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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

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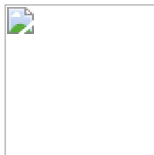
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Principal's Corner



Highlighted Events

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

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

Mon. May 6th- Fri. May 10th Teacher Appreciation Week

Tue. May 14th: PTO Meeting 6:00PM (Grand 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 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.

Upcoming Events:

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:

- Teacher Appreciation Week

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.

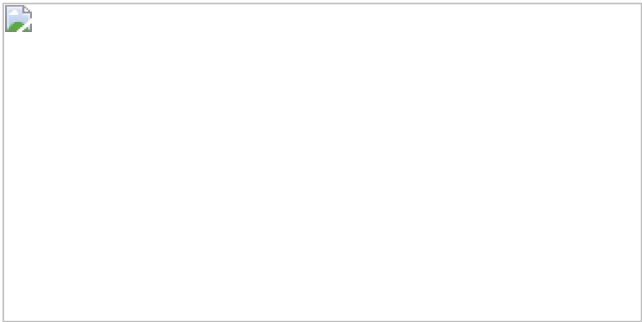
AP Exam Dates

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](#)

Job Fair



Lamar in partnership with St. John the Divine presents...

Resume Writing & Interview Best Practices

Saturday, May 4

Resume Writing
15-30 minute presentation on best practices for resume writing. Also, one-on-one editing assistance.

Dr. Annie Lowe

Interview Best Practices
15-30 minutes learning to present yourself professionally, prepare and succeed in the interview process.

Larry Lawyer

Sessions start at 9:30 and 10:30

Sessions start at 10:00 and 11:00

Lamar High School
Career Kickstart Job & Internship Fair

- 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 6:00-7:00PM (Grand Hall)

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:

- Theatre SDOAP 7:00PM (Black Box)

Interested in Foundations of Artificial Intelligence?

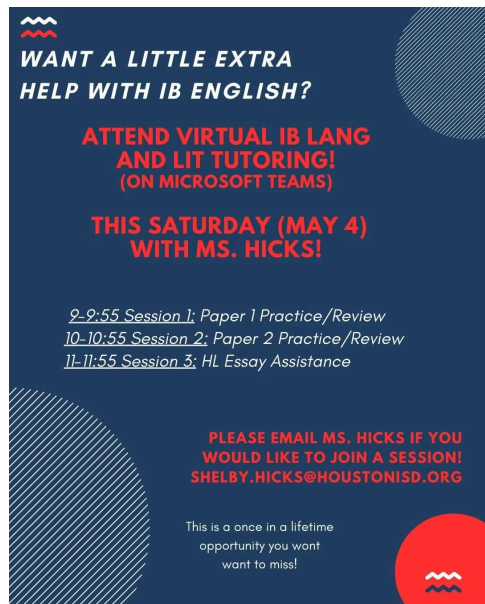
Your junior or senior student is invited to enroll in Foundations of Artificial Intelligence launching in HISD this fall. Your student could be among the first in the District to learn basic concepts and techniques for using generative AI. Students will build their AI knowledge and skills and explore 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



IB Tutorials



Band

Mon. May 20th:

- Senior Laptop Pick Up
- Senior Finals Period 6 & 7

Tue. May 21th:

- Virtual Course Selection 6:00-7:00PM
- IB Exhibition 8:30-4:00PM
- Senior Finals Period 1 & 4
- Wrestling Parent Meeting 6:00-8:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Cheer Clinic 4:30-7:00PM (Gym)

Wed. May 22nd:

- Senior Final Period 5 & 8
- 9th Grade Laptop Pickup
- Piano Show 6:00 & 7:30PM (Performance Hall)

Thu. May 23rd:

- 10th Grade Laptop Pickup
- Cheer Tryouts 44:30-10:00PM (Gym)
- Piano Show 6:00 & 7:30PM (Performance Hall)

Fri. May 24th:

- 11th Grade Laptop Pickup
- Band @ State 5:15-8:00 PM
- Water Polo Staff vs Students 4:30-7:00PM (Pool)
- Underclassman Dead Week

Sat. May 25th:

- Band @ State 6:45AM-11:30 PM (Pflugerville)

Mon. May 27th

HOLIDAY - No School

Tue. May 28th:

- Underclassman Dead Week

Wed. May 29th:



SPRING CONCERT

MAY 4TH

NED S. HOLMES
PERFORMANCE HALL

\$5.00
CASH ONLY

6PM - 7:30PM

Parent and Family Engagement Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete the 2023–2024, HISD Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement Survey. The purpose of this yearly survey is to see how well your child's school partners with you and encourages your family's engagement in your child's education. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Your feedback is anonymous. For your voice to be heard, please submit this survey on or before June 7, 2024 for your child's school. If you need assistance in completing this survey, please reach out to staff at your child(ren)'s school. Please remember: If all your children attend the same school, you only have to complete one survey. For each school that your child(ren) attend, a survey must be completed.

To complete the survey, you can access it online at:



English Version:

https://houstonisd.research.net/r/PFE2023_English

OR

Take a picture with your smartphone or tablet of the following QR Code and you will be directed to the online survey:

Spanish Version:

https://houstonisd.research.net/r/PFE2023_Spanish

O

Tome una foto con su teléfono o tableta inteligente de este Código QR y lo llevará a la encuesta en línea:

Vietnamese Version:

https://houstonisd.research.net/r/PFE2023_Vietnamese

HOẶC

Chụp hình với máy điện thoại đa năng tằm hình QR Code sau đây và quý vị sẽ được chuyển đến bản thăm dò trực tuyến:

- Athletic Physicals 2:30-5:00PM
(training Room)
- Underclassman Dead Week

Thu. May 30th:

- Underclassman Dead Week

Fri. May 31st:

- Underclassman Finals Period
2nd & 3rd

Sat. Jun 1st:

Mon. Jun 3rd:

- Underclassman Finals Period
6th & 7th
- Senior Check Out

Tue. Jun 4th:

- Underclassman Finals Period
1st & 4th
- Senior Check Out
- Senior Sunset- Aloha 7:30-
9:30PM (Garage Roof)

Wed. Jun 5th:

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- Underclassman Finals Period
5th & 8th
- Senior Check Out

Thu. Jun 6th:

- Teachers Last Day

Fri. Jun 7th:

Sat. Jun 8th:

- Graduation 9:00AM (NRG)

Arabic Version:

https://houstonisd.research.net/r/PFE2023_Arabic

تعتبر سلة التباختسلا زمره يحوالا كزاهج وأي كذلا كفتاهب قروص طقتلا: بتنتلا ربع حاتملا عاصقتسلا إلى لكاذ كلقنيسو، يلاتلا

Mandarin Chinese version:

https://houstonisd.research.net/r/PFE2023_Chinese

或者 使用智能手机或平板电脑拍下以下二维码，扫描后即可进入在线调查：

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 school.

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

9A and 9B: Ms. Lawrence dlawren1@houstonisd.org

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

Shout Outs:

Varsity Tennis

Congratulations to the Lamar Boys Tennis team for winning 1st place! Congratulations to the other tennis players:

1st place in boys doubles - **Marcus Azuaje** and **Tyler Shen**

1st place in mixed doubles - **Kristina Kochukova** and **Devin Varner**

2nd place in girls singles - **Janie Tsigos**

All will be advancing to the next round at the regional tournament on May 8. Wish them luck !!!

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.

Rangerettes Spring Show



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

Parent Survey

One of the Lamar teachers, Nansi Swartwout, is completing her principal certification. One of her final assignments is conducting a family survey of the school culture. The survey is completely anonymous no names or emails will be collected. Thank you. [Click here.](#)

Incoming Freshman

Attention Incoming Lamar Class of 2028

Accepted Incoming Freshmen: Please sign up for a summer orientation. Come to Lamar for an opportunity to meet new classmates from the Class of 2028, tour the building, get ID badges, obtain laptops and have some of your general questions answered about becoming a Lamar Texan! You will have four opportunities to choose from. See below.

July 30, from 9:00am -12:00pm or 1:00pm - 4:00pm

July 31, from 9:00am - 12:00pm or 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Only one session is allowed.

Submit the survey below by July 20, 2024.

Availability is limited, first come first serve.

Each session will be capped at 200 students.

If you filled out the survey, consider yourself registered for that session. If that session is full, you will need to fill out the survey for the remaining options.

Summer Academy Website Link

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/63084>

Summer Academy Registration Survey Link

<https://forms.gle/dYcYAzUNa9GPjk668>

COLLEGE CORNER



Scholarship Opportunities

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

ATTENTION!

Saturday, April 27th at 8am
we will proctor the TSIA exam

If you would like to register,
please email
Ms.Gould at
brigid.gould@houstonisd.org

COLLEGE CORNER HOURS

Monday : 7:30am - 5:30pm

Tuesday : 7:30am - 5:30pm

Wednesday : 7:30am - 5:30pm

Thursday : 7:30am - 5:30 pm

Friday : 7:30am - 5:30pm



GT Expo

THE HISD GIFTED & TALENTED DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

GT EXPO

& FAMILY SYMPOSIUM

GIFTED & THRIVING:
BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF
EXCELLENCE

MAY
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Lamar High School
3325 Westheimer Rd.
Houston, TX 77098
6PM-8PM

Over **130+**
Schools
represented

Join us for the exciting Spring GT Expo/Family Symposium. "Gifted & Thriving: Building Communities of Excellence" hosted by HISD's Gifted and Talented Department! This dynamic event will showcase the exceptional projects created by GT students and provide a platform for HISD families and community members to discover services and support available for gifted learners.

**FREE ADMISSION
PARKING AVAILABLE**

For more information please contact: 713-556-6954 GiftedAndTalented@houstonisd.org

Writing Lab

Lamar Writing Lab

PEER WRITING CONSULTANT APPLICATIONS 2024-2025



TINYURL.COM/PWCAPP2024

Rising Juniors and Seniors

Center for Academic & Professional Communication

SECONDARY SCHOOL WRITING CENTERS ASSOCIATION

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

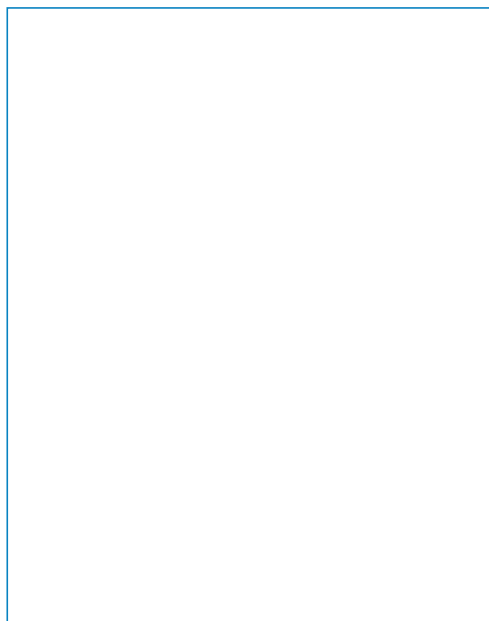
Athletic Physicals



Please create an RMA account, add your documentation for your sport. <https://www.registtermathlete.com/>

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

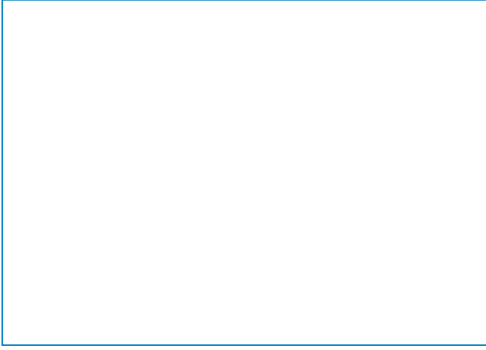
Speed Camp



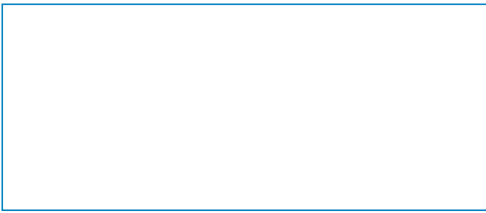
School Pay: <https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/2024-Lamar-Speed-Camp-50/SbZfPvu>

EMAIL philip.lindsey@houstonisd.org and kvessels@houstonisd.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

Class of 2024 Senior Information

Mark Twain Reunion



Poe Reunion



It's time for our Poe Ravens to fly! Join us on the Poe Playground to reconnect with old friends and celebrate our 2024 seniors.

Sunday, June 2 at 5:00pm at Poe

All parents and students of the 2024 senior class are welcome!
Seniors, wear your college colors.

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 allowed 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 plus Prom Ticket-

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

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2024-Senior-Dues-After-December/ScsFKF>

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, 2024 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



QUICK LINKS

[VIPS](#)

[PTO](#)