



Lamar High School

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Principal's Corner



#givingtuesday

#givingtuesday was a great success! Thank you to all who participated in helping us warm-up our new school. There are a few items left if you still wish to participate. We are grateful to have so many families that are committed to support our work and support the mission of public schools!

Last Chance for Attendance Credit Appeals

Please help us help your student. Please review your child's current schedule. If there are any courses listed as a 99, this is a course your child has lost credit for when they originally took the course. There are a number of reasons a student may lose credit and each scenario has a different route for gaining credit for the course. When a student receives passing grades, but has not met the requirement for sufficient attendance, you will have noticed an "NG" on the report card. We have been working closely with students to clear historical "NGs" and help students recover classes instead of letting them stack up.

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.

Please note, students have been provided more than 5 opportunities to attend credit appeal days between last June and our recent November date. Unfortunately, there are still many students who have not taken advantage of this opportunity. **THIS WILL BE THE FINAL OPPORTUNITY.** Students who are identified to attend credit appeal are expected to be at Lamar on time and stay the entire length of the credit appeal. Students who are late will not be admitted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. Dec. 9th-B-Day
- Dead Week Dec. 9th - Dec. 13th (All Day)
- Boys/Girls Varsity Golf Tournament (Pearland) TBA
- PTO Community Group Leadership Meeting (Grand Hall) 6 - 8 pm
- Tues. Dec. 10th-A-

Day

- Dead Week Dec. 9th - Dec. 13th (All Day)
- STAAR Testing (LHS) Dec. 10th - 13th (All Day)
- Freshman Girls Basketball vs Mayde Creek (Mayde Creek) 4 pm
- JV Girls Basketball vs Mayde Creek (Mayde Creek) 5:30 pm
- Freshman Boys Basketball vs Chavez (Chavez) 5:30 pm
- Swim vs Bellaire (LHS) 6 pm
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Mayde Creek (Mayde Creek) 7 pm
- JV Boys Basketball vs Chavez (Chavez) 7 pm
- Wed. Dec. 11th-B-Day
- Dead Week Dec. 9th -

If your child has 99s on his/her schedule and you have not spoken with an Academic Dean, please contact us immediately for any questions you may have. Please remember that any remaining 99s will prevent a student from graduating on time.

Not sure who your child's Academic Dean is?

9A Buenos Aires/9B Tokyo - Monica.Quintero@houstonisd.org

9C Houston/9D Dubai - jballard@houstonisd.org

10A Beijing/10B Cairo - dlawren1@houstonisd.org

10C New York/10D Moscow - sraibon@houstonisd.org

11A Sydney/11B Seoul - Kelli.McDonald@houstonisd.org

11C Chicago/11D Brussels - cpruitt1@houstonisd.org

12A Athens/12B Paris - Erron.Mahone@houstonisd.org

12C Washington, D.C./12D Manila - fbrooks1@houstonisd.org

Stay tuned ... next week we will have information about our new final exam exemption policy for the spring semester.

1-800-STUCO

Hey Texans! Student Council is so excited to present to you another spirit week. Next week, we are hosting a winter week. The themes have been posted around the school! We are excited to see how you show your Texan pride. You can also click the following attachment [STUCO Winter Week.pdf](#) for further details regarding this exciting news. Also, click [Winter Week Pajamas Appropriate Wear.pdf](#) to remain compliant with your pajama wear.

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

- **Mon. Dec. 9th - Fri. Dec. 13th- Dead Week (LHS) All Day**
- **Mon. Dec. 9th**-PTO Community Group Leadership Meeting (Grand Hall) 6 - 8 pm
- **Tues. Dec. 10th - Fri. Dec. 13th**- STAAR Testing (LHS) All Day
- **Wed. Dec. 11th** - Pop UP PD (LHS) 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- **Thurs. Dec. 12th**- Balfour Cap & Gown Orders (12th Grade Neighborhood) All lunches
- **Sat. Dec. 14th**- ACT Testing (LHS) 7:30 am
- **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
- **Tues. Dec. 17th**- 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

- STAAR Testing (LHS)
Dec. 10th - 13th (All Day)
- Pop Up Professional Development (LHS)
4:30 - 6:30 pm
- Swim/Lanier vs Meyerland (LHS) 6 pm
- **Thurs. Dec. 12th-A-Day**
- **Dead Week Dec. 9th - Dec. 13th (All Day)**
- STAAR Testing (LHS)
Dec. 10th - 13th (All Day)
- Balfour Cap & Gown Orders (12th Grade Neighborhood) 11:55 am - 1:05 pm
- Freshman Boys Basketball vs Episcopal (LHS) 4:30 pm
- JV Boys Basketball vs Episcopal (LHS) 6 pm
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Episcopal (LHS) 7:30 pm
- **Fri. Dec. 13th-B-Day**
- **Dead Week Dec. 9th - Dec. 13th (All Day)**
- STAAR Testing (LHS)
Dec. 10th - 13th (All Day)
- Boys Varsity Golf Club Houston (Kingwood) TBA
- Freshman Girls Basketball vs Bellaire (LHS) 5:30 pm
- JV Girls Basketball vs Bellaire (LHS) 7 pm
- **Sat. Dec. 14th**
- Election Runoff/Voting (Performance Hall) 7 am - 7 pm
- ACT Testing (LHS) 7:30 am
- Swim "Fall Invite" (Bellaire) 10 am
- Wrestling vs Sam Houston (Sam Houston) TBA
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Bellaire (Delmar) 11:30 am
- **Mon. Dec. 16th-Finals**

STAAR EOC Retakes - December 10th-13th

Identified students will be taking the STAAR EOC in one or more subjects next week on Tuesday through Friday. All students who previously took an EOC or were absent during testing and have not met the passing standard yet, will have an opportunity to retake the EOC next week. Students must pass all five STAAR EOC tests to meet graduation requirements. All affected students have been notified of the tests they will be taking next week and which days they need to report to the testing room. Students who are testing will be testing outside of their classrooms and will return to their regular schedule upon completion of their test. Most of these tests will be administered online, so students who are testing need to bring their fully charged laptop, charging cable, and headphones to their assigned testing room at 8:30 AM on the days they are testing. If you have any questions, please email your child's Academic Dean or Ms. Walton, the Campus Test Coordinator.

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**

- Emerge (College Corner) 4:05 - 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
- Cheer Parent Meeting (Grand Hall) 6 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
- Freshman Boys Basketball vs Westbury (LHS) 5:30 pm
- JV Girls Basketball vs Westbury (Westbury) 7 pm
- pm
- JV Boys Basketball vs Westbury (LHS) 7 pm
- **Sat. Dec. 21st**
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Westbury (Butler) 10 am
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Westbury (Butler) 11 am

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.

Practices for both the JV and Varsity team will begin in January right after the winter break, but registration ends December 15, 2019. There are some scholarships available for the dues/fees, and the team has equipment to spare if needed.

If you are interested in joining this dynamic program, and want more information, please contact Laura Zivley at laurazivley@gmail.com. Come be a part of Lamar Athletics history!

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](#)

Balfour Cap & Gown Orders

When: Thursday, December 12th

Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (All Lunches)

Where: 12th Grade Neighborhood (4th floor)

Click the following attachment for further details:
[2020 Lamar Invite Announcement Make-Up.pdf](#)

Congratulations Stephanie Ndukwe!

Stephanie Ndukwe, has been matched to QuestBridge, and got a full four-year ride to the University of Chicago! Ms. Ndukwe you make us Lamar proud!

Lamar Thespians

Several of our very own students advanced to Nationals! The following students are the winners:

- Kristen Salinas for Stage Management
- Massey McNinch for Costume Construction
- Whitney Moran for Costume Design
- Stephanie Ndukwe for Monologue
- William Derden for Monologue (He received a perfect score)
- William Derden also won the Musicalworks competition and got to workshop his original musical opening number at the Festival with professionals in the business as well as have the opportunity to enter it in the National Competition.

Congratulations to our students, Mr. Hill and Ms. Small for making us Lamar proud!

A Message from PTO

The Lamar HS PTO would like to thank our 2019-2020 Big & Bright Campaign Donors for their generosity and commitment to public education and Lamar High School.

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<https://www.houstonisd.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=2048>

RANGERS

The Apple & Orsak Family
The Austin Family
The Cochran Family
The Dollinger Family
The Earle Family
The Fereday Family
The Gray Family
The Jones/Faubus Family
The Koong Family
The Lane Family
The Leong-Wu Family
The Lewis Family
The Mahendru Family
The Morstead Family
The Pate Family
The Plummer Family
The Polydoros Family
The Rassin Family
The Rose Family
The Savage Family
The Schultz Family
The Wu Family

PARTNERS

Jennifer & Sandeep Aiyer
Barbie Davis
Karl & Kristin Decker
Samir Desai
Ivy & Alan Diaz
Margo Elgohary
Laura Fertak
Geoff & Emily Gannaway
Marris Goldberg
Kit & Kimberley Harrison
Kristin & Fawaz Hashmi
Stormy & Chad Hayes-Knipe
Whitney Higgins
Gretchen Himsl
Fazila Issa
Dawn & Andrew Koenig
Veronica Love
Susan McConn
Amanda McGee J
anet & Pete McMasters
Mona McPherson
Ronelle Meikleham
Gloria Pereira
Duc Phan
Kara Richardson
Sarah Thweatt
Mari J Tort

PIONEERS

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Meredith Beebe
Sara Bonario
Rebecca Bond
Michelle Bouchard
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Katie Bronicki
Charlene Bustamante
Gretchen Childs
Pam Cooner
Krysten Crawford
Weiwei Dang
Barbie Davis
Allison Diano
Shelly Eversole
Maria Fernandez
Maureen Glancy
Rachel Jacobs
Suzie Kondylopoulos
Suzi Lehman-Johnson
Leslie McCulloch
Leonora Meisenbach
Sook Miller

Cameron & Marjolaine Miller
Kristen Natelson
Janet Neuman
Katherine Nevins
Cathie Partridge
Melissa Pierson
Michelle Pilkington
Jennifer Price
Elizabeth Ray
Alyson Rooney
Vince Ryan
Kara Samples
Kathryn & Jay
Schultz Sandy Sturm
Kim & Reed Thoss
Julie Tsigos
Pam Yokley
Christi Young

FRIENDS

Andreena Acevedo
Monica Agosta
Gabrielle Alvarado
Marshall Amos
Amelia Amos
Vickie Antzoulatos-Haich
Juan & Zaida Argil
Denna Arias
Amy Aulbach
Del Balbin
Douglas Banks
Marris Beavers-Harper
Rachel Bollinger
Sandra Brantley
Sara Brown
Chris Brown
Valencia Buggs
Lori Bullwinkel
Jeanette Byrd
Brenda Cavazos
Ivan Cazares
Rolly Chen
Tiffany Chenier
Sylvia Choy
Susan Clark
Christian Coleman
Dernay Coley-Torres
Carrie Consolvo
Louis Corman
Melaney Derden
Rachel Dickson
Thomas DiSalvio

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Shelly Durham
Ann Eagleton
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Venice Elder
Rod Endo
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Tara Fase
Michael Feighl
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Iris Grant
Pilar Grantham
Leigh Ann Hackerman
Brittany Harris
David Hawkins
Sonya Hernandez
LeRonica Hill
Jill Hord Steve
Hotte Erin Hulme
Judith Ibarra
Anjanette Irving
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Gigi Jensen
Tijuana Jones
Stacey Kalovidouris
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Brenda Kent

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Christine Knox
Pam Kunkle
Omar Leal
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Jenny Leishman
Michelle Leppard
Penny Linsenmayer
Heather Lopez
Susie & Gerry Loreda
Tanya Lucky
Irina Mardanova
Leslie Marques
Darcy Marshall
Greg Marshall
Chris Martinez
Amy Marvin

Amber Massey
Janine Mathis
Kimberly McCann
Rhonda McDonald
Meg McDonald
Mark McGinley
Claudia Mcinnis
Ramon Medina
Carmen Aurora Mendoza
Gaston Miranda
Leah Mitchell
Matthew Moore
Karen Morey
Stephanie Morgan
Terri Moultry
Janel Myers
Chris & Candace Nevins
Thanh Nguyen
Niels Nielsen
Anna Nunez
Bridget O'Toole
Jennifer Paden
Agnieszka Palumbo
Jennifer Parker
Tomieka Perry
Mayson Planck
Jana Plummer
Taneesha Pradier
Victoria Randle
Mandy Rangel
Michele Redell
Amy Renaud
CaSandra Rogers
Kristine Rollinson
Kristina Rose
Pat Rosenberg
Patricia Runnels
Lucia Salas
Jaime Salinas
Ana Scafidi
Samantha Sebesta
Diana Serrato
Amy Siegle
Alma Silva
Cheryl Simmons
Christy Smidt
Gina Solorzano
Lisa Somera
LaAngel St. Julian
Megan Stidman
Anna Sykes

Pamela Thayer
Mathew Thomas
Heather Thompson
Carmen Tomp Ortiz
Lanchi Tran
Joshua Turner
Mary Liz Urquhart
Nayantara Verghese
Jovana Victorio
Angelina Villarreal
Bashelia Ward
Tim White
Rahlita White
Todd Whitting
Annette Wilson
Keith Wilson
Julie Wolken
Kelley Workman
Yuki Yamamoto
Wendy Yu
Dominique Yusim
Sadie Zachary
Becky Zavala
Lynn Zeid
Monica Zvolensky

Lamar Debate

Exhausted Lamar debaters kicked off their Thanksgiving break by attending the Cy-Creek/Cy-fair Swing tournament.

Cy-Creek Results:

Angela Yokely - 6th place Congressional Debate
Ethan Van Nostrand - 2nd place Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking
Emma Goerges- 5th place Impromptu Speaking

Cy-Fair Results:

Ethan Van Nostrand - 2nd place Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking
Angela Yokely - 4th Place Congressional Debate
Chukwubuike Madu - 6th Place Congressional Debate
Diya Vettical - 6th Place Dramatic Interpretation
Team of Grace Jones & Eesha Vettical - 4th place Duo Interpretation

Congratulations to our fabulous Debate Team!

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](#)

Food for Thought

"We need time to dream, time to remember, and time to reach the infinite. Time to be."

Gladys Taber



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