



Lamar High School
AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
WORLD SCHOOL

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Principal's Corner



A tremendous advantage of our current public school system is the opportunity for students to earn college credit while still in high school. This opportunity lessens the financial burden for families as students enter college.

Generally, schools will adopt one avenue for doing this and put resources into doing that well. Early College high schools partner with local community colleges to offer dual credit courses. Some schools use the College Board route and offer Advanced Placement (AP) courses. At Lamar, we invest our resources into building a strong International Baccalaureate Programme. IB Diploma level courses are available to all students at Lamar High School. We are the largest IB school in North America, and that takes a commitment to using resources to ensure our teachers are well trained and help students attain the skills and scores necessary to qualify for college credit.

At Lamar, we offer the full IB Diploma Programme (IBDP), with course work in all 6 academic areas. Students who commit to that work are accessing the most rigorous high school program available. A student who finishes and is awarded the IB Diploma earns the equivalent of one year of college credit at most universities. Students who participate in our IB Career-related Programme (IBCP) are enrolled in two or more IB Diploma classes. Those who finish the IBCP and are awarded the certificate will earn college credit for those individual courses and will also have earned an industry certification in the area of career study.

We also offer AP courses in the few areas in which IB courses are not available, for instance, U.S. Government. This allows students to maintain rigorous course options for all required courses. Lamar does not offer dual credit courses.

As students enter the spring semester of their 10th grade year, they will be asked to select either the IB Diploma Programme or the IB Career-related Programme for their junior and senior years. We have held meetings this week during the lunch period for 10th graders and will have our IB Diploma Coordinator join us tonight at the PTO General Meeting to provide an overview for parents.

Announcing - New Course Offering

We are please to announce we will be adding a one-year IB Standard Level (SL) Philosophy course next year. This is a great addition to our one year courses already in place (IB Psychology, IB World Religions and IB Art History).

Highlighted Events:

- **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
- **Sat. Dec 11th:** Winter Dance Spectacular 6:00PM (Gym)
- **Tues. Dec 14:** UNDERCLASSMAN PHOTOS 8:15-4:00PM (LHS)

School-Wide Movie Night *ELF*

Movie Night is this Saturday, Dec. 4, 6pm-9-pm on the Lamar Field. The movie ELF starts at 6:30 and doors close at 7. Admission is free and available to the first 500 Lamar students. Bring your ID and check in at the Athletic Lobby. Students should bring blankets or towels, but no chairs or pillows. Secure your Texan's spot on this student sign-up:

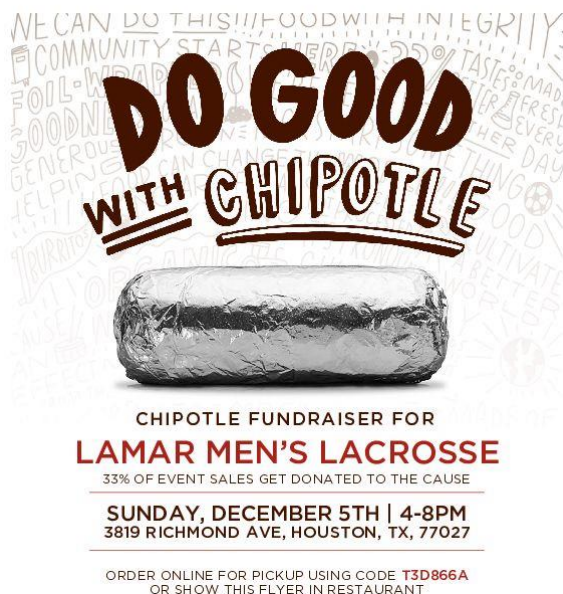
<https://forms.gle/hNkDigmF8KC4cTrQ8>

Please sign in with your HISD device.



The PTO will sell snacks, candy and drinks for \$1, so make sure your Texan brings **cash.**

Lacrosse Fundraiser



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Retesting Next Week– December 7-10, 2021

We will be conducting STAAR EOC (End of Course) retesting next week, December 7th – 10th. Students who previously failed an EOC or who were absent during testing last school year have been registered to take the required STAAR EOC exams. All identified students have received a reminder email this week with additional testing details.

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. All 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. Signs will be posted telling students where to report. 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

December 9 – English 2, US History

December 10 – Biology

SAT and PSAT Test Results

Students who took the SAT at Lamar in October 2021 can now view their test results on the College Board website. Scores from the October PSAT for 9-11th graders will be available on the [College Board website](https://collegeboard.org) beginning December 7th.

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.



FFA Fundraiser



A poster for the Lamar FFA Sock Drive. The background is a collage of various colored socks. At the top, a white box contains the text "LAMAR FFA". Below this, the words "SOCK DRIVE" are written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, an orange box contains the text "DONATE SOCKS TO HELP THE LOCAL COMMUNITY". Below this, the text "COLLECTION DATES: DEC 01 - DEC 15" is displayed. To the right of this text is a circular icon of a red sock. Below the dates, the text "DROP-OFF LOCATIONS: NEIGHBORHOOD CLERK DESKS, AG HALL, MAIN OFFICE" is shown. To the right of this text is a circular icon of a blue sock. Below the locations, the text "HELP US BY DONATING ONLY NEW SOCKS" is displayed. To the right of this text is the FFA logo.

LAMAR FFA

SOCK DRIVE


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Sports Med Community Service Project



A poster for the Sports Med Community Service Project. The top half features a photograph of a person in a hat and jacket, possibly a volunteer, with the text "Community Service" overlaid in a white, cursive font. Below this, the text "Lamar Sports Medicine" is displayed. A paragraph of text follows: "Cold weather is approaching and while you're snuggled up on the couch, there are many women, men, and children that are calling the cold streets their home." The bottom half of the poster is a solid blue color. It features three icons: a pair of white gloves, a stack of folded blankets, and a pair of socks. To the right of these icons, the text "Help cover the city with care. If you would like to participate please donate BRAND NEW blankets, socks, and gloves." is displayed. Below this, the text "Thank you for helping us help others." is shown. The drop-off location and dates are listed as "Drop Off: Athletic Lounge Nov. 15th - Dec. 10th". At the bottom, the social media handle "@sportsmedtexans" is displayed.

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@sportsmedtexans

Band Fundraiser



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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 \(houstonisd.org\)](http://houstonisd.org/CollegeReadiness/Scholarships)

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.

Superintendents Survey Deadline Extended to Dec 10th

Please take this short survey to share your experiences with HISD.

Houstonisd.org/100DayReport

Lights, Camera, YEARBOOK/SCHOOL PHOTOS!

Underclassmen: If you missed picture day, you have another opportunity to get your photo in the yearbook!

Set your calendar for Tuesday, December 14th.

Sign-ups for students will be posted on @lamarlifeonline, the newsletter, and any other Lamar information outlets.

Seniors: If you have not taken your senior portraits, you can schedule with the studio directly via phone (281) 277-3900. **SENIOR QUOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A YEARBOOK PHOTO.**

If you do not get your SENIOR portrait taken by Prestige before December 31, you WILL NOT be in the yearbook or have a senior quote!

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!

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

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

SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS - DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Student/SENIOR Yearbook Ads: DEADLINE JAN. 7th

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

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

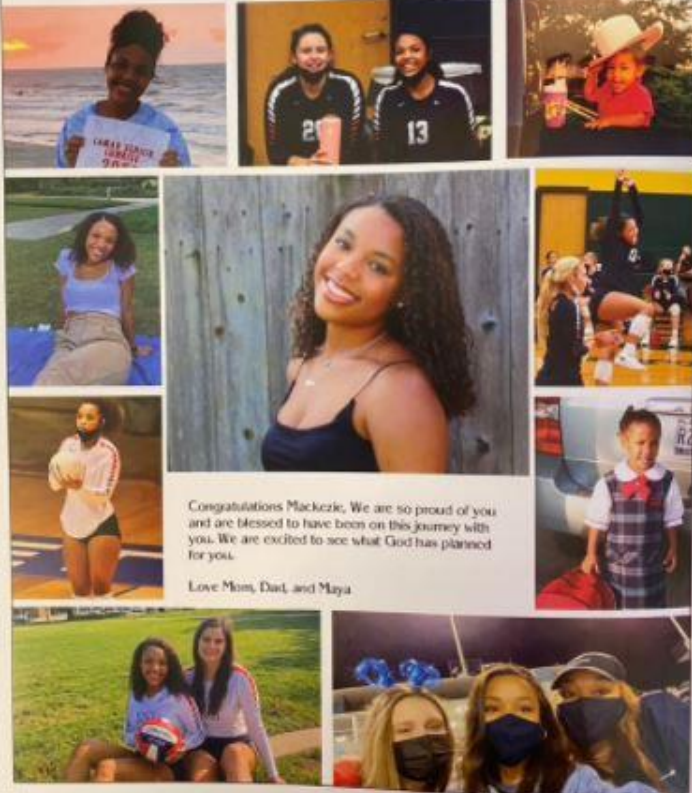
NOTE: If you do not get your SENIOR portrait taken by Prestige before December 31, you WILL NOT be in the yearbook or have a senior quote!*

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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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YEARBOOK
ADS**

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DECEMBER 21, 2021**

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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

StuCo

Hi Texans, STUCO is excited to welcome everyone back from Thanksgiving break and hope you all had a safe and relaxing holiday. We are immensely thankful for the great turnout at the MD Anderson blood drive on Tuesday, and we wanted to extend a special thank you to everyone that participated. Remember to work hard and keep your mask up, so we can all have a fun and healthy Winter break - its only two weeks away!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding STUCO please email amarstudentcouncil@gmail.com.



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Are your AP, IB, Dual Credit/ Enrollment classes stressing you out?

Come get real-time help in our tutoring sessions.
Great opportunity for review, practice, or to get your questions answered!



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.

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

2021 PTO Information

PTO Meeting

The Lamar PTO will host its second General Meeting this Thursday at 6:00pm via TEAMS - link coming soon. Join us to for updates about the Teacher Wish List, the Big & Bright Fall Giving Campaign, senior activities, upcoming events and more!



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>

Movie Night Volunteer Opportunities The PTO needs volunteers to help with set-up, check-in, snack sales and clean up for Movie Night. There is some overlap between shifts, but you can sign up for multiple shifts and plan to help the whole time at this event. Or just pick one shift - anything helps!

SIGN UP GENIUS - [Volunteers for Lamar Movie Night](#)

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.

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.

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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_cstm-issuu?fr=sODNhMzQxMTUzMjY

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

*****POSITION SPOTLIGHT*****

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(9th or 10th grade - no experience necessary)

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

**Come out and see what everyone's talking about
and experience the fastest growing team sport in the US!**

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FALL TOURNAMENTS coming soon!

Get more info on the website www.lamarlax.org or contact [Lori Yi](#) with any questions



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