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Principal's Corner



Highlighted Events:

Sat. May 6th: Credit Appeal 9:00-3:00 9LHS)

Sat. May 6th: IB Math review 9:00-12:00 (12th grade) **Mon. May 8th- Fri. 12th**: Teacher Appreciation Week

Sat, May 13th: Credit Appeal 9:00-3:00 (LHS)

Thu. May 11th: Late Start 12:00PM

Thu. May 11th: Order Letterman Jackets 12:00PM (Transit Center)

Sat. May 13th: Credit Appeal 9:00-3:00 (LHS)

Tue. May 16th:- Fri. 19th: Laptop Collection 8:30-4:00 (LHS)

Thu. May 18th: PTO Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)

Thu. May 18th: Rising Senior Parent Meeting 6:30PM (Grand Hall)

Sat. May 20th: Credit Appeal 9:00-3:00 (LHS)

Shout Outs:

Track and Field

Upcoming Events:

Thu. May 4th:

- Philosophy SL
- English A HL
- IB Exhibition 8:30AM (LHS)
- Choir Pop Show 6:00PM

 (Performance Hall)
- Theatre Show 6:00PM (Black Box)

Fri, May 5th:

- Theatre Show 6:00PM (Black Box)
- Rangerette's Show 6:00
 (Gym)

Sat. May 6th:

- Theatre Show 6:00PM (Black Box)
- Credit Appeal 9:00-3:00 9LHS)
- IB Math review 9:00-2:00 (12th grade)
- GHFCA 7 on 7 Football @
 Mayde Creek

Mon. May 8th

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- IB Exams
- Choir Banquet 6:00 (LHS)

Tue. May 9th:

Teacher Appreciation Week





Congratulation to Kaleb Goodly! He qualified for State with his 6' 8 jump to finish second at regionals.

Congratulations to **Baily Hashmi**! He qualifying for State with his 200 meter race!

TOK Exhibition



- IB Exams
- IB Exhibition 8:30AM (LHS)

Wed. May 10th:

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- IB Exams
- IB Exhibition 8:30AM (LHS)

Thu. May 11th:

- Late Start 12:00PM
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- AP World History Exam
- Order Letterman Jackets
 12:00PM (Transit Center)
- FFA Banquet 6:00PM (LHS)

Fri. May 12th:

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7 on 7 Football @ CyCreek
 5:00PM
- Water Polo @ Clear Falls
- Theatre Banquet 6:00PM (LHS)

Sat. May 13th:

- Credit Appeal 9:00-3:00
 (LHS)
- Band Show 2:00PM
 (Performance Hall)
- Full Band Spring Concert
 7:00PM (Performance Hall)

Mon. May 15th:

Cheer Banquet 6:00-8:00PM (LHS)

Tue. May 16th:

Laptop Collection 8:30-4:00
 (LHS)

Wed. May 17th:

- Laptop Collection 8:30-4:00 (LHS)
- LDT Banquet 6:00-8:00PM
 (LHS)

Thu. May 18th:

• Laptop Collection 8:30-4:00 (LHS)



TOK Exhibition! Our IB Diploma Juniors have been hard at work creating their TOK IAs and will be presenting them to our underclassmen this week and next. The project asks students to choose three objects that answer the question *How does TOK manifest in the real world?* and many of them have used what they've learned in your classes to build their exhibitions!

Important Spring Testing Updates

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Students taking an AP class during the fall semester have been registered to take the AP exam on the date listed below. Students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the corresponding AP exam as part of the course requirements. Houston ISD has paid the registration fee for our students to take these exams. As a result, any student not taking the required AP exam will be charged a \$40 non-use fee by the College Board. AP students should check their MyAP account for additional testing information.

Students must be on time for all AP and IB exams. No late students can be admitted.

AP Exam Dates

AP Comp Science Prin Monday, May 8 @ 12:15 PM AP World History Thursday, May 11 @ 8:30 AM

IB Exams

IB exams for all HL2 and SL2 courses began April 27th. Please view the full list of IB exams here

Final Late Start Day - May 11th

Our final Late Start day will be on May 11th . Non-testing students will report to school at 12:00 PM for lunch. Following lunch, all students will follow a modified A/B day schedule

Laptop Collection

- Water Polo student vs Teacher
 4:30 (LHS)
- PTO Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Rising Senior Parent
 Meeting 6:30PM (Grand Hall)

Fri. May 19th:

- Spring Football Game 6:30PM (LHS)
- Band Banquet 6:00-8:00PM (LHS)
- Water Polo @ Clear Falls
- Theatre SDOAP 7:00PM
 (Black Box)

Sat, May 20th:

- Credit Appeal 9:00-3:00 (LHS)
- Hackathon 10:00-3:00 (LHS)
- Orchestra Concert 7:009:00PM (Performance Hall)



Final Exam Schedule

MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR FINAL EXAMS AND EXEMPTIONS

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Seniors will take their exams on May 23 and 24 during their regularly scheduled classes. Seniors are expected to attend all classes on these days.

On May 25 and 26, seniors will follow the early dismissal exam schedule. The first exam time will be 8:30-10:40 each day and the second exam time will be from 10:50-12:50 each day. Lunch will be available at 12:50 for students as they leave campus. DISMISSAL AT 12:50.

May 23 A-Day Periods 3 & 4 - DURING THE REGULAR CLASS PERIOD

May 24 B-Day Periods 7 & 8 - DURING THE REGULAR CLASS PERIOD

May 25 A-Day Periods 2 & 1 - EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE

May 26 B-Day Periods 6 & 5 - EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Grades 9-11 will take their exams during the designated time periods and will be dismissed after the second exam period. Students must attend all exam sessions, even if they are exempt, to maintain attendance credit. The first exam time will be 8:30-10:40 each day and the second exam time will be from 10:50-12:50 each day. Lunch will be available at 12:50 for students as they leave campus. DISMISSAL AT 12:50. Buses will run on the early dismissal schedule.

May 25 Periods 2 & 1 - EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE

May 26 Periods 6 & 5 - EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE

May 30 Periods 3 & 4 - EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE

May 31 Periods 7 & 8 - EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE

FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS

The following guidelines will be used to assign exemptions for final exams.

To be exempt for any final exam, students shall:

- · have three or fewer absences in each class; and
- have an E or S in conduct with no discipline referrals.

9th Grade Exemption Opportunities -

Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from one additional final exam for a course with an 85 average or better for the second semester.

10th Grade Exemption Opportunities -

- 1. Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from AP World History if the student took to AP exam and has a second semester average of 85 or better.
- 2. Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from two additional final exams for a course with an 85 average or better for the second semester.

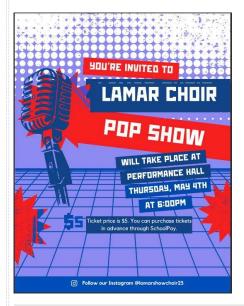
11th Grade Exemption Opportunities -

- 1. Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from IB SL2 courses and AP courses if the student met the testing requirements and has a second semester average of 85 or better. (QUALIFYING COURSES: AP Government/AP exam; IB Art History SL2/AP exam and IB exam; IB World Religion SL2/IB exam; IB Psychology SL2/IB exam; IB Econ SL2/IB exam; IB Spanish SL2/IB exam; IB French SL2/IB exam; IB Chinese SL2/IB exam; IB Arabic SL2/IB exam
- 2. Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from two additional final exams for a course with an 85 average or better for the second semester.

12th Grade Exemption Opportunities -

1. Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from all final exams for courses with an 85 average or better for the second semester, in which all programme requirements have been met (IB exam/AP exam).

Choir Pop Show



Attention Juniors and Seniors

IB Annual Fee 2022-2023 Are Past Due

All 11th and 12th graders taking one or more IB classes are required to pay an <u>annual</u> \$90 IB fee. 11th and 12th grade IB course names end in SL and HL. If you see SL or HL on your child's schedule, your child is in an IB course.

This fee supports:

IB tests, IB materials, digital resources, and teacher trainings for our IB programs and if earned the **graduation stole.**

The actual fee that HISD pays to the IB is \$119 per course. When a student tests in five IB courses, HISD pays the IB \$595.

The annual fee of \$90 is past due.

Students who are identified as economically disadvantaged may pay \$30. You can make your annual payment through School Pay or in person at the Lamar business office.

Students who do not pay their annual IB fee *will not* be able to complete senior check-out in May. Contact Dr. Acord if you have questions. suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

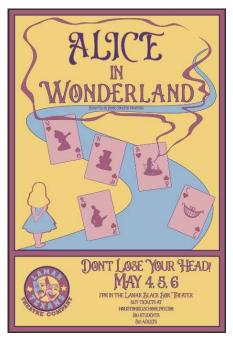
IB Math HL/SL Tutorials

The IB Math Applications HL senior class will have review sessions on May 6 from 9 am to 2:00 pm. These are extended review sessions in preparation for the IB Math exams on May 8 and 9. Students may see Mr. Halos in the 12A neighborhood to sign up and for more information. Ms. Wu will have tutorials for IB Math AA HL in her room. Ms. Li an Mr. Paul will tutor IB Math AI SL in their room.

Rangerettes Spring Show



Theatre Production



Writing Lab



Congrats to all participants and we hope for future Writing Lab competitions!

The Writing Lab is pleased to announce our winners for the STTA 2023 competition! The winners of the categories are shown below!

Poetry Category

1st Place: Aiden Fidone, "The Forgotten Voices of the Americas: A Poem of Indigenous History"

2nd Place: TJ Owers, "Rifle"

3rd Place: Giovanni Victorio, "Every Way to Say Goodbye"

Short Story Category

1st Place: Kaylen Esprit, "Forgotten at Home"

2nd Place: Jessica Ponce, "The Celtic Fairy: Asio Otus"

3rd Place: Sofia Graves, "The Quest for the Phoenix Feather"

Essay Category

1st Place: Khanh Dang, "The Unwavering Texan's Spirit"

2nd Place: Giovanni Victorio, "Fighting Climate Change is Impossible"

Bonus Award: Leo/Lauren Carter, "The Vessel"

Student Parking

2023-2024 Student Parking Applications Open Monday May 8th, 2023

Apply for your parking permit for 2023-2024 School Year using the link below or scanning the QR code.

Parking Permit Link

https://bit.ly/23-24ParkingApplication



- Students must be classified as a 12th or 11th grader by the registrar for the 2023-2024 school year.
- · Online application must be completed.
- Applicant must have a Current Texas Driver License or Valid Texas Learners Permit to apply.
- If applications exceed the number of parking permits available a lottery will be held to
 distribute parking spots with incoming 12th graders given first priority over incoming 11th
 graders if students apply before the deadline of midnight on June 5th.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MIDNIGHT MONDAY JUNE 5TH 2023.

Once approved you must submit all required paperwork by Midnight June 28, 2023 to secure your parking permit.

After the deadline apply to the Parking Waitlist. Applications will be processed in the order received.

Monday Marching Band Sessions



May is going to be magical with our MONDAY MARCHING BAND SESSIONS. This is an open rehearsal for all FUTURE MEMBERS of The Lamar Band. Monday - May 1, 8, 15, & 22. #marchingband

Band Banquet



Have You Moved?

If you have moved out of the Lamar attendance zone, or plan on moving out of the zone before next school year and you wish to remain at Lamar you must contact Casey Titus (ctitus@houstonisd.org) about a possible transfer. The district deadline to apply for a transfer for the 2022-2023 school year is February 2, 2023.

Sport Enrichment Camp



COLLEGE CORNER

College Corner Hot Topics:

- FAFSA Application Submissions
- College Admission Appeals
- TSI Testing

Newsletter Link:

https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:c5f36ee8-fc34-3b80-8618-6d5c7a4c8636

Rising Senior Parent Meeting



Class of 2024

Please compete the College Readiness Junior Survey



2023- 2024 Parking



Time is running out - RAFFLE SALES end TONIGHT at 9pm! Only \$10/10tkts - the more buy, the better your chances of snagging a Reserved Spot on the 2nd floor garage. Winner announced Friday on @viewfromthelhsbalcony!



https://bit.ly/ParkingSpotRaffle

2023 Senior Information

Senior Check Out Meeting

Click here for the slides to Dr. Acord's presentation.

Graduation is almost here! Make sure you ready for finals, check out and graduation.

FASFA: do now- everyone must complete the FASFA forms (or the opt out form)

Laptop Pick Up: May 15th –19th before you turn in your laptop, make sure you save all your files to a non-HISD device.

Senior Dues- <u>pay now</u> -covers the cost of parties, diploma, diploma cover, transcripts, and the senior gift. \$140 today - https://schoolpay.com/link/LHSClassof-2023

IB Fees- <u>do now</u>- pay your IB fees it covers the cost of the tests and your **stoles for graduation**. \$90 whether you take one class or more.

Cap and Gown: <u>do now</u>-All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Herff Jones: <u>Herff Jones</u>. \$50.00. They will be distributed during senior check out. Must wear cap and gown at graduation. You may decorate your cap. Graduates can only wear the stoles provided by the school. Graduates may wear NHS, Computer Science NHS, or Emerge cords only.

<u>Invitations:</u> Go to <u>heffjones.com</u> to place your order for graduation invitations.

UPDATED Calendar:

- Mon. May 8th: AP Computer Science (12 pm)
- Tue. May 11th: AP World History (8 am)
- SPRING SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS: May 23-26
- May 30th 31st: Senior Check-out
- May 30th: Senior Sunset
- Sat. June 3rd: Graduation at NRG (Students arrive at 7:45 am, Ceremony at 9:00 am)

Graduation information

Ceremony

 The graduation ceremony will <u>not</u> be livestreamed (a recording of ceremony will be made available at <u>www.houstonisd.org/graduation</u> at a later date) • The ceremony should be less than 2 hours

Graduate Entrance and check-in

- · Graduates should arrive at 7:45AM
- Graduates will enter thru designated graduate entrance (Amegy Gate)
- Staging for graduates prior to the ceremony will occur in the Service Level.
- Graduates are not allowed to bring a cellphone, headphones, or other electronics devices into the venue.
- HERFF Jones will be on-site (Service Level) to support graduates as needed.

Security/Bag Checks

- All guests will be scanned prior to entry into the Stadium.
- HISD Police will be onsite to ensure safety of all guests and graduates.
- Balloons, flowers, noise makers, etc. are not allowed in Arena.

Appropriate Dress

- Gentleman must wear collared shirts, with a tie, dark slacks and dress shoes. Dark shoes
- Young ladies should wear dresses, skirts or dress slacks, Flat shoes or wedges are recommended as graduates will be walking across the NRG stadium floor and up stairs.

Cap and Gown

- Cap and gowns will be distributed during senior check out on May 30th and 31st from 9:00-11:00AM in the Bleachers.
- The gown should be hung on a hanger to help remove wrinkles. (Seniors are expected to take car of fines another obligations prior to picking up their cap and gown).

Pictures

- There will be a professional photographer on stage to take a picture as the diploma is presented to each graduate.
- Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase a copy of the picture. Family members are
 not allowed to be on the floor to take person al pictures. Seniors proved contact information
 to the photographer, Flash Photography.
- If you have questions about pictures please contact Flash Photography, 3001 South University, Fort Worth, Texas 79109. Their phone number is 1-800-4410-8070.
- A proof will be sent by the company after graduation to the graduate provided home address. You may order your photos directly from Flash Photography.

Behavior of Seniors

- Seniors are asked to enter NRG carrying their cap and gown (and car keys if applicable).
- NO electronic devices will be allowed including cell phone, cameras, or earbuds. You
 will be told to take these items back to your car, so do not try to bring them in. HISD security
 will be screening all seniors as they enter the stadium.
- Do not bring in any prohibited items that would not be allowed to have at school such as
 pocketknives, tobacco products, or e cigs etc. Being in possession of any prohibited items
 may result in losing your opportunity to participate in this graduation exercise. We are
 expecting that all members of the senior class will show appropriate behavior during the
 ceremony.
- Students who interrupt the graduation exercises may be asked to leave and/or their diplomas may be with help until a parent conference can be held at a later date. All

graduates are expected to stay for the entire ceremony.

Parking/Bus Drop-off

- Enter NRG complex off Kirby through Entrance 9. Traffic control will route you to parking assigned for graduation. (Lots 22, 23, 17)
- NRG Park is now cashless (accepting only credit cards)
- Parking for individuals with disabilities will be available in Lot 18. Traffic control at the stadium will route vehicles with permits to this lot. NRG Stadium is ADA Complaint and will meet the access and seating needs of our families and their guests.

After the Ceremony Ends

Families and guest are invited to meet and to congratulate the new graduates outside NRG
by the Amegy Bank Gate. We recommend looking at the parking and facility maps and
selecting a meeting place outside the stadium. Remember seniors will not have cell phones
in their possession.

Audience Expectations

- This is a solemn and dignified event, and we ask that all families be respectful and attentive as each student graduates.
- Horns, balloons, banners or items that distract from the ceremony will not be allowed or
 other items that interrupt the graduation are not all owed into NRG. Security will confiscate
 these items. All students deserve to have their friends and family members hear their name
 as it is read, Students who are performing or delivering a speech deserve to be heard by
 everyone in the audience.

Tickets

• Tickets will not be used for entry into the Stadium. You may have unlimited guests.

Oak Forest Reunion



Oak Forest

Senior '23 Clap Out

We are excited for our seniors to come back to where it all started in HISD. Our seniors will have an opportunity to walk the halls at Oak Forest Elementary and to be celebrated for all their accomplishments. Seniors, make sure to wear your cap and gown, your high school colors, or spirit shirts while the students and staff celebrate you. Once a Bobcat, Always a Bobcat!

May 24th 2023 1:30 PM

*Meet under the front wave



Travis Reunion



GenCyper Camps



GENCYBER CAMPS

hosted by Summer Computing Academy



- · Protect Your Identity
- Coding in Python
 No prior experience required!
 Meet Industry Professionals
 Meet Not Industry Professionals
 Meet Not Industry Professionals
 Meet Not Industry Professionals
- Hands-on Cryptography
- · Digital Forensics
- Cyber Ethics

What will you do? Play Games

- Lunch and Snacks Provided
 June 12-16, 2023
 - Receive T-shirts and Swag

 Texas A&M University, College Station

When and Where?

- Camps are in-person Monday-Friday

- · June 26-30, 2023

The GenCyber mission is to inspire the next generation of cyber stars.

Our future depends on you!

Apply Now! Space is limited! Rising 8th - 12th graders are eligible



More information and the application link can be found at HPRC Summer Computing Academy | High Performance Research Computing (tamu.edu)

Clothing Bin





Thank you, LONE STAR Donors!

The Lamar High School PTO & Lamar community truly appreciates your generous support.

The John Edwards Family

The Sandill Family

UPCOMING EVENTS









TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 8th - 12th **Donation Opportunity!**

PTO General Meeting

May 18th

PTOle! Fiesta Fundraiser

May 19th

Buy your tickets now!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

IB Assessment Season February - May!

QUICK LINKS

VIPS

PTO

