



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

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Principal's Corner



What Is the POSSIP Survey?

Every few weeks HISD sends a POSSIP survey link to parents/guardians of Lamar students. Those responses are sent to me and we follow up on any issues or concerns that are shared with us. Our last survey was sent November 17th. We received 148 replies. You may choose to respond anonymously; however, it makes it difficult for us to resolve your concerns. Please reach out and let us know when you are concerned about something so we can help you resolve it.

What are the trends in the feedback?

Safety. You are not alone if you worry about your child's safety when they are at school. We are highly focused on keeping Lamar a safe place to learn. Adult visibility throughout the building and throughout the school day is our best proactive measure. We always have an ear to the ground and know that we can count on our Texans to keep us informed of potential safety issues.

NES. There were a number of questions around the Superintendent's New Education System and what impact that might have on Lamar. I am not aware of any plan to change the formatting of Lamar. We are the world's largest IB school and we intend to stay that way! What you may be noticing is a shift in instructional supervision and a focus on classroom structures. The District provides support from an Executive Director that focuses on instructional leadership and helping administrators coach teachers for more efficient and effective instructional practices. The Executive Director, Dr. Johnson, ensures we implementing the guidance defined by the superintendent as High Quality Instruction and a High Performance Culture.

Grade Entry. A few people shared concerns around timely entry of grades into the gradebook. We will work on that!

Highlighted Events

Mon, Nov 25th- Fri, Nov 29th: No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Retests – Begin December 3

Identified students are scheduled to take the STAAR EOC (End of Course) exam December 3rd – 9th. Students who previously failed an EOC or who were absent during testing last year, will have an opportunity to take the needed EOC. Students and parents were emailed testing reminders last week. Students must pass all five STAAR EOC tests to meet graduation requirements. The next opportunity to retake these tests will be in April 2025. All STAAR EOC tests are administered on the computer. Students must bring their fully charged Chromebook and charging cable to their assigned testing room at 8:30 AM on the day listed below. If you have any questions, please email your child's Academic Dean or Ms. Walton, the Campus Test Coordinator, at swalton@houstonisd.org.

December 3 – English 1

December 4 – US History

December 5 – English 2

December 6 - Algebra 1

Upcoming Events:

Thu, Nov 21st:

- SDMC 7:30AM (Alumni Center)
- Piano Show 1 6:00PM (Performance Hall)
- Piano Show 2 7:30PM (Performance Hall)
- Theatre @Thespian Convention

Fri, Nov 22nd:

- Freshman Girls Basketball @ Wisdom 6:00PM
- JV Girls Basketball @ Wisdom 7:15PM
- Swim @ TISCA
- Band @ UIL Marching Contest
- Varsity Wrestling @ Cy Ridge Tournament
- Theatre @Thespian Convention

Sat, Nov 23rd:

- Theatre @Thespian Convention
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Wisdom 1:00PM (Butler)
- Swim @ TISCA

Mon, Nov 25th:

- No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Freshman Girls Basketball vs Spring Woods 9:00AM (gym)

October 2024 PSAT/SAT Results

Results from the October 2024 PSAT and SAT are posted in the College Board system at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/>. To see your child’s scores, please have them log into the College Board website using their College Board account credentials. If your child has never created an account before, s/he will need to [Create a College Board account](#) first.

AP Exam Registration

All students taking AP classes (AP World History, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Precalculus) have been registered to take the corresponding AP exam in May 2025. HISD pays the registration fee for these AP exams. Any AP student who does not take their AP exam will be charged and have to pay the \$40 non-use fee charged by the College Board.

Shout Outs

Thanksgiving Celebration



Thankful Lamar students honoring their parents that included traditional Thanksgiving elements like a shared meal, gratitude activities, crafts, and educational components about the holiday's history, focusing on themes of sharing, community, and giving thanks, while also allowing parents to actively participate with their children.

HEB Community Partners



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we extend our deepest gratitude to HEB for their donation of Thanksgiving baskets to support our families. Your generosity is truly heartwarming!

HISD Scholarship Winners



- JV Girls Basketball vs Spring Woods 10:30AM (gym)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Spring Woods 12:00AM (gym)

Tue, Nov 26th:

- No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Wrestling @ Bryan

Wed, Nov 27th:

- No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

Thu, Nov 28th:

- No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

Fri, Nov 29th

- No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
- JV Boys Basketball @ Robert Shaw Invitational
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Episcopal

Sat, Nov 30th:

- No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
- JV Boys Basketball @ Robert Shaw Invitational
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Episcopal

Mon, Dec 2nd:

- Girls Soccer Tryouts 4:00PM (Field)
- JV Boys Golf @ Northgate

Tue, Dec 3rd:

- STAAR - English 1 8:30AM
- Swim vs Strake 5:00PM (Pool)
- Varsity Girls Golf @ Eagle Point
- Girls Soccer Tryouts 4:00PM (Field)

Wed, Dec 4th:

- STAAR-US History 8:30AM
- Swim Lanier Intra Pup 5:00PM (pool)
- FFA Meeting 6:00PM (grand hall)



Congratulations to **Sydney London**, **ZaCory Smith- Sheilds**, **Quenton Brooks** and **Maya Menefield** for winning college scholarships at the HISD Scholarship Fair.

Football Playoffs- Round 2



<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/CUHP>

HISD Saturday Academy

REGISTER HERE:

HISD Saturday Academy



FREE TUTORING FOR
IB AND AP EXAMS



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2024
AT CHAVEZ HIGH SCHOOL
9AM-12PM

FREE BREAKFAST 7:45AM TO 8:45AM

IB COURSES:

- LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
- HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS
- MATH AA
- MATH AI
- BIOLOGY
- PHYSICS
- SPANISH

AP COURSES:

- WORLD HISTORY
- PRECAL

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS:

- CAREER DISCOVERY LAB
- COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SUCCESS
- COLLEGE ESSAYS THAT SHINE
- FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

FFA Poinsettia Sales

- Poinsettia Flower Pickup
5:00-7:00PM (transit center)
- Early Signing 9:00 AM (gym)

Thu, Dec 5th:

- STAAR - English 2
8:30AM
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ HISD Tournament TBA (TBA)
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Katy Tournament TBA
- Wrestling @ Heights
6:00PM
- Fall Dance Show 6:00PM (Performance Hall)

Fri, Dec 6th:

- STAAR - Algebra 1
- Freshman Boys Basketball vs Chavez
6:00PM (gym)
- JV Boys Basketball vs Chavez 7:15PM (gym)
- Wrestling @ Morton Ranch 12:00PM
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Katy Tournament TBA

Sat, Dec 7th:

- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Katy Tournament TBA
- Freshman Boys Basketball @ Aldine Tournament TBA
- Wrestling @ Morton Ranch 12:00PM
- Women on the Way Up field trip

Mon, Dec 9th:

- STAAR- Biology

Tue, Dec 10th:

- PTO Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Wrestling vs College Park 6:00PM (Gym)
- JROTC Field Trip @ Flight Museum
- Winter Choir Show 6:00PM (Performance Hall)

Wed, Dec 11th:

- Dead Week



School Pay [Link](#)

Winter Dance Showcase



School Pay [Link](#)

December Credit Appeal



Last credit appeal for 2024

Best Buddies

- Swim Lanier vs Rogers
5:00PM (Pool)
- Wrestling vs Katy/Clear Springs
- Big Brother Big Sister
11:00 (Downtown)
- Jazz Combo @ NRG

Thu, Dec 12th:

- Dead Week
- Choir Field Trip 5:00PM
- Swim vs Bellaire 5:00PM
(Pool)
- Tour 1:00PM (LHS)
- Wrestling @ Chavez
6:00PM
- Club Picture Day 8:00AM
(Performance Hall Stairs)
- Winter Orchestra Show
6:00PM (Performance Hall)

JOIN US AT THE

HOUSTON
Zoo Lights

ALL MEMBERS OF BEST BUDDIES!

DEC | 12 | 6PM

MEET AT THE ENTRANCE AT 5:45PM!
6200 HERMANN PARK DRIVE

BUY YOUR TICKET NOW!
PRICES WILL INCREASE CLOSER TO THE EVENT!

If you have any questions, contact:
s2136246@online.houstonisd.org

Buy tickets: [here](#)

Family and Community Engagement

The next Pulse Check is Thursday,
November 14th

+ **POSSIP**
FOR PARENTS

Get to know Possip!

- Recurring Pulse Check surveys
- Sent via text & email
- No app or login needed
- Families respond in their home language
- Actionable data for schools & districts
- Stronger school communities

HOW FAMILY VOICES WILL HELP

Families receive a Pulse Check via text or email.

Possip provides HISD with a report of family responses.

Families respond to the Pulse Check.

HISD responds to family feedback and shares praise!

¡Esté atento a su próximo Pulse Check, muy pronto!
el jueves, 14 de noviembre

+ **POSSIP**

Cómo Possip Ayuda a Apoyar tu Escuela:

- Encuestas periódicas de Pulse Check
- Enviadas por mensaje de texto o correo electrónico
- No se necesita aplicación o inicio de sesión
- Responda en su idioma preferido
- Datos accionables para escuelas y distritos
- Comunidades escolares más fuertes

CÓMO AYUDA USTED VOZ

Reciba Pulse Check por mensaje de texto o correo electrónico una vez al mes.

Possip proporciona a HISD un informe de las respuestas familiares.

Responder a la Pulse Check.

HISD responde a los comentarios de la familia y comparte elogios.

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL
PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT MONTH

FACE encourages you to celebrate with your family!

NOVEMBER 16
MONDAY:
MATH AT MEALTIME

Have your family create a math story together. Share the QR code for the district's Monday Math story prompts.

NOVEMBER 18
TUESDAY:
NATURE TRAIL HUNT

Go on a nature trail hunt at a local park. Your family will find 10 different items. Have a list of items to hunt for: an acorn, Fall-colored leaves, a squirrel, and take a picture of a squirrel, a pumpkin, a scarecrow.

NOVEMBER 20
WEDNESDAY:
DREAMS AND WISHES

Share your dreams and goals for your family with your children. Ask your kids where they would like to live. What do they want to be when they grow up? What is something they'd like to try? Then, research those aspirations together.

NOVEMBER 21
THURSDAY:
THROWBACK THURSDAY


Choose an item to use as your time capsule. Have items that represent members of the family coming into the world and place your response comments for each item. Be signed at a later date. You can decide to explore it a year later or whenever you prefer.

NOVEMBER 22
FRIDAY:
FAMILY FITNESS DAY

YOUR FAMILY CAN DO YOGA, WORK OUT, OR MEDITATE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY! This also includes visiting a local park.

HISD Family and Community Engagement

713-556-FACE (3223) | FACE@HOUSTONISD.ORG | @FACEHISD



FACE DAY

AT THE SUNRISE CENTER

NOVEMBER 19 & 21
FEATURING VENDOR FAIR & COMMON GROUND PARENT CAFE

HISD is Celebrating National Parental Involvement Month!

Join us for a time of connection, resources and fun at our Family & Community Engagement Day at the Sunrise Center. This special event will feature a variety of vendors offering valuable services and information to families, as well as our renowned Common Ground Parent Cafe, where families can connect with other parents, share experiences, and gain new insights on how to support your child's success.

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19




9:00am - 11:00am
Brook Sunrise Center
1427 Houston Ave.
Houston, TX 77057

12:00pm - 2:00pm
YMCA West Oaks Sunrise Center
3810 West Oaks Drive
Houston, TX 77056

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00am - 11:00am
Marshall Sunrise Center
5505 Bellway Rd.
Houston, TX 77061


12:00pm - 2:00pm
YWC Sunrise Center
8010 Westchase Drive
Houston, TX 77063



HISD Family and Community Engagement 713-554-7290 FACES@HOUSTONISD.ORG

Writing Lab

Writing Lab Links



bit.ly/m/writinglab

Book a session!


Visit our website

College & scholarship apps

Access additional resources

any piece of writing any stage in the process

Writing Lab Enlaces



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Reserva una cita!

Visita nuestro sitio web

Aplicaciones universitarias y de becas

Recursos adicionales

cada estudiante, cada trabajo estamos aquí para ayudar

Link is <https://bit.ly/m/writinglab>

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

Senior Fall Survey

FALL SENIOR SURVEY

SCAN ME



Scan the QR code
Link: bit.ly/HISDSRSURVEY24

This is a reminder to complete your Fall Senior Survey on SchoolLinks as soon as possible. This survey is an HISD requirement and must be completed before the College Corner can send out any fee waivers or transcripts. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to your college advisors!

Class of 2025 Senior Information

Panoramic Photo

All seniors must be in collared polo shirt. No jackets or hoodies.



Goldbeck Co.

Panoramic Pictures Of:
LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

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!)

\$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 Debit/Credit Cards
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Goldbeck Company"
(Please include phone number on all checks)
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1-800-456-6289 • www.goldbeckcompany.com
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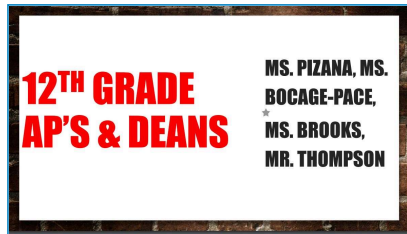
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Goldbeck Company
Phone #: (210) 656 - 1445

<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

LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2025

IN-SCHOOL ORDER DATES
Thursday, October 24th
Friday, October 25th
During Lunches in Cafeteria

You've worked hard.
Now it's time to celebrate
your achievements with custom
graduation announcements and
graduation regalia.
Order now before it's too late!





QUESTIONS?
Dilly Campus Supply
713.566.0800
harris@campussupplyllc.com
1221 Lumpkin Rd., Suite A
Houston, TX 77043






You may place your orders [online](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page for the cap and gown.





Reminder

Senior Dues
price increase is in two
weeks.
Pay your dues before you
leave for the Thanksgiving
holidays.

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



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 **plus Prom Ticket-**

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

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

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.**

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

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

Rugby

Rugby at Lamar High School



All players, all levels welcome

Practice 415pm-6pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

At Lamar High School
3325 Westheimer Rd

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>



2024-2025 **BIG & BRIGHT** Fall Giving Campaign

As we celebrate this season of giving and thanks, the Lamar PTO would like to say “thank you” to everyone who has contributed their time, money, and energy to support the students, faculty, and staff at Lamar High School. While we are truly thankful for every dollar donated to the PTO, we still have a long way to go to reach our revenue goals, allowing the PTO to continue to support the programs that we have historically funded each year. As you probably know, Lamar HS has had significant budget cuts this year, making your donation dollars critical for funding all the learning tools your student's teacher relies on every day! **Currently, we need an additional \$40,000 to ensure we reach our \$75,000 fundraising goal.**

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the PTO is launching the Fourth Annual “Big & Bright Fall Giving Campaign” **from Tuesday, November 19 to Thursday, November 21** to help raise enough revenue to fully fund the following programs:

- Teacher wish list and instructional tools including IB curriculum support software, classroom supply needs, science lab instruction materials, writing support programs, fine arts supplies/instruments and athletic equipment.
- Teacher appreciation projects and staff meals which help motivate and thank our hard-working teachers.
- Senior class activities such as LHS Fest and senior treat day.
- Campus improvements and beautification projects which help provide an optimal learning environment for our students.
- Technology in the classroom – cameras, iPads, printers and audio/visual equipment which help to ensure that our teachers have the most up-to-date technology to serve our students.

Please consider donating to the [Big & Bright Fall Giving Campaign](#) (click the link to donate). No amount is too big or too small, and all donations will be used to directly support the programs listed above. If your student is an alumni, please consider donating to support your local school! If you have already donated, consider matching your donation through our corporate matching program here: [Match Your Donation](#)

Own or know a business that would like to partner with our PTO and assist with helping us fund these programs? Become a sponsor of Lamar Texans by donating to our [Corporate Giving Campaign](#). All donations are tax deductible through the Lamar High School PTO tax ID 76-0500049. Thank you for your donations!

Lamar HS PTO Fall Giving Campaign

November 19-21

We NEED \$40K
to reach our \$75K GOAL
GIVE TODAY TO SUPPORT
YOUR SCHOOL



Scan with camera
to donate quickly!

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2024-25

BIG BRIGHT

Fundraising Campaign

\$75,000



- Lone Star \$5000 +
- Yellow Rose \$2000-\$4999
- Ranger \$1000-\$1999
- Partner \$500-\$999
- Pioneer \$200-\$499
- Friend \$10-\$199

Lamar High School PTO

Donate to the Lamar HS PTO

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2024-25

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Did you know ...
MANY Houston Companies will match your Contribution \$\$



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Lamar PTO on FB	/LamarHighSchoolHoustonPTO
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Class of '25 on FB	bit.ly/LamarClassof25
Class of '26 on IG	@lamarclassof26
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