-Day
- STAAR Biology Retesters (Library) @ 8:30 am
- Magnet Tours (Library) @ 9 am
- Magnet Tours (Library) @ 1 pm
- IB Parent Meeting (Cafe) @ 5:30 pm
- Choir Winter Show (Performance Hall) @ 6 pm
- Talking with Your Teens about Grief and Anxiety (Cafe) @ 7 pm
- Fri. Dec. 7th-A-Day
- STAAR US History Retesters (Library) @ 8:30 am
- Freshmen Boys BB vs Westbury (Westbury) @ 5:30 pm
- Varsity Girls BB vs Westbury (Delmar) @ 5 pm
- Freshmen/JV Girls vs Westbury (Lamar) @ 5:30 / 7 pm
- Varsity Boys BB vs Westside (Butler) @ 8 pm
- Sat. Dec. 8th
- ACT Testing (Lamar) @ 8:00 am
- HISD Jr. High Swim Open House (Lamar) @ 8:00 am
- Mon. Dec. 10th-B-Day
- Varsity Girls BB vs Chavez (Barnett) @ 5:30 pm
- Freshmen/JV Girls BB vs Chavez (Chavez) @ 5:30 / 7 pm
- Freshmen Boys BB vs Chavez (Lamar) @ 5:30 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Chavez (Lamar) @ 7 pm
- Tues. Dec. 11th-A-Day
- Varsity Swim vs Bellaire (Lamar) @ 6 pm
- Wed. Dec. 12th-B-Day
- Varsity Boys BB vs Bellaire (Delmar) 5:30 pm

Lamar Girls Varsity Golf

Lamar girls' varsity golf came in 1st place on Monday, November 26th.

Congratulations to: Ellie Plummer (10th), Ella Zimmerman (10th), Lauren Aungier (10th), Leila Elham (10th), Helen Tsigos (10th), and Elizabeth Patrick (11th) who came in 3rd overall.

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Student Flu Shots

Healthy schools will return on Friday morning, November 30th to finish administering flu shots to students who did not receive them on 11/13. Report to N106 with your time stamped pass.

College Corner

Located for easy access in the school library, Lamar's College Corner is a center for information and assistance for students of all grades to explore post high school plans, college and careers.

Our mission is to reach every parent and student so that each graduate has a plan for postgraduate education. As of today 568 seniors (73.6%) have applied to a two-year or four-year university. The College Corner hosts college admission advisor visits, parent meetings and financial aid workshops all designed to give every student and family the information needed to maximize their high school academic experience and navigate the college admission and financial aid process. Assistance in Spanish is available during school hours from one of three full-time advisors.

Cheerleader Fundraiser

The Lamar Texan Cheerleaders are raising money for Competition and their end of the year banquet. If you would like to donate to the cheerleading program, please do so using the schoolpay link <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Cheer-Donations/lejfn>

Lamar Wrestling Team

Our Lamar Wrestling Team has started selling Fan Cloth to raise funds for the upcoming season. We would appreciate if you support our wrestlers! All funds go towards equipment, uniforms, tournament fees, and snacks for the team for our very long Saturdays. Please consider purchasing an item from us, thank you for your time and everything you do for our students/athletes.

Here is the link below,

<http://shop.fancloth.com/77098/450930>

- [Thurs. Dec. 13th-A-Day](#)
- [Fri. Dec. 14th-B-Day](#)
- Freshmen/ JV Girls BB vs Tomball (Lamar) @4:30/ 5:45 pm
- Freshmen Boys BB vs Mickey Leland (Mickey Leland) @ 5:30 pm
- Varsity Girls BB vs Tomball (Lamar) @ 7 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Mickey Leland (Mickey Leland) @ 7 pm
- Varsity Boys BB vs Westbury (Butler) @ 8 pm

Senior Pictures

Prestige will be on campus Dec. 5th and 6th to take senior pictures for the FINAL time. Seniors can stop by room E211 to sign up to have their pictures taken.

Students who will be reclassified need to come and sign up as well.

This is the last opportunity to take pictures for the yearbook!!!

Attention Class of 2019 and Class of 2020 parents:

If your child has classes on their schedule with the prefix of "IB," then they are likely going to be taking IB exams this school year. There are fees associated with enrollment in IB diploma-level classes, regardless of whether your child is pursuing the full IB diploma. Please see the attached documents for more information, including how much and where to pay. The payment deadline (to avoid \$100 late fee) is December 4. Payment plans can be arranged before December 4 to avoid the late fee for families in need of additional time. Please direct questions to Ms. Bissell, IB Coordinator, at RBISSELL@houstonisd.org. For further information about IB registration, please go to: <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/173119>

Lamar Night in the Village

Come out and enjoy some good food and early holiday shopping to support Lamar High School Class of 2021, Wednesday, December 5th.

Kendra Scott
2411 Times Blvd #201
6-8 pm 20% donation

Hopdoddy
5510 Morningside Dr. #100
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All proceeds will benefit the Lamar High School Class of 2021 Safe After Prom Party. Don't forget to mention Lamar High School during check out. Spread the word and bring all your friends. Thanks for your support!

LHS Parent Class Committees of 2019/2020/2021/2022

With generous support from Southwest Oral & Implant Surgery

Presenting 80s cover band *The Chocolate Orb*

#s Nightclub

300 Westheimer Road

Present 80s cover band

LIVE MUSIC

Band mates Leah White & Mark Schultz are Class of 2022 & 2021 parents

ADULTS 21 & UP

Doors Open 7 pm

Band @ 8:30 pm

When: 12-08-18

\$20.00 tickets at the door

Private Event

All proceeds fund the SAFE PROM PARTY for 2019/2020/2021/2022



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