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Principal's Corner



IB Programmes at Lamar

I want to dedicate this week's Principals Corner to explaining the difference between the three IB Programmes available at Lamar.

IB Middle Years Programme (MYP): All 9th and 10th graders participate in the IB Middle Years Programme. Courses are provided at the advanced and recommended level for the grade level. All teachers are trained in the Middle Years framework and students engage in learning that is intellectually challenging and helps them see the connection between the contents they learn. Students complete a culminating project in 10th grade known as "Personal Project". You can learn more about the Middle Years Programme at <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/middle-years-programme/>.

In the Spring semester of 10th grade, student, parent and Academic Dean map out an academic plan for 11th and 12th grade. Students can participate in the IB Career-related Programme or the IB Diploma Programme.

IB Career-related Programme (IBCP): The IBCP is our newest program. Students who select the IBCP will complete a four-year career sequence and earn an industry certification before the end of the senior year. IBCP students will also participate in no less than two IB Diploma level

course, earning college credit, and participate in a Professional and Personal Skills course. Students will complete a culminating reflective project that correlates to their chosen field of study. This programme allows students to leave high school with some college credit and an industry certification that can be used immediately. This programme can provide students with experiences that may make them stand-out candidates for jobs and internships after high school. You can learn more about the IB Career-related Programme at <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/career-related-programme/>.

IB Diploma Programme (IBDP): The IBDP is the most widely known IB programme and is a rigorous and academically challenging venture. Students will participate in six areas of study, with the expectation that students will test in 3 Higher Level courses and 3 Standard Level courses. A part of the core of the programme is Theory of Knowledge, taken for one semester junior year and one semester in the senior year. Students also participate in CAS (Community * Action * Service) and produce an Extended Essay on a field of study that interests them. This programme results in up to 26 hours of college credit, but more importantly sets up college bound students for experience with a full load of college level course work. You can learn more about the IB Diploma Programme at <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>.

New IB Music Standard Level Available in 2021-22 School Year

We are thrilled to offer a new IB Music course to juniors and seniors. The course is available at the Standard Level (SL) and is a one year course. Students must have 2 years of music experience and be able to read music.

Description from IB Music Subject Brief:

“The IB Diploma Programme standard level music course seeks to develop students’ knowledge and potential as musicians, both personally and collaboratively. IB Diploma Programme music students are required to study musical perception and actively listen to a wide range of music from different parts of the world, musical cultures and time periods. They also develop aural perception and understanding of music by learning about musical elements, including form and structure, notations, musical terminology and context. Through the course of study, students become aware of how musicians work and communicate. In addition, the course enables students to: • enjoy lifelong engagement with the arts • become informed, reflective and critical practitioners in the arts • understand the dynamic and changing nature of the arts • explore and value the diversity of the arts across time, place and cultures • express ideas with confidence and competence • develop perceptual and analytical skills • develop their knowledge and potential as musicians, both personally and collaboratively.”

Want more information? <https://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/music-brief-sl-en.pdf>

Highlighted Events

- **Tues. April 13th**- Lacrosse Varsity Senior Night (South Campus 3600 W. Bellfort Ave Houston, Tx 77025) 5:30 pm
 - **Fri. April 16th**- St. Johns' Registered COVID19 Vaccinations (St. Johns) 3:30 - 5:30 pm
 - **Fri. April 16th**- Advanced Placement Exam Selection Deadline
 - **Sat. April 17th**- HISD AP/IB Saturday Academy (Online)
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Hey Texans! Are you interested in joining Student Council's Leadership Class? Applications are now open to any rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. If you are accepted into the class, you will get to work with student council officers to help plan and facilitate events at Lamar while acting as a liaison between the students and faculty. This is a great opportunity that you do not want to miss out on. Applications are **due April 16, 2021 at 11:59!** Apply here: <https://forms.gle/vp3U9xfHAjR3xye9>

Student Laptop Switch Out

All 9th through 11th grade students, virtual and in person, need to switch out their devices before the end of the school year. This is a quick process that will only take a few minutes but will require students to come to campus with their device. Please backup any documents you need on your current laptop before coming and come to campus between 9 AM and 3 PM any day school is in session. When you come please make sure you wear a mask and come to the Grand Hall the process should take just a couple of minutes. If you have any questions please email Rachel Rutledge at Rachel.Rutledge@houstonisd.org.

IT Office Hours

Monday- Friday 8:00-11:00 am and 11:30 am - 3 pm

Testing Updates

Advanced Placement (AP) Digital Exam Selection Deadline – April 16

Students wishing to take their AP exams digitally from home, must sign up by April 16. This spring, the College Board is allowing students to take their AP exams either in the traditional paper/pencil format on campus or through a digital at home exam format. All Lamar students registered to take AP exams were initially registered to take the paper format on campus on the dates listed below. If your child would like to change to the digital exam format, they must complete the request form at <https://forms.gle/wYQ9zC9Z99BsG6AD8>. All digital exams will be

taken at home on the dates listed below. No digital AP exams will be administered at Lamar HS. Before selecting the digital test option, ensure that there are no conflicts with the test date and time. All exam format decisions will be final on **April 16, 2021**. No changes will be made after this date. Visit the [College Board website](#) to learn more about the digital exam option.

AP Exam Dates

Course	Paper Testing Date at Lamar HS	Digital Testing date at Home
AP US Government	Monday, May 3 at 8:30	Thursday, May 20 @ 11:00 AM
AP Human Geography	Tuesday, May 4 @ 12:00	Friday, May 28 @ 11:00 AM
AP Art History	Thursday, May 6 @ 12:00	Wednesday, May 19 @ 3:00 PM
AP World History	Monday, May 10 @ 8:30	Thursday, May 20 @ 11:00 AM
AP Psychology	Tuesday, May 11 @ 12:00	Thursday, May 20 @ 3:00 PM
AP Computer Science Principles	Monday, May 17 @ 8:30	Wednesday, May 26 @ 3:00 PM
AP Statistics	Monday, May 17 @ 12:00	No digital exam available

Dream Summit Series - Ignite the Dream

The DREAMers Committee is excited to host the next event in the Dream Summit Series, **Ignite the Dream on Thursday, April 15th at 11:30 am**. Their third event in the series will focus on supporting our 9th to 11th grade students, in collaboration with the IGNITE Team. During the workshop, students will get a chance to learn about entrepreneurship and career pathways through a career session, how to maximize their high school opportunities to prepare for their senior year, and about the latest immigration updates from a local attorney. Students who attend will have a chance to earn gift-card giveaways.

Who: Students born outside the U.S. and/or TASFA-eligible students in grades 9-11

When: April 15th, 2021

Registration: <https://bit.ly/ITD-2021-RSVP>

For any questions or concerns, contact Carlos Sotelo (Carlos.Sotelo@houstonisd.org) or Ruby Rivera (rrivera@houstonisd.org)

For additional information click: [Dreamers Resource Flyer.pdf](#)

[Ignite the Dream - English.pdf](#)

[Ignite the Dream - Spanish.pdf](#)

Summer Jobs

These PAID position are open to all 16-24 year old students. By doing the trainings and interviews students can earn 100 dollars even if they are not selected for a job. Apply today and click the following attachments for additional information:

[SER - This Way ONward 2021 Flyer 21.png](#)

[SER - Bank of America.jpg](#)

[SER - Summer Jobs Comparison Chart + Potential Non Profit Worksites.pdf](#)

FFA Livestock Show and Auction

Mark your calendars for FFA's upcoming Livestock Show and Auction:

- April 22: Livestock show
- April 23: BBQ cook-off kick off
- April 24: 4 - 6:30 pm Reception at Armadillo Palace and silent auction 7:00
– Live auctions kicks off

Click: [FFA Livestock Show and Auction.jpg](#) for additional information.

Varsity Lacrosse Senior Night

Join Coach Kirsten Marchese honor this year's seniors: Delaney Costa, Rylan Whitcomb and Maddie Love.

When: April 13th

Time: 5:30pm Varsity

Where: South Campus

3600 W Bellfort Ave

Houston, TX 77025

Congratulations Class of 2021!

Class of 2021 - LHS Fest



Formals & Flip Flops – May 22nd

Time: 7 - 11 pm

Go to: bit.ly/LHSfest2021 today and sign-up for this event.

Get your favorite “formal” attire and your fanciest flip flops on and come out to enjoy a music festival like no other. **LHS Fest** will feature 3 different stage areas each with its own genre of music – Rap, Country and early 2000’s. You can pick the music of your choice with your individual headphones and have fun with a variety of activities from dunking booths, inflatable super slides, mechanical bull, and cornhole to name a few. Food and drinks will be provided and **best of all there is NO cost to you!** Information on how to register to attend the event is coming soon.

***All events are in alignment with HISD's communicable disease plan.**

2021 Sunrise to Sunset

2021 Sunrise to Sunset Grand Finale – June 4th

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 pm

This epic senior day is the grand finale for the Class of 2021 to celebrate YOU one final time. It will include a catered picnic on the field so don't forget to bring your class of 2021 towel to sit on. Following, seniors will have a sunset toast and close out the evening with an outdoor movie on the field. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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Calling All Volunteers

We need parent volunteers to make these events possible. Volunteers are needed to help with planning and day of activities. If you'd like to volunteer, please fill out this [form](#).

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Volunteer. Email [Becky Zavala](#) or [Janet Neumann](#) to sign up for an open position or help with the class of 2021 committee.

Join Lamar PTO. Get involved right away and join the Lamar PTO. Various membership levels and incentives are available. Get to know other parents and support your school. [Join today!](#)

Senior Class of 2021 Update



Place your online Cap and Gown Orders: www.balfour.com

Cap & Gowns will be distributed during Senior Check-out in June

**Please be aware that an individual processing fee will be included
after March 3, 2021.**

Senior Finals:

June 1st - June 4th

Senior Check-Out:

June 7th - 10th

Remember to pay your Senior Dues!



The graphic features a red diamond with 'CO 21' and a tassel. Below it, the title 'SENIOR DUES' is centered. The content is organized into sections with yellow highlights for key information. A list of items included in the senior fees is provided, along with a list of 'A la Carte' options with their respective costs. The graphic concludes with information on where to order caps and gowns.

Method of Payment: School Pay
<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/LHSClassof2021>

Senior Fees: \$100 (after January 12th)
Included in the Senior Fees: Diploma Package (transcripts for college, diploma, diploma cover), Senior Mask, Senior T-Shirt (senior surprise), Senior Sticker and Senior Gift.

*****Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, Prom Ticket, After-Prom Ticket, Cap & Gown are NOT included in the Senior Fees*****

Senior Fees (A la Carte After January 12th):

- Senior Class T-Shirt (Sunrise) - \$24.00 each
- Senior Class of 2021 Mask - \$12.00 per student
- Senior Class Sticker - \$6.00 each
- Senior Gift - \$33.00 per student
- Diploma Package - \$25.00 per student

All Cap and Gowns are ordered through Balfour at:
www.balfour.com

Seniors should have received the following items:

- Class of 2021 sunrise t-shirt
- Class of 2021 beach towel
- Class of 2021 face mask
- Class of 2021 sticker

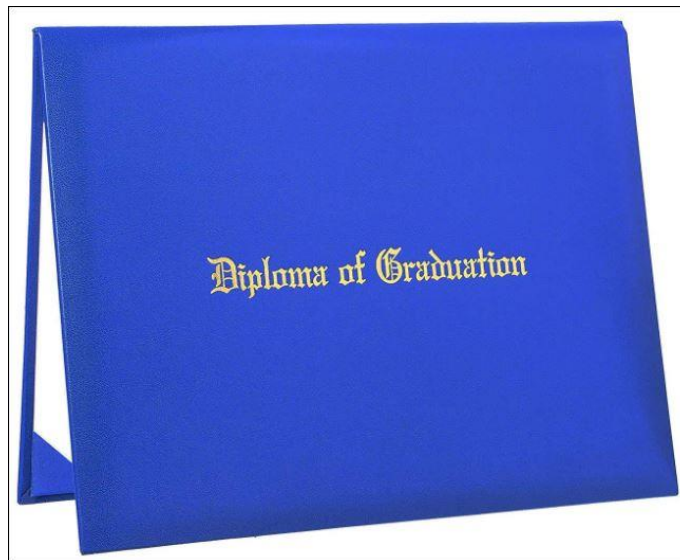
* [Email Mrs. Jones](#) to make arrangements for your missing senior gear

The following items will be distributed during senior check-out:

- Class of 2021 senior gift
- Early bird Whataburger tent



The following item will be distributed at Graduation, June 13, 2021:



- Diploma and cover

Appointments

Please try to schedule all appointments for days when students are virtual to help us limit the number of people on campus during the day. This is an important part of our Communicable Diseases Plan and is important in maintaining in-person as an option for students.

In the event of a true emergency, please call in advance to let the Welcome Center know you are coming to campus. **Please remember that we cannot check out students during the lunch period 11:45-12:45 p.m., or during the last 30 minutes of the school day (3:40-4:10 p.m.)**

Need Help with Something Else?

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An Inspirational Moment

" Once we discover how to appreciate the timeless values in our daily experiences, we can enjoy the best things in life."

Author: Harry Hepner



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