



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Principal's Corner



Last year you may remember that we made the switch in our curriculum to the new IB mathematics courses in 11th grade that would put a student on a two year SL or two year HL track. This year we will be phasing in the similar trajectory with our science courses. Students will select not only the area of science they wish to study, but will also have the opportunity to take a two year SL track or a two year HL track beginning with 11th grade in the 2020-2021 school year.

We are encouraging students to select the math and science courses that complement one another and support their areas of interest and future career goals. These will be discussed with students and parents during student led conferences to help students make informed choices as they move from our IB MYP Programme in 9th and 10th grade to our IB Diploma or IB Career-related Programme in 11th and 12th grade.

You may wish to review the information provided about how to select a complementary math and science sequence. [IB Math Science Sequences 2020-21 1.9.20 FINAL.pdf](#)

1-800-STUCO

Visit Student Council's [website](#). This is a way for the student body to make suggestions on how they want to improve the school. Make sure you follow us on Instagram (@lamarstudentcouncil) and Twitter (@stucoc). You can also email your ideas to 1800STUCO@gmail.com. We can take your opinions into consideration and then approach the administration with your ideas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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)
5:15 - 8 pm
- Course Selection for
Incoming Zoned 9th
Graders (Grand Hall) 6
pm
- JV Girls BB vs WS (LHS)
7 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,

Highlighted Events

- **Fri. Jan. 17th- Early Release**
- **Fri. Jan. 17th-** Showcase Cabaret (Blackbox) 7 pm
- **Sat. Jan. 18th-** Showcase Cabaret (Blackbox) 7 pm
- **Mon. Jan. 20th- MLK Holiday**
- **Tues. Jan. 21st-** Parent University (LHS) 5:15 - 8 pm
- **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- Football Banquet (Grand Hall) 6 - 8 pm**
- **Fri. Jan. 24th-** Debate Tournament (LHS) 4:30 pm
- **Sat. Jan. 25th-** Debate Tournament (LHS) TBA
- **Wed. Jan. 29th-** 10th - 12th ASVAB Testing (LHS) TBA

Early Release Schedule

When: Friday, January 17th

Dismissal Time: 1:10 pm

Schedule:

1st period: 8:30-9:35

Passing: 9:35-9:40

2nd period: 9:40-10:45

Passing: 10:45-10:50

3rd period: 10:50-11:55

Passing: 11:55-12:00

4th period: 12:00-1:00

Lunch: 1:00-1:10

Future Early Release Dates

Friday, February 14th

Parent University and Lamar's Course Selection for Incoming Zoned 9th Graders

When: Tuesday, January 21st

Where: Lamar High School

Who: All Families Grades K-12 & Lamar's Incoming Zoned 9th Graders

- 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
- Football Banquet (Grand Hall) 6 pm
- **Fri. Jan. 24th-B-Day**
- Swim District 16-6A Diving (LHS) 4 pm
- Debate Tournament (LHS) 4:30 pm
- 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
- **Mon. Jan. 27th-A-Day**
- JV Boys BB vs Westbury

Time(s): Free Dinner, Entertainment & Resource Fair: 5:15 - 6 pm
Course Selection for Incoming Zoned 9th Graders: 6:05 pm
Parent University General Session: 6:05 - 6:30 pm
Parent University Breakout Sessions: 6:30 - 8 pm

****CHILDCARE & INTERPRETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE****

CLICK THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

[HISD-Parent-University-Flyer-Spring-Sessions-2019-2020.pdf](#)

Free Practice SAT or ACT Test

Students are invited to a FREE Practice ACT or SAT test. Sylvan provides free practice tests to students who are referred by their counselor. See below for details.

When: Monday, January 20th or Sunday, January 26th at 10 AM (until 2 PM)

Where: Sylvan Learning Center of Bellaire
(5316 Bissonnet Street, Bellaire, TX 77401)

Call with Questions: 281-501-2055
Or

Email to Register: bellaire.tx@sylvanlearning.com

Football Banquet

When: Thursday, January 23rd

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Where: Grand Hall

Cost: \$10.00 per person (Coaches & Players are free)

Attire: Business

All-Stater

Congratulation to Mikah Goodwine for making the All State Treble Choir! Mikah ranked 7th in the Alto 2 section. Making any All State Music organization is the highest honor a music student can achieve. Mikah will travel to San Antonio in February to sing under the direction of Dr. Julie Yu, Co- director of Choral Studies at Kansas State University. Mikah has made us Lamar proud!

- (Westbury) 7 pm
- Varsity Boys BB vs Westbury (Delmar) 7 pm
- Freshman Boys BB vs Westbury (Westbury) 5:30 pm
- Varsity Girls BB vs Westbury (Delmar) 5:30 pm
- JV Girls BB vs Westbury (LHS) 7 pm
- Freshman Girls BB vs Westbury (LHS) 5:30 pm
- Girls Varsity Golfcrest Tournament (Pearland) TBA
- Big Brothers & Sisters 9th & 10th (LHS) Lunch
- **Tues. Jan. 28th-B-Day**
- Swim Pin Oak vs Tanglewood (LHS) 6 pm
- **Wed. Jan. 29th-A-Day**
- 10th - 12th ASVAB (LHS) TBA
- **Thurs. Jan. 30th -B-Day**
- **Fri. Jan. 31st-A-**
- Coffee House (Grand Hall) 4 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Chavez (LHS) 7 pm
- JV Girls BB vs Chavez (Chavez) 7 pm
- Freshman Girls BB vs Chavez (Chavez) 5:30 pm
- Freshman Boys BB vs Chavez (LHS) 5:30 pm
- Varsity Boys BB vs Bellaire (Delmar) 5 pm
- Varsity Soccer vs Bellaire (Delmar) 5 pm
- **Sat. Feb. 1st**
- Softball vs Pasadena (Pasadena Complex) 11 am
- JV Soccer vs Bellaire (Butler Sr.) 2 pm

December 2019 STAAR EOC Results Available

Results from the STAAR EOC tests taken in December 2019 are now available at <https://www.texasassessment.com/>. Paper copies of the test results will be distributed to those students who tested at the end of January. Prior to graduating high school, students must pass all five STAAR EOC tests. The next STAAR EOC testing opportunity will be-

Spring STAAR EOC testing dates:

- English I – April 7, 2020
- English 2 – April 8, 2020
- Algebra I – May 5, 2020
- Biology – May 6, 2020
- US History – May 7, 2020

June 2020 China Summer Study Abroad for Houston ISD Students

Dates & Location: Tentatively June 6-22, 2020, Beijing & Chongqing, China

Activities: Students will study Mandarin Chinese language, experience traditional art forms through learning Chinese calligraphy and paper cutting, participate in cultural activities such as conducting a formal tea ceremony, and visit points of interest and sites of natural beauty in China, including the Great Wall of China near Beijing.

Eligibility: HISD students who will be 9th-12th graders in an HISD high school in SY20-21, who want to learn Chinese language and culture in an intensive setting, and who will be recommended highly by their teachers. You do not have to be enrolled in Chinese class to apply.

Cost: Total cost will be approximately \$1800 which includes international airfare, medical insurance, and Chinese travel visa fee. All food, hotel, transportation and program costs are covered during the two-week program. Student must have a valid passport.

Ready to go to China? Access the application at

<http://bit.ly/HISDChinaSummer2020>. Applications will be accepted on a first come/first served basis with a maximum of 25 students.

Questions? Contact Emily Smith, HISD C.I. Manager, at
esmith23@houstonisd.org or call 713-556-7578.

Click the following attachment for further information: [2020 Chongqing China Student Summer Camp - One Pager.pdf](#)

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Program

Attention 10 - 12th graders interested in taking the ASVAB. The ASVAB will be administered at Lamar HS on Wednesday, January 29th. 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 your 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 visit <https://forms.gle/VcgezXLyPyB9H4ZF6>

IB Diploma Recipients- Village News

Congratulations to all of the IB Diploma recipients for Class of 2019!

[Class 2019 IB Diploma Recipients-Village News Edition 14Jan2020.pdf](#)

Softball Tryouts

When: January 24th & 25th

Where: 5826 Schumaker Ln Houston, Texas

Reference the attached flyer for more information: [Softball try out flyer.pdf](#)

Lamar HS Rodeo Art Awards & Accolades

Congratulations to Lamar High School Visual Artists for an outstanding performance at the District Rodeo Art judging. Out of the 37 HISD high schools, 3 of the top 25 pieces advancing to the final regional Rodeo art evaluation are Lamar Texans...more than any other HS in the district! Great job Texan artists!!! The following is a list of participating artists: junior Daisy Prince - 1st place finish, sophomore Lainie Stone-finalist, and finally, the three artist who will represent Lamar at the Houston Livestock show & Rodeo: sophomore - Brooklyn Spencer, sophomore - Tara Houston, and sophomore Olivia Tansey. If you know any of these young ladies please congratulate them - Great job Texans!!!

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 Ad Extension

We have extended the deadline to purchase your child a senior ad in the 2020 yearbook. Mark a wonderful milestone by celebrating your child.

Go to www.balfour.com to purchase your senior ad. The deadline to purchase your senior ad at www.balfour.com is Jan. 31.

Don't get left out, purchase senior ads today at www.balfour.com.

Seniors don't forget to vote for senior superlative and leave your senior quote on the HUB.

Parents, there is still time to purchase the first yearbook of the decade. Go to www.balfour.com or www.schoolpay.com.
BUY YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!!!!

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, Business Office, During Lunch, Before or After School

#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 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/1FAIpQLScCBmHbB68Ew1w5jARHnrduty-qPEG8ZRIPU7t1OhQWBhWBLg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Food for Thought

"Who we are is reflected in the people we choose as friends."

Grace Kettermann



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