



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

Principal's Corner



How will the neighborhoods work?

I received this question from a parent last week...

I'm still unclear on how the neighborhood works with the wide variety of core courses offered. For instance, my daughter is a sophomore in physics and pre-calculus. Next year she will be in English 3, Chemistry 2 SL, Calculus and World Religions. Will she be with 200 other kids who take those same classes? She knows a few kids who are a year ahead in math or science but not many who are a year ahead in both.

The students will be arranged in neighborhoods based on course taking. In 9th and 10th grade it is a fairly simple process with students taking similar subjects, such as AP Human Geography or the recommended course World Geography as their social studies class in 9th grade. But as students move into 11th and 12th grade, coursetaking options expand and it becomes a little more complex. We are organizing course options on a matrix so that there are a variety of pathways, but also expect to partner neighborhoods so that more options are available to students. Some teachers may support two neighborhoods, for example those who are expert in physical sciences can focus on delivering that content while teachers who are expert in life sciences can focus on that content. This type of grouping allows more flexibility in scheduling so that students can really make a path that is right for them. Let me show you how the course offerings may lay out in two of the neighborhoods as an example for 11th graders.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mon. Dec. 10th-B-Day**
- Varsity Girls BB vs Chavez (Barnett) @ 5:30 pm
- Freshmen/JV Girls BB vs Chavez (Chavez) @ 5:30 / 7 pm
- Freshmen Boys BB vs Chavez (Lamar) @ 5:30 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Chavez (Lamar) @ 7 pm
- **Tues. Dec. 11th-A-Day**
- Varsity Swim vs Bellaire (Lamar) @ 6 pm
- **Wed. Dec. 12th-B-Day**
- Varsity Boys BB vs Bellaire (Delmar) 5:30 pm
- **Thurs. Dec. 13th-A-Day**
- Soccer Parent Meeting (Cafe) @ 6 pm
- **Fri. Dec. 14th-B-Day**
- Freshmen/ JV Girls BB vs Tomball (Lamar) @4:30/ 5:45 pm
- Freshmen Boys BB vs Mickey Leland (Mickey Leland) @ 5:30 pm
- Varsity Girls BB vs Tomball (Lamar) @ 7 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Mickey Leland (Mickey Leland) @ 7 pm
- Varsity Boys BB vs Westbury (Butler) @ 8 pm

Neighborhood 1

English – IB English III HL or Eng III Recommended

Math – IB Math I A&A (Calculus) or IB Mathematics A&I (Prob/Statistics) or

Geometry

Science – PIB Physics or Physics Recommended or IB Biology SL or IB Computer

Science SL

Social Studies – PIB US History or IB Economics SL or US History Recommended or

IB Art History

Neighborhood 2

English – IB English III HL or Eng III Recommended

Math – IB Math I A&A (Calculus) or IB Mathematics A&I (Prob/Statistics) or

Geometry

Science – PIB Physics or Physics Recommended or IB Physics SL or IB Chemistry

SL

Social Studies – PIB US History or IB Economics SL or US History Recommended or

IB World Religions SL

With this idea in mind, we will place students in a neighborhood where the courses they want are offered. While 180-200 students will be assigned to the same neighborhood, they will not all be there at the same time throughout the day. We will maintain an 8 period blocked schedule. Teachers will maintain a student load comparable to this year where approximately 30-35 students are assigned to a course for a specific class period. Using the teaming approach, the teachers will have the flexibility to work together to design projects that allow for interdisciplinary teaching. An example might be that during the dedicated 2nd period, an English class and a History class may utilize the flexible space and be regrouped to work together on an interdisciplinary project, or a math and science class may be working under the guidance of the math and science teachers to use the tools of mathematics to solve a complex physics problem.

Share The Road

A Partnership for Highway Safety Event

Learn what it takes to drive safely around commercial trucks!

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2018

Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Where: Houston Community College

Rolland Smith Building

555 Community College Drive

For all drivers or soon to be new drivers!

This is a free event with prizes and Houston's best food vendors

- [Mon. Dec. 17th-Finals](#)
- [Tues. Dec. 18th-Finals](#)
- Varsity Girls BB vs Grand Oaks
HS (Lamar) @ 5 pm
- Freshmen/JV Girls BB vs Grand Oaks (Lamar) 2 pm/ 3:30 pm
- [Wed. Dec. 19th-Finals](#)
- [Thurs. Dec. 20th-Finals](#)
- [Last day before Student Winter Break](#)
- [Fri. Dec. 21st- Teacher Work Day](#)
- Last Day of Semester
- Varsity Swim vs St. Agnes/Strake Jesuit (Lamar) @ 9 am
- Freshmen/JV Girls BB vs Clearbrook (Lamar) 2 pm/ 3:30 pm
- Varsity Girls BB vs Clearbrook (Lamar) @ 5 pm
- [Sat. Dec. 22nd](#)

Sandy Hook Promise

HISD is partnering with the nonprofit Sandy Hook Promise to launch an anonymous tip line, Say Something, for students and families in 2019.

This program will train students, educators, administrators, and parents/caretakers
HOW TO:

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors, especially within social media, of individuals who may be at-risk of hurting themselves or others
- Report at-risk behaviors to a trusted adult, call 911 or anonymously through the Say Something Crisis center phone, app, or website

THE TIP LINE WILL PROVIDE:

- Multilingual operators who provide 24/7 monitoring of all tip submissions
- 24/7 crisis center trained (500 + hours) in suicide intervention and crisis management
- 24/7 crisis center to triage for all calls, app, and web submissions for HISD to identify immediate life safety issues
- Routing of all tips to HISD identified school officials, crisis team, school police and/or local law enforcement

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Sandy Hook Promise is a national non-profit committed to creating safe schools and communities through their four evidenced-based Know the Signs intervention programs. To date, SHP has delivered its programs to 7,000 + schools and trained 3.5 million youth and adults in every state. SHP programs have helped stop multiple school shootings, suicides, and gun threats; reduced bullying and cyberbullying; intervened upon cutting, drug use, racial conflicts, and other violent and victimization acts.

Annual Lamar China Trip

June 6th - 20, 2019

See Beautiful, Scenic China!

Enjoy 2 fun-filled weeks visiting China with the Lamar High School group. You don't have to take Chinese to come with us. This is our 20th year.

*You can optionally earn a semester of History credit by going with us and doing a project! What a great opportunity to see China and receive a credit at Lamar.

Enjoy a homestay with a student host at our sister school in Dalian, China. Visit Beijing, Xi'an, Dalian, and Huhhot, Inner Mongolia. You will see the Terracotta Warriors where the tomb of the first emperor of China is buried, see Beijing where you will walk The Great Wall and see the Summer Palace, see the sights, bargain in the shopping markets so famous for bargaining for designer duds and true Chinese articles. Finally, you will visit Inner Mongolia where you will tour the countryside and even stay in a Mongolian special round house call a yurt. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity! Join us! You'll be happy you did!

Cost: \$3,958

Fees will be made to the Lamar Business office. Cash, check, or payment with credit card online is accepted.

See M. Gaido in N128 for all the details.

Bank of America's "Student Leaders"

Be the generation to serve, inspire and change the world

Student Leaders recognizes those who lead and serve in their own communities and beyond. Bank of America will connect Student Leaders to tools and resources that will help them make communities better.

As a Student Leader, you will:

- Work as a paid intern at a local nonprofit for eight weeks
- Attend the week-long Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C.
- Develop leadership and career skills
- Connect with like-minded students from your own community and across the country

Juniors and Seniors:

Visit: www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders to apply

Deadline: February 1, 2019

Student Reflection from Mayor Turner's Visit

"One of my greatest takeaways from the experience was the standard we should hold our elected officials to, and how Mayor Turner encapsulates that standard. As he listened to us, it was clear that this was not just another meeting to him. Not only did he show genuine interest in our opinions, he wanted our thoughts and ideas on how to tackle the issue. As students, feeling truly heard about a detrimental problem that directly affects us was monumental. I left the meeting with a new sense of hope for our future and deep appreciation for my city's government."

College Corner

Academic (merit) scholarships are based on a variety of components, such as your performance and involvement at Lamar the last four years. Once a scholarship has been awarded, renewal varies but usually a minimum GPA is required to receive for the next school year. HISD is offering full scholarships sponsored by the Finger Family for various career pathways in a two-year college. This is to promote Career and Technical Education opportunities for Lamar students. Suggested scholarship websites to consider:

Finaid.org

Fastweb.com

Bit.ly/HISDScholarships

Collegeconfidential.com

Peerlift.org

Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

NAVIANCE

Scholly

Scholarships.com

Weird Scholarships

Raise.me(for all grades)

Linda Lorelle Scholarship (11th)

Coolidge Scholarship (11th)

Make up Day for Pictures

Make up day pictures for underclassmen and staff who have not taken pictures is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th from 9 am - 12 noon. This will be the final day for any pictures!

Cheerleader Fundraiser

The Lamar Texan Cheerleaders are raising money for Competition and their end of the year banquet. If you would like to donate to the cheerleading program, please do so using the SchoolPay link <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Cheer-Donations/lejfn>

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.fancloth.com/77098/450930>

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

Lamar Ugly Sweater and Jeans Day

Lamar is having an ugly sweater and jean day on Tuesday, December 11th. All students are invited to participate. If you wish to participate, you will need to pick-up a wrist band in the cafeteria on Monday, December 10th, during all lunches. Also, students must show their student id in order to receive a wrist band and the wrist band must be worn visible outside the sweater at all times. Furthermore, inappropriate images or sayings are prohibited and jeans should be well fitted (not too tight or too baggy).



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