

COLLEGE CORNER

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Career Counseling
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College Night
Campus Visits
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ADVISING CALENDAR

Example Annual Calendar Subject to Change
Dates & Times TBA using Call Outs & Lamar Web Page

August

Week Before School: Scheduling Opportunity #4
Week 1: Scheduling Opportunity #5
Freshman Parent Orientation

September

Open House
Seniors: Naviance Initial Document Packages
Recommendation Letters

October

Senior Parent Night Seminars: College
Scheduling Opportunity #1
Advisors meet with all 10th graders to select courses
Paperwork is sent home with the student
10th Grade Parent Seminars: 11th Gr Course Selection

November

Scheduling Opportunity #1
Advisors meet with all 9th graders to select courses
Paperwork is sent home with the student
9th Gr Parent Seminars: 10th Gr Course Selection

December & January

Seniors: Naviance Mid Year Document Packages
Advisors visit Middle Schools: Course Selection

February

Scheduling Opportunity #1
Advisors meet with all 11th graders to select courses
Paperwork is sent home with the student
11th Gr Parent Seminars: 12th Gr Course Selection

March

Priority: Graduating Seniors
Verification 1: Scheduling Opportunity #2

April

Enter schedules for all returning students
Verification 2: Scheduling Opportunity #3

May

Summer School registration.
Incoming 9th Grade Seminars: Course Selection

June/July

Verification 3: Scheduling Opportunity #4

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMIC ADVISING

As a parent new to Lamar, you may feel overwhelmed with the programs, paths, and plans we offer. You may even be anxious, concerned that your child is in the correct program, on the right path, and proceeding according to plan. This handout was created to give you some comfort. Read it. Save it. Cling to it in times of stress. It will bring you peace.

Every student is assigned an **Academic Advising Team** to follow that student from enrollment to graduation. It is important that you know who your Advisors are and that you have our email addresses. Office phones tie us to our desks and we are a mobile team. We ask that you communicate with us through email.

We have a program, path, and plan in place to shepherd your student through to graduation. Your student is unique, but our programs, paths, and plans are well established, time tested, and serve our families well.

And this is how we do it.

We communicate with parents. Academic Advisors communicate important information to parents through a series of Parent Seminars on a variety of topics throughout the school year. Topics may be general (Open House), or targeted to a specific grade level (9th/10th/11th/12th grade Course Selection). This way, Advisors are able to communicate (*and parents are able to digest*) information relevant to their student as families progress through 4 years of high school. Topics, dates, and times are posted on the Lamar Homepage. Multiple presentations of the same information are offered on different nights so that you may choose the night that best fits your family's busy schedule. You will also receive phone calls reminding you of these parent seminars as they arise. The Parent Seminar Series is repeated each school year so that you need attend only those seminars that are relevant to your student wherever they may be in their high school career.

We communicate with students. Advisors also meet with every student in the school, every year, to discuss that student's individual path and plan, and to select appropriate courses for the next school year. Transcripts, Current Schedules, and Course Selection sheets are sent home for parent review. A coordinating Parent Seminar is planned during the same week so that parents are able to hear, directly from Advisors, the same information discussed with your student. We answer questions after every seminar.

We work behind the scenes. Advisors routinely review the progress of every student at least 3 times every year - whether you ask us to do so, or not. We work behind the scenes daily to meet the needs of every student. If we see a need, we will reach out for a meeting - with the student or the parent or both - as needed. If you do not hear from your Advisor, you may safely assume that all is well.

We partner with parents. Yes, high school students still receive progress reports and report cards. Gradespeed allows you to follow your student's every assignment, due date, and grade. Please communicate directly with teachers about grades and classroom matters as Advisors do not supervise teachers. You will find teacher/email directory on the Lamar

homepage. Advisors partner with our parents to support our students. We value your involvement.

We are experts in time management. Your Advisors have provided a calendar on the reverse of this hand-out. The calendar is designed to give you some idea of what topics are priority as we work through our academic year. It is our hope, that seeing our priority cycle will alleviate any concern that Advisors will turn our attention to relevant matters in an orderly and timely fashion.

Yes, there is a great deal to learn about the programs, paths, and plans we offer here at Lamar, but we are excellent communicators, and Advisors are here to guide you. So welcome, relax. When it is time to take action, we will let you know. We will reach out with information and answers.

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