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Lamar Weekly Newsletter
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Principal's Corner



Best Buddies Friendship Walk

Recently I was approached by a member of our Best Buddies who had developed a plan for increasing participation in the program. He was inspired to do this because last spring he attend the Annual Best Buddies Friendship Walk, and while we had some friends turn out, he was not happy with the fact that a rival high school had been mentioned for having the best turn out. Fast forward to a few weeks ago when he visited my office. He had collected data, started recruiting members and had selected a design for a bracelet to give to all members of Best Buddies. He did some fundraising and the bracelets arrived this week.

I would like to invite the Lamar Texans Community to join us on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the UH Campus Recreation Center for the Best Buddies Friendship walk. You can register to attend at <u>Best Buddies Friendship Walk: Houston.</u>

You can support Best Buddies International by giving on my fundraising page at https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/houston/supporting/#LamarProud

Highlighted Events

Fri. Apr 18th: HOLIDAY - No School

Wed. Apr 23rd: STAAR- Biology 8:30AM (LHS)

Fri. Apr 25th: IB Exams Begin

Tue. Apr 29th: STAAR- Algebra 1 8:30AM (LHS)

9th Grade Students and Parents

Students interested in participating in the IB Diploma Program or IB Math classes in 11th and 12th grades - this message is for YOU!

- In order to take the IB Math classes in 11th and 12th grades, students must have completed Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 before 11th grade.
- Students currently in Algebra 1 as 9th graders have the opportunity to take Geometry at Lamar HS in summer school, with a grade review and approval by their Academic Dean.
- · There MAY BE a fee for the summer school class, which will be determined by the district late in the Spring semester.

Holiday

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Apr 17th:

- IB Showcase 1:30-3:30PM

 (Grand Hall)
- International Festival 11:45
 (Athletic Lobby)
- Varsity Softball vs Houston
 6:00PM (Delmar)
- Color Guard Show 6:00PM

 (Gym)
- Varsity Baseball vs Bellaire
 5:00PM (Delmar)
- Robotics @ Competition

Fri, Apr 18th:

- HOLIDAY No School
- Track @ Regionals
- Robotics @ Competition

Sat, Apr 19th:

- HOLIDAY No School
- Track @ Regionals
- Girls Flag Football vs Austin
 10:00AM (Dyer)
- Robotics @ Competition

Mon. Apr 21st:

Dance Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM

(Gym)

Tue. Apr 22nd:

- SDMC 7:30AM (AC)
- JV Softball vs Heights 5:00PM (Field)
- Varsity Baseball vs Houston
 7:30PM (Delmar)
- Dance Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM
 (Gym)

Wed. Apr 23rd:



Testing Updates

11th grade SAT

All current Lamar 11th graders took the SAT, for free, **Wednesday, April 2, 2025.** Scores will be available through the students' College Board accounts about May 1st.

STAAR EOC Exams - Save the Dates

STAAR EOC exams will be administered on the dates listed below. All students are required to take and pass the five STAAR End of Course (EOC) exams before graduating. All STAAR exams are administered through the online testing platform and students will test using their HISD issued Chromebook. If your child's Chromebook or charger is missing or broken, it is critical that they go to the Lamar IT Office (N215) immediately.

Practice Online STAAR EOC exams can be viewed here. All STAAR EOC tests will begin at 8:30 AM. Rosters will be posted in the hallway telling students where to report for testing. The STAAR test is not timed, so students have until the end of the school day to finish their test, if needed. All students not testing will follow a regular bell schedule.

STAAR EOC Testing Dates

April 23, 2025 – STAAR EOC Biology (9th grade and Retesters)

April 29, 2025 – STAAR EOC Algebra 1 (9th grade and Retesters)

For a listing of all Spring 2025 testing dates (IB, AP, STAAR EOC), please visit the Lamar HS Testing Calendar,

Shout Outs

Flag Football



From rookies to champions in one game! Our flag football team is on fire!

Varsity Tennis

The varsity teams last tournament for the year was at the Chancellors' Varsity Tennis Tournament.

Byron Hester won 1st place in 2 singles

Devin Varner and Connor Krolls won 1st place 1 doubles team

Danielle Harris won first place in 2 singles

Trye'Onna Woods and Glenna Raphael won 1st place in 1 doubles

Denver Ellis and Parke Gibson won first place in 2 doubles

The whole varsity team is going to district!!! We are so proud of the whole team!

Track Team

- STAAR- Biology 8:30AM (LHS)
- JV Baseball @ Bellaire
- Sophomore Baseball vs Milby
 5:00PM (Field)
- Yearbook @ Conference
- Dance Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM
 (Gym)
- Field Hockey Game 6:00PM
 (Field)

Thu, Apr 24th

- Student Blood Drive 8:00AM
 (Athletic Lobby)
- Tennis @ District
- Yearbook @ Conference
- Dance Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM
 (Gym)
- Spring Band Concert 6:00PM (Performance Hall)

Fri. Apr 25th:

- IB Exams Begin
- Varsity Baseball vs Houston
 7:30PM (Delmar)
- Dance Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM
 (Gym)
- Earth Day Celebration 11:45
 (field)

Sat. Apr 26th:

- JV Baseball vs Galena Park
 10:00AM (Field)
- Sophomore Baseball @
 Westside 10:00AM
- Flag Football vs Heights
 9:00AM (Delmar)
- Prom 8:00PM-12:00AM
 (Bayou City Event Center)
- Yearbook @ Conference
- 7 on Football 9:00AM (Tomball)
- JROTC Review 6:30AM (away)

Mon. Apr 28th:

Tue, Apr 29th:

- STAAR-Algebra 1 8:30AM
 (LHS)
- 9th Grade Course Selection
 Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)

Wed. Apr 30th:

- Letterman Jacket orders11:45AM (Grand Hall)
- Big Brother/Big Sisters 11:30 (away)



The Lamar Track & Field team competed at the District 17/18-6A Area Championships where 19 athletes advanced to the Regional Championships that will be held on April 18th and 19th at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster, Texas.

Congrats to our track team!

Solmon Radix won 3rd place in the 800 meter

Emilio Natareno won 2nd in 3200 meter

Stacy Guerrero won 4th in the 3200 meter

Breana Garner won 3rd place in 100 meters hurdles

Baily Hashmi won 1st place in 100 meters with a time 10.41!

Tyan Johnson won 1sst in 400 meters

Breana Garner won 3rd in 300 meters hurdles

Jordan Godfry won 1st place in 200 meters

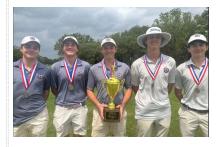
Baley Hashmi won 2nd place in 200 meters

Emilio Natareno won 2nd place in the 1600 meters

Track team won the Area championship!

The top four students in their events are going to regionals this Friday and Saturday. Come out to Challenger Stadium in Clear Creek ISD to cheer on our team! The top 2 students to qualify at regionals will go to state We are so proud of the whole team!

Boys Golf



LAMAR BOYS SWEPT AT DISTRICT!!

Congratulations to our Lamar Boys A and B Team for getting 1st and 2nd overall and advancing to regionals! The A Team was made up of Jack Baumgartner, Oliver Zinn, Fio Melnikau, Evan Tsigos, George Wirth. The B Team was made up of Will Parker, Cannon Andreatos, Luca La Neve, Benjamin Johnston, and Shepherd Mackie. Special shoutout to Oliver Zinn for earning second place individually. Congratulations to Jack Baumgartner for earning third place individually. Also Sunil Vadapalli is a regional medalist qualifier.

Student Council

Thu. May 1st:

Fri. May 2nd:

- No School- Professional
 Development
- IB Exams 8:30AM (LHS)

Sat. May 3rd:

- Band Fundraiser (Grand Hall)
- Flag Football 11:00AM (Delmar)
- JROTC @ Houston Parade
 7:30AM

Mon. May 5th:

- IB Exams
- Band MS Clinic4:30PM (Band Hall)

Tue. May 6th:

Wed. May 7th:

- Big Brother/Big Sister
 11:30AM (Away)
- Choir Pop Show 6:00PM
 (Performance Hall)
- Field Hockey Game 6:00PM
 (Field)

Thu, May 8th:

AP World History Exam
 8:30AM

Fri. May 9th:

- Spring Dance Show 7:00PM (Gym)
- Senior Directed Plays 7:00PM
 (Black Box)

Sat. May 10th:

- MS Water Polo Clinic 8:00AM (pool)
- Water Polo Game 10:30AM
 (Pool)
- Color Guard @ Eisenhower
 5:00PM
- Senior Directed Plays 7:00PM (Black Box)
- Flag Football 9:00AM (Delmar)



AP/IB Saturday Academy

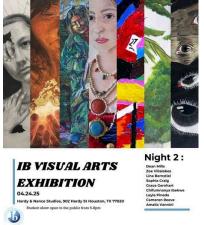


Our next Saturday Academy will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Sharpstown High School | 7504 Bissonnet Street Houston, TX 77074

Click here to REGISTER!

IB Visual Arts Exhibition





IB Visual Arts Exhibition will be held next week on the evenings of Wednesday, April 23rd and Thursday, April 24th from 6-8 PM at Hardy & Nance Studios, 902 Hardy Street, Houston, TX 77020.

Night 1

Yoleth Alvarez

Arrielle Buckner

Ealeynah Epps

Saida Florian

Valeria Lopez

Vivian Montelongo

Bronte Tovilla

Emily Truong

Lella Wolk

Night 2

Lina Bernstiel

Sophia Craig

Emily Grace Gernhart

Chifumnanya Ibekwe

Dean Mills

Leyla Pineda

Cameron Reeve

Amalia Vannini

Zoe Villalobos

Stop by to **support** and **celebrate** our students, their creativity, and dedication in completing the IB HL Visual Arts, two-year course. This is their night to shine!

Thank you for your support!

SPRING 2025 Final Exam Exemptions

Final-ly!

Students in grades 9-11 will be able to earn exemptions from final exams – High School Course exemptions or College-level Course exemptions.

Final Exam Exemptions – All High School Courses

To incentivize the daily attendance rate, eligible grade 9 students may be allowed one spring final exam exemption; two spring final exam exemptions may be allowed for eligible 10th and 11th graders. Eligible students are those with:

- no more than three (3) absences in any one course for the duration of the semester;
- an S or E in conduct; and
- must have an 85 or higher semester average in the specific course(s) where the final exam exemption is applied.

Final Exam Exemptions for College-Level Courses

Schools may, under the following conditions, exempt students in grades 9 -12 from a final exam in college-level courses, defined as IB SL or HL or Advanced Placement (AP):

- if the student takes the AP or IB exam for the assigned course;
- an S or E in conduct; and
- · a course average of 85 or better in the specific course(s) where the final exam exemption is applied.

11th and 12th grade students in IB courses must submit all IB assessments, sit for IB exams in May, and participate in all oral assessments. To be exempt from finals in 11th and 12th grade IB courses, students must also have all IB assessments complete.

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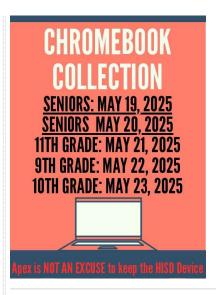




Incoming 9th Grade Course Selection Meeting



Chromebook Collection



Yearbook

See below for information regarding the yearbook. Feel free to reach out with any questions. Enjoy your Winter Break!

How to Order a Yearbook?

www.yearbookordercenter.com

School Code -25147

Yearbook Price

Fall Price - \$75 (October 1st- December 31st)

Spring Price - \$85 (January 1st- March 31st)

Last Chance - \$100 (April 1st - June 3rs)

** We sold out the last two years., so do not delay. Lock in the cheapest price now.

Yearbook 2025 Cover/Theme Reveal

We'll Take you There!

The Yearbook staff is excited for you all to see our cover for this year's book and to take you there all across Lamar. Our book is bigger and better than ever! Buy it now at its cheapest price and before they are all sold out.



Sports/Event Pictures

Be sure to bookmark <u>www.tinyurl.com/lamarphotos</u>

We add photo galleries throughout the year of all Lamar sports games, concerts, theatre plays, and school activities.

Students and parents have free access to download and share these photos.

IB Testing

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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ING CALL	APRIL 28 AM ART HISTORY PAPER 2	APRIL 29 PM PHYSICS HL/SL PAPER 1 PM SPORTS, EXERCISE, HEALTH SL PAPER 1 &5	APRIL 30 AM PHYSICS HL/SL PAPER 2 AM SPORTS, EXERCISE, HEALTH SL PAPER 2 PM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HL PAPER 1 & 5	MAY1 NO IB EXAMS!	MAY 2 AM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT II, PAPER 2 PM COMPUTER SCIENCE HL/SL PAPER 1 PM ENVIRONMENTAL SYS & SOC SL PAPER 1
5	MAY 5 AM COMPUTER SCIENCE HL/SL PAPER 2 & 3° (HI, ONLY) AM ENVIRONMENTAL SYS & SOC SL PAPER 2 PM HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS HL PAPERS 1 & 2	MAY 6 AM HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS HL PAPER 3 PM CHINESE & ARABIC B HL/SL PAPERS 1 & 2 (BEADING)	MAY 7 AM CHINESE & ARABIC B HL/SL PAPER 2 (LISTENING) PM PSYCHOLOGY SL PAPER 1	MAY 8 AM PSYCHOLOGY SL PAPER 2 PM ENGLISH LANG AND LIT HL PAPER I	MAY 9 AM ENGLISH LANG AND LIT HL PAPER 2 PM PHILOSOPHY SL PAPER 1
5 · LAMA	MAY 12 AM PHILOSOPHY SL PAPER 2 PM BIOLOGY HL/SL PAPER 1A & 18	MAY 13 AM BIOLOGY HL/SL PAPER 2 PM ECONOMICS HL/SL PAPER 2 PM WORLD RELIGIONS SL PAPER 1	MAY 14 AM ECONOMICS HL/SL PAPER 1 & 5* (*HL ONLY) AM WORLD RELIGIONS SL PAPER 2 PM SPANISH B HL/SL PAPERS 1 & 2 (BEADING)	MAY 15 AM SPANISH B HL/SL PAPER 2 (LISTENING) PM MATHEMATICS AA HL PAPER 1 PM MATHEMATICS AI HL/SL PAPER 1	MAY 16 AM MATHEMATICS AA HU PAPER 2 AM MATHEMATICS AI HU/SI PAPER 2 PM CHEMISTRY SU PAPER IA &IB
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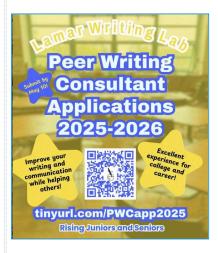


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Summer Speed Camp



Writing Lab



Peer Writing Consultant Applications for the 2025-2026 are now open! Interested students who will be juniors or seniors next year are encouraged to apply. Application linked in Writing Lab bio.

Direct questions to Writing Lab Director Dr. Lowe at Annie.Lowe@HoustonISD.org or stop by and see her in the Writing Lab, room N212!

COLLEGE CORNER

Scholarship Opportunities

https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/181035

Summer Enrichment Sports Camp



Class of 2025 Senior Information

Spring Senior Class Meeting



Required meeting for all seniors. Attendance will be taken.

Order Cap and Pictures



Cap & Gown portraits and exclusive products are now available to view and purchase through CADY! Celebrate this achievement with new offerings like tassel frames, yard signs, mugs, and more.

Deadline to order your items to receive them by Graduation is Thursday, April 3rd.

Click the link below to view & order now!

cady.com/capgown25

Prom





Seniors with APEX Classes



Spring Senior Parent Meeting Presentation



Click here or the click the image

Panoramic Photo



Pictures will be taken:
Tuesday, November 12th
Senior Class at 9:00am

Price Packages: \$30.00 –Panoramic Picture

\$35.00 —Panoramic Picture
\$35.00 —Panoramic Picture
\$35.00 — Panoramic & One Medium Panoramic

[Best Deal!]
\$45.00 — [3 Picture Formation Package]
Large Laminated Panoramic, w/ One Medium
Panoramic, & One Medium '25 Formation

Please be sure to bring your payment the very next day:

Wednesday, November 13th **During Lunch**

To pick-up your panoramic picture



https://goldbeckcompany.com/

Senior Meeting PowerPoint



Graduation



Get ready to toss those caps in the air! Mark your calendars and save the date for the biggest celebration of the year! Sunday, June 8th at 6:00PM at NRG Stadium!

Herff Jones- Cap and Gown Orders



2025 Senior Dues

Includes:

Senior Sunrise, Senior Breakfast, Senior T-shirt, Senior water bottle, Senior Stampede Events, Graduation Package (Diploma Cover, Diploma, transcripts, etc.), Senior Sunset, Senior Gift and Other Surprises.

OPTION 1:

Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 4th \$90

All the above <u>plus Prom Ticket</u>-Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 4th -\$170

OPTION 2:

Dec. 5th- End of Year - \$140

Prom Ticket <u>NOT</u> included

Dec. 5th- End of Year plus Prom Ticket- \$230

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2025 DATES

August 12, 2024 Senior Sunrise

September 13, 2024 Senior Treat Day

October 2, 2024 College Fair

September 27, 2024 HOCO Dance

November 12, 2024 Senior Breakfast

November 12, 2024 Panoramic Picture

February 22, 2025 LHS Fest

April 26, 2025 Prom

May 27-29, 2025 Field Trip

May 28, 2025 Senior Day

June 3, 2025 Senior Sunset

June 2-4, 2025 Senior Checkout June Graduation-NRG

Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, Cap & Gown are NOT included in Senior Dues

All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Herff Jones

** May not purchase a Prom ticket until all IB fees and Senior Dues are paid.

VIPS:

There are several activities that we will need parents to help chaperone. Please make sure complete the VIPS training so you can be included.

https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/188676#calendar347170/20240725/month

We need parents for the Senior events in May/June!

Senior 2025 Fall Parent Meeting

Please scan the QR (or click the image) for the Fall 2025 Senior Parent Meeting slides.



Men's Lacrosse

LAMAR MEN'S LACROSSE





MEETING FOR ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Monday August 19th, 2024 6:00PM to 6:30PM

In the Grand Hall at Lamar

Meet the new Head Coach Find out more about the program

All students interested in playing lacrosse at Lamar are welcome NO LACROSSE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

Parents are invited to attend





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VIPS

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