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## **Principal's Corner**



## **Highlighted Events**

Wed. Jan 29th: Texans Round Up 5:30PM (Gym, Grand Hall) Sat. Feb 1st: Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 ( 12th Grade Hall)

Fri, Feb 7th: Fun Food Friday 11:45 (Front Lawn)
Sat, Feb 8th: School Choice Fair 9:00AM (Gym)

## **Testing Updates**

Interim STAAR Testing Rescheduled - January 24th, 28th, 29th

All students currently taking English 1, English 2, or Algebra 1 (9th and 10th graders) will take an Interim STAAR EOC exam this week and next week to determine their current level of mastery before taking the STAAR EOC in April 2025. This interim test is required and will be used to determine what interventions are needed before testing in April. To learn more about STAAR tests. please visit <a href="https://www.texasassessment.gov/staar.html">https://www.texasassessment.gov/staar.html</a>

#### Interim STAAR EOC testing schedule - 8:30 AM

English 2 - Wednesday, January 24

Algebra 1 - Thursday, January 28

English 1 - Friday, January 29

**Students who are testing** will find their testing location posted in their hallway on the day of the test. Each test will begin at 8:30 AM. Attendance will be taken and students will be counted absent for 1st/5th period, if not present during their assigned test. Make-up tests will be given January 30th. Students will need their fully charged laptop and charger for testing.

**All other students, those who are not testing**, will go to their regularly scheduled class with an altered bell schedule. Attendance will be taken, and students will be counted absent, if not present in class.

#### Upcoming Events:

#### Thu, Jan 23rd:

- Tours 1:00 (LHS)
- Musical 6:00PM (Black Box)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
   Chavez 5:00PM (Pavilion)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
   Chavez 6:15PM (Pavilion)

#### Fri. Jan 24th:

- Freshman Girls Basketball
   vs Heights 6:00PM (Gvm)
- JV Girls Basketball vs
   Heights 7:15PM (Gym)
- Freshman Boys
   Basketball @ Heights
   6:00PM
- JV Boys Basketball @ Heights 7:15PM
- Tennis @ Chancellors
   6:30AM- 4:00PM
- Band @ Waltrip
- Musical 6:00PM (Black
  Box)
- MS Swim Pershing vs Rogers 5:00-8:30PM (Pool)

#### Sat. Jan 25th:

- Swim vs Clear Brook 8:00-2:00 (Pool)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
   Heights 3:15PM (Barnett)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
   Heights 4:30PM (Barnett)
- Band @ Waltrip
- Color Guard @ Contest

Time	Period	Note
8:30 - 10:30	1st/5th period	Interim Testing
10:37 - 11:43	2nd / 6th period	
11:43 - 12:48	Lunch	
12:54 - 2:24	3rd/7th period	
2:35 - 4:00	4th/8th period	1

Date	Test	Location
Friday, Jan. 24	English 2	10th grade, 9A, 9B
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Algebra 1	9th grade
Wednesday, Jan. 29	English 1	9th grade, 10A, 10B

#### ASVAB Rescheduled - February 6th

Lamar is offering the ASVAB to all interested 11th and 12th graders on Thursday, February 6th. 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 possible careers and post-secondary opportunities. To learn more about the program, please visit <a href="https://www.asvabprogram.com/">https://www.asvabprogram.com/</a>. Students interested in taking the ASVAB at Lamar on February 6, 2025 must register using this link - <a href="Lamar 2025 ASVAB Registration">Lamar 2025 ASVAB Registration</a>.

## **Shout Outs**

#### **Bailey Hashmi**



Congratulations to Bailey Hashmi! Bailey won first place in the 60m dash and second place in the 200m at the Carl Lewis Invitational.

#### Boys and Girls Soccer



Huge shoutout to the boys and girls soccer teams for their outstanding performance in the midseason rankings! Well done, athletes!

## **Theatre Musical**

- Wrestling @ Houston
- Cheer Contest @ Pavilion
   9:15-12:30
- Musical 7:00PM (Black Box)

#### Mon, Jan 27th:

#### Tue. Jan 28th:

- Football Banquet 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs
   Chavez 5:30PM (Field)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs
   Chavez 7:30PM (Field)

#### Wed, Jan 29th:

- Girls Soccer @ Memorial
   4:30PM
- JV Girls Golf (Battleground)
- Texans Round Up 5:30PM (Gym, Grand Hall)

#### Thu. Jan 30th:

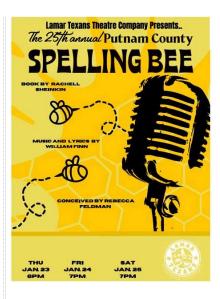
- Tours 1:00 (LHS)
- Swim District 5A 4:30PM
   (Pool)

#### Fri Jan 31st:

- Swim District 4A 4:30PM (Pool)
- Freshman Girls Basketball
   @ Bellaire 6:00PM
- JV Girls Basketball @
   Bellaire 7:15PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
   Bellaire 7;15PM (Butler)
- Freshman Boys
   Basketball vs Bellaire
   6:00PM (gym)
- JV Boys Basketball vs
   Bellaire 7:15PM (gym)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
   Bellaire 6:00PM (Butler)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs
   Heights 5:30PM (field)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs
   Heights 7:30PM (field)

#### Sat. Feb 1st:

- Wrestling Meet @ Delmar
   7:00-7:00
- Band UIL East Zone
   Contest @ Heights
- Track Meet 10:00AM (Field)



We are thrilled to invite you to Lamar High School's production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee!* Join us for this heartwarming and hilarious musical as we follow the lives of quirky contestants and their journey through the unpredictable world of a spelling bee.

#### **Performance Dates and Times:**

- Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m.

#### Location:

Lamar High School Black Box Theatre

#### Tickets:

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online using the following links:

Use This link or QR Code to purchase tickets for **Thursday**, **January 23**, **2025**: <a href="https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Texans-Theatre-Co-Presents-The-25t/Sep0DMB">https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Texans-Theatre-Co-Presents-The-25t/Sep0DMB</a>



Use this Link or QR Code to purchase tickets for: Friday January 24, 2025

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Texans-Theatre-Co-Presents-The-25t/Sf0Yt2



Use the below link to purchase tickets for Saturday January 25, 2025

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Texans-Theatre-Co-Presents-The-25t/SbwxtCr

- Orchestra @ UIL Contest
   (Katy)
- Swim District 6A Meet
   7:00-2:30 (Pool)
- Swim UIL Region 4A 2:30-8:30 (Pool)
- Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00
   (12th Grade Hall)
- Dance 6:30-10:00PM (Grand Hall)

#### Mon. Feb. 3rd:

- Varsity Boys Golf @
   Sweetwater
- Varsity Girls Golf @
   Sweetwater

#### Tue, Feb 4th:

#### Wed. Feb 5th:

- Freshman Girls Basketball
   vs Houston 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs
   Houston 7:15PM (Gym)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
   Houston 7:15PM (Butler)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
   Houston 6:00 PM (Butler)
- Freshman Boys
   Basketball @ Houston
   6:00PM
- JV Boys Basketball @ Houston 7:15PM
- National Signing Day
   9:00AM (Gym)
- Dev. Girls Golf @

  Atasocita Golf Course
- MS Swim Pershing vs
   Black vs Hamilton 5:00PM
   (Pool)
- FFA Parent Meeting
   6:30PM (Grand Hall)

#### Thu, Feb 6th:

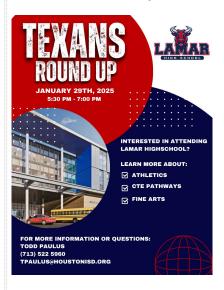
- ASVAB Testing 8:30AM (LHS)
- FASFA Roadshow 5:00PM
   (Athletic Lobby)
- Band Parent Meeting
   6:00PM (Band Hall)
- Track @ Clear Brook
   3:30PM

#### Fri. Feb 7th:

- Wrestling @ Regional (Katy)
- Swim @ Regions
  (Conroe)



# **Texans Round Up**



Calling all incoming freshman! Join us for the Texans Round Up to discover all that Lamar has to offer.

## **Credit Appeal**



## **Dance**

- Fun Food Friday 11:45 (Front Lawn)
- Freshman Boys
   Basketball @ Westside
   6:00PM
- JV Boys Basketball @
  Westside 7:15PM
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs

  Bellaire 7:30PM (Field)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs
   Bellaire 5:30PM (Field)
- Tennis @ Chancellors

#### Sat. Feb 8th:

- Choir Vocal Solo &
   ensemble @ Mayde Creek
- School Choice Fair
   9:00AM (gym)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
   Westside 11:15AM (Butler)
- Color Guard Contest @

  Jordan 7:00AM
- Girls Soccer @ Jordan



Support Coach Johnson's class spring field trip!

No tickets sold at the door.

Lamar students only.

No hard sole shoes in the gym.

Clear bag only.

No late entry or re-entry

Door closes at 9:00PM

## **Summer 2026 Meeting**



Learn about Health Science and where "modern medicine" all began in the UK and then hop over to Paris to enjoy an authentic croissant while seeing some of the most iconic art pieces in the world at the Louvre. Interested in this trip of a lifetime, please join us for our interest meeting in Feb. RSVP here: <a href="https://bit.ly/40am3bm">https://bit.ly/40am3bm</a>

## Limitless





## **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.

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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)

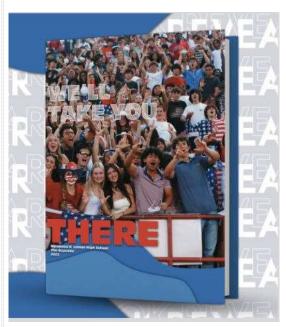
Last Chance - \$100 (April 1st - June 3rs)

\*\* 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!

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.



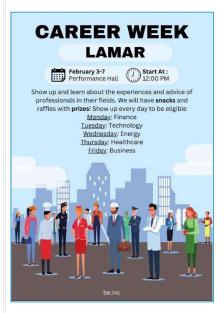
### **Sports/Event Pictures**

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.

## **Career Week**





# **Baseball Tryouts**



When: Thursday, January 23rd and Friday, January 24th

Time: 4:20PM (Right after school) Where: Baseball Field Bleachers



# **IB** Testing



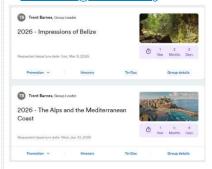
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## Summer 2026

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 <a href="mailto:trent.barnes@houstonisd.org">trent.barnes@houstonisd.org</a> 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**

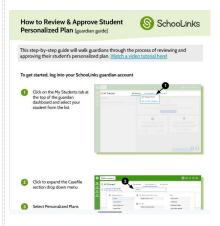
#### **Seniors with APEX Classes**



## **Personal Graduation Plan**

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:

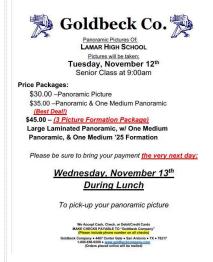


#### **Spring Senior Parent Meeting Presentation**



Click here or the click the image

## **Panoramic Photo**





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. 1<sup>st</sup> - 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. 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 4<sup>th</sup> -\$170
<a href="https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2025-Senior-Fees-Early-Bird-PLU/SeChylH">https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2025-Senior-Fees-Early-Bird-PLU/SeChylH</a>

#### OPTION 2:

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>- End of Year - \$140 Prom Ticket <u>NOT</u> included Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>- 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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



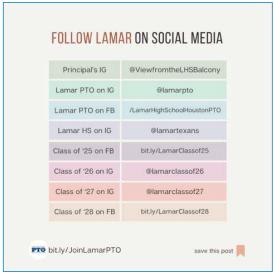


https://bit.ly/LHSFestDonate



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





**QUICK LINKS** 

**VIPS** 

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