



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

Principal's Corner



Congratulations to our Valentine Decorating Door Teams! You guys did a great job! Below are the listed winners:

- Team W117 - Best Overall
- Team E211 - Best of the East
- Team N117 - Best of the North
- Team W110 - Best of the West
- Team E214 - Best Hi-Tech
- Team E113 - Punny -EST
- Team N116 - Best Positive Message
- Team N120 - Super Sappy
- Team W214 - Best 3-D Display
- Team N122 - Most Creative
- Team W210 - Most Artistic Team Danger Rangers
- Team N215 - Gone Viral
- Team N111 - Sweetest
- Team N113 - Most Lovely
- Team N105 - Most Beautiful
- Team E210 - Most Thoughtful
- Team W113 - Most Rosy
- Team W119 - Most Ingenious
- Team N313 - Most Adorable
- Team N106 - Best School Spirit
- Team E203 - Most Heart - Y

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. Feb. 18th-B-Day.
- Brown Bag Brigade
(Library) 12-2:30 pm
- Freshman/JV Girls BB
- Regional Quarter Finals
Round (TBA) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB Regional
Quarter Finals Round (TBA)
TBA
- JV Boys Soccer vs
Westbury (Westbury) @ 5
pm
- Athletic Recruiting Seminar
for Parents (Library) @ 6
pm
- Campus Voter Registration
(LHS Courtyard) @ 6 pm
- Baseball Parent Meeting
(Cafe) @ 6:30 pm
- Tues. Feb. 19th-A-Day.
- Freshman/JV Girls BB
- Regional Quarter Finals
Round (TBA) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB Regional
Quarter Finals Round (TBA)
TBA
- Varsity Tennis Katy ISD
Tournament (TBA) TBA
- Sophomore Baseball vs St.

Highlighted Events

- **Monday, Feb. 18th**- Brown Bag Brigade (Library) @ 12 - 2:30 pm
- **Monday, Feb. 18th**- Campus Voter Registration (Courtyard) @ 6 pm
- **Monday, Feb. 18th**- Baseball Parent Meeting (Cafeteria) @ 6:30 pm
- **Monday, Feb. 18th**- Athletic Recruiting Seminar for Parents (Library) @ 6 pm
- **Wednesday, Feb. 20th**-Orlando Trip Parent Meeting/Ms. Houston (Small side-Library)
- **Wednesday, Feb. 20th**- Cheer Parent Meeting (Large side-Library) @ 6 pm
- **Friday, Feb. 22nd**- Report cards Issued to Students
- **Tuesday, Feb. 26th**- SDMC Meeting (Alumni room) @ 7:30 am
- **Tuesday, Feb. 26th**- Campus Voter Registration (Cafeteria) all lunches
- **Friday, March 1st**- All School Musical (Performance Hall) @ 7 pm
- **Saturday, March 2nd**- All School Musical (Performance Hall) @ 7 pm

National Merit Scholarship

Congratulations to our National Merit Program Recipients!

- Rohini K. Chahal
- Alexia D. Ivan
- Rebecca M. Zivley

You make us Lamar proud!

Important Announcement

This is a very important announcement:

- Students may not progress to the next math in sequence until you pass Alg 1A and Alg 1B.
- Students may not be seated in a 4th year of math until you have credit for Alg1 A&B, Alg2 A&B, and Geometry A&B.
- No student is eligible to graduate without 4 years of math.

Advisors are calling students to their offices to explain some exciting options for recovering math credits.

All **BLUE** and **GREEN** forms for math recovery must be signed by parents and returned to N213 by the end of the day tomorrow.

RED forms may be turned in through next week.

Saturday School to recover Algebra 1A and Geometry A begins *this Saturday, February 16.*

8 - noon

Lamar Library

Tuition is FREE

Be on time. Wear your Lamar Uniform.

Students must attend ALL 6 Saturdays - and pass! - to recover math credit.

- John (Lamar) @ 4:30 pm
- Varsity Softball vs Sam Houston (Delmar) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Westbury (Dyer) @ 5 pm
- JV Baseball vs St. Johns (St. Johns) @ 5 pm
- Lamar Boys Basketball vs Cy Creek (Delmar) @ 5:30 pm
- Varsity Baseball vs St. Johns @ 7 pm
- **Wed. Feb. 20th-B-Day**
- JV Girls Soccer vs Westbury (Westbury) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Westbury (Delmar) @ 5 pm
- Orlando Trip Parent Meeting/Ms. Houston (Small side of Library) @ 6 pm
- Cheer Parent Meeting (Large side of Library) @ 6 pm
- **Thurs. Feb. 21st-A-Day**
- Varsity Softball Pearland Tournament (Pearland) TBA
- JV Baseball vs Memorial (Lamar) @ 4 pm
- Varsity Baseball Tournament (TBA) TBA
- **Fri. Feb. 22nd-B-Day**
- Report cards issued to students
- Freshman/JV Girls BB Regionals Finals (TBA) TBA
- Varsity Softball Pearland Tournament (Pearland) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB & Regionals Final Round (TBA) TBA
- JV Baseball vs Atascocita (Lamar) @ 4 pm
- **Sat. Feb. 23rd-A-Day**
- Freshman/JV Girls BB Regionals Finals (TBA) TBA
- Varsity Softball Pearland Tournament (Pearland) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB & Regional Finals Round (TBA) TBA
- JV Baseball vs Memorial (Lamar) @ 10 am
- JV Baseball vs Atascocita

If you have not yet successfully completed:

Algebra 1 A or Geometry A

and you are not recovering those credits through Credit Appeal

and you have not yet seen your advisor for a form to attend Saturday School, go to
N213 **today**.

Honor Society Students

A huge thank you from Assistant Principal Michele Rawson to Lamar's Honor Society students! Lamar's Honor students volunteered at Mark Twain Art night last week and were a BIG help and GREAT role models!

Attention Seniors and Parents

Senior transcripts with FINAL ranking for the Class of 2019 will be delivered in English 4 classes or Grad Lab this week. **There will be NO updated rank after the June graduation.**

The transcripts and cover letters were created on February 8. Final rankings are based on the February 8 transcript, which reflects all courses completed through the end of the fall semester (December 21, 2018).

Grad Lab courses completed **after** the December cutoff were intentionally left as *pending* so that they would not appear on the February 8 transcript and affect the 7-semester GPA. Since the completion of final rankings on February 8, Mr. Lozano has resumed closing Grad Lab courses as warranted.

The Houston ISD graduation date is June 1, 2019. However, the Lamar graduation **ceremony** is on Saturday, **June 8, 9 AM**, at **NRG Stadium**. Please note that NO new coursework completed on or after June 1 will be applied toward June graduation. The deadline for credit completion for June graduation is May 31, 2019.

Please mark on your calendars that starting on **June 17**, seniors will be able to pick up at Lamar their diploma, two final transcripts (one sealed to deliver to the new school, and one for personal records) and other graduation documents. If a senior's college or university utilizes Naviance delivery, s/he should ask her/his counselor to send the final transcript. The Registrar's Office can help with TREx deliveries for Texas public universities (as well as additional paper copies, if needed).

We cannot overemphasize the importance of finishing well. Semester exam exemptions are determined by performance, attendance and conduct. Grad Lab courses for spring failures and credit appeals for inadequate spring attendance are not options for June graduation. As always, students must attend all classes and work hard.

(Lamar) @ 2 pm

- **Mon. Feb. 25th-A-Day**
- Girls JV Golf (Herman) TBA
- **Tues. Feb. 26th-B-Day**
- SDMC Meeting (Alumni room) @ 7:30 am
- Balfour/Cap and Gown (Cafe) all lunches
- Voter Registration for students (Cafe) all lunches
- JV Girls Soccer vs Bellaire (Butler Jr.) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Bellaire (Butler) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Softball vs Westside (Delmar) @ 7 pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Bellaire (Butler) @ 7 pm
- **Wed. Feb. 27th-A-Day**
- JV Boys Soccer vs Bellaire (Butler Jr.) @ 5 pm
- **Thurs. Feb. 28th-B-Day**
- Varsity Baseball Brenham Tournament
- Sophomore Baseball Spring ISD Tournament
- JV Softball Scrapyard Dawg Trn (Conroe) TBA
- Varsity Softball Scrapyard Dawg Trn (Conroe) TBA
- Freshman/JV Girls BB State Tournament (San Antonio

Alamodome) TBA

- Girls Varsity BB State Tournament (San Antonio Alamodome) TBA
- **Fri. March 1st-A-Day**
- Varsity Baseball Brenham Tournament
- Sophomore Baseball Spring ISD Tournament
- JV Softball Scrapyard Dawg Trn (Conroe) TBA
- Varsity Softball Scrapyard Dawg Trn (Conroe) TBA
- Freshman/JV Girls BB State Tournament (San Antonio Alamodome) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB State Tournament (San Antonio Alamodome) TBA
- Girls Varsity Golf (Eagle Point) TBA

Free Summer Camps at Rice University

Make R-STEM a part of your summer plans
Apply to free summer enrichment programs at Rice University!

DCC Physics Camp for Young Women

DCC Physics is a two-week program for current (2018-2019) 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade girls who plan on taking their first physics course in fall of 2019. Students gain immersive, hands-on experience with physics concepts and get to hear from women in STEM. This program is offered free of charge! Priority will be given to Houston ISD students, but spots may be given to girls from other Greater Houston Area districts and schools.

Tribomechadynamics (TMD) Reserch Camp

A faculty initiative by Rice University's Dr. Matthew Brake, TMD Research Camp is a Free 6 1/2-week summer internship for underrepresented and disadvantaged 10th and 11th graders. Students will take pre-courses on engineering to prepare them for the summer and shadow other TMD researchers.

Interested in a program?

If you have any questions about the programs, please feel free to contact Selena Zermeno, R-STEM Communications & Marketing Coordinator, at selena.zermeno@rice.edu or (713) 348-8211.

Girls Golf Tournament

Hardwork is paying off for the Lamar Girls varsity golf team. They finished 2nd at Timber Creek Golf Club with an outstanding team score of 327. Clear Falls finished 1st with 314. Personal best were recorded by most of the players:

- Elizabeth Patrick – 66 (Junior)
- Ella Zimmerman – 84 (Sophomore)
- Laila Elham – 89 (Sophomore)
- Helena Tsigos – 88 (Sophomore)
- Lauren Aungier – 99 (Sophomore)
- Sadie Anderson – 90 (Freshman)

Poe Co Nursery School Garage Sale

Poe Co Nursery School at Poe Elementary School is having their annual Poe Co garage sale fund raising event. This is a great opportunity for students to gain community service and volunteer hours. Poe needs assistance with setup, loading and unloading items. The event will be on Friday, February 22nd, from 3 pm - 9 pm and on Saturday, February 23rd, @ 7 am - 4 pm in the cafeteria of Poe Elementary School. Please contact Christine Punsalan at 510-680-9399 or email by tinpunsalan@yahoo.com.

- All School Musical (Performance Hall) @ 7 pm
- **Sat. March 2nd**
- Varsity Baseball Brenham Tournament
- Sophomore Baseball Spring ISD Tournament
- JV Softball Scrapyard Dawg Trn (Conroe) TBA
- Varsity Softball Scrapyard Dawg Trn (Conroe) TBA
- Freshman/JV Girls BB State Tournament (San Antonio Alamodome) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB State Tournament (San Antonio Alamodome) TBA
- Saturday School (Library) @ 8 am - 12 pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Chavez (Dyer) @ 12 noon
- YouthTedX Event (Performance Hall)
- JV Soccer Girls vs Chavez (Delmar) 10 am
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Chavez (Delmar) 12 noon
- Girls Varsity Golf (Eagle Pointe)
- JV Boys Soccer vs Chavez (Chavez) 10 am
- All School Musical (Performance Hall) @ 7 pm

Teen College and Career Fair

Need a summer job? Thinking about college or careers? We are partnering with businesses and community groups around the city to showcase post-high school options for work and education. Stop by Jungman Neighborhood Library to explore the possibilities!

When: Saturday, March 9th

Time: 10 am - 12:00 noon

Where: 5830 Westheimer Road
Houston, Texas

Go to: www.houstonlibrary.org for more information.

Keep Houston Beautiful

The day is finally here and we are so excited! It's time to start registering your teams and volunteers for this year's KHB Day which will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 9 am to 2 pm.

The deadline to register teams/locations and volunteers is March 27th.

For more information, please email info@houstonbeautiful.org or call 832-834-6105

You can also visit www.houstonbeautiful.org

Who Keeps Houston Beautiful? WE ALL DO!

Lamar JRTOC

The Lamar JROTC Public Affairs Officer (PAO) would like to update you on the many events the Lamar JROTC program participated in this January. We would like to acknowledge our Superior Instructor examination, the MLK Grande Parade, and our presence at the Lamar HS 2019 Freshman Roundup. All of these were valuable learning experiences for our battalion. From practice in marching to communication, we are appreciative of these opportunities. We are Lamar proud and strong! We are Lamar JROTC!

Michael's Cookie Jar

Attention Family & Friends of Lamar High School

Just in time for Valentine's Day, during the entire month of February, Michael's Cookie Jar will donate 20% of your cookie purchase to the Lamar classes of 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 After Prom Parties. Simply place your cookie receipt in the specially marked jar at any of their stores.

West U: 5330 Weslayan (behind Petco)

Downtown: 711 Louisiana (Pennsoil Tunnel)

Tanglewood: 1864 Fountainview (across from HEB)

TxDOT Conditional Grant Program

The Texas Dept. of Transportation offers a Conditional Grant Program to eligible students pursuing a degree in civil engineering or a department-approved operational business discipline. The Conditional Grant Program will consider both Texas public and private four-year institutions.

Students accepted into the program receive up to \$3,000 per semester or \$6,000 per academic year for tuition, based on financial need.

The application may be downloaded at: <http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/hrd/cgp-application.pdf> [/ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/hrd/cgp-application.pdf
,], completed and mailed to the address below.

Mail application packets to: Texas Department of Transportation
HRD/Employment Opportunities/CGP
125 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2483

Applications to the Conditional Grant Program must be post marked prior to March 1st.

Pop Up Prom Shop!

Lamar Senior Sydney McConn and Lamar Juniors Elizabeth Fisher and Lilly Knipe are the 2019 Student Chairs for the annual Pop Up Prom Shop! They are working on collecting donations of gently used formal wear to distribute to Lamar students in late March for upcoming Prom Season. For more information, please visit chicanddapper.org to find out how you can help. You can also drop off donations in the Lamar HS Main Office - PTO Room.

Recruiting Seminar

All parents of Lamar student-athletes are invited to the seminar

Ted Seilheimer is the Athletic Director for Compliance at the University of Houston. Mr. Seilheimer will lead parents through a presentation detailing the requirements and processes for student-athletes who are interested in competing in the NCAA. There will be a Q & A session. This seminar is for parents and athletes of all sports.

When: Monday, February 18th
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: Library

Lamar's Spirit Night at Torchy's Tacos

You are invited to a spirit night at Torchy's Tacos for Lamar High School.

When: February 14th
Time: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Torchy's Tacos
2411 S. Shepherd Dr.
Houston, Texas 77019

All you have to do is show up and bring a Torchy's Taco flyer located in the main office or throughout the school with you.

Brown Bag Brigade

Lamar Students, want to learn more about our new building and plans for next year? Then grab your lunch and join Mrs. Graves on February 15th (in the library) or February 18th (in the library) during YOUR lunch period. Nibble while you gain some knowledge and leave the library with some facts to chew on!

Youth Tedx Expo

On March 2nd Lamar will be hosting a Youth Tedx Event. A Youth Tedx is a speaking expo where kids from high schools across Houston can come and give a 10-18 minute lecture about an issue they feel they are either knowledgeable or passionate about. The Lamar Tedx will be hosted at Pershing Middle School at 10 am, and we are currently holding tryouts for potential speakers. If you are interested please contact tedxyouthlamarhs@gmail.com.

Seniors 2019

Important Dates:

- Prom - **April 13th (Bayou City Event Center) @ 8 pm**
- Graduation - **Saturday, June 8th (NRG Stadium) @ 9 am**
- Balfour Cap and Gown Orders - **Tuesday, February 26th (Cafeteria-all lunches)**

Cap and Gowns

Place your cap and gown orders online at balfour.com today. The prices for cap and gowns will increase by \$10.00 starting March 3rd.

LHS Balfour Ring Orders

It's not too late to place your Class of 2019 and 2020 Class Ring orders!

Orders can be placed at balfour.com at any time. Extra packets can be found in the front office for any Seniors who may want to order a class ring or if you have misplaced yours.

2019 Senior Packages and Fees

Senior Package:

\$225.00 (From Jan. 15th - March 17th)

Method of payment: School Pay:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/SeniorFeesCO2019>

Included in the Senior package fees: Diploma Cover, Senior Breakfast, Senior T-Shirt, Senior Sticker, Senior Gift, 1 prom ticket, and 1 after prom ticket

Regular Senior Fees: \$90.00 (For the rest of the year)

Included in the regular Senior Fees: Senior Breakfast, Senior T-Shirt, Class Sticker, Diploma Cover, and Senior Gift

Yearbook is not included in the Senior Fees

NOTE: ONLY PAY FOR ONE OF THE SENIOR PACKAGES

Prom Tickets

Prom tickets \$85.00 each from March 18th - April 10th

After Prom Tickets

After Prom tickets \$30.00 each from March 18th - April 10th

Yearbooks

The yearbooks are on sale for \$100.00. You can purchase the yearbook on schoolpay: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leIMP?mip=McHW> or you can purchase adds by using Balfour's link: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leIMP?mip=McHW>

Senior ads are listed below:

Full-Page Ad is \$480

½ Page Ad is \$250

¼ Page Ad is \$130

1/8 Page Ad is \$75

Businesses can also purchase ads for the same price. For additional information email: csmith41@houstonisd.org

Inspiring Moment

Love is not getting, but giving.....It is goodness and honor and peace and pure living-yes, love is that, and it is the best thing in the world and the thing that lives the longest.

Henry Van Dyke



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