



Lamar High School

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Principal's Corner



I would be remiss not to tell you again how grateful I am to serve the Lamar community. I have a tremendous faculty and staff that is dedicated to working alongside me to meet our mission of serving children. I am reminded each day of how lucky I am to work with such an incredible group of people.

As we move forward into this spring semester, we will begin Student Led Conferences and will start planning student schedules for next school year.

It is the vision of Lamar High School to challenge our students with rigorous coursework as well as to prepare them for life after high school. Under the current college and career readiness goals and the IB programs at Lamar, students in the 11th and 12th grade will fully participate in either the IB Diploma Program (DP) or in the IB Career-related Program (CP).

In both programs students must complete and fulfill all assessment requirements for IB Diploma-level courses. For the DP, the minimum is six such courses, and for the CP, it is two. Additionally, the core class of Theory of Knowledge spans over junior and senior year for DP candidates, while Personal and Professional Skills (coded GTIS on schedules) acts as the core for CP candidates.

Whether or not a student is zoned does not impact that decision and course placement. Students will work with the Academic Deans to develop the most rigorous course of study for their individual abilities and interests.

To learn more about the IB Diploma Programme, visit <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mon. Jan. 13th-B-Day**
- Freshman Boys BB vs Heights (Heights) 5:30 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Heights (Heights) 7 pm
- Big Brothers & Sisters 9 & 10th Graders (LHS) 11:55 am - 1:05 pm
- JV Girls BB vs Heights (LHS) 7 pm
- Freshman Girls BB vs Heights (LHS) 5:30 pm
- JV Girls BB vs Heights (LHS) 7 pm
- **Tues. Jan. 14th-A-Day**
- Swim vs Strake Jesuit (St. Johns) 6 pm
- Track Parent Meeting (Grand Hall) 6 pm
- **Wed. Jan. 15th-B-Day**
- Senior T-Shirt Distribution (12th Grade Neighborhood) All Lunches
- Student Voter Registration (11th & 12th Grade Neighborhoods) All Lunches
- Lamar University Band Event (Performance Hall) TBA
- Varsity Girls BB vs Heights (Delmar) 5:30 pm

To learn more about the IB Career-related Programme, visit <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/career-related-programme/>

Texas Education Agency

Texas Education Agency has released the 2018 - 2019 school report card. Click the following attachment to retrieve Lamar's accountability rating.

[Lamar High School 2018-2019 School Report Card.pdf](#)

Highlighted Events

- **Fri. Jan. 10th** - Report Cards
- **Tues. Jan. 14th** - Track Parent Meeting (Grand Hall) 6 pm
- **Wed. Jan. 15th** - Senior T-Shirt Distribution (12th Grade Neighborhood) All Lunches
- **Wed. Jan. 15th** - Student Voter Registration (12th Grade Neighborhood) All Lunches
- **Wed. Jan. 15th** - Lamar University Band Event (Performance Hall) TBA
- **Thurs. Jan. 16th** - Senior T-Shirt Distribution (12th Grade Neighborhood) All Lunches
- **Thurs. Jan. 16th** - NHS Junior Officer Meeting (Tokyo Neighborhood) 4 - 5 pm
- **Thurs. Jan. 16th** - Showcase Cabaret (Blackbox) 6 pm
- **Fri. Jan. 17th - Early Release**
- **Fri. Jan. 17th** - Showcase Cabaret (Blackbox) 7 pm
- **Mon. Jan. 20th - MLK Holiday**
- **Tues. Jan. 21st** - Parent University (LHS) TBA
- **Tues. Jan. 21st** - Course Selection/Incoming Zoned 9th Graders (LHS) 6 pm
- **Thurs. Jan. 23rd** - NHS Student Meeting (Tokyo Neighborhood) 7:45 am
- **Thurs. Jan. 23rd** - NHS Student Meeting (Tokyo Neighborhood) 4 pm
- **Thurs. Jan. 23rd - Athletic Banquet (Grand Hall) 6 pm**
- **Fri. Jan. 24th** - Debate Tournament (LHS) TBA
- **Sat. Jan. 25th** - Debate Tournament (LHS) TBA

1-800-STUCO

Starting this Friday, January 10 all students are invited to wear college shirts with school approved jeans (minimal holes are allowed) on the first Friday of every month. The approved dates are: January 10, February 7, March 6, April 3, and May 1. Check @lamarstudentcouncil on instagram for examples of what to wear and what not to wear. Reference the following attachment for more information: [College shirt flyers.pdf](#)

- Varsity Boys BB vs Heights (Delmar) 7 pm
- **Thurs. Jan. 16th -A-Day**
- Senior T-Shirt Distribution (12th Grade Neighborhood) All Lunches
- Swim vs West Briar MS (St. Johns) 6 pm
- Varsity Soccer vs Deer Park (Abshier Stadium) 7 pm
- Showcase Cabaret (Blackbox) 6 pm
- JV Soccer Brazosport Tournament (Brazosport) 4:30 pm
- NHS Junior Officer Meeting (Tokyo Neighborhood) 4 - 5 pm
- Coffee House Auditions (Choir Room) 5 -7 pm
- **Fri. Jan. 17th-B-Day**
- **Early Release**
- JV Soccer Brazosport Tournament (Brazosport) 6 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Houston (LHS) 7 pm
- Varsity Girls BB vs SH (Pavillon) 5:30 pm
- JV Girls BB vs SH (SH) 7 pm
- Showcase Cabaret (Blackbox) 7 pm
- Freshman Boys BB vs Houston (LHS) 5:30 pm
- Varsity Boys BB vs Houston (Pavillon) 7 pm
- Varsity Soccer vs Northshore (Abshier Stadium) 2:50 pm
- **Sat. Jan. 18th**
- JV Soccer Brazosport Tournament (Brazosport)TBA
- Swim vs Clear Creek (LHS) 11 am
- Showcase Cabaret (Blackbox) 7 pm
- Wrestling Arm Bar Invitational (Clear Falls HS)

FAFSA/TAFSA Early Deadline for Seniors

With the passing of House Bill 3, Texas has put in place graduation requirements for students that will include completion of FAFSA, TAFSA, or the signing of an opting out form. We are working to implement these requirements this year to prepare to adequately support all Lamar Texans. By completing the FAFSA or TAFSA students may be eligible for Federal and State aid for college that does not need to be paid back. With this aid it is statistically proven more students will enroll and complete a certification program, 2, or 4 year post-secondary schooling. Here at Lamar we are committed to every Texan having a plan after they leave Lamar and part of the plan we believe is financially being able to afford post-secondary options.

If you need any help or assistance with the FAFSA or TAFSA Lamar College Corner is available to help walk you through filling these forms out or answer any questions you may have.

Maggie Trendell -Lee
mtrendel@houstonisd.org

Here is a YouTube video about this requirement as well,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unL1iJeBFAU&feature=emb_logo

Please review the attached documents for more information about FAFSA/TAFSA.

[Fafsa DOC.pdf](#)

[Financial Aid Checklist.pdf](#)

If you are choosing to opt-out of completing the FAFSA/TAFSA, please complete and submit the Opt-out form.

[FAFSA Opt Out Lamar.pdf](#)

Finals Exemption Explanation

Student may gain eligibility for finals exemptions if they meet the following two conditions:

- Student may have no more than 3 absences in any one class.
- Student must have an E or S in conduct and no discipline referrals.

Once a student is determined eligible for exemption(s) they will receive certificate(s) of exemption. They may submit to the teacher for any class with an 85 or better semester average.

Freshman – 1 exemption

Sophomore/Juniors – up to 2 exemptions

Seniors – up to 8 exemptions

TBA

- Varsity Soccer vs Clements (Abshire Stadium) 11:45 am
- **Mon. Jan. 20th-**
- **MLK Holiday**
- Boys Golf Woodlands TPC Player Course (TWHS) TBA
- **Tues. Jan. 21st- March 28th A-Day**
- UIL Practice (Performance Hall) 4 -7 pm
- Boys Golf Woodlands TPC Player Course (TWHS) TBA
- JV Boys BB vs Westside (Westside) 7 pm
- Freshman Boys BB vs Westside (Westside) 5:30 pm
- Swim vs Kincaid Episcopal (St. Johns) 6 pm
- Parent University (LHS) TBA
- Course Selection for Incoming Zoned 9th Graders (Grand Hall) 6 pm
- JV Girls BB vs WS (LHS) 4 pm
- **Wed. Jan. 22nd-B-Day**
- Swim District 16-6A Diving (LHS) 4 pm
- Varsity Boys BB vs Westside (Delmar) 7 pm
- Wrestling Quad w/NS, Heights and Kashmere (Northside HS) TBA
- Varsity Girls BB vs WS (Delmar) 5:30 pm
- **Thurs. Jan. 23rd -A-Day**
- Swim vs Kincaid Episcopal (St. Johns) 6 pm
- NHS Student Meeting (Tokyo Neighborhood) 7:45 am
- NHS Student Meeting (Tokyo Neighborhood) 4 pm
- Athletic Banquet (Grand Hall) 6 pm
- **Fri. Jan. 24th-B-Day**
- Swim District 16-6A Diving

Does TTM and Grad Lab count? Yes. TTM absences may be evaluated separately when a student is out for a full day.

Click the following for further details: [Final Exemption Rule.pdf](#)

Schedule Change Requests

Students are scheduled each year for the following academic year: both fall & spring semesters. 8th for 9th. 9th for 10th. 10th for 11th. 11th for 12th.

There are no mid-year schedule changes.

However, Deans will consider LIMITED schedule change requests for the 2020 Spring semester.

Students may pick up a Schedule Change Request Form (SCRF) from their neighborhood clerk on Thursday, Jan. 9.

Read the SCRF for details re eligibility, procedure, and deadline.

The deadline to return a completed SCRF is Monday, Jan. 13, at 4:15 pm. Deans are meeting with students during TTM to review graduation requirements and schedule students for the 2020-2021 school year.

The attached [Spring 2020 Schedule Change Request Form \(002\).pdf](#) will be available for students who request it from the 9-12 grade neighborhood clerk's desks. Please read the form for more information.

Class of 2020 Early Bird Package

Attention Seniors!

Last Chance to Buy Your Class of 2020 All Inclusive Package Early Bird Special on School Pay by Sunday, January 12th to receive your Class of 2020 T-shirt & 2020 sticker!

The Final Class of 2020 T-Shirt/Sticker Distribution will be in the 12th grade neighborhood hallway @ lunch on **Wednesday, January 15th & Thursday, January 16th**. Click the following attachments for further details:

[Class 2020 Early Bird Package Information.pdf](#)

[Class2020SeniorFlyer Final Copy.pdf](#)

NHS Volunteers

Lamar would like to recognize the following students for the magnificent leadership and service during this week's IB Banquet. Their willingness, attitude and flexibility truly made us Lamar proud! You rocked and have raised the bar for student leadership!

(LHS) 4 pm

- Debate Tournament (LHS) TBA
- JV Boys BB vs Bellaire (LHS) 7 pm
- Freshman Boys BB vs Bellaire (LHS) 5:30 pm
- Varsity Boys BB vs Bellaire (Butler) 7 pm
- Varsity Soccer vs Alvin HS (Alvin HS) 7 pm
- JV Soccer vs Alvin (Alvin HS) 5 pm
- 1st Day of Softball
- Varsity Girls BB vs Bellaire (Butler) 5:30 pm
- Freshman Girls BB vs Bellaire (Bellaire) 5:30 pm
- JV Girls BB vs Bellaire (Bellaire) 7 pm
- **Sat. Jan. 25th**
- Debate Tournament (LHS) TBA
- Wrestling Last Chance Sam Houston (Sam Houston) TBA
- UIL Practice (Performance Hall) 9 am - 1 pm

- Runa Katayama
 - Minla Phillips
 - Myka Serwatka
 - Melanie Stanton
 - Rachel Wiggins
 - Adrian Williams (Junior Officer)
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Together with Tech

Together with Tech Summit is a team competition hosted by the District. Are you interested in Civic Duty and love tech? Consider putting together a team to represent Lamar High School. You can learn more by talking with Ms. Rutledge and reviewing the call for teams and the guidelines for competition. The deadline has been extended.

Last year Bellaire won first place and HSPVA took second. Consider our #1 Rule: Beat Bellaire! Get a team together today.

Reference the following attachments for further details:

[Competition Guidelines HISD Tech Summit 2019-20.pdf](#)
[TWTa.pdf](#)

Lamar Women's Lacrosse Spirit Night

Please come out and support the Lamar Women's Lacrosse Team by visiting Tapester's Grill at 4520 Beechnut on January 14th!

Mention you are with Lamar Lacrosse and a portion of the sales, Dine-In, Drive-Thru & Carry Out will go to LWLAX.

Thank you for your support!!!

Lamar Women's Lacrosse - Come Play With Us!

Looking for a fun, fast-paced sport to play in the Spring? Come join the Lamar Women's Lacrosse Team! LWLAX is geared for lacrosse players of all ability levels from experienced to beginners. We have a Varsity and a JV team and everyone makes a team! Practice begins on January 13th after the winter break.

If you are interested in joining, **go to lamarwlax.org to register!** There are some scholarships for dues/fees if needed. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please email us at lamarwlax@gmail.com.

Speech and Debate

Lamar debate started the semester by winning second place overall sweepstakes at the dobie/Clear Lake Swing Tournament on 1/3 - 1/4 2020.

Franklin Wu- 5th place foreign extemporaneous speaking, quarter-finalist in Lincoln-Douglas debate, 3rd place overall best speaker

Ripley Saltzmann-Barrera & Khushi Puri - 3rd place public forum debate

Lauren Aungier - 3rd place Domestic Extemporaneous speaking, 2nd place congressional debate

Teja Desai - 1st place congressional debate

Lucas Salaberry - 4th place domestic extemporaneous speaking

Diya Vettical - 4th place dramatic interpretation

Jackson Osteen - 6th place foreign extemporaneous speaking, finalist in congressional debate

Emma Goerges - 3rd place foreign extemporaneous speaking

Frances Hill - semifinalist, original oratory

Nicholas Klopp - semifinalist, foreign extemporaneous speaking

Khushi Puri - semifinalist, foreign extemporaneous speaking

Ripley Saltzmann-Barrera - semifinalist, original oratory

Grace Shearer - semifinalist, original oratory

Congratulations to our Speech and Debate team! You guys rock!

Harris County Clerk Needs Civic Minded Students

As a reminder, the Harris County Clerk's office is encouraging students across Harris County to apply to work in the upcoming **March 3, 2020 Democratic and Republican Party Primary Elections**. We encourage students to apply by our priority deadline of **January 31, 2020**. Students that meet this deadline are more likely to be placed at a location close to their house as well as have first pick of training classes. **We ask that all interested students apply no later than Friday, February 14, 2020.**

When students serve on Election Day they receive:

- \$17 an hour (a \$7 an hour raise from last year!)
- Paid training
- An excused absence from school
- A letter of recommendation from Harris County Clerk Dr. Diane Trautman

Students now have the opportunity to work as an Electronics Support Specialist, responsible for the set-up and maintenance of the elections equipment. Our aim is to have one Electronic Support Specialist at each of the Election Day polling locations.

I've attached a FAQ sheet as well as the permission form your students need to complete should they be interested in working. The application form is also available online [here](#). In addition, should there be any speaking opportunities in your classrooms, a member of our Outreach staff will be available to provide information.

Attached: [Student Election Clerk FAQ Sheet.pdf](#) is a FAQ sheet along with [Student Clerk Permission Slip- Current.pdf](#) form for your students who may be interested in working.

Senior Class of 2020 Reference

Don't miss out on important Senior information.

Follow us on Twitter [@LamarHS2020](#) or check www.Lamarhs.org for all the Lamar Class of 2020 Scoop!

LAMAR CLASS OF 2020 SENIOR DUES

Each Senior Has 2 Options to Pay for Senior Dues

Method of Payment - School Pay: <https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/Mdap>

#1 - Senior All Inclusive Package

\$210 Senior All Inclusive Package Early Bird Special (Before Jan. 12th)

Includes: Diploma Cover, Senior Breakfast, Class of 2020 T-Shirt, Sticker, Gift PLUS 1 Prom Ticket and 1 After Prom Party Ticket

Early bird includes a Class of 2020 Whataburger table tent!!

\$235 Senior All Inclusive Package (After Jan. 12th)

Includes: Diploma Cover, Senior Breakfast, Class of 2020 T-Shirt, Sticker, Gift PLUS 1 Prom Ticket and 1 After Prom Party Ticket

#2 Senior Basic Fees (does not include all items in the Senior Package above)

Includes: Diploma Cover, Senior Breakfast, Class of 2020 T-Shirt, Sticker & Gift

\$90 (before March 15th)

\$100 (after March 15th)

NOTE: Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, and Cap & Gown are NOT included in the Senior Package or Senior Fees

ALL Payments must be received via School Pay for Senior Packages or Senior Fees BY Sunday, March 15, 2020

Important Lamar Class of 2020 Event Dates:

- Senior Prom: April 18, 2020, @ 8:00 pm – 12:00 midnight (Bayou City Event Center)
- After Prom Party (Safe Prom): April 18, 2020 @ 12:00 midnight - 3:00 AM (Immediately following Prom at the same location)
- Senior Checkout: May 28th & May 29th, 2020
- Balfour Cap and Gown Distribution: May 28th & May 29th, 2020
- Graduation 2020: TBA

Good Luck To ALL our Lamar Class of 2020 Seniors!

Click the following attachment for the Class of 2020 Senior flyer:
[Class2020SeniorFlyer Final Copy.pdf](#)

Click the following attachment for the **Balfour** brochure:
[2020 Balfour Brochure.pdf](#)

Senior Ad

Honor your senior with a special recognition ad in our yearbook. The deadline to reserve your space is January 15, 2020. Click the following attachment for additional information: [Senior Ad.jpg](#)

Senior Superlatives and Senior Quotes

Attention Class of 2020,

Here is your opportunity to vote for class superlatives, as well as submit your senior quote.

The deadline to do this is Friday, Jan. 17.

Your senior quote will NOT be used if it contains vulgar or inappropriate language. There will be NO EXCEPTION to this rule.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSccBmHbB68Ew1w5jARHnrduy-gPEG8ZRIPU7t1OhQWBhWBLg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Food for Thought

"A true friend is one who is concerned about what we are becoming, who sees the present relationship and cares deeply about us a whole person."

Gloria Gaither



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