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Lamar Weekly Newsletter
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Principal's Corner



What is the TSIA2?

The Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 is used to help universities determine the appropriate level of math instruction for incoming freshmen. Once a student meets the set threshold they will be able to begin college level work. A student scoring below the threshold will be required to take the pre-college level course first.

We offer this to seniors at no charge. If you are told by your college or university that you need to take the TSIA2, please reach out to Ms. Gould in the College Corner.

Highlighted Events

Fri. Apr 26th: REPORT CARD DAY

Sat. Apr 27th: Credit Appeal 8:00-12:00 (12th grade)
Wed. May 1st: STAAR- Algebra 1 8:30AM (LHS)

Sat. May 4th: Job Fair 9:00-11:00 (Gym)

Sat. May 4th: Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (12th Hall)

Important Spring Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Exams

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 laptop. If your child's laptop or charger is missing or broken, it is critical that they go to the Lamar IT Office (N215) immediately. If your child's laptop charger is missing s/he will need to purchase a new charger through the Lamar

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Apr 25th:

- Ag Show (Front Lawn)
- IB Exams Begin 8:30AM (LHS)
- Voter Registration
 11:45AM (12h Grade Hall)

Fri, Apr 26th:

- REPORT CARD DAY
- Ag Show (Front Lawn)
- Varsity Baseball vs
 Bellaire 5:00PM (Delmar)
- Visual Arts @ State (San Marcos)
- Life Skills @ Aquarium 9:00-1:30
- LDT Spring Show 6:00PM (Performance Hall)

Sat. Apr 27th:

- JROTC @ Butler 6:45-12:00
- TSI Testing Bootcamp
 8:00-12:00 (10B)
- Sophomore Baseball vs
 Bellaire 10:00AM (Field)
- Credit Appeal 8:00-12:00
 (12th grade)

Business Office or using SchoolPay at this link. Please note that all students are responsible for returning a laptop and charger at the end of the school year.

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

May 1, 2024 – STAAR EOC Algebra 1 (9th grade and Retesters)

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.

AP Exam Dates

AP US Government Monday, May 6 @ 8:30

AP Pre-Calculus Monday, May 13 @ 12:30 PM
AP World History Wednesday, May 15 @ 8:30
AP Comp Science Prin Wednesday, May 15 @ 12:30

Testing Calendar

A calendar of all Spring 2024 testing (STAAR EOC, AP, IB) dates can be found here

Ag Show



MS Water Polo Clinic
 10:00-12:00 (Pool)

Mon. Apr 29th:

Tue. Apr 30th:

StuCo Blood Drive 8:30 4:00 (Athletic Lobby)

Wed. May 1st:

- STAAR-Algebra 1
 8:30AM (LHS)
- Order Letterman Jackets
 11:45AM (Grand Hall)
- Field Hockey Game 6:00-8:00PM (Field)
- IB Testing (LHS)

Thu. May 2nd:

- Track @ State (Mike Myers Stadium)
- IB Testing (LHS)

Fri. May 3rd:

Sat. May 4th:

- Job Fair 9:00-11:00 (Gym)
- LDT Tryouts 10:00 (N300)
- TSI Testing 8:00-2:30
 (10B)
- Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (12th Hall)
- Band Concert 7:00-9:00PM (Performance Hall)
- Track @ State (Mike
 Myers Stadium)

Mon. May 6th:

- Teacher Appreciation
 Week
- IB Testing (LHS)

Tue. May 7th:

- Teacher Appreciation
 Week
- IB Testing (LHS)

Wed. May 8th:

Job Fair



Interested in Foundations of Artificial Intelligence?

Your junior or senior student is invited to enroll in Foundations of Artificial Intelligence launching in HISD this fall. Your student could be among the first in the District to learn basic concepts and techniques for using generative AI. Students will build their AI knowledge and skills and explore how to engage with the technology in responsible ways that can accelerate their learning and productivity. This interactive class is open to all eligible juniors and seniors—regardless of whether they have a background in computer science—and is designed to inspire an ongoing interest in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects.

Sign up here! https://forms.gle/miiNhrKGLayxwato8

Credit Appeal



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 is a fee for the summer school class, which will be determined by the district late in the Spring semester.
- The NEW district dates for summer school are June 17-July 19, Monday -Friday, 8:00AM-2:45PM so please plan to be in town for those dates! Students are usually only allowed one absence during summer

- Teacher Appreciation
 Week
- IB Testing (LHS)

Thu May 9th

- Teacher Appreciation
 Week
- IB Testing (LHS)
- GT Expo 5:00-8:00PM
 (Gym and Grand Hall)

Fri. May 10th:

- Teacher Appreciation
 Week
- IB Testing (LHS)
- Choir Pop Show 7:00PM
 (Performance Hall)
- Rangerette Show 7:00PM
 (Gym)

Sat. May 11th:

- Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00
 (12th Hall)
- MS Hackathon 9:20-2:00 (Woolweaver's room)

Mon. May 13th:

• IB Testing (LHS)

Tue. May 14th:

- IB Testing (LHS)
- PTO Meeting

Wed. May 15th:

• IB Testing (LHS)

Thu. May 16th:

Orchestra Concert
 6:00PM (Performance
 Hall)

Fri. May 17th:

- Senior Finals Period 2/3
- IB Testing (LHS)
- Theatre SDOAP 7:00PM (Black Box)

Sat. May 18th:

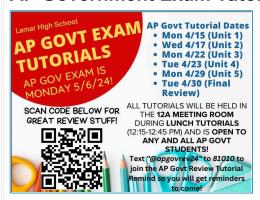
school.

Questions? Contact the 9th Grade Academic Deans listed below:

9A and 9B: Ms. Lawrence <u>dlawren1@houstonisd.org</u>

9C and 9D: Mrs. Clark-Davis shante.clarkdavis@houstonisd.org

AP Government Exam Tutorials



<u>Text "@lamgovrev2</u> to 81010 to get Remind messages about the tutorial sessions!

US Government is a REQUIRED class for all Texas colleges and passing this exam could earn you college credit (saving you time and money!) so please come out and review so you can do your best!

Shout Outs:

Boys Golf



The disappointment of Regionals can't overshadow the incredible journey and effort of our boys golf team. We are so proud of our boys' grit and determination on the golf course. They will be back stronger than ever next year! Fio Melnikau (Jr), missed out on advancing to State by only 2 strokes. Costa Andreatos (Sr), missed out by 4 strokes and Evan Tsigos (Soph), missed out by 5 strokes. Heartbreaking that we were so close! Fio's two day total is a 153. Costa's two day total was a 155. Evan's two day total was 156. Out of 100 boys at Regionals, Fio placed 17th, Costa placed 25th, and Evan placed 31s. The Lamar Golf is BRIGHT!!

Girls Golf Team



Even though it wasn't the ending we envisioned, our girls golf team gave it their all and left it all on the course at Regionals. Proud is an understatement! **Yana Zabarov** finished in the top 20 overall!

Theatre SDOAP 7:00PM
 (Black Box)



Julianne Garza and Xavier Williams.

Congratulations to Julianne Garza and Xavier Williams for being accepted to the Summer Legal Academy! The Summer Legal Academy (SLA) is a two-week readiness program that fuels the minds of ambitious high school students destined for the world of law! Students will learn the process of applying to law school, what to expect as a law student, the different areas of law, and hear directly from various attorneys and community leaders. The program will provide students who are interested in the legal field with pivotal resources and tools for their journey. The SLA program is a paid summer opportunity for high school students. This year, we had students from over 95 high schools apply, representing over 25 school districts.

Michael Hamad



Congratulations to Michael Hamad for winning the Texas IB Schools Diploma Scholarship!

Maria Cruz



Congratulations to **Maria Cruz**! Maria who won the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship! She earned \$40,000 for UT as well as a paid internship next summer at Amazon.

IB Fees are Past Due

IB Fees are past due. All students who are currently taking an IB course (SL or HL) have been registered for testing. Current seniors must pay the fee to complete senior check out.

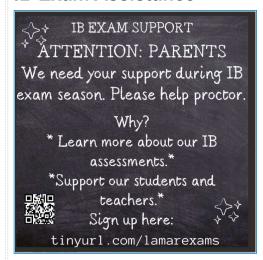
The actual cost of registering students for courses is \$119 per subject. HISD and Lamar HS take on the majority of costs associated with the registration and administration of exams. Students are asked to cover part of the fee. Whether you are taking one exam or are testing in five subjects, we ask that each student pay \$90 for the school year. Students who complete the Socio Economic form and qualify for additional benefits are asked to pay a reduced fee of \$30 for the school year.

Make payments through School Pay at:

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/IB-Registration-Fees/MdWo

To avoid convenience fees, payments may be made in the business office by cash, money order or cashier's check. IB Fees are non-refundable.

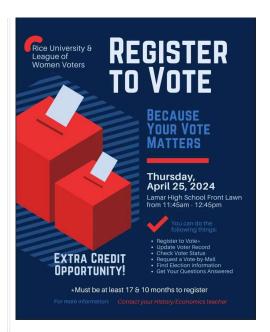
IB Exam Assistance



Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you for your support! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848ADAB2EAAFD0-47355864-2024

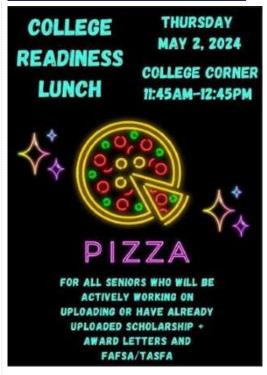
Please contact Dr. Acord, our IB DP coordinator, if you have questions: suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

Voter's Registration



COLLEGE CORNER





Scholarship Opportunities

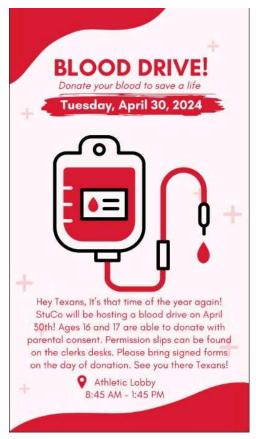
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GT Expo



Writing Lab



Peer Writing Consultant applications for the 2024-2025 school year are now open to current 10th-and 11th-grade students!

Access our app form at tinyurl.com/PWCapp2024

As a peer writing consultant, you will...

- Receive training in writing process and strategies
- Become proficient communication consultants
- Improve your own writing
- Collaborate to lead and expand Writing Lab programming
- Participate in our partnership with Rice University's writing center
- · Add an impressive line to your academic resume
- Gain experience for college writing center jobs

Athletic Physicals



Please create an RMA account, add your documentation

for your sport. https://www.registermyathlete.com/

Note: Physicals taken before May 15th will *not* be accepted.

Speed Camp



School Pay: https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/2024-Lamar-Speed-Camp-50/SbZfPvu EMAIL philip.lindsey@houstonsid.org and kvessels@houstonsid.org to submit

Lamar Summer Sports Camp



Junior Parent Meeting



Click the link below for the Junior Parent Meeting slides.

tinyurl.com/lamar2025

May and June A-B Calendar

May 2024		Important Information						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
			1	2	3	4		
			Α	В	Α			
5	6	7	8	9	10 Senior Dead Week	11		
	В	Α	В	Α	В			
12 Mother's	13 Senior Dead Week	14 Senior Dead Week	15 Senior Dead Week	16 Senior Dead Week	17 Senior Finals 2/3	18		
Day	A	В	A	В	A			
19	20 Senior	21 Senior	22 Senior	23 Dead Week	24 Dead Week	25		
	Finals 6/7	Finals 1/4	Finals 5/8	Α	В			
26	27 Memorial's	28 Dead Week	29 Dead Week	30 Dead Week	31			
	Day HOLIDAY	Α	В	Α	Finals Pd 2 & 1			
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June 2024		Important Information						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
2	3 Finals Pd 3 & 4	4 Finals Pd 6 & 5	5 Finals Pd 7 & 8	6	7	8		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
16 Father's Day	17 1st Day of Summer School	18	19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
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Class of 2024 Senior Information

Keep up with Senior events and news here, on Instagram and Twitter.

Remind app: Seniors 2024 code: @Texans2024

End of Year Events

Attention parents: Your volunteer support is crucial for our upcoming senior events. Kindly consider chaperoning and complete the VIPS background check. Your support is invaluable!

Signup here

VIPS

We will need parent volunteers throughout the year - please make sure and get your VIPS approval. The VIPS process is quick and easy online. https://www.houstonisdpsd.org/dmol/VIPS/index.html#/

Cady - Cap and Gown Photo Orders



Parents and Seniors, Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase online through CADY! New items include tassel frames, yard signs and face fans featuring your student's Cap & Gown images. Celebrate this special achievement during graduation season! Deadline to order your items to receive them by Graduation is **Thursday, April 4th**.

Click below to order now!

cady.com/capgown24

Graduation

The Lamar High School Class of 2024 will graduate Saturday, June 8th at 9:00AM at NRG Stadium.

- The graduation ceremony will not be livestreamed (a recording of ceremony will be made available at www.houstonisd.org/graduation 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. No bags will be allowed.
- 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, signs, Fat Heads, etc. are not allowed in Stadium.
- NRG has a clear bag policy

Appropriate Dress

 Gentleman must wear collared shirts, with a tie, dark slacks and dress shoes. Dark shoes are best.

- 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.
- Only allowed to wear the school approved stoles and cords.

Cap and Gown

- Cap and gowns will be distributed during senior check out on June 4th and 5th from 9:00-11:00AM in the 12th grade hall.
- The gown should be hung on a hanger to help remove wrinkles.

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 personal pictures. Seniors provided 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 you 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 withheld until a parent conference can be held at a later date. All graduates are
 expected to stay for the entire ceremony.
- NRG will wand guests/students and conduct bag checks.

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) \$25.00

- 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.
- NRG will wand guests/students and conduct bag checks.



After the Ceremony Ends

 Families and guest are invited to meet and to congratulate the new graduates outside NRG by the Ford 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, Fat Heads 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.

Order Panoramic Pictures

If you missed Goldbeck on campus, you can still order panoramic pictures:

https://www.goldbeckcompany.com/online-order.php



2024 Senior Dues

Includes:

Senior Sunrise, Senior Breakfast, Senior T-shirt, Senior Rally Rag, 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 5th \$90 All the above <u>plus Prom Ticket</u>-Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 5th -\$170

OPTION 2:

Dec. 6th- End of Year - \$140 Prom Ticket NOT included

Dec. 6th- End of Year plus Prom Ticket- \$230

School Pay Link:

Class of 2024 Senior Dues After December 5th \$140,00

Class of 2024 Senior Dues After December 5th Plus Prom Ticket \$230.00 https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2024-Senior-Dues-After-December/Sc77PGc

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2024 DATES

August 28, 2023 Senior Sunrise

October 4, 2023 College Fair

October 21, 2023 HOCO Dance

November 16th, 2023 Herff Jones -Cap and Gown Orders

January 11, 2024 Senior Breakfast

January 11, 2024 Panoramic Photo

January 25, 2024 Herff Jones- Cap and Gown Orders

February 24,2024 LHS Fest

April 20, 2024 Prom-BCEC

June 3, 2024 Senior Day

June 3, 2034 Senior Sunset

June 4 & 5, 2024 Senior Checkout

June 8, 2024 Graduation

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

All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Herff Jones mailto:https://highschool.herffjones.com/-Price increase March 1st

** May not purchase Prom ticket until all fees and dues are paid.

Rugby



What is RUGBY?

We need you! Everyone gets a chance with the ball.

Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday after school 4:15-6:00PM - the back field by the greenhouse. Come out and give it a try! Contact the coach and other players at

https://chat.whatsapp.com/GIX184XcprSA2pLrDj6Ny or text 786-925-6416 for details



READY, SET, PARK!



THE SIXTH ANNUAL LAMAR RESERVED PARKING SPOT AUCTION AND RAFFLE IS GOING LIVE FRIDAY MAY 3 at 9:00am!!

This year we are offering FOUR reserved student spots for the entire 2024 - 2025 school year! Beat the traffic getting in and out of the Lamar parking garage with your very own parking spot located on Level 2 of the garage. All proceeds raised will support the Lamar High School PTO and directly benefit Lamar's students, teachers and staff!

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO WIN!

AUCTION: Three reserved parking spots will be auctioned off to the highest bidders. Online begins Friday May 3 at 9:00am and will end Sunday, May 5th at 9:00 p.m. Bidding for each parking spot starts at \$500 with a \$6000 "Buy It Now" option. Be sure to read the AUCTION

RULES linked HERE

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE ONLINE AUCTION

RAFFLE: One reserved parking spot will be awarded to a lucky raffle winner. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and are on sale until Thursday, May 9th at 11:59 p.m. The raffle winner be announced on the View from the Balcony Instagram page the morning of Friday, May 10th. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances!!

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS (or use the QR Code below)



QUICK LINKS

VIPS

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