



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

Principal Corner



What do Students Want to Know?

Q: How many kids will be at lunch? How will lunch work?

A: We expect to have two lunch periods daily. Each neighborhood will have food distribution lines during the lunch periods where students can get food from the hot service line or the cold case. Students will be able to eat in their own neighborhood or that of a friend who is also assigned the same lunch period. Students may also choose to eat outside of the neighborhood in the Grand Hall or on the patio.

Q: Will you be with the same 35 kids all day?

A: The schedule will operate like it does now – you will have 8 class periods over 2 days. Four of your classes will be held in your neighborhood (English, Math, Science and Social Studies/History). The other four periods of your schedule will take place in other areas of the campus.

Q: How will this improve my learning?

A: How much easier would your life be if your 4 core teachers all worked together? If your English teacher knew what was going on in your other three classes? Teachers will work closely together to make connections between the content areas, and offer a more balanced and integrated work load. Utilizing the flipped classroom model, you will receive the "lecture" piece of instruction prior to the lesson at home, and use the time you have with your teachers to practice the new skill with support and apply it to real world problems.

Q: How will kids be grouped into each neighborhood?

A: Students will be randomly and heterogeneously grouped in each neighborhood. We want to make sure you are not limited in the courses you can take because of the neighborhood in which you are placed. If for instance the math class you need is only offered at the same time you want to take band, we can assign you to a different neighborhood so that there is no conflict. All of that will be done before school starts to ensure we have complete and correct schedules on the first day. You will have access to Recommended and PreIB/IB classes in all neighborhoods.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mon. March 4th-B-Day**
- PTO Selling Spirit
Merchandise (Cafe) all
lunches
- Varsity Boys Golf (Sugar
creek)
- Campus Voter Registration
for Students (all lunches)
- Girls JV Soccer vs
Westside (Westside) 5 pm
- JV Softball vs Bellaire
(Meyerland) 5 pm
- Varsity Waterpolo vs
Westside (Westside) 6 pm
- **Tues. March 5th-A-Day**
- PTO Selling Spirit
Merchandise (Cafe) all
lunches
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs
Westside (Delmar) 5 pm
- JV Boys Soccer vs
Westside (Westside) 5 pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs
Westside (Dyer) 5 pm
- Varsity Softball vs Heights
(Delmar) 7 pm
- Varsity Baseball vs Bellaire
(Delmar) 7:30 pm
- The IB Diploma: Your
Questions Answered
(Cafe) 6 pm
- **Wed. March 6th-B-Day**
- PTO Selling Spirit
Merchandise (Cafe) all
lunches
- Swim Banquet (Cafe) 6 pm
- **Thurs. March 7th-A-Day**
- PTO Selling Spirit
Merchandise (Cafe) all
lunches

Q: How will kids be grouped into their individual classes?

A: Students will still be assigned to each course during a specific period. Each class section will be identified as Recommended or PreIB/IB. Teachers within the neighborhood will have the flexibility to use each class period to work on specific course content, or work on integrated projects with other content area teachers/classes in the neighborhood.

Q: How will I know where to go on the first day? Will there be tours of the building before school starts?

A: Watch social media and the Lamar website for information on tours and activities before school starts. We will plan events that help students and parents get acclimated to the new facility. Additionally, you can watch for a new student handbook and family guide with everything you need to know about navigating the new school.

Highlighted Events

- **Friday, March 1st**- UIL Theater Show (Performance Hall) @ 7 pm
- **Saturday, March 2nd**- UIL Theater Show(Performance Hall) @ 7 pm
- **Monday, March 4th - Friday, March 8th**- PTO selling LHS spirit merchandise (Cafeteria) all lunches
- **Monday, March 4th**-Campus Voter Registration for Students (all lunches)
- **Tuesday, March 5th**- The IB Diploma: Your Questions Answered (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Wednesday, March 6th**- Swim Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Saturday, March 9th**- SAT Testing (Library) 8 am
- **Monday, March 11th - Friday, March 15th** -**SPRING BREAK**

Class of 2021

IB has changed the math courses you will have access to next year. Please review the attachment [IB Mathematics course selection class of 2021 v2.pdf](#) to learn more about your options, then complete the Google survey on the last slide to make your selection or request to meet with your Academic Advisor.

Join us for an informational parent meeting and **Q&A** next **Tuesday, March 5** at 6 pm in the cafeteria where we will walk through the options and answer your questions.

All students intending to enroll in advanced math courses in 11th and 12th grades will need to select a course through the Google survey. If you need help choosing your math pathway, please indicate that on the survey.

Class of 2021 will be selecting from two new IB math course options for next year. Students and parents received an email yesterday with more detailed information on each of the two new courses, and information that will help students choose the right path. Both courses are available at Standard Level (SL) and Higher Level (HL). Students, please refer to the email and use the google survey link on the last slide of the attachment to select your math class or request a meeting with your Academic

- Track Atascocita Invitational (Atascocita HS)
- Tennis Cy-Fair ISD Tournament
- **Fri. March 8th-B-Day**
- PTO Selling Spirit Merchandise (Cafe) all lunches
- Girls Varsity Soccer vs Heights (Delmar) 7:30 pm
- Freshman Tennis Clear Springs ISD Tournament
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Heights (Dyer) 7 pm
- **Sat. March 9th**
- SAT Testing (Library) 8 am
- JV Girls Soccer vs Heights (Heights) 12 noon
- JV Boys Soccer vs Heights (Heights) 5 pm
- Dave Bethany Relays JV Track (Barnett Stadium)
- Sophomore Baseball vs Katy Tompkins (Lamar) Double header
- **Mon. March 11th-Spring Break**
- JV Baseball vs Milby (Lamar) 10 am
- Varsity Baseball vs Westbury (Delmar) 1 pm
- Freshman Baseball vs Milby (Milby) 10 am (Double header)
- **Tues. March 12th-Spring Break**
- JV Baseball vs Heights (Heights) 10 am
- Freshman Baseball vs Westside (Lamar) 10 am
- Freshman Baseball vs Bellaire (Lamar) 12 noon (Double header)
- Varsity Baseball vs Sam Houston (Delmar) 10 am
- **Wed. March 13th- Spring Break**
- **Thurs. March 14th-Spring Break**
- Waterpolo Varsity Maeve The Brave Memorial (Cypress Fleet)
- **Fri. March 15th-Spring Break**
- Waterpolo Varsity Maeve

Advisor.

APPLICATIONS & Interpretation

- Emphasis on modelling and statistics
- Develop strong skills in applying mathematics to the real-world
- Real mathematical problem solving using technology
- For students interested in social sciences, natural sciences, medicine, statistics, business, economics, psychology, and design

ANALYSIS & Approaches

- Emphasis on algebraic methods
- Develop strong-skills in mathematical thinking
- Real and abstract mathematical problem solving
- For students interested in mathematics, engineering, computer science, and physical sciences

Gently Used Uniforms Needed

Last May we collected hundreds of Lamar uniform parts from our graduating seniors. We thought that we would enable us to provide students with uniform parts as needed throughout the academic year. Turns out we were wrong. The need is greater than the supply! Since dress code is mandatory at Lamar High School we want all of our students in dress code every day. Do you have uniform shirts, jackets or khaki uniform bottoms that are too small? You may contact Sammy K. Tullous at 713 522-5960 or drop them off at N114. Your effort will be greatly appreciated.

Attendance

Please make sure that you are sending a note within three days when your child is out sick or has a doctor's appointment. After three days, we cannot excuse the absence. Please also remember that students must be in attendance 90% of the class meetings for each course to receive credit for the course.

College Visits

Students are allowed two days for college visits during the junior year and two days for college visits during the senior year. Parents or students should email Mrs. Graves in advance for approval for the visit, and should then submit a copy of the email and the letter verifying the visit from the college or university.

Rangerettes

Let's congratulate the Rangerettes for their successful performance at the Showtime International Dance Competition over the weekend at George Ranch High School. The team received sweepstakes (Score of 92 and above), judge's award, and best in category on their Team Jazz, Team Pom, Team Hip Hop, Team Modern, and Team Novelty. Team Novelty received the creativity award for the entire contest. The officers received a sweepstakes awards, judge's award, and best in category for their contemporary, lyrical and jazz routines. The officers also received the supreme award for their officer contemporary and officer lyrical, which is awarded to the highest scoring dance for that category. Lauren Holcomb won runner up in the solo division out of 60 solos. Our Elite Ensemble "This Bitter Earth" won 1st place in the

The Brave Memorial
(Cypress Fleet)

- Sat. March 16th-Spring Break
- Waterpolo Varsity Maeve
The Brave Memorial
(Cypress Fleet)

Large Ensemble division. Overall, both the team and officers won Grand Champion in their divisions. The highlight of the day would be the officers scoring the highest points for the entire contest.

Click on the following links for additional information concerning the Rangerettes:

[Rangerettes Tryout Flyer.docx](#)

[LDT Auditions 18-19.docx](#)

Coach David Vollmer

Lamar alums, current players and families gathered at 8th World Brewery to celebrate Coach David Vollmer' thirty years of coaching Lamar Men's Lacrosse. Food for the Brew & Q Family Picnic event was provided by the Pass and Provisions restaurant owner and Chef, Seth Siegel-Gardner a former Lamar lacrosse player ('94 -'98). All funds raised at the event will go toward sustaining the Lamar Men's Lacrosse Program.

Summer School Registration

Summer school information below:

[Summer School Registration Info for PN.pdf](#)

AHSA Scholarships

The Association of Hispanic School Administrators is providing scholarships for Hispanic Houston ISD seniors entering their first year of college and pursuing a degree in education. Successful candidates will be selected on criteria as determined by an assessment of academic achievement in high school, financial need, personal qualities and strengths as revealed in a required personal statement and interview.

The AHSA is providing scholarships for Hispanic Houston ISD educators pursuing a masters or doctorate degree in education. Applicants are expected to have a minimum of 2 years in HISD. Recipients must enroll and attend an accredited college.

The AHSA is providing scholarships for Hispanic Houston ISD teacher assistants pursuing an associates or bachelor's degree in education. Applicants are expected to have worked minimum of 2 years in Houston ISD. If interested please email Ms. Ling at cgranger@houstonisd.org for more information and an application. Applications due March 29, 2019.

TEDxYouth

Lamar High School Presents

TEDxYouth

Limited Seating

When: March 2nd

Time: 10 am - 4:30 pm

Location: Pershing Middle School

3838 Blue Bonnet Blvd.

Houston, Texas 77025

Honor Student Maxine Mooring Nominated for The Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, MA

Maxine Mooring, a Lamar sophomore will be a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Lowell, MA on June 23 -25, 2019.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal. For more information visit www.FutureDocs.com.

UIL Journalism Champs

The UIL Journalism team - consisting of only three members this time - stole the show again at the HISD UIL Meet Saturday.

Ethan Martinez received:

1st place in New Writing and 1st place in Feature Writing

Anthony Luna received:

2nd place in Editorial Writing

2nd place in News Writing

5th place in Features and

6th place in copy editing

Madeleine House placed 3rd in News Writing and 4th in Feature Writing.

Congratulations on a job well done!!! We are Lamar proud!

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.

Smart Financial Lamar HS

Smart Financial will collect donations for the Christian Community Service Center beginning Friday, March 1st until Friday, April 5th, 2019. Donation bins are located in Room E210. We appreciate and welcome any donation.

CCSC operates two food pantries in Houston to help those who are in need.

Special Olympic Field Day

HISD will be hosting Special Olympics Field Days on March 5th, 6th and 7th at Butler Stadium from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm each day. Please share the information with your volunteers. They need at least 300 volunteers for the event. See link below and contact information for HISD Special Education Department.

Special Olympics Volunteer link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLB08H6Tf0Qdr2h4GgtHiC-GvQslGp5mz0W3eatQg4MmTtKw/viewform?c=0&w=1>

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713-556-7320

VIPS appreciates your support.

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!

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.

Seniors 2019

Important Dates:

- Prom - **April 13th (Bayou City Event Center) @ 8 pm**
- Graduation - **Saturday, June 8th (NRG Stadium) @ 9 am**
- Prom tickets sales \$85.00 each from **March 18th - April 10th**
- After Prom tickets sales \$30.00 each from **March 18th - April 10th**
- Senior Swag Bags Distribution-**March 27th- April 10th (in cafeteria)**
(Senior Swag Bags are for Senior Packages or Senior Fees purchases only)

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-PTO

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

Attention Senior Parents:

Please help support *Lamar Republic Yearbook* and purchase ad space for your graduate.

Please note that NONE of the money goes to Balfour. It's actually how we pay for the yearbook. Any overage goes directly in the Lamar yearbook account and helps to purchase camera supplies and computers. A new server was installed 2 years ago in the yearbook room with those funds - now students are able to design and work on yearbook spreads at the same time without deleting other staffers' information.

They only collect the funds as a 3rd party to help with marketing to increase sales. Again, ALL of the funds go directly to Lamar.

Yearbooks

The yearbooks are on sale for \$100.00. You can purchase the yearbook on schoolpay: [www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?mip=McHW]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

Please share...and purchase your ad space today. Contact csmith41@houstonisd.org for further information.

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

FFA AG Show

Mark your calendars for April 25th - 27th. Our FFA AG Show will be featured on Lamar's campus. Stay tuned for more details.

Inspiring Moment

Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want but the realization of how much you already have.



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