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Principal's Corner



I am happy to share that Lamar will lead the way in adding a layer of security that will streamline entry and provide our students and staff with one less thing to worry about. During the week of January 20th, we will be implementing a weapons detection system at our monitored entry points. This system will not function like the airport security requiring students to take off shoes or belts and will not require regular bag searches. We expect this to be a non-invasive entry system with little to no disruption to our main goal – learning. To ensure a seamless implementation we have a rollout plan ready and I have included an FAQ for your review.

| Monday, January 13 th – 6:00 p.m. Lamar High School, Ned Holmes Performance Hall | Community Information Meeting Have questions or want more information? Join us Monday evening! |
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| Tuesday, January 14 th – email | You will receive an email with specific instructions for entry. |
| Thursday, January 16 th | We will all begin mock entry procedures |
| Week of January 20 th | Equipment in place and students begin the new entry procedures. |

This new system does not replace the other commonsense layers to ensuring a secure and safe campus, but rather enhances those in place. We will continue to secure doors not designated for entry, will continue to encourage students to refrain from propping doors, and will continue to develop relationships that encourage students to report things they see or know about that risk our safety.

I want to thank you in advance for your continued support and confidence in us at Lamar High School.

Highlighted Events

Mon, Jan 13th: Community Meeting 6:00PM (Performance Hall)
Wed. Jan 15th: Senior Parent Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)

Testing Updates

ASVAB - January 21st

Lamar will be offering the ASVAB to all interested 11th and 12th graders on Tuesday, January 21st. The ASVAB is offered to high school and post-secondary students as part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program. This program provides tools to help students learn more about career exploration and planning post-high school. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program includes a validated aptitude test and interest assessment. Following the assessment, students will be provided with a score report that can be used to help them explore

Upcoming Events:

Thu, Jan 9th:

- Cap and Gown orders
 11:45AM (12th Grade Hall)
- Wrestling vs Clear
 Creek/Cy Lakes 6:00PM
 (Gym)

Fri, Jan 10th:

- Freshman Boys Basketball
 vs Houston 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Boys Basketball vs
 Houston 7:15PM (Gvm)

Sat. Jan 11th:

- Choir Area Auditions
 8:00AM (Deer Park)
- MS Swim Round Up
 9:00AM (Pool)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Houston 11:15AM (TJ Engram)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Houston 10:00AM (TJ Engram)
- Wrestling vs Scarborough,
 Furr. Yates 8:00AM (Gvm)
- All American Football Game
 12:00PM (San Antonio)

Mon, Jan 13th:

Community Meeting6:00PM (Performance Hall)

Tue, Jan 14th:

Freshman Boys Soccer vs
 DeKaney 4:30PM (Field)

possible careers and post-secondary opportunities. To learn more about the program, please visit https://www.asvabprogram.com/. Students interested in taking the ASVAB at Lamar on January 21, 2025, must register using this link - Lamar 2025 ASVAB Registration.

Shout Outs

Girls Basketball



Congratulations to the Girls Basketball teams: Freshman won (60-5), JV won (58-42), and Varsity won (49-41) for an incredible sweep of Bellaire!— you all showed up, worked hard, and got the job done. Fantastic effort across the board! We are so proud of you all. Fans come out and support JV as they take on Sam Houston Friday at 6:00pm. Varsity with compete Saturday 3:00pm @the Pavilion.

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.

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!

- JV Boys Soccer vs
 DeKaney 5:30PM (Field)
- Boys Soccer vs
 DeKaney 6:30PM (Field)
- Wrestling Match vs Bryan
 Episcopal and Terry HS
 6:00PM (Gym)
- Swim vs Heights6:00PM (Pool)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
 Westside 7:15PM (Delmar)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
 Westside 6:00PM (Delmar)
- JVB Girls Soccer
 @Kingwood 4:30PM
- JVA Girls Soccer
 @Kingwood 5:45PM
- Varsity Girls Soccer
 @Kingwood 7:30PM

Wed, Jan 15th:

- Senior Parent Meeting
 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Hogg vs Black Swim 5:00
 PM (Pool)
- Freshman Girls Basketball@ Westside 6:00PM
- JV Girls Basketball @
 Westside 7:15PM
- Freshman Boys Basketball
 vs Westside 6:00PM (gym)
- Freshman Boys Basketball
 vs Westside 7:15PM (gym)
- Wrestling @ Woodlands
 College Park

Thu. Jan 16th:

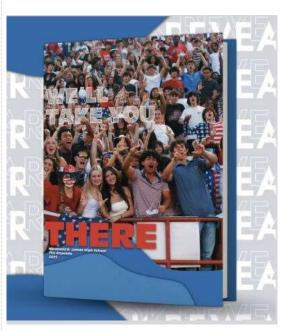
- Softball Parents Meeting
 6:00PM (9B)
- Track Parent Meeting
 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Girls Soccer @ Lake Travis

 Tournament

Fri. Jan 17th:

- Freshman Girls Basketball
 vs Wisdom 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs
 Wisdom 7:15PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
 Wisdom 7:15PM (Delmar)
- Freshman Boys Basketball
 @ Wisdom 6:00PM
- JV Boys Basketball @
 Wisdom 7:15PM
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
 Wisdom 6:00PM (Delmar)

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 www.tinyurl.com/lamarphotos

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.

Baseball Tryouts

2025 Lamar Baseball Tryouts



When: Tuesday, January 22nd Time: 4:20PM (Right after school) Where: Baseball Field Bleachers

GENERAL INFO:

- <u>MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL AND COMPLETED RMA TO TRYOUT</u>
- Please bring any baseball equipment you currently have.
- Please do not purchase anything for tryouts. We can help provide you with equipment if needed.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AND FILL OUT THE INFO IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON TRYING OUT!

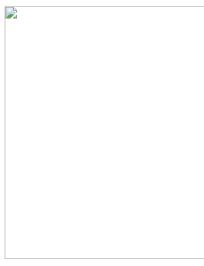


Writing Lab

Girls Soccer @ Lake Travis
 Tournament

Sat. Jan 18th:

- Swim JV Championship
 8:00-2:00 (Pool)
- GHAC Swim Championship
 2:00-6:00PM (Pool)
- Wrestling Match 8:00AM
 (Gym)



Submissions are open for the Winter Writing Contest!

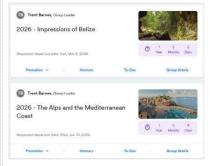
The SIX entry categories are:

- Word of the Year #woty
- Flash Fiction New Year's Resolutions
- "The 12 Days of [fill-in-the-blank]"
- · Winter Seasonal Poetry
- · Holiday Traditions Creative Nonfiction
- · Open Creative

Details and submission at tinyurl.com/WinterContest24-25

Summer 2026

We are traveling to Belize and the Mediterranean Coast in 2026! If you would like to find out more info on these trips, reach out to trent.barnes@houstonisd.org We still have a few spots left for each trip.



COLLEGE CORNER

Scholarship Opportunities

https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?

url=https://www.houstonisd.org//cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/27541/Hot+Scholarships_SeptemberOctober+2024.pdf

Class of 2025 Senior Information

Spring Senior Parent Meeting



Panoramic Photo



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

Price Packages: \$30.00 –Panoramic Picture

\$35.00 –Panoramic & One Medium Panoramic

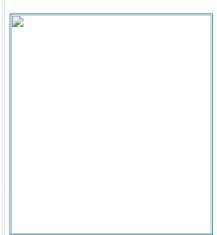
\$35.00 —Panoramic & One Models (Best Deall)
\$45.00 — [3 Picture Formation Package)
Large Laminated Panoramic, w/ One Medium
Panoramic, & One Medium '25 Formation

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

Wednesday, November 13th **During Lunch**

To pick-up your panoramic picture

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https://goldbeckcompany.com/

Senior Meeting PowerPoint



MS. PIZANA, MS. BOCAGE-PACE, MS. BROOKS. MR. THOMPSON

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!

Cap and Gown Orders



You may place your orders online. Scroll to the bottom of the page for the cap and gown.



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 https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2025-Senior-Fees-Early-Bird-Spe/Sd3S0wK

All the above <u>plus Prom Ticket</u>

Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 4th -\$170

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2025-Senior-Fees-Early-Bird-PLU/SeChylH

OPTION 2:

Dec. 5th- End of Year - \$140 Prom Ticket <u>NOT</u> included Dec. 5th- End of Year plus Prom Ticket- \$230 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.

Seniors Yearbook Photos

Bookings are now OPEN for senior photo sessions for the class of 2025. You must be photographed by CADY to be in the yearbook. Get photos for grad announcements, senior yearbook ads, and flawless Insta posts. Book now at cady.com/schedule.

All photos are due back to the school by November 29th.

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 Breakfast on November 12th!

Senior 2025 Fall Parent Meeting

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



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

Rugby

Rugby at Lamar High School



All players, all levels welcome

Practice 415pm-6pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

At Lamar High School

More information is shared on WhatsApp to join just text: 786-925-6416 & we will share the link

Any questions join WhatsApp

https://chat.whatsapp.com/GIX184XcprSA2pLrDj6Ny1



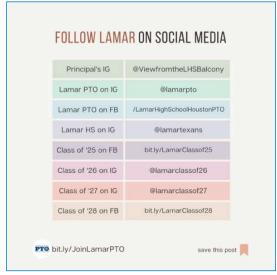


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www.bit.ly/LamarSnackDonation www.bit.ly/FunFoodCash





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| <u>VIPS</u> | |
| <u>PTO</u> | |
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