



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Principal's Corner



Texans,
After talking with a number of schools and hearing from members of our own community, we would like to offer all students an opportunity to be exempt from one or more final exams during the spring semester. District Guidelines offer us the opportunity to use criteria that demonstrates a student has attended a sufficient number of classes and has shown mastery in the content area without having to take the final exam.

Here is how it will work:

- Students with less than 3 absences in the spring semester, excused or unexcused (field trips, athletic or academic competitions are examples of school approved trips that are not counted in this total); and
- Students with no disciplinary actions in the spring semester with conduct grades of E or S, will be eligible to request an exemption.
- Exemptions are available to qualifying students for a class in which the student has an 85 average or better, up to the limit set for each grade level.

Grade 9

May be allowed one spring final exemption.

Grade 10-11

May be allowed two spring final exam exemptions.

Grade 12

May be allowed exemption from all final exams.

Reference the following attachment for further details: [Final Exam Exemption.docx](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. Dec. 16th- Finals
- Emerge (College Corner) 4:05 - 6 pm
- Cheer Parent Meeting (Grand Hall) 6 pm
- Tues. Dec. 17th- Finals
- JV Girls Basketball vs North Forest (North Forest) 2 pm
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs North Forest (North Forest) 3:30 pm
- Wed. Dec. 18th- Finals
- Wrestling Quad w/Northside New Waverly and Clear Springs (Northside HS) TBA
- Thurs. Dec. 19th Finals
- Last Day of School for Students (Winter Break)
- Fri. Dec. 20th-
- Teacher Prep Day (No Students)
- Swim vs St. Agnes/Strake Jesuit (LHS) 9 am
- Freshman Girls Basketball vs Westbury (Westbury) 5:30 pm

1-800-STUCO

Student Council now has a [website](#) and we have re-branded ourselves as 1-800-STUCO. 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.

Highlighted Events

- **Sat. Dec. 14th- ACT Testing (9th Grade Neighborhoods) 7:30 am**
- **Sat. Dec. 14th- Attendance Credit Appeal (10th Grade Neighborhoods) 9 am - 2 pm**
- **Sat. Dec. 14th- Election Runoff (Performance Hall) 7 am - 7 pm**
- **Mon. Dec. 16th - Thurs. Dec. 19th- Final Examinations**
- **Mon. Dec. 16th- Emerge (College Corner) 4:05 - 6 pm**
- **Mon. Dec. 16th- Cheer Parent Meeting (Grand Hall) 6 pm**
- **Thurs. Dec. 19th- Last Day of School for Students**
- **Fri. Dec. 20th - Fri. Jan. 3rd- Winter Break for Students**
- **Mon. Jan. 6th - School Resumes after Winter Break**

Lamar Debate - 1st Place Sweepstakes

Congratulations again to Lamar's Debate Team! Lamar debate won 1st place sweepstakes at the Alief Taylor tournament on 12/6-7. Winners included:

Lauren Aungier - 1st place congressional debate, 1st place domestic extemporaneous speaking

Emma Goerges - 1st place foreign extemporaneous speaking, 1st place impromptu speaking, 2nd place congressional debate

Frances Hill - 3rd place original oratory

Chukwubikem Madu - 5th place in both congressional debate and foreign extemporaneous speaking

Aryana Mosaffa - Quarter-finalist, Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Lucas Salaberry - 3rd place congressional debate, 2nd place domestic extemporaneous speaking, 2nd place impromptu speaking

Ripley Saltzmann-Barrera - 2nd place original oratory

Grace Shearer - 4th place original oratory, 5th place impromptu speaking

Arthur Ian Tran - 8th place congressional debate, 2nd place foreign extemporaneous speaking

Rachel Wiggins - 4th place congressional debate, 3rd place domestic extemporaneous speaking

Franklin Wu - 1st place, Lincoln-Douglas Debate

- Freshman Boys Basketball vs Westbury (LHS) 5:30 pm
- JV Soccer vs Clear Falls (Clear Falls) 5:30 pm
- JV Girls Basketball vs Westbury (Westbury) 7 pm
- JV Boys Basketball vs Westbury (LHS) 7 pm
- Varsity Soccer vs Clear Falls (Clear Falls) 7:30 pm
- **Sat. Dec. 21st**
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Westbury (Butler) 10 am
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Westbury (Butler) 11 am
- **Mon. Dec. 23rd- Winter Break**
- **Tues. Dec. 24th- Winter Break**
- **Wed. Dec. 25th- Christmas Day**
- **Thurs. Dec. 26th- Winter Break**
- **Fri. Dec. 27th Winter Break**
- Varsity Girls Basketball "Gulf Coast Classic Varsity Tournament" (TBA) TBA
- Varsity Boys Basketball "Eric Medina Classic" (TBA) TBA
- **Sat. Dec. 28th**
- Varsity Girls Basketball "Gulf Coast Classic Varsity Tournament" (TBA) TBA
- Varsity Boys Basketball "Eric Medina Classic" (TBA) TBA
- JV Boys Basketball "Milby Tournament" (TBA) TBA
- Varsity Soccer vs Elsie

(Elsik HS) 1:30 pm

- JV Soccer vs Elsik (Elsik HS) 4 pm
- Sun. Dec. 29th
- JV Boys Basketball "Milby Tournament" (TBA) TBA

Lamar Women's Lacrosse Back-to-Back Champions

Congrats to the Lamar Women's Lacrosse Team on going undefeated and being back-to-back champions at the Cy-Fair Burning Flower Tournament this past weekend. They Lady Texans took on The Woodlands in the championship game winning 9-2! You make us Lamar proud!

Click the following attachment to view the team [LHS Lacrosse Team IMG_3040.jpg](#)

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.

Congratulations Maia Coleman!

Congratulations to Maia Coleman who signed her letter of intent to run track for Sam Houston University! Maia, you make us Lamar proud!

Rice University DOD - DAWA Houston Teen Summit

DoD is partnering with *Rice University's DAWA Pre-Health Society* to host an interactive youth summit on **Saturday, March 7, 2020** on Rice University's campus. We are seeking 75-100 adolescent female *minority* students (ages 13- to 18-years old) from the Houston area to attend this dynamic, day-long summit. The Summit will feature female speakers teaching on a range of topics from female reproductive anatomy and pubertal physiology to self-esteem during pubertal transition and self-efficacy during the transition to adulthood. As an added bonus - several of our speakers are physicians and *former alumnae* of your institution! Students will need to arrange their own transportation to and from the campus; however, refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Click the following attachment for further details: [Teen Summit Houston Flyer.pdf](#)

Harris County Clerk Needs Civic Minded Students

Are you interested in giving your students a firsthand look at the democratic process? In Texas, high school students aged 16 years and older can get **paid** to work the polls on Election Day. We would like to encourage students across Harris County to apply to work in the upcoming **March 3, 2020 Democratic and Republican Party Primary Elections**.

In 2019, Harris County hired 967 students from over 100 different high schools! These students played a crucial role in ensuring accessibility to the voters of Harris County while maintaining the integrity of the ballot box.

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.

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.

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.

FFA Holiday Arrangements

The Lamar FFA is having a Holiday floral sale! They will be selling these arrangements **from December 12th through Thursday, December 19th, of next week!** These arrangements are hand made by our floral design students in class. Pick up will be in J110 or FFA can deliver during 7th Period for those located on campus. Please bring receipt for proof of purchase!

Price: \$15 (with tax and school pay fee)

Dates: now- 12/19/19

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-FFA-Holiday-Arrangements/ScCxQF6>

Attendance Credit Appeal for Previous Semesters

If a student lost credit for a course during prior semesters because of his or her attendance but received passing grades for the course, they will be provided with information for attending our December 14th Attendance Credit Appeal. This will be the final opportunity for students to attend a credit appeal for all prior semesters. Any student who does not take advantage of this opportunity will be required to take the course over, in its entirety. Some students may be reseated next school year, to repeat the course, and some students will be required to take the course online through Apex in our Grad Lab. Students may be required to attend summer school.

Fall Semester Finals Bell Schedule

OFFICIAL ADA TIME EACH DAY IS AT 10:20 A.M.

Monday, December 16th

Period 2 - 8:30 - 10:30 am

Period 1 - 10:40 am - 12:40 pm

Lunch - 12:40 - 12:50 pm

BUSES LEAVE - 12:50 pm

Tuesday, December 17th

Period 6 - 8:30 - 10:30 am

Period 5 - 10:40 am - 12:40 pm

Lunch - 12:40 - 12:50 pm

BUSES LEAVE - 12:50 pm

Wednesday, December 18th

Period 3 - 8:30 - 10:30 am

Period 4 - 10:40 am - 12:40 pm

Lunch - 12:40 - 12:50 pm

BUSES LEAVE - 12:50 pm

Thursday, December 19th

Period 7 - 8:30 - 10:30 am

Period 8 - 10:40 am - 12:40 pm

Lunch - 12:40 - 12:50 pm

BUSES LEAVE - 12:50 pm

Winter Break for students is December 20 - January 3rd

School resumes Monday, January 6th

Lamar Men's Lacrosse

BE A PART OF THE LEGACY!

Want to be a part of the fastest-growing sport in the USA, and represent Lamar High School as member of the lacrosse team? Lamar Men's Lacrosse started at back in 1988, under the tutelage of Coach Dave Vollmer, who is believed to have been given the position not only for his vast knowledge of lacrosse, but also his roots in the Northeast! Coach Vollmer stepped right up to the task and led the Lamar Men's Lacrosse Team to State Champions in both 1989 and 1995. Coach Vollmer still heads the competitive program today, with help from three amazing assistant coaches. The Lamar Mens Lacrosse Alumni base is very strong, with the annual Alumni Game held every year the weekend after Thanksgiving. They just can't get enough of Lamar Men's Lacrosse!

If you are an athlete looking for a fast-paced, fun, and high energy sport, lacrosse is just right for you. Lacrosse utilizes speed, hand-eye coordination (aka "stick skills"), and offensive and defensive strategy. Lacrosse is truly a great combination of both skill and gamesmanship, and the momentum of the sport is exploding in Houston, with programs opening in all parts of the city and surrounding areas.

Summer Program for High School Seniors - UT MD Anderson School of Health Professions

Applications are now OPEN for 60th Annual Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation High School Summer Program in Biomedical Sciences presented by The School of Health Professions at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Applications available Nov. 1, 2019 – Jan. 16, 2020 and the program runs June 8 – July 24, 2020.

Interested applicants should visit: ([\[bit.ly/SHP-HS-Summer\]](http://bit.ly/SHP-HS-Summer)bit.ly/SHP-HS-Summer) for application tips. Click the following attachment for further details: [SummerHSFlier2020.pdf](#)

UT MD Anderson will select 10 students and pair each to mentor under an MD Anderson faculty member. The participants will work during normal business hours in their mentor's laboratory working on research.

Students will receive a scholarship to help defray expenses during the program. The program does NOT provide for housing, parking, transportation, food, or otherwise.

No new applications will be taken after January 16. UT MD Anderson hope to choose the students by early March.

Senior Class of 2020

ATTENTION: ALL SENIOR PICTURES MUST BE TAKEN BEFORE DEC. 15TH

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](#)

Food for Thought

Reputation is what folks think you are.

Personality is what you seem to be.

Character is what you really are.



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