



# Lamar High School

## AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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### Lamar Weekly Newsletter

## Principal's Corner



**Good luck students on your final exams!!!**

## Congratulations Callum Gillespie!

Callum Gillespie has achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts on May 7th. In 2018, only 6.5% of scouts achieved this rank nationwide. To achieve this rank, Callum had completed 27 merit badges, community volunteer services over 3 years, 18 months leadership positions, and various awards including 4 STEM BSA programs. Additionally, his eagle scout project which brought 20 volunteers together (120 service hours) for Project Linus Houston Chapter made 70 blankets for children in need. Last year, Project Linus Houston Chapter distributed over 5,000 blankets to hospitals, funeral homes, homeless shelters, and Harvey victims from Houston to Galveston. We are Lamar proud of Callum Gillespie!

## Highlighted Events

- **Saturday, May 25th-** Tryouts for Lamar Golf Team (Boys/Girls) Herman Park 3 pm
- **Monday, May 27th- MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**
- **Tuesday, May 28th- FINALS for 9th - 12th (PERIODS 6 & 5) \*\*\*Seniors exempt from 5th & 6th period finals MUST sign-in at 8:40 am in the small gym.\*\*\***
- **Tuesday, May 28th- Early Dismissal 1:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, May 29th - FINALS for 9th - 12th (PERIODS 2 & 1)\*\*\*Seniors exempt from 1st & 2nd period finals MUST sign-in at 8:30 am in the small gym.\*\*\***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sat. May 25th-** Tryouts for Lamar Golf Team (Boys/Girls) Herman Park 3 pm
- **Mon. May 27th**
- Memorial Day Holiday
- **Tues. May 28th**
- Final Exams (9th - 12th)
- Early Dismissal 1 pm
- **Wed. May 29th**
- Final Exams (9th - 12th)
- Early Dismissal 1 pm
- **Thurs. May 30th**
- Senior Check-Out/Cap & Gown Distribution 8:30 - 11 am (cafeteria/gym)
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- **Fri. May 31st**
- Senior Check-Out/Cap & Gown Distribution 8:30 - 11 am (cafeteria/gym)
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- Early Dismissal 1 pm
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!**
- **Sat. June 1st**
- **Mon. June 3rd-** Last Day for Teachers
- **Tues. June 4th-** Summer Break
- **Wed. June 5th- June 27th-Summer School (LHS) 8 am -3:30 pm**

- **Wednesday, May 29th- Early Dismissal 1:00 pm**
- **Thursday, May 30th - FINALS for 9th - 11th (PERIODS 7 & 8)**
- **Thursday, May 30th - SENIOR CHECK-OUT/CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION (Cafeteria/Gym) 8:30 -11 am** \*\*\*Seniors **MUST** sign-in at Senior Check-Out in the cafeteria/small gym.\*\*\*
- **Thursday, May 30th- Early Dismissal 1:00 pm**
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- **Friday, May 31st- Early Dismissal 1:00 pm**
- **Friday, May 31st - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**
- **Wednesday, June 5th - Thursday, June 27th- Summer School (LHS) 8 am - 3:30 pm**
- **Saturday, June 8th- 2019 Senior Graduation (NRG) 9 am (Seniors must arrive @ 7:30 am)**

## **LHS Alumni Association - BIG RED 1000**

In 2012, the citizens of Houston voted to approve the \$2 billion Bond Issue proposed by HISD to rebuild or remodel each of the 27 high schools in its district. Each school was invited to create a committee of parents, teachers, alumni, and the principal, to choose what they wanted to do with their school. Lamar's team chose to add a new wing and to redo all the sports fields. The committee then spent one year with Perkins and Will, the selected architects, to create the design. After the design was approved by HISD, contractors bid on the project, and Gilbane Construction Company was selected to build the new Lamar wing. A temporary hold was placed on the project for two years due to the estimated construction costs, but the project finally began in 2016 with an estimated bid of \$108 million.

Even though \$108 million is a very generous number, it was not enough to cover all the costs associated with the committee's desire for all the improvements needed for Lamar. The Lamar High School Alumni Association offered to help raise additional funds by sponsoring a Capital Campaign. This campaign was designed to raise the funds needed to 1) cover the cost for upgrading the five new playing fields that would be built behind the original building (after three older facilities were removed), 2) cover the cost of certain elements within the buildings that were not covered by the Bond Funds, and 3) to create a fund for college scholarships for graduating seniors.

The first major donation of \$1 million dollars came almost immediately from Doug Pitcock, a 1945 graduate, who wanted his gift to be used for college scholarships. Shortly thereafter, Lynnette and David Mafrige pledged \$2 million, the first million to be used to create a turf field for the new football field which would be named after the football coaches, and the second million to name the overall Sports Complex. David is a 1981 graduate and Lynnette was the PTO President for 2009-2010. Their two children, Sydney Mafrige, Class of 2008, and Zack Mafrige, Class of 2012 are also Lamar graduates. Then Brian Orakpo and Brandon LaFell each pledged \$100,000 to create a state-of-the art weight room. Other alumni followed with gifts of \$10,000, \$25,000 and \$50,000 to help support this campaign.

- **Thurs. June 6th-Summer Break**
- **Fri. June 7th-Summer Break**
- **Sat. June 8th-Summer Break**

Having a turf field planned for football field helped the alumni board to make the decision to try to raise the funds needed to make all of the new fields turf fields and to create stadium seating, press boxes, etc. for the fields. To help with this effort, the alumni association recently announced the **Big Red 1000** campaign hoping to attract 1000 alumni of the school to donate \$1000 each which would generate another \$1,000,000!

Now, the Lamar High School Alumni Association would like to invite all parents, grandparents, or friends to participate in this effort to raise the funds needed. We hope many of the parents will want to participate so that their students will get the benefit of wonderful new playing fields during their time at Lamar. There are three ways in which to donate: 1) donate \$1000 to become one of the **Big Red 1000** donors, 2) donate \$25, \$50, or more up to \$1000 for a general donation, 3) or choose one of the Naming Opportunities listed below for the original building, the new academic wing, or the new athletic wing.

If you are interested in helping, please go to [Lamarhsalumni.com](http://Lamarhsalumni.com) and follow the directions to the donation forms. The alumni association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible.

Click the following attachment for giving opportunities: [NL Recognized Giving Opportunities Capital Campaign II 2019 .docx](#)

## **Early Dismissal & Final Exams Test Schedule (9th- 12th)**

Click the following attachment for the upcoming spring final exam test schedule:

[spring 2019 final exam schedule.pdf](#)

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## **Academic Corner**

**Hey students!**

**If you did not earn credit for a course you just now completed this current Spring semester, please plan to recover that credit in Credit Recovery Summer School 2019.**

**Registration is June 4**

**Lamar Cafeteria**

**8:30 to 11 am**

**and again**

**12:30 – 3 pm**

**Credit Recovery Summer School begins June 5**

**Details below**

Typically, credit recovery courses will be taken online in computer labs under the supervision of Subject Area Specialists. Only students who have taken a course and lost credit due to a failing grade or excessive absences are eligible to take that particular course(s) in credit recovery summer school. Students must attend class on campus. One absence is permissible without losing credit for the course.



## **Attendance is Mandatory**

### **Lamar Credit Recovery**

- Students: **June: 5, 2019 – June 27, 2019**
- Time: **8:00 am – 3:30 pm**
- Days: **Monday - Thursday**
- Registration: **May 22 - May 24**
- Late Registration: **June 4<sup>th</sup> (8:30 am -11:00 am) (12:30 pm – 3:00 pm)**

#### Questions about **Summer School**?

PDP <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/63085>

Credit Recovery <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/63086>

#### Questions about **Academic Advising**?

parent meetings, course selection, schedule changes . . .

<http://www.houstonisd.org/domain/44020>

#### Questions about **college**?

testing, application, financial aid, scholarships . . .

<https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/11500>

#### **College Fair Information:**

Click the following attachment for an upcoming college fair:

[College Fair.jpg](#)

**Attention Seniors!** Your last opportunity to clear any NGs needed for graduation will be May 30, 31, and June 1. Hours for after school detentions: May 30-31: 1:00-4:00 pm, and June 1: 9:00 am -12:00 noon in the cafeteria. Plan to attend. Failure to attend these detentions will mean August graduation. You will receive information from Mr. Guinther during senior check-out.

**Attention 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders!** Your last opportunity for credit appeal detentions, to clear any historical or current NGs before next year, are June 2, 3, and 4<sup>th</sup>. Notifications were sent out last week and this week, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Detentions will be held from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm in the cafeteria. Failure to attend means you have to enroll in face to face instruction during the next school year. If you are attending Summer School, your credit appeals will be assigned after Summer School classes. Credit appeals will not be available in Grad Lab next year. Please address any questions to Mrs. Clouse.

#### **Seniors:**

Click the following attachment to complete your senior survey:

[Hey Seniors #2.pdf](#)

## Senior Caps and Gowns Distribution

**Caps and gowns** will be distributed **during Senior Check-out on Thursday, May 30th & Friday, May 31st between 8:30 - 11 am** in the cafeteria/small gym. If you have any questions or concerns, please email your senior sponsors: Mrs. D. Jones at [djones13@houstonisd.org](mailto:djones13@houstonisd.org) or Mr. T. Chambers at [tchambe4@houstonisd.org](mailto:tchambe4@houstonisd.org).

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## Senior Check-Out and Graduation Information

**\*\*\*ALL SENIORS MUST CLEAR ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS BEFORE CHECK-OUT DATES\*\*\***

Thursday, May 30th	<b><u>Senior Checkout</u></b> 8:30-11:00 am A-L Cafeteria M-Z Gym
Friday, May 31st	<b><u>Senior Checkout</u></b> 8:30-11:00 am A-L Gym M-Z Cafeteria

You must come to the designated location above within your allotted time. You will not be allowed to check out early. You must attend check-out on both days and sign in both days.

Senior Checkout sheets will be distributed by your English or Grad Lab teacher starting May 20<sup>th</sup>. Seniors should be taking care of any remaining fines and fees. No senior will be allowed to participate in commencement without going through the check-out process.

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**GRADUATION DAY**  
**9:00 AM in NRG Stadium**  
**Seniors will report at 7:30 AM**

Parking is \$12 per vehicle (preferably cash). **Students will enter via the floor access doors, on the AMERGY Bank Entrance side.** Guests will proceed up the ramp on the AMERGY Bank Entrance. At the end of the ceremony, **students will exit via the Ford Entrance.**

Graduation is an optional activity. If you choose to participate, proper attire **must** be worn. Proper attire is:

1. The mortarboard (cap) should sit FLAT on the head, not tilted at an angle. All hairstyles should allow the mortarboard to sit correctly on the head. **A decorated mortarboard (cap) is not allowed and will be confiscated upon entry.**
2. Gentlemen must wear a collared shirt, with a tie, dark slacks and dress shoes. Dark shoes are best.

3. Young ladies should wear dresses, skirts, or dress slacks. Please avoid high heels. They can be a hazard on the ramps as ladies walk across the stage. Also, there is a lot of walking so comfortable shoes are preferred.
4. **Jeans, shorts, flip-flops, and tennis shoes of any kind** are not acceptable. If you wear these items, you will not be permitted to participate in graduation exercises.
5. No electronics of any kind will be permitted in the stage area. Seniors will be screened for them before entry.

**Family and friends will be admitted for seating at 7:30 AM in NRG Stadium.**

Early arrival is advised to ensure best seating. No one may block off seats for guests arriving later. There are no tickets needed for graduation. Handicap seating is available; please check with a representative upon entering for assistance. Metal detectors will be used for everyone's safety.

**No balloons, banners, air horns or items that distract from the ceremony will be allowed. Security will confiscate these items.** This is a solemn and dignified event, and we ask that all families be respectful and attentive as each student graduates. **All graduates must leave cameras, purses, cell phones and other personal items outside or with family members. Graduates may bring only their cap and gown into the stadium with them.** Caps and gowns must be carried through the security checkpoint and may not be worn as they enter the facility. **All Graduates must stay for the entire ceremony.**

**Other Information:**

Still photos will be taken by Flash Photography, 3001 South University, Ft. Worth, TX 76109. Their phone number is 1.800.410.8070. A proof will be sent by the company after graduation to the graduate's home. You may order your photos directly from Flash Photography.

**Letter to Parents Regarding Security at Graduation:**

Please click the following attachments to obtain information about graduation security:

[HISD Graduation Security Ltr - May 2019 - English.pdf](#)

[HISD Graduation Security Ltr - May 2019 Spanish.pdf](#)

[HISD Graduation Security Ltr - May 2019 Vietnamese.pdf](#)

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## **Senior Information**

**Important Dates:**

- Graduation - **Saturday, June 8th (NRG Stadium) @ 9 am**
- Senior Check-Out- **May 30th & 31st**

**Cap and Gowns**

You can purchase cap and gowns during Senior Checkout (May 30th & 31st)

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## Invitations

Go to [balfour.com](http://balfour.com) to place your order for graduation invitations.

## 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](http://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 Fees

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

Method of payment: School Pay:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2019-/McHW>

**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**

## Yearbooks

Yearbooks are here and will be distributed during all lunches:

- \$100 until Monday [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com)
- Beginning Monday - \$125 [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com)

For additional information email [csmith41@houstonisd.org](mailto:csmith41@houstonisd.org)

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## Med Club Application

Our mission is to bring together students who share the same interests and passion for medicine. We hope to teach for the next couple of years to promote health, education and wellness at Lamar High School. Each year we are looking for ways to improve Med Club for our members to have a better experience, we hope to expand our club to as many people as possible for them to enjoy this amazing opportunity.

The Med Club application is opening April 11<sup>th</sup> and closes May 31<sup>st</sup> – however, the application will re-open in August for students who sign up during the club fair.

More info can be found at: <https://lhsmedicalclub4.wixsite.com/lhsmed>

## Lamar Golf

Tryouts for the Lamar Golf Team for Boys and Girls will be held at Herman Park beginning at 3:00 PM on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Boys will need to shoot 45 or less for 9 holes and girls will need to shoot 55 or less for nine holes. We will play front nine. Boys will play middle tees and girls will play women's tees. USGA and local rules will apply. Contact Chuck Blackman at 281 723-7256 or Chuck Davis at 713 305-7521 for information and to schedule.

## Inspiring Moment

I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble.

Helen Keller



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