



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

Principal's Corner



Students,

Don't forget to sign-up for the Valentine's Day Door Decorating Contest! Teams of five may get bulletin board paper from the Library to serve as the base on the door. Use only painters tape.

Winning categories include:

Best Overall, Best of the East, Best of the North, Best of the West, Punny-est, Best Positive Message, Super Sappy, Best 3-D Display, Most Creative, Most Artistic, and Gone Viral.

Highlighted Events

- **Tuesday, Feb. 12th**- Prospective Tour (Library) @ 10:30 am
- **Tuesday, Feb. 12th**- The Junior Transcript (Cafe) @ 6 pm
- **Wednesday, Feb. 13th**- Campus Voter Registration for students (Cafe) all lunches
- **Thursday, Feb. 14th**- Spirit Night (Torchy's Tacos-Shepherd) @ 4 - 8 pm
- **Friday, Feb. 15th**- Brown Bag Brigade (Library) @ 12 - 2:30 pm
- **Monday, Feb. 18th**- Brown Bag Brigade (Library) @ 12 - 2:30 pm
- **Monday, Feb. 18th**- Football Parent Meeting (Library) @ 5 pm
- **Monday, Feb. 18th**- Recruiting Seminar (Library) @ 6 pm
- **Tuesday, Feb. 19th**- Parent Meeting (Cheer Tryouts) (Cafe) @ 6 pm

Recruiting Seminar

All parents of Lamar student-athletes are invited to the seminar

Ted Seilheimer is the Athletic Director for Compliance at the University of Houston. Mr. Seilheimer will lead parents through a presentation detailing the requirements and processes for student-athletes who are interested in competing in the NCAA. There will be a Q & A session. This seminar is for parents and athletes of all sports.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mon. Feb. 11th- A-Day**
- Girls Varsity BB BI-District Playoff Round (TBA) TBA
- Freshman /JV Girls BB Bi-District Playoff Round (TBA) TBA
- Boys Varsity Golf (Sweetwater) TBA
- Girls Varsity Golf (Sweetwater) TBA
- Varsity Baseball Scrimmage (Clements Frankie Field) @ 4 pm
- Freshman Boys BB vs Bellaire (Bellaire) @ 5:30 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Bellaire (Bellaire) @ 7 pm
- JV Softball vs Westside (Westside) @4:30 pm
- **Tues. Feb. 12th-B-Day**
- Girls Varsity BB BI-District Playoff Round

When: Monday, February 18th
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: Library

Trauma Talk

TraumaTALKS for the community provide an overview of childhood trauma, helping audiences understand the science behind the feelings and its signs and symptoms. Audiences will also learn why it's critical to help abused children heal from trauma and how they can play a role in changing a child's life. TraumaTALKS are provided by Chester Street Foundation. This education event is free to the public.

When: February 13th
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Location: Hope and Healing Center & Institute
717 Sage Road Houston, Texas 77056

Please RSVP to info@[chesterstreetfoundation.org](mailto:info@chesterstreetfoundation.org)

Ascending to Men presents...

Changing our Narrative Through Dialogue

Join us for a roundtable panel to discuss the real-world topics that are important to our young men of color. The panel will include students and various community leaders. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm.

When: February 28th
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Location: 3650 Alabama St. Houston, Texas 77004

Live, Love, Learn, Laugh, Lead.

National Counselor's Week

Lamar would like to wish all of our campus counselors and advisors a Happy National Counselor's week! You are appreciated and you are truly an unsung hero. We also would like to thank our proud supporters for providing lunch for our counselors and advisors this week.

Alonti Catering Kitchen
Christine Binner
713-626-2934
5 E Greenway Plaza Ste. C-245
Houston, Texas 77046

Demeris Catering
Billy Vlahakos
713-529-7326
2911 South Shepherd
Houston, Texas 77098

- Freshman /JV Girls BB Bi-District Playoff Round (TBA) TBA
- Prospective Tour (Library) @ 10:30 am
- Girls Varsity Soccer vs Heights (Dyer) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Heights (Delmar) @ 5 pm
- JV Boys Soccer vs Heights (Heights) @ 5 pm
- The Junior Transcript (Cafe) @ 6 pm
- Tennis Deer Park JV Tournament (TBA) @ 6:30 pm
- Varsity Softball vs Bellaire (Butler) @ 7 pm
- JV Baseball Scrimmage (Frankie Field) @ 5pm
- **Wed. Feb. 13th- A-Day**
- Campus Voter Registration for Student (cafeteria) all lunches
- Varsity Boys BB vs Houston (TBA) TBA
- JV Girls Soccer vs Heights (Heights) @ 5 pm
- **Thurs. Feb. 14th-B-Day**
- Spirit Night at Torchy's (Shepherd) 4 - 8

Raisin Canes
Michael Stowe
713-528-9020
1902 Westheimer Rd
Houston, Texas 77098

Stop by and thank these businesses for supporting our Lamar Texans!

Lamar's Spirit Night at Torchy's Tacos

You are invited to a spirit night at Torchy's Tacos for Lamar High School.

When: February 14th
Time: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Torchy's Tacos
2411 S. Shepherd Dr.
Houston, Texas 77019

All you have to do is show up and bring a Torchy's Taco flyer located in the main office or throughout the school with you.

Brown Bag Brigade

Lamar Students, want to learn more about our new building and plans for next year?

Then grab your lunch and join Mrs. Graves on February 15th (in the library) or February 18th (location TBD) during YOUR lunch period. Nibble while you gain some knowledge and leave the library with some facts to chew on!

Lamar Swim

Plenty of [Congratulations](#) to pass around. [Congrats](#) to Gamal Jones, Diving Coach of the Year (again!). Five new entries onto the ALL-TIME Lamar Top 10. And as always, all the LTB's (better than you've ever done in your life!)

Gus received his Congratulation on Tuesday, February 5th. We are Lamar proud!

Pop Up Prom Shop!

Lamar Senior Sydney McConn and Lamar Juniors Elizabeth Fisher and Lilly Knipe are the 2019 Student Chairs for the annual Pop Up Prom Shop! They are working on collecting donations of gently used formal wear to distribute to Lamar students in late March for upcoming Prom Season. For more information, please visit chicanddapper.org to find out how you can help. You can also drop off donations in the Lamar HS Main Office - PTO Room.

Pay for College Without Going Broke!

Attention Parents!

- pm
- Freshman/JV
Girls BB Area
Playoff Round
(TBA) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB
Area Playoff
Round (TBA)
TBA
- Fri. Feb. 15th-
A-Day
- Brown Bag
Brigade (library)
@ 12 - 2:30 pm
- Freshman/JV
Girls BB Area
Playoff Round
(TBA) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB
Area Playoff
(TBA) TBA
- Varsity Swim UIL
State Meet (UT
Austin) @ 9:30
am
- Varsity Baseball
Scrimmage
(Ridge Point) @
4 pm
- Varsity Boys
Soccer vs
Houston
(Delmar) @ 7
pm
- Varsity Girls
Soccer
vs Houston
(Dyer) @ 7 pm
- Sat. Feb. 16th
- Varsity Swim
UIL State Meet
(UT Austin) @
9:30 am
- Freshman/ JV
Girls BB Area
Playoff Round
(TBA) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB
Area Playoff
- Girls JV Soccer
vs Sam Houston
(Patrick Henry
MS) @ 10 am

If you have a high school Freshman, Sophomore or Junior who plans to attend college then you must attend this workshop!

Topic Include:

- How to send your child to the school of his or her dreams...without getting trapped in a financial nightmare or debt.
- Why, although well-intentioned, the advice you've received from your CPA or money manager may actually hurt your eligibility for financial aid.
- How to increase your scholarship amounts regardless of your income or your student's grades.
- The sad, undisclosed, and disappointing reasons your College Savings Plans will make college less affordable not more.
- The single biggest mistake parents make when applying for aid that literally cost them thousands of dollars!
- The shameful, hidden reason why 53% of all eligible families fail to obtain financial aid.

Parents of High School Students

Lunch-box Workshop Series includes Box Lunch \$25.00

When: February 12th

**Location: Bethany Christian Church
3223 Westhemier Rd
Houston, Texas 77098**

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

For tickets: <https://squareup.com/store/lamar-high-school-pto-class-of-2019>

Youth Tedx Expo

On March 2nd Lamar will be hosting a Youth Tedx Event. A Youth Tedx is a speaking expo where kids from high schools across Houston can come and give a 10-18 minute lecture about an issue they feel they are either knowledgeable or passionate about. The Lamar Tedx will be hosted at Pershing Middle School at 10 am, and we are currently holding tryouts for potential speakers. If you are interested please contact tedxyouthlamarhs@gmail.com

Lamar Girls Swim Team

Congratulations to the Lamar Girls Swim Team for taking 1st place in the district swim meet. Qualifying Lamar boys and girls will move on to compete in Region IV 6-A championship in Conroe early February then possibly head to state. Good luck to all the high school swimmers in our area!

Spring HISD Parent University

HISD Parent University provides HISD families with the information they need to support the academic achievement of their children. Parent University takes place monthly at various campuses throughout the district and introduces district programs, community resources and parent-engagement strategies that support student success.

For further details go to:

<https://connectapps.houstonisd.org/smemos/Lists/AcademicServiceMemos/CustDispForm.aspx?ID=3077>

- JV Boys Soccer vs Sam Houston (Burbank MS) @ 10 am
- Varsity Softball vs Westbury (Barnett) @ 10 am
- JV Baseball Scrimmage (Ridge Point) @ 10 am
- **Mon. Feb. 18th-B-Day**
- Brown Bag Brigade (TBD) 12-2:30 pm
- Freshman/JV Girls BB Regional Quarter Finals Round (TBA) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB Regional Quarter Finals Round (TBA) TBA
- JV Boys Soccer vs Westbury (Westbury) @ 5 pm
- Football Parent Meeting (Library) @ 5 pm
- Recruiting Seminar for Athlete Parents (Library) @ 6 pm
- **Tues. Feb. 19th-A-Day**
- Freshman/JV Girls BB Regional Quarter Finals Round (TBA) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB Regional Quarter Finals Round (TBA) TBA
- Varsity Tennis Katy ISD Tournament (TBA) TBA

Metro Plan Public Meetings

METRO is coming back to the public to share the draft long-range transportation plan designed with your input. Join us at a public meeting or learn more at [METRONext.org](https://metro.next.org).

Any person who requires language interpretation or special needs accommodations is encouraged to contact METRO Public Affairs at 713-739-4018, or via email at METROPublicAffairs@ridemetrol.org. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate your needs.

For further details go to:

<https://connectapps.houstonisd.org/smemos/Lists/AcademicServiceMemos/CustDispForm.aspx?ID=3111>

2017-2018 Federal Report card

Lamar Campus is sharing this information about the district and your child's campus with you as part of its obligations under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).

Federal Report Cards for the state, the district, and each of the district's campuses are now available on the Texas Education Agency's website at:
<https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/frc/2018/srch.html>.

Information on these report cards includes:

* Part I: Student Achievement by Proficiency Level - Provides the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) performance and participation results for each subject area and grade level tested.

Participation reports also include reports of the participation of Children with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) by assessment type.

* Part II: Student Achievement and State Academic Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) - Provides the AMO outcomes and data table of STAAR performance results for each subject area tested in the accountability subset. This section also includes participation rates on STAAR for reading/English and mathematics, use of alternative assessments, plus four-year and five-year graduation rates.

* Part III: Priority and Focus Schools - Provides information on priority schools and focus schools. Priority schools are the lowest 5% of Title I-served campuses based on performance in reading and mathematics and graduation rates. Focus schools are 10% of Title I served campuses, not already identified as priority schools, that have the widest gaps between student group performance and safeguard targets.

* Part IV: Teacher Quality Data - Provides information on teacher quality in three parts:

Part A – Percent of Teachers by Highest Degree Held – Professional qualifications of all public elementary and secondary teachers in Texas

Part B and C – Teachers with Emergency/Provisional Credentials, Low Poverty/High Poverty Summary Reports – Percentage of all public elementary and secondary school teachers teaching with emergency or provisional credentials, disaggregated by high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools.

- Varsity Softball vs Sam Houston (Delmar) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Westbury (Dyer) @ 5 pm
- JV Baseball vs St. Johns (St. Johns) @ 5 pm
- Parent Meeting (Cheer 19-20 Tryouts) (Cafe) @ 6 pm
- Varsity Baseball vs St. Johns @ 7 pm
- **Wed. Feb. 20th - B-Day**
- JV Girls Soccer vs Westbury (Westbury) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Boys vs Westbury (Delmar) @ 5 pm
- **Thurs. Feb. 21st - A-Day**
- Varsity Softball Pearland Tournament (Pearland) TBA
- JV Baseball vs Memorial (Lamar) @ 4 pm
- Varsity Baseball Tournament (TBA) TBA
- **Fri. Feb. 22nd - B-Day**
- Report cards issued to students
- Freshman/JV Girls BB Regionals Finals (TBA) TBA
- Varsity Softball Pearland Tournament (Pearland) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB

* Part V: Graduates Enrolled in Texas Institution of Higher Education (IHE) - Provides the percentage of students who enroll and begin instruction at an institution of higher education in Texas during the school year (fall or spring semester) following high school graduation.

* Part VI: Statewide National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Results - Provides most recent NAEP results for Texas showing reading and mathematics performance results and participation rates, disaggregated by student group.

If you have difficulty accessing the information from the website, hard copies of the reports are available at the district or campus office. If you have questions about the information, please contact Insert contact information.

If the report cards will be discussed at a parent meeting, insert information about the meeting place and time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rita Graves
Principal

For further details go to:

[/connectapps.houstonisd.org/smemos/Lists/AcademicServiceMemos/CustDispForm.aspx?ID=3107]/connectapps.houstonisd.org/smemos/Lists/AcademicServiceMemos/CustDispForm.aspx?ID=3107

Lamar Life

Go to: https://issuu.com/houstonisd2/docs/lamar_life_january_issue to retrieve the January issue of Lamar life.

Choir UIL Solo and Ensemble

On Saturday we had five students compete at UIL Solo and Ensemble, Alondra Rodriguez, Georgia Elgohary, Mikah Goodwine, Ashley Cole and Sharon Campos. All had success, particularly two seniors, Alondra and Georgia who are certified to compete at the UIL Texas Solo and Ensemble Competition at University of Texas at Austin in May! This is a great accomplishment for them as solo singers! We are Lamar Proud of them!

Scholastic Awards Writing Winner

Congratulation to Ahnia Leary (senior) who is the scholastic award writing winner. View her awards and accomplishments by going to: [hcde-texas.org/scholastic-awards/awardees/]hcde-texas.org/scholastic-awards/awardees/

We are Lamar proud!

Seniors 2019

Important Dates:

- Prom - April 13th (Bayou City Event Center) @ 8 pm
- Graduation - Saturday, June 8th (NRG Stadium) @ 9 am

& Regionals

Final Round

(TBA) TBA

- JV Baseball vs Atascocita (Lamar) @ 4 pm
- Sat. Feb. 23rd- A-Day.
- Freshman/JV Girls BB Regionals Finals (TBA) TBA
- Varsity Softball Pearland Tournament (Pearland) TBA
- Girls Varsity BB & Regional Finals Round (TBA) TBA
- JV Baseball vs Memorial (Lamar) @ 10 am
- JV Baseball vs Atascocita (Lamar) @ 2 pm

LHS Balfour Ring Orders

It's not too late to place your Class of 2019 and 2020 Class Ring orders! Orders can be placed at balfour.com at any time. Extra packets can be found in the front office for any Seniors who may want to order a class ring or if you have misplaced yours.

2019 Senior Packages and Fees

Senior Package:

\$225.00 (From Jan. 15th - March 17th)

Method of payment: School Pay: <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/SeniorFeesCO2019>

Included in the Senior package fees: Diploma Cover, Senior Breakfast, Senior T-Shirt, Senior Sticker, Senior Gift, 1 prom ticket, and 1 after prom ticket

Regular Senior Fees: \$90.00 (For the rest of the year)

Included in the regular Senior Fees: Senior Breakfast, Senior T-Shirt, Class Sticker, Diploma Cover, and Senior Gift

Yearbook is not included in the Senior Fees

NOTE: ONLY PAY FOR ONE OF THE SENIOR PACKAGES

Prom Tickets

Prom tickets \$85.00 each from March 18th - April 10th

After Prom Tickets

After Prom tickets \$30.00 each from March 18th - April 10th

Yearbooks

The yearbooks are on sale for \$100.00. You can purchase the yearbook on schoolpay: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?mip=McHW> or you can purchase adds by using Balfour's link: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?mip=McHW>

Senior ads are listed below:

Full-Page Ad is \$480

1/2 Page Ad is \$250

1/4 Page Ad is \$130

1/8 Page Ad is \$75

Businesses can also purchase ads for the same price. For additional information email: csmith41@houstonisd.org

Inspiring Moment

Some people make the world special just by being in it.



[Lamar High School](#)

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