



# Lamar High School

## AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL

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COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

For the week of November 19, 2018

## Principal's Corner



The last seven days have been tough for this community, and I want nothing more than to know that our children are working through this really challenging time in a healthy way. I addressed the student body yesterday through LCT and shared two things they could do to help – 1) Be where you are supposed to be; 2) If you see something, say something.

All members of administration are visible and on duty throughout the campus, and we are being vigilant with supervision. All week, we have had administrators monitoring the main entrance and main hallway, and we will place someone there full time to greet guests. Today has been a very smooth day, and I think it is helping students gain a sense of normalcy.

I want you to know that we are working with a number of agencies, departments and organizations to ensure our students feel safe and indeed are safe when at school. Let me walk you through the things we are working on to make that happen.

**Lamar PTO** – PTO will be working alongside CIS to organize an event for parents right after Thanksgiving to give guidance to parents on supporting their children through loss.

**HISD Counseling Services** – HISD initiated the Crisis Team protocol to ensure we are available to support students with additional grief counseling.

### HISD Facility and Construction Services -

- A complete review of our PA system is under way, and repairs are being made to any areas of the building that are not generating a clear sound.
- Contractors were on site today to survey the campus for a card access system to allow us to have better control of entries into the building.

**Houston Police Department and HISD Police Department** – Extra officers have been on campus this week, and we have been placed on close-patrol so that other officers are in close proximity. We have received incredible support from both police agencies to ensure students feel safe. Additionally, HPD detectives are continuing to work toward solving the case and have been in touch with us regularly to collect information.

**Mayor Turner's Gang Task Force** – We met with members of the gang task force yesterday, who were on campus for several hours to talk with students and identify any potential areas of concern.

**Student Council and IB Ambassadors** – Today, we met with student leaders to discuss a way for students to get involved in the conversation. Student leaders are inviting the student body to join them for pizza and a panel discussion tomorrow. The Lamar Conference for Change will allow students to identify ways they can effect change. County Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Crimestoppers will be on campus tomorrow to participate in this panel discussion.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mon. Nov. 19th**
- **Thanksgiving Holiday**
- Freshmen Girls Basketball vs Northbrook (Northbrook) @ 4 pm
- Girls JV Basketball vs Northbrook (Northbrook) @ 5:30 pm
- Girls Varsity Basketball vs Northbrook (Northbrook) @ 7 pm
- **Tues. Nov. 20th**
- **Thanksgiving Holiday**
- Freshmen Boys Basketball vs Strake Jesuit (Lamar) @ 9 am
- JV Basketball vs Strake Jesuit (Lamar) @ 10:30 am
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Strake Jesuit (Lamar) @ 12 noon
- Swim Team Round-Up Relays (Lamar) @ 2 pm
- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Fri. Nov. 23rd**
- **Thanksgiving Holiday**
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Texas Jamboree (Westbury)/ (Episcopal HS) @ 7 pm
- **Sat. Nov. 24th**
- **No Events Scheduled**
- **Mon. Nov. 26th- B-Day**
- Freshmen Girls Basketball vs Bellaire (Bellaire) @ 5pm
- Girls JV Basketball vs Bellaire (Bellaire) @ 7 pm
- **Tues. Nov. 27th- A-Day**
- SDMC Meeting (Alumni room) @ 7:30 am
- Freshmen Boys Basketball vs St. Johns (St. Johns) @ 4:30 pm
- JV Boys Basketball vs St. Johns (St. Johns) @ 6 pm
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs St. Johns (St. Johns) @ 7:30 pm
- Girls Varsity Basketball vs Bellaire (Butler) @ 7 pm
- Varsity Swim Team vs Dash/ St. Thomas & Episcopal (Lamar) @ 8 pm

**Parents** – You can help us. I would strongly recommend that you take advantage of the attendance trigger in Parent Student Connect. Once logged in to PSC, open the gradebook and select "Triggers" from the menu on the left. The system will send you an email or a text message the minute your child is marked absent from class. This is a different notification from the one you receive in the evening when your child is absent. PSC offers a real time notification. You can find directions for this on the Lamar website under Resource> Parent Resources.

I want to thank the community, my staff, HISD district administration and our law enforcement officials for all of their support during this difficult time.

After Thanksgiving, I will continue with the multi-part series on the new construction. I hope that you and your family enjoy this time together.

## Dress Code

This is a reminder for students and parents. As the weather gets chillier, we see an increase in jackets that do not meet dress code. It is important that students be in dress code while on the bus and while on campus. Students who do not have dress code appropriate jackets may wear a long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt under their approved Lamar collared shirt. The Lamar logo must be visible.

## Attention Class of 2019 and Class of 2020 parents:

If your child has classes on their schedule with the prefix of "IB," then they are likely going to be taking IB exams this school year. There are fees associated with enrollment in IB diploma-level classes, regardless of whether your child is pursuing the full IB diploma. Please see the attached documents for more information, including how much and where to pay. The payment deadline (to avoid \$100 late fee) is December 4. Payment plans can be arranged before December 4 to avoid the late fee for families in need of additional time. Please direct questions to Ms. Bissell, IB Coordinator, at [RBISSELL@houstonisd.org](mailto:RBISSELL@houstonisd.org).

For further information about IB registration, please go to:

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/173119>

## Lamar Wrestling Team

Our Lamar Wrestling Team has started selling Fan Cloth to raise funds for the upcoming season. We would appreciate if you support our wrestlers! All funds go towards equipment, uniforms, tournament fees, and snacks for the team for our very long Saturdays. Please consider purchasing an item from us, thank you for your time and everything you do for our students/athletes.

Here is the link below,

<http://shop.fanclub.com/77098/450930>

## Volunteers Needed!!!

Lamar is looking for family members and individuals in the community to provide support at Lamar High School. Be an instrument of change for your community by becoming a (VIPS) Volunteer in the Public School. To sign up, please go online:

<https://apps.raptorware.com/vsoft/kiosk/volunteerregistration?clientId=f4767608-a773-44e7-8d47-645d85e67f27>

For further information contact Mrs. D. Jones, (VIPS) RAPTOR Coordinator, @ [djones13@houstonisd.org](mailto:djones13@houstonisd.org)

## Lamar Night in the Village

Come out and enjoy some good food and early holiday shopping to support Lamar High School Class of 2021, Wednesday, December 5th.

Kendra Scott  
2411 Times Blvd #201  
6-8 pm 20% donation

- JV Swim Team vs Dash/ St. Thomas & Episcopal (Lamar) @ 6 pm
- **Wed. Nov. 28th-B-Day**
- Senior Panoramic Picture (LHS Front Lawn) @ 9 am
- Wrestling Team Tri (Chavez) @4:30 pm
- **Thurs. Nov. 29th-A-Day**
- Magnet Tours (Library) @ 9 am
- Magnet Tours (Library) @ 1 pm
- Freshmen Girls Basketball Spring Branch Invitational Tournament (Memorial HS) @ TBA
- JV Girls Basketball Spring Branch Invitational Tournament (Memorial HS) @ TBA
- Varsity Boys Basketball Pearland Tournament (TBA) @ TBA
- JV Boys Basketball Alief Tournament (TBA) @ TBA
- **Fri. Nov. 30th-B-Day**
- Freshmen Girls Basketball Spring Branch Invitational Tournament (Memorial HS) @ TBA
- JV Girls Basketball Spring Branch Invitational Tournament (Memorial HS) @ TBA
- Varsity Boys Basketball Pearland Tournament (TBA) @ TBA
- JV Boys Basketball Alief Tournament (TBA) @ TBA
- **Sat. Dec. 1st**
- SAT Testing (LHS) @ 8 am
- "Fall Night of Scenes" (Cafe) @ TBA
- Freshmen Girls Basketball Spring Branch Invitational Tournament (Memorial HS) @ TBA
- JV Girls Basketball Spring Branch Invitational Tournament (Memorial HS) @ TBA
- Varsity Boys Basketball Pearland Tournament (TBA) @ TBA
- JV Boys Basketball Alief Tournament (TBA) @ TBA

Hopdoddy  
5510 Morningside Dr. #100  
All day 20% Donation

All proceeds will benefit the Lamar High School Class of 2021 Safe After Prom Party.  
Don't forget to mention Lamar High School during check out.  
Spread the word and bring all your friends.  
Thanks for your support!

## JROTC Fundraiser

### Classic 24 inch Wreath

Bring the fragrance of fresh Maine balsam and the holidays into your home. Thick and full holiday wreath with a traditional holiday scheme. Each wreath contains premium, live Maine balsam greens, real pinecones, faux holly berries and a hand-tied, weatherproof red velveteen bow. Made in Maine.

Approximately 24 inches in outside diameter

Approximately four pounds in weight

Made with fresh Maine balsam Hand-tied, weatherproof, red velveteen bow

Made in Maine

Each wreath is \$33.00 including tax

All orders must be submitted by November 25, 2018

We expect our wreaths to be delivered to Lamar and available for pickup at Lamar on Friday, December 7, 2018

To place your order online, go to: <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/lamarjrotcwreath>

After ordering online, please email a copy of your receipt to [kenneth.zapanta@houstonisd.org](mailto:kenneth.zapanta@houstonisd.org)

Reference the attachments for further details. Thank you for supporting the Lamar High School JROTC program!

## LHS Parent Class Committees of 2019/2020/2021/2022

With generous support from Southwest Oral & Implant Surgery

Presenting 80s cover band *The Chocolate Orb*

#s Nightclub

300 Westheimer Road

Present 80s cover band

LIVE MUSIC

Band mates Leah White & Mark Schultz are Class of 2022 & 2021 parents

ADULTS 21 & UP

Doors Open 7 pm

Band @ 8:30 pm

When: 12-08-18

\$20.00 tickets at the door

Private Event

\*All proceeds fund the SAFE PROM PARTY for 2019/2020/2021/2022\*

## Congratulations to LHS Football Team and Coach Lindsey!

Congratulations to LHS football team and Coach Lindsey for the District Championship! Come and support the team this Friday, November 16th, @ 7 pm, as they play CyFair at Delmar stadium. The team was also featured in the Village News. Click the following link for further details:

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