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Principal's Corner



Highlighted Events

Mon. Mar 31st: NO SCHOOL

Wed. Apr 2nd: SAT Testing -11th Grade 8:30AM (LHS)

<u>Wed. Apr 2nd:</u> Spring Senior Meeting 10:30AM (Performance Hall) <u>Thu-Fri. Apr 3rd-4th:</u> Ag Show Lunch 11:45-12:45 (Front Lawn)

Sat. Apr 5th: Job Fair 9:00-11:00AM (Gym

Sat. Apr 5th: Ag Show- Buyer's Dinner 6:00PM (Front Lawn)

Sat. Apr 5th: Ag Show- Auction 7:00PM (Front Lawn)
Sat. Apr 5th: Credit Appeal 8:00AM (12th Grade)

Testing Updates

11th grade SAT

All current Lamar 11th graders are registered to take the SAT, for free, next **Wednesday**, **April 2**, **2025**. Testing will begin at 8:30 AM and complete about 12:00 PM. All 11th graders are required to take the SAT, even if they do not want to use their scores post-high school. It is important that all students are on time as no late students can be admitted into the testing room. The SAT is a digital test using the Bluebook app on the students' HISD Chromebook. For more information and SAT practice information, please visit the <u>College Board</u> <u>website</u>. 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 <u>here</u>. 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 10, 2025 – STAAR EOC English 1 (9th graders and Retesters)

April 15, 2025 – STAAR EOC English 2 (10th graders and Retesters)

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Mar 27th:

- Swim/Dive Banquet 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Rangerettes @ Contest
- Robotic @ Contest (Iowa)
- Band @ UIL Contest

 (Tompkins)
- Track @ Rice

Fri. Mar 28th:

- Varsity Baseball vs Chavez
 5:00PM (Delmar)
- Robotic @ Contest (Iowa)
- Band @ UIL Contest

 (Tompkins)
- Track @ Rice
- Military Ball 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Tennis @ Chancellors
- Rangerettes @ Contest
- Cheer Tryouts 5:00PM (Gym)
- Rugby vs Memorial 6:00PM (Field)
- StuCo Field Tri (Arlington, Tx)
- Varsity Softball vs Westside
 5:30PM (Delmar)

Sat. Mar 29th:

- Computer Science Middle
 School Hackathon 10:00AM
 (LHS)
- Robotic @ Contest (Iowa)
- StuCo Field Tri (Arlington, Tx)
- Rangerettes @ Contest
- Theatre @ Bi District
- MS Water Polo Clinic 8:00AM (Pool)
- Track @ Rice

April 16, 2025 - STAAR EOC US History (11th grade and Retesters)

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

Drum Majors



Big shout out to our talented new drum majors! Here is to a fantastic year ahead filled with rhythm, harmony and lots of fun! Congratulations **Omari Allen-** head drum major, **Ameera Machado**, **Juliana Rojo**.

Theatre In Schools



Huge thanks to our incredible student officers for their hard work in making Theatre In Our Schools Month a success! Their dedication to advocating for the arts is truly inspiring. We are also grateful to **City Council Member Sallie Alcorn**, **HISD Superintendent Mike Miles**, **and Principal Rita Graves** for taking the time to attend and support theatre education. Your commitment to the arts helps ensure that creativity and storytelling continue to thrive in our schools. Here's to the power of theatre and the students who make it all possible!

Varsity Girls Soccer



Come out Friday and support Girls Soccer playoffs round 3 as they takes on Atascocita at 5:00PM at Charles Street Stadium in Humble!

Varsity Boys Soccer



Congratulations to the boys soccer team for making it to round 2 of playoffs! Though the outcome wasn't what we hoped for, their hard work and dedication truly shined. We're proud of you all!

Breakfast Cart Winner

- Water Polo Scrimmage
 10:00AM (Pool)
- Sophomore Baseball vs
 Spring Woods 10:00AM
 (Field)
- JV Baseball @ Galena Park
 10:00AM
- Algebra Bootcamp 8:00AM

Mon. Mar 31st:

- NO SCHOOL
- Developing Girls Golf @

 Timber Creek GC
- · Varsity Girls Golf @ District
- StuCo Field Tri (Arlington, Tx)

Tue. Apr 1st:

- Varsity Softball vs Wisdom
 7:30PM (Delmar)
- Varsity Baseball vs Heights
 5:00PM (Delmar)

Wed. Apr 2nd:

- SAT Testing -11th Grade
 8:30AM (LHS)
- JV Softball @ Chavez
 5:00PM
- JV Baseball vs Waltrip
 5:00PM (Field)
- Sophomore Baseball @ Milby
 5:00PM
- Robotics Competition (away)
- Field Hockey Game 6:00
 (Field)

Thu. Apr 3rd:

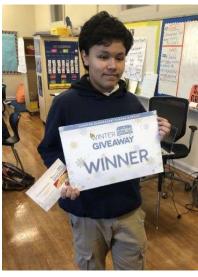
- IB College Fair (Hurst, Tx)
- Ag Lunch 11:45AM (Front Lawn)
- AG Show 5:00-9:00PM (Front Lawn)

Fri. Apr 4th:

- Ag Lunch 11:45AM (Front Lawn)
- Tennis @ Chancellors
- Varsity Baseball vs Heights
 5:00PM (Delmar)

Sat. Apr 5th:

- LHS Job Fair 9:00AM (Gym)
- Credit Appeal 8:00AM (12th Grade)
- AG Show Buyer's Dinner 6:00 (Front Lawn)
- Ag Show Auction
 7:00PM (Front Lawn)
- JV Baseball vs Milby
 10:00AM (Field)



Congratulations to Victor Mendoza who won the Breakfast Cart Winter Giveaway held in January. The prize includes an AMC movie gift card and a commemorative picture.

Key Club



Thank you Key Club for cleanings up our campus! Our campus looks better than ever thanks to our incredible volunteers!

Treble Choir



Lamar Treble Choir maintained their tradition of Superior ratings in performance and sight reading, earning them a Sweepstakes trophy. Congratulations to our singers for representing Lamar, and in the words of a couple of the judges "Slay!"

Lamar Mixed Choir



For the first time in many years, the Lamar Mixed Choir received superior ratings for their performance.

Shadow and Engineer Day



Thank you, Gannett Fleming, for hosting our students that are interested in becoming engineers.

Personal Graduation Plan

- Sophomore Baseball @
 Westside 10:00AM
- Theatre 24 Hour Plays
 7:00PM (Black Box)

Mon. Apr 7th:

Tue. Apr 8th:

- Lacrosse vs Westside 6:30PM
 (Field)
- Varsity Softball vs Heights
 5:30PM (Delmar)
- Debate Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM (N317)

Wed. Apr 9th:

- Decerbo Meeting 6:00PM

 (11B)
- Sophomore Baseball @

 Houston 5:00PM
- JV Baseball vs Heights
 5:00PM (Field)
- JV Softball vs Houston
 6:00PM (Field)
- Debate Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM (N317)
- Field Hockey 6:00PM (Field)

Thu, Apr 10th:

- STAAR-English 1 8:30 AM (LHS)
- Dance Parent Meeting
 5:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Band Parent Meeting 6:30PM
 (Band Hall)
- NHS Induction 6:00PM (Performance Hall)

Fri. Apr 11th:

Yearbook @ Austin

Sat. Apr 12th:

- Algebra Bootcamp 8:00-12:00 (LHS)
- Sophomore Baseball @
 Bellaire 10:00AM
- JV Baseball @ Westside
 12:00PM
- Girls Flag Football vs
 Washington 10:00AM
 (Delmar)

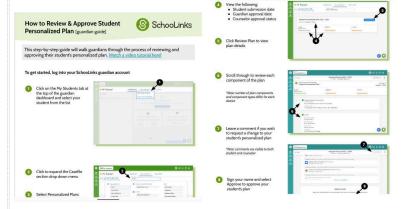
Mon. Apr 14th:

Tue. Apr 15th:

- STAAR English 2 8:30AM
 (LHS)
- Varsity Softball vs Bellaire
 5:30PM (Butler)
- Varsity Baseball vs Bellaire
 5:00PM (Butler)

All students in Texas Public Schools must have a Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) on file as a graduation requirement. This document is initiated in grade 9 and is used for course planning. All students have updated their student survey this fall. You should receive a district generated email when your student's PGP has been approved. Please follow the attached directions to acknowledge this document. You may have done this in the past; however, HISD has put the form in School Links this year.

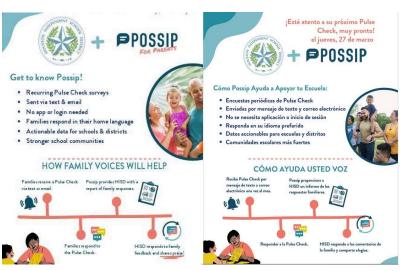
Here are the instructions we received from the district for guardians to approve the PGPs:



FACE Meet and Greet







https://www.weeklypossip.com/schools/2589/school_parents/new

Slam Dunk

- Lacrosse vs Clear Springs
 7:00PM (Field)
- Incoming 9th Grade Course
 Selection 6:00PM (Grand
 Hall)

Wed. Apr 16th:

- STAAR US History 8:30AM (LHS)
- Sophomore Baseball @
 Springwoods 5:00PM
- JV Softball @ Westside
 5:00PM
- Robotics @ Competition
- Field Hockey Game 6:00PM (Field)
- JV Baseball vs Houston
 5:00PM (Field)

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



Let's make some noise for our talented students as they compete in the HISD ALL STAR Slam Dunk competition on March 28th at 6:00PM! Cheer on **Andre Brantley, Daniel Taylor and Julien Mugabo**!

Job Fair



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.

AG Show



Dance Tryouts

If you are interested in trying out for Lamar Dance Theatre the information meeting will be April 10th from 5-6 pm at Grand Hall. A parent is mandatory to attend the meeting. For more information, please seek Coach K in room N300.

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)

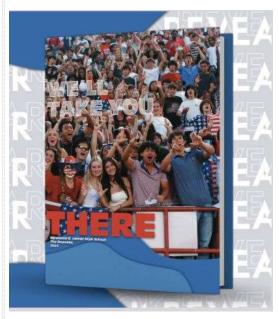
Last Chance - \$100 (April 1st - June 3rs)

** 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

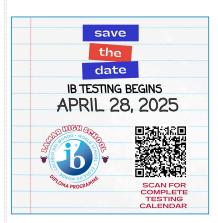
Be sure to bookmark www.tinyurl.com/lamarphotos

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.

IB Testing

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT AM EXAMS START AT 8:30 PM EXAMS START AT 12:30 PM EXAMS START AT 12			
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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	MAY 1 NO IB EXAMS!	MAY 2 AM BUSINESS MANAGEMEN HL PAPER 2 PM COMPUTER SCIENCE HL/SL PAPER 1 PM ENVIRONMENTAL SYS & SOC SL PAPER 1
MAY 5	MAY 6	MAY 7	MAY 8	MAY 9
AM COMPUTER SCIENCE HL/SL PAPER 2 & 3" ("HL ONLY) AM ENVIRONMENTAL SYS & SOC SL PAPER 2	AM HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS HL PAPER 3	AM CHINESE & ARABIC B HL/SL PAPER 2 (LISTENING)	AM PSYCHOLOGY SL PAPER 2	AM ENGLISH LANG AND LIT HL PAPER 2
PM HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS HL PAPERS 1 & 2	PM CHINESE & ARABIC B HL/SL PAPERS 1 & 2 (READING)	PM PSYCHOLOGY SL PAPER 1	PM ENGLISH LANG AND LIT HL PAPER 1	PM PHILOSOPHY SL PAPER 1
MAY 12	MAY 13	MAY 14	MAY 15	MAY 16
AM PHILOSOPHY SL PAPER 2	AM BIOLOGY HL/SL PAPER 2	AM ECONOMICS HL/SL PAPER 1 & 3* (*HL ONLY) AM WORLD RELIGIONS SL PAPER 2	AM SPANISH B HL/SL PAPER 2 (LISTENING)	AM MATHEMATICS AA HL PAPER 2 AM MATHEMATICS AI HL/SI
PM BIOLOGY HL/SL PAPER 1A & 1B	PM ECONOMICS HL/SL PAPER 2 PM WORLD RELIGIONS SL PAPER 1	PM SPANISH B HL/SL PAPERS 1 & 2 (READING)	PAPER I PM MATHEMATICS AT HL/SL PAPER I	PAPER 2 PM CHEMISTRY SL PAPER IA & IB
MAY 19	MAY 20	MAY 21	MAY 22	MAY 23
AM CHEMISTRY SL PAPER 2		AM FRENCH B HL/SL PAPER 2 (LISTENING)		
	PM FRENCH B HL/SL PAPERS 1 & 2 (READING)	PM MATHEMATICS AA HL PAPER 3 PM MATHEMATICS AI HL PAPER 3		



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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.

Summer School Schedule

Program Dates: June 11 - July 18 (25 instructional days)

Holidays: June 19, July 3-4

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 2:40 PM

Students are usually only allowed one absence during summer school.

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

9A and 9B: Ms. Lawrence <u>dlawren1@houstonisd.org</u> 9C and 9D: Dr. Khatri <u>safiakhatri@houstonisd.org</u>

COLLEGE CORNER

Scholarship Opportunities

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



NACAC National College Fair - Houston

Attention parents and students! The NACAC National College Fair is coming to Houston on Thursday, April 10th at the NRG Center (NRG Park, 1 Fannin St., Houston, TX 77054).

Join us for Session 2 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM to explore a wide range of colleges and universities, meet admissions representatives, and gather important information about the college application process. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to ask questions, learn about different programs, and take a step closer to their future!

Visit <u>www.nacacfairs.org</u> for details and to register!

We encourage all families to take advantage of this valuable event. See you there!

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





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 & One Medium Panoramic (Best Deal!)

(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

We Accept Cash, Check, or DebitTordit Cards MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Goldbeck Company" (Please include phone number on all checks) Goldbeck Company • 4407 Center Gate • San Antonio • TX • 78217 140.4564-9289 • www.goldbeck.company.com



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!

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

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 NOT 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 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





bit.ly/GiddyUpTexans



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GIDDY UP TEXANS

All-parent social. Features beer, wine, chili and a mechanical bull! Sounds like a helluva good time. \$50/person. 6:30-10p.

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HEADS AND TAILS

Come out of your shell at a crawfish boil + drinks + good company. 6–10p. \$75/person. Limited tickets available.

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PTO MEETING

Help us close out the year and welcom new PTO board! Grand Hall, 6 pm. Kirby Icehouse, immediately following.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.LAMARPTO.ORG



bit.ly/DonatetoLamarHS



https://lamarpto.wufoo.com/forms/q1316xjj1unyfmk/

QUICK LINKS

VIPS

PTO