



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Closing Out the Semester

Tomorrow is the last day of final exams for the first semester of this school year. Teachers are finalizing grades for the grading cycle, and they will be entering grades for finals in the coming days. It is very important that students use tonight to finish any late assignments the teachers are still willing to accept. No Incompletes will be issued for the grading cycle or for final exams. Parents, please review all absences for the 3rd grading cycle. If your child was absent and it is not marked as excused, please send a letter stating the date and reason for the absences to the Neighborhood Clerk. These need to be sent before end of day Friday to be accepted. We will need to process all absence notes before report cards are finalized.

Missed Final Exams

Students who have missed a final exam because they have been ill or placed in quarantine will initially be awarded a zero for the final exam grade. Students can make-up the exam on the schedule below and a grade change will be submitted.

Thursday, 1/20/22 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 1/25/22 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 1/27/22 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/1/22 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 2/3/22 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

APEX Courses

Students who are assigned APEX courses to regain credit for a course they did not pass in a prior semester must be finished to award credit. I am encouraging students to complete any assigned APEX courses over this long weekend so that we can award credit this semester. Students who fail to receive credit for a course during this fall semester will be assigned the APEX course for the spring semester. There are several areas in which a student cannot advance to the next course in the sequence.

until credit is awarded for the prerequisite course. This may delay graduation and students will not be able to graduate with their classmates. Let's take care of business.

Important Note for Seniors:

Seniors who are deficient in credits, have assigned APEX courses, or have failed a first semester course that is required for graduation will have any off campus periods called back for the second semester. It is important that students and parents are aware of the student's status as we head into the second semester. Please review the online schedule and gradebook to check progress toward graduation.

Spring Camp Spark

The first three days of our Spring Break have been identified as Camp Spark days (March 14, 15 and 16). These days are identified for support to help close the learning gaps created by COVID. Save the date!

We will offer the following opportunities for students during Spring Camp Spark:

Science Accelerated Instruction

Students required to attend 30-hours of Accelerated Instruction under HB4545 will have the opportunity to earn 18 hours during Camp Spark.

Attendance Credit Appeal

Students who failed to gain credit for a fall semester course because of attendance and are eligible for credit appeal, will be able to regain credit through the credit appeal process. Students will receive an email in mid-February with a notice for courses for which they are eligible for credit appeal along with directions on how to pursue this opportunity. Courses that may be eligible for this opportunity are denoted with "NG" instead of a grade for the cycle.

STAAR EOC PREP

Students who are struggling in a STAAR EOC tested course will be identified for support during Camp Spark. Students will receive notice in mid-February if we recommend this support.

IB Assessment Last Chance

Students who are struggling to complete IB Internal Assessments and Portfolios will be invited to report to campus for assistance with readying their work for submission.

Highlighted Events:

- **Mon. Jan 17th:** MLK Holiday- No School
- **Tue. Jan 18th:** Teacher Prep Day- No School
- **Wed. Jan 19th:** First Day of Spring Semester
- **Tue. Jan 25:** ASVAB Testing

Wed. Jan 26: Makeup Balfour Cap/Gown Orders 11:45-12:15PM Transit Center

SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS - DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Student/SENIOR Yearbook Ads:

DEADLINE to purchase ad is Jan 15th. DEADLINE for complete ad design is Jan 21st.

Time is running out to purchase a yearbook ad or shoutout for your student!

You can create the ad yourself (like Shutterfly) or we can create it with photos you supply.

It's quick, it's easy, and it'll last forever!

To view how to purchase a yearbook or yearbook ad, watch the following videos:

- Ad Video #1: <https://www.tiktok.com/@lamarlifeonline/video/6880686540880628998?lang=en>
- Ad Video #2: <https://www.tiktok.com/@lamarlifeonline/video/6880689187918482694?lang=en>

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter @lamarlifeonline and @lamarlifeyearbook for more updates!

Please contact Kadee Harper, kadee.harper@houstonisd.org, with questions.

KHANATHLON!

The College Readiness department is thrilled to announce the opening of the Khanathlon. One of our top priorities is ensuring that our students are testing college ready and our top tool is Official SAT Practice at Khan Academy.

To help boost usage and engagement we have created the Khanathlon, a friendly competition between High Schools. The competition includes three challenges throughout the spring semester of 2022. Please see flyer for contest details.

Students can help themselves and their campuses by logging into Khan Academy through their Clever account and using their personalized Official SAT Practice daily. The winning campuses will receive a trophy and funds for college ready materials and initiatives.

Reduce your KHANflicts by working on your KHANcepts to increase your KHANfidence on the SAT. YOU KHAN DO IT! And Khan Academy Official SAT Practice KHAN help.

Get Your Khan On!

Follow along with the festivities on twitter @HISD2College #HISDKhanathlon

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Softball Tryouts



SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

LHS softball tryouts will be on Friday, Jan. 14
Players must have a current physical and a softball glove to participate.

Where? LHS softball field
When? Jan. 14, 1:15–3:00 p.m.

Questions? → Contact: Head Coach Brandy Mardis
brandy.mardis@houstonisd.org

Student Opportunity: Rock the Street, Wall Street

Get your daughter financially literate, comfortable with financial math, started on career exploration into the M of STEM and on the road to a successful launch into college. This program is free of charge to your student.

Lamar High School is offering a program this Spring, [Rock The Street, Wall Street](#), (RTSWS). RTSWS is a financial and investment literacy program designed to spark the interest of a diverse population of high school girls into careers of finance. **The program is facilitated 100% by local female financial professionals.**

We are **recruiting now** for the RTSWS [Spring Mentorship component](#) at Lamar High School. [This component](#) of the program consists of 5, 1-hour sessions (roughly 1x/month), wherein your child will learn about personal and professional development, goal setting, interview skills, stock market analysis and social media etiquette all while being paired with a mentor in a 2:1 setting.

Mentors will help guide them, establish a professional network and help build their social capital. They will be offered guidance on high school and college course selection. Students will create resumes, build a LinkedIn profile, and apply business skills to real world situations. The goal is to encourage the growth of women to become financially literate, independent and equally represented in the field of finance.

*Deadline to sign up for the Spring Mentorship is **January 27.***

Please contact the RTSWS Team directly by clicking [here](#) with any questions. Your child can register directly for the program via the [Rock The Street, Wall Street app](#). Be sure she/they indicate(s) which school she/they attend(s).

Visit our website: www.rockthestreetwallstreet.com for more information.

GEOSCIENCES OPEN HOUSE

Virtual via Zoom

Tues., January 25th @ 7 pm Sam Houston State University



ATTENTION STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!

Are you interested in science and math?

Join us to learn more about scholarship opportunities to apply these subjects to geoscience careers and help solve problems locally and around the globe.

Environmental and Geoscience faculty at SHSU and Geology faculty at Lone Star College-University Park have been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to talk with you about broadening participation in the geosciences and pursuing high-demand careers!



Guest Speaker
Chuck Caughey
Exploration Geologist

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
High school and community college students and their families, high school teachers, and high school administrators.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?
>> Hear about a new all-expenses paid transfer scholarship opportunity!
>> Learn about geoscience careers and education opportunities, including our paid 10-day summer bridge program for Summer 2022.
>> Interact with geoscience faculty and professionals.

WHERE?
This event is virtual via Zoom. Please email Dr. David Moss (dxm112@shsu.edu) to register.

WHEN?
Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 7 pm - 8:15 pm

To meet our goal of understanding student and teacher perspectives, before and after each event participants will be asked to complete an online survey so that we can better understand the impact of each component of our program. Completion of the survey is not required to participate in any of the GET Texas events.

Please email Dr. David Moss (dxm112@shsu.edu) to register!



Important Spring Testing Updates

All students are required to take and pass five STAAR End of Course (EOC) exams before graduating. This spring, all STAAR exams are transitioning to an online only testing format. All students taking STAAR EOC exams this spring must plan on using their HISD issued laptop and charger for these tests. If your child's laptop or charger is missing or broken, it is critical that they go to the Lamar IT Office (N215) for assistance as soon as possible. If your child's laptop charger is missing s/he will need to purchase a new charger through the Lamar Business Office or using the SchoolPay link at <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Laptop-Charger---HP-45W--AC-Adapter--550/SCcrNI>

[Laptop Charger - HP 45W AC Adapter \\$55.00](#)

Replacement PowerUp Student Laptop Computer Charger \$55.00 Present receipt to IT department. To avoid convenience fees you may pay by cash or money order in the business office.

www.schoolpay.com

Please note that all students will be responsible for returning a laptop, charger and case at the end of the school year.

Spring 2022 STAAR Testing Dates

February 15, 2022 – STAAR EOC English 2 Field Test (10th graders)

April 5, 2022 – STAAR EOC English 1 (9th graders and Retesters)

April 7, 2022 – STAAR EOC English 2 (10th graders and Retesters)

May 3, 2022 – STAAR EOC US History (11th grade and Retesters)

May 4, 2022 – STAAR EOC Algebra 1 (9th grade and Retesters)

May 5, 2022 – STAAR EOC Biology (9th grade and Retesters)

All Houston ISD High Schools have been selected to participate in the Spring 2022 STAAR EOC Field Test. Our 10th grade students, currently taking English 2, will take the STAAR EOC English 2 Field Test on February 15th starting at 8:30 AM. This field test is required for all students currently taking English 2, but it is not part of their graduation requirement. This test will be great practice for the real STAAR EOC in April 2022. Testing will be completed through the Texas Online testing platform on the students' HISD issued laptop. Since we do not have extra technology devices to loan to students, it is important that all students have their laptop and charger with them. If they are having any problems with their HISD issued technology devices, students must report it to the Lamar IT Office in N215 immediately.

The 62nd Annual
**Carl B. & Florence E. King
Foundation High School Summer
Program in Biomedical Sciences**

Sponsored by the **School of Health Professions**

Applications accepted Nov. 1, 2021 to Jan. 20, 2022

Program Dates June 6 – Aug 12, 2022

The program introduces interested and qualified young Texans to a research environment and provides firsthand experiences in the varied career opportunities available at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, the nation's leading cancer research and treatment centers. Up to 7 students will be selected to participate in this ten-week program and will receive a scholarship award to assist with financial responsibilities during the program.

Students selected for the program are given a rare opportunity to participate in a research project in one of the biomedical disciplines under the guidance of a full-time member of the MD Anderson faculty. Emphasis is placed on the importance of the basic principles that form the foundation for scientific investigation.

The laboratory experience is supplemented by seminars presented by faculty on a wide variety of research topics and by activities exclusive to participants of all the Summer Programs.

Previous laboratory and/or research experience is NOT required.

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To apply and find out more about the program,
visit the web page bit.ly/SHP-HS-Summer

For more information contact
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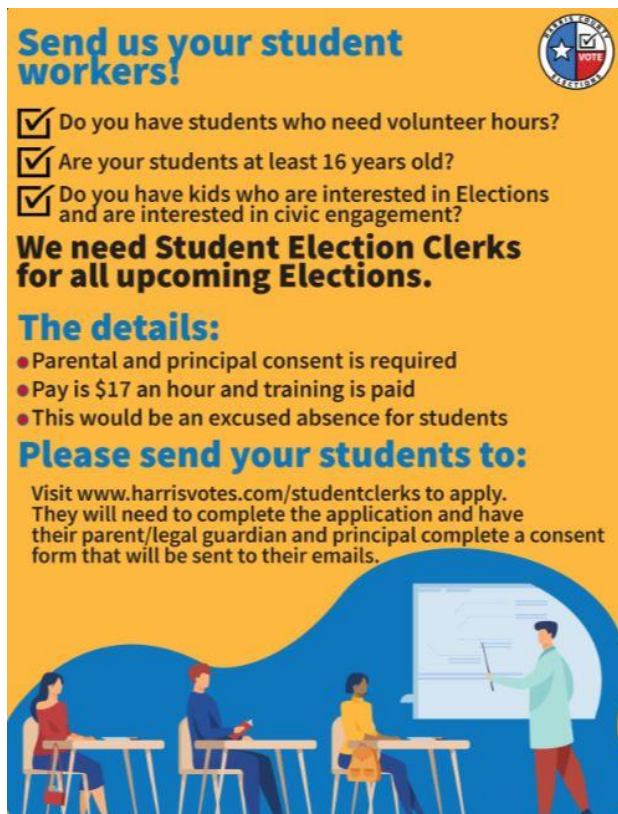
To apply for the program, students must be enrolled in their senior year at a Texas public, private, charter or home high school and graduate prior to the starting the program. This is a *competitive* application process, and a review committee will evaluate each application for a demonstration of academic achievement, leadership, scientific aptitude and service to community and/or school.

Housing and other expenses are NOT provided and are the responsibility of the participant for the duration of the program.

IB Oral Assessment Updates for 11th and 12th Grade Parents:

- All 11th and 12th grade **IB English students** will participate in an oral assessment.
- All students in an **IB language** (Mandarin, French, Arabic, Spanish) class that includes SL2 or HL2 in the course name (for example Spanish SL2) will participate in an oral assessment.
- These oral assessments are required IB assessments.
- Students participate in a recorded conversation with their teacher about topics discussed in class.
- Students will receive teacher guidance and class time to prepare for their oral assessments.
- Oral assessments begin in February. Students will receive their scheduled oral assessment time and day from their teacher.
- Your support at home is greatly appreciated. Please encourage your child to arrive on time and prepared for each oral assessment.
- Get in touch with Dr. Acord if you have questions. suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

Harris County Elections Needs Civic Minded Students!



Students can apply online here www.harrisvotes.com/studentclerks or click the button below. Please share this link or email with your students! I've also attached a flyer and social media graphic that you can use to promote the program among your students.

Students can apply online now!

When students serve on Election Day, they receive:

- \$17/hour
- Paid online training
- An excused absence from school (up to 2 days **per school year**)
- A letter of recommendation from Elections Administrator Isabel Longoria

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Program

Attention 11th and 12th graders interested in taking the ASVAB. The ASVAB will be administered at Lamar HS on Tuesday, January 25th. The ASVAB is a multiple choice assessment, administered by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. This test covers eight general subjects, testing current knowledge and propensity to learn in different subject areas. It contains questions on English, science, mechanics and electronics. To learn more or take a practice test visit www.asvabprogram.com or <https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab>. To register to take the ASVAB at Lamar HS students should complete the registration form at <https://forms.gle/gJvsKGGT5Fgm73Dk7>. Students must be logged into the HISD Google account to access the link.

Parent Engagement Meeting

January 18th 6:00-7:00PM

Preparing a Child for College

Click here for Teams Meeting: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWnhN2ZiNmUtYzA5NS00MTE0LThjZjEtNmJiZTI0MGZlODhj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f5eb9966-9336-4b33-8895-9982425b13ed%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224aadd8c4-6498-4b5a-bf4a-3be8bc076d40%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d&btype=a&role=a

The speaker is from Nick Finnegan Center.

COLLEGE CORNER

FAFSA STATE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15TH

Congratulations! Ms. J. Taylor received a Congressional Nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy from Congresswoman Fletcher. Are you a 9th, 10th, or 11th grader interested in one of the U.S. Service Academy's? See the College Corner for Summer STEM programs available.

FAFSA and TASFA STATE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15TH.

Just a reminder that the Texas priority deadline for FAFSA and TASFA is this Saturday, January 15th. Don't miss out on grants and scholarships for college!

Texas House Bill 3 implemented completion of FAFSA as a graduation requirement' Upload any financial aid confirmation emails here: <https://forms.gle/e38JgGc9bUDvE4zH6> . If you need assistance with completing your FAFSA or TASFA, stop by the College Corner.

Parental Non-Participation "Opt-Out" forms are available on the Houston ISD College Readiness webpage below. PRINT, signed, and completed forms can be turned into the College Corner or with student Academic Dean before Spring Break.

[opt-out_revised_10.2021_final_english.pdf \(texas.gov\)](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS!

Houston ISD > College Readiness > Scholarships [link below] Good source of student scholarships. [College Readiness / Scholarships \(houstonisd.org\)](#)

2022 LAMAR Alumni HOPE Scholarship Complete form and turn into the College Corner for processing before 10 February. NEW 2-year option available. [HOPE Scholarship Application 2022](#)

Marvy Finger Foundation Scholarship [HCC specific] 2 year fully funded career fields. See link below for information or pick-up application at College Corner. Deadline 4 February.

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“SENIORS! The Marvy Finger Family Scholarship Application is due February 4th! This is a scholarship that you do NOT want to pass up! 2 FULL years paid in full, a free laptop, work attire/uniforms paid, food vouchers and more, when you are accepted! NO CATCH! Just a 2-year commitment to your technical education program!

SEE College Corner bulletin for weekly updates on scholarships available.

BUY THE 2021-22 YEARBOOK NOW!

This is a year you won't want to forget! Help our yearbook staff reach our goal and buy your yearbook now for \$95. Price jumps to \$125 in March! Order here: Balfour.com

We only have a limited number of yearbooks to sell, so be sure to purchase NOW!

Please contact Kadee Harper, kadee.harper@houstonisd.org, with questions.

2022 Lifeguarding Opportunities

The City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department Aquatic Administration is interested in recruiting for the following:

Lifeguards

Head Lifeguards

Aquatic Center Supervisors

For more information and to apply online: <http://www.houstontx.gov/jobs>

Seniors - Updates from the **CLASS of 2022**

Senior Dues can be paid on School Pay:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/LHSCLASS2022>

TE★ANS CLASS OF 2022

Senior Dues

Early Bird Special (Before Dec 17th) \$90

*Includes: T-Shirt, Sweet Treat Friday,
LHS Fest Early Entry Pass, Diploma Cover,
Whataburger Table Tent*

School Pay Link:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/LHSCLASS2022>

After January 10th, price is \$100

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2022 DATES

November 16, 2021 Panoramic Photo

December 4, 2021 Movie Night

February 26, 2022 LHS Fest

April 2, 2022 Prom

June 2022 Graduation

*Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, Prom Ticket,
Cap & Gown are NOT included in Senior Dues*
All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Balfour: www.balfour.com

CLASS CHAIRS: BETH LANE & ALYSON ROONEY

SAVE THE DATE: Prom will be April 2, 2022

2021 PTO Information



As we celebrate this season of giving and thank, the Lamar PTO would like to say "thank you" to everyone who has contributed their time, money, and energy to helping our efforts 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 which will allow the a PTO to continue to support the programs that we have historically funded each year.

In the spirit Thanksgiving, the PTO has launched the first annual ["Big & Bright Fall Giving Campaign"](#) from Tuesday, November 16 to Thursday, November 18 to help raise enough revenue to fully fund the following programs:

- College Workshop Wednesdays – These seminars led by college preparedness professionals give students and parents the tools they need to help prepare for the college application and scholarship acquisition process and more.
- Technology in the classroom – cameras, iPads, and audio/visual equipment which help to ensure that our teachers have the most up-to-date technology to serve our students.
- Teacher programs and instructional tools including curriculum support software, classroom supply needs, lab instruction materials, writing support programs, fine arts and athletic equipment, professional development programs, and more.
- Teacher appreciation projects which help to motivate and thank our hard-working teachers.
- Senior class activities such as LHS Fest, senior treat day and senior t-shirts.
- Campus community building events including Homecoming activities and Movie Night which help foster a sense of community among our students.
- Campus improvements and beautification projects which help provide an optimal learning environment for our students.

Please consider donating to the "Big & Bright Fall Giving Campaign." No amount is too big or too small, and all donations will be used to directly support the programs listed above. To donate, simply click the picture above or click [HERE](#).

<https://lamarpto.wufoo.com/forms/mshkcbr1qxc906/>



Do you own or work for a business that might benefit from partnering with the Lamar PTO? If so, please consider donating to our annual [FILL THE GAP - Corporate Sponsorship Campaign](#).

We REALLY appreciate your support!!

Still haven't joined the Lamar PTO? It's not too late and membership is FREE! Signing up is easy and only takes a minute, so [CLICK HERE](#) to join today! You can also keep up with the PTO by going to our website at www.lamarpto.org.

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the full collection. Flip through our online
catalog that is fully shoppable
and won't get lost in the trash.

https://issuu.com/balfour/docs/balfour-lumpkin-ring-sy22_cstm-issuu?fr=sODNhMzQxMTUzMjY

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