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Principal's Corner



Last week I met with a newly formed Principal's Cabinet, a student representative body that will focus their efforts on helping us continue to improve Lamar. The group is made up of one or two representatives from each of Lamar's clubs, teams or organizations.

During our first meeting we discussed the proposed role of the Principal's Cabinet and reviewed the IB Programme Standards and Practices to begin developing a new 3-year Action Plan to further develop our IB Programmes.

If I haven't said it recently, I am soooooo impressed with Lamar students.

Student Led Conferences

I have previously shared information with you about Student Led Conferences. At this point, all 11th and 12th graders have been assigned a date and time for their conference. It is really important that we come together as a team—student, school personnel and parent—to be part of this process. This is a tremendous opportunity for the team to learn more about what a student is good at, what he or she is interested in, and a face-to-face opportunity to work together to build a path and plan toward graduation and college or career. Don't let your student tell you it isn't important.

10th graders will begin receiving their dates and times on Friday with report cards and 10th grade conferences will begin just after spring break. Students will be assigned times within two weeks windows and will receive notification in advance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. Feb. 24th-A-Day
- Mon. Feb. 24th Fri.
 March 13th-Telpas
 Testing (LHS)
- Softball Practice (LHS) 8 am
- Big Brothers & Sisters
 9th & 10th (TBA) 11:55
 am 1:05 pm
- Varsity Girls BB Regional Quarter Finals (TBA)
- Softball vs Waltrip (Waltrip) 4:30 pm
- JV Softball vs Waltrip (
 Waltrip) 4:30 pm
- Swim vs Bellaire (LHS) 6 pm
- One Act Rehearsal (Performance Hall) 4:15
 -6:15 pm
- Varsity Boys Basketball Bi-district (TBA) TBA
- Tues. Feb. 25th-B-Day
- Softball Practice (LHS) 8 am
- Balfour Cap & Gown Orders (12th Grade Neighborhood) 11:30 am
 1:30 pm

9th graders have started conferences, but not all students have been scheduled. Ask your child for any information they received from their teachers regarding scheduling conferences. Watch for more information.

1-800-STUCO

Hey Texans! Join us on February 27 to celebrate Lamar Friendship Day honoring friends lost and friends by our side. Wear an appropriate yellow top and uniform bottoms to participate.

Also, contact Student Council if you have any ideas or suggestions on how to improve the school, you can email us at 1800stuco@gmail.com. Make sure you follow us on Instagram @lamarstudentcouncil or Twitter @lamarstucoo for any updates or new information.

Highlighted Events

- Fri. Feb. 21st- Report Cards
- Sat. Feb 22nd Credit Appeal (LHS) 9 am -2 pm
- Mon. Feb. 24th Fri. March 13th- Telpas Testing (LHS)
- <u>Tues. Feb. 25th</u>-Balfour Cap & Gown Orders (12th Grade Neighborhood)
 11:30 am 1:30 pm
- Wed. Feb 26th- Men's Warehouse & David's Bridal (12th Grade Neighborhood) 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Thurs. Feb. 27th- Friendship Day! (LHS)
- . Thurs. Feb. 27th- Texas Southern Visit (LHS) 2:30 pm
- Fri. Feb. 28th- Go Texan Day & Pep Rally (LHS)
- Tues. March 3rd NHS Student Meeting (Tokyo Neighborhood) 7:45 8:15 am
- Tues. March 3rd NHS Student Meeting (Tokyo Neighborhood) 4 5 pm
- . Wed. March 4th Spring College Prep Seminar (Grand Hall) 6 pm
- Wed. March 4th- Student Voter Registration (12th Grade Neighborhood) 11:30 am -1:30 pm
- <u>Thurs. March 5th</u>- Rangerette Parent Information Meeting/Team & Officer Tryouts (Grand Hall) 6 pm

Go Texan Day Events

The Lamar FFA is celebrating the Houston Rodeo Go Texan Day and needs YOUR help showing your Texan Spirit! On Friday, February 28th please wear your BEST western wear and get ready for a Texas-Style Celebration! Your western wear can include Jeans (school appropriate), Cowboy Boots, and School Appropriate Shirts. Western outfit must cover all areas that normal school uniform would cover. We will be hosting a Texan Block Party celebration in the bus loop during 1st and 2nd Lunch. Get ready to line dance to country songs and eat grilled food!

Submit your photo for our Best Dressed Contest by using the #GTDLamar20 and tagging @LamarHSFFA on Instagram.

- Band Practice
 (Performance Hall) 4-7

 pm
- Softball vs Westbury (Butler) 4:30 pm
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Bellaire (Delmar) 7 pm
- LDP Clinic (Carnegie Vanguard) TBA
- Baseball vs Westside (Delmar) 5 pm
- Varsity Girls BB Regional Quarter Finals (TBA)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Bellaire (Dyer) 7 pm
- Swim vs Springwoods (LHS) 6 pm
- Swim & Waterpolo Practice (Pool) 4 pm
- Varsity Boys Basketball Bi-district (Delmar) 6 pm
- Wed. Feb. 26th-A-Day
- Softball Practice (LHS) 8 am
- JV Girls Soccer vs Bellaire (Delmar) 7 pm
- JV Boys Soccer vs Bellaire (Dyer) 7 pm
- IB Candidate Meeting (Grand Hall) 11:45 am
- Men's Warehouse and David's Bridal (12th Grade Neighborhood) Lunch
- One Act Rehearsal (Performance Hall) 4:15
 -6:15 pm
- Swim & Waterpolo
 Practice (Pool) 4 pm
- Thurs. Feb. 27th-B-Day
- Softball Practice (LHS) 8 am
- Baseball vs Tompkins (Tompkins HS) 11 am
- Baseball vs S.A. Reagan vs Tompkins (Tompkins HS) 2 pm
- Track & Field Spartan Relays (New Caney)
 TBA
- One Act Rehearsal (Performance Hall) 4:15

The Culinary department and AG Department will be selling Hamburger and Hotdog lunch combos for \$5, includes drink and chips. Keep a lookout for Pre-Sale ticket options on SchoolPay to avoid the lines and get your food quick.

You can also participate in the Go Texan Day Door Decorating Contest. Use the link and follow the instructions to sign up. More info is listed on the link. https://forms.gle/s9Jgz6qgnvWmjxyi9

IB Candidate Meeting

The class of 2020 has approximately 300 students who are on track to receive the IB Diploma. Those students identified as on track will receive a notice to attend the meeting in the Performance Hall. We will meet on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 11:45 in the Performance Hall. We will review the requirements for earning the IB Diploma, answer questions students have, and share opportunities for students to get support as they prepare.

An email will be sent to all seniors who are identified as on track, as well as that student's parent.

Society of Women Engineers Houston Area Scholarship

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) - Houston Area Section is happy to inform you and your students of two important benefits we offer - our **Scholarships** and **Certificates of Merit**.

We are sponsoring several *scholarships* (awarding over \$20,000 this year) for high school female students who plan on pursuing Engineering or Engineering-related fields in an ABET institution during the 2020-21 academic year. The scholarship application is open, and closes on **February 21, 2020**. Students may apply to one or multiple scholarships though a single application which can be found at the following link: http://www.houstonswe.org/scholarships-782568.html.

Similarly, the nomination process for our *Certificates of Merit* program to recognize your students academic excellence is also open. The nomination form can be found at the following link:

http://www.houstonswe.org/scholarships-560546-512142.html, and will close on March 20, 2020.

We appreciate your dedication to develop the next generation of STEM professionals, and hope you will join us in helping these students reach their next educational and professional goals.

All winners and nominees will be invited to the Annual Awards Banquet, which will take place on April 24, 2020. Please save the date!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. (**Scholarship Flyer** is attached) <u>SWE HA 2020 Scholarship Flyer.pdf</u>

- -6:15 pm
- Friendship Day! (STUCO)
- Texas Southern
 University Visit (LHS)
 2:30 pm
- Varsity Boys Basketball Area Game (TBA) TBA
- Fri. Feb. 28th-A-Day
- Softball Practice (LHS) 8
 am
- Girls Varsity Golf Eagle Point (Seven Points)
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- Baseball vs Cywoods (Cinco Ranch) 2 pm
- One Act Rehearsal (Performance Hall) 4:15
 -6:15 pm
- . Go Texan Day! (LHS)
- Varsity Girls BB Regional Tournament (TBA) TBA
- Baseball vs Cinco Ranch (Cinco Ranch) 5 pm
- Varsity Boys Basketball Area Game (TBA) TBA
- Sat. Feb. 29th
- Varsity Girls BB
 Regional Tournament
 (TBA) TBA
- UIL Practice (Blackbox)
 9 am -1 pm
- Girls Varsity Golf Eagle Point (Seven Points)
 TBA
- JV Boys Soccer vs Chavez (Chavez) 10 am
- Softball Humble
 - Tournament (Humble)
- Varsity Boys Basketball Area Game (TBA) TBA
- JV Girls Soccer vs Chavez (Chavez) 10 am
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Chavez (Delmar) 10 am
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Chavez (Dyer) 10 am
- Robotics Meeting (N313)
 9 am 3 pm
- Baseball vs Seven

Senior Quotes

Attention Seniors,

This is your FINAL opportunity to get a senior quote in the yearbook. Please go to the HUB and submit your senior quote by Sunday, Feb. 23.

Only quotes submitted via the HUB will be published. Quotes given to others using text messaging will NOT be published.

Balfour Cap & Gown Orders

Attention Seniors:

It is time to place your Class of 2020 Graduation orders for Caps and Gowns and Graduation Accessories!

Balfour will be here to place your graduation orders one last time on Tuesday, Feb. 25

in the Senior Neighborhood Hallway during all Lunches.

If you miss us at school orders can always be placed at our office or at balfour.com at any time.

Extra packets can be found in the Main Office and 4th Floor Office if needed. See you at the order taking table!

Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations to Mr. Ryan, Teacher of the Year and Ms Abdullah, New Teacher of the Year! You make us Lamar proud!

LHS teacher of the year, JPG

Congratulations Rangerettes & LDT

Let's hear it for our Rangerettes & LDT!!

This past weekend they competed at the MA Dance district competition.

Rangerettes results:

4th place Alice Gioannoni soloist 15-16
2nd place Lisa & Garcia duet JR division
1st place Lauren & Simon Duet LDT & Rettes 17-18
3rd place elite large ensemble 17-18
Lamar Officers

- Lakes (Seven Lakes) 11
- Baseball vs Langham Creek (Tompkins) 2 pm
- Mon. March. 2nd-B-Day
- Varsity Waterpolo vs Sterling (Baytown) 6 pm
- Girls Soccer Practice (LHS) 8 am
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Westside (Dyer) 5 pm
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs
 Westside (Delmar) 5 pm
- Varsity Boys Basketball Regional (TBA) TBA
- . Tues. March 3rd-A-Day
- Girls Soccer Practice (LHS) 8 am
- One Act Rehearsal (Blackbox) 4:15 -6:15 pm
- Swim/Waterpolo
 Practice (pool) 4 pm
- Telpas & Telpas Alt
 Online Reading March
 3rd- 6th
- NHS Student Meeting (Tokyo Neighborhood)
 7:45 - 8:15 am
- NHS Student Meeting (Tokyo Neighborhood) 4
 5 pm
- Boys Varsity Golf River Pointe Seven Lakes (Clements) TBA
- Varsity Softball vs Sam Houston (Delmar) 4:30 pm
- Varsity Boys Basketball Regional (TBA) TBA
- Swim vs Westside (LHS)
 4:30 pm
- · Wed. March 4th-B-Day
- Telpas & Telpas Alt
 Online Reading March
 3rd-6th
- Girls Soccer Practice (LHS) 8 am
- Baseball vs Chavez (Cowart) 5 pm
- Lacrosse vs Woodlands

Super sweepstakes

Choreography and Technique Award

1st place officer Jazz

1st place officer Novelty

1st place Officer Contemporary

1st Place division XL officers

1st place officers overall of the entire contest!!!

Super sweepstakes Rangerettes

Choreography & Technique Award Rangerettes Team

1st place Team Jazz Rangerettes

1st place Team Novelty Rangerettes

1st place Team Hip Hop Rangerettes

1st place Team Pom Rangerettes

Judges Award Officer Jazz

Rangerettes team was in the top 5 of the contest!!

X Large division 1st place team!!

LDT results:

4th place Kylah Dorsey 15-16 soloist

1st place Jacqueline Taylor 15-16 soloist

2nd place Shelbi Durand 17-18 soloist

1st place Simon Charday 17-18 soloist

2nd place Duet Jacquie & Shelbi 17-18

1st place Duet Lauren & Simon 17-18

1st place Trio Akayla Kylah & Shelbi 17-18

1st place LDT HH Small Ensemble

1st place LDT HH Large Ensemble

Super Sweepstakes LDT Modern

Choreography & Technique Award LDT Modern

1st place LDT Team Modern

1st place LDT Team Lyrical

1st place LDT Team Contemporary

Judges Award LDT HH Large Ensemble

Outstanding Team Award LDT Modern

1st place Select Small Team LDT Modern

1st place Team LDT Modern highest scoring team of the day.

LDT are the District champions!!

What a great way to represent Lamar. Congratulations to both teams and their directors!

Go Rettes & LDT!

Advancing into STEM

Have you or your student had experience in STEM topics and is looking for a deeper set of experiences and an interest in veterinary science?

- (Woodlands) 6 pm
- JV Lacrosse vs Woodlands (Woodlands) 7:30 pm
- Swim/Waterpolo
 Practice (pool) 4 pm
- Spring College Prep Seminar (Grand Hall) 6
- One Act Rehearsal (Blackbox) 4:15 -6:15
 pm
- Student Voter Registration (LHS) All Lunches
- Thurs. March 5th-A-Day
- Telpas & Telpas Alt Online Reading March 3rd-6th
- Girls Soccer Practice (LHS) 8 am
- JV Girls Soccer vs Westside (Westside) 5 pm
- Varsity Girls Basketball State Tournament (TBA) TBA
- One Act Rehearsal (Blackbox) 4:15 -7 pm
- JV Boys Soccer vs Westside (Westside) 6 pm
- Baseball vs Hutto (Fireman's Park) 5 pm
- Swim/Waterpolo "Sterling Invitational" (Baytown) TBA
- Rangerette Parent Information
 Meeting/Team & Officer

Meeting/Team & Officer Tryouts (Grand Hall) 6 pm

- Fri. March 6th-B-Day
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 Online Reading March
 3rd- 6th
- Spring Pep Rally (LHS)
 TBA
- Varsity Girls Basketball State Tournament (TBA)
 TBA

One of our camp options is our Advancing into STEM with Veterinary Medicine!

Dr. Larry Johnson and veterinary student fellows will provide application of science and math standards through the lens of veterinary medicine. Scientists and veterinary students will give lectures covering animal/human health topics such as orthopedics, nutrition, dental health, behavior, and histology. Following each lecture students will participate in hands-on activities to develop a more concrete understanding of concepts presented in lectures.

Go to: https://aggiestem.tamu.edu/advancingvet/ for further information.

BIO Force Camp

If you or your student is looking for a camp that focuses on the impact of STEM with the medical field, one of our camp options is our partner camp with BioFORCEI

BioFORCE's 3-year series of biotechnology-focused camps prepares students for college programs in engineering and science and helps them discover their potential to become a scientist who creates a blockbuster, life-saving medicine or an engineer who manufactures disease-eradicating vaccines!

These camp options will be offered June 14-18; July 5-9; July 19-23.

Go to: https://aggiestem.tamu.edu/summercamp/bioforce/ for further information.

Reserved Student Parking Space and Raffle

Get ready for the second annual reserved parking space auction. You can bid on one of three lower-level, reserved student parking spaces for the 2020/2021 school year and beat the traffic getting out of the garage!

*New this year, one lower-level, reserved student parking space will be raffled off to a lucky winner at the Spring Pep Rally on March 6th!

Auction

- · Auction bidding for the three reserved student parking spaces **BEGINS** Saturday, February 29th at 9 am CST <u>Start your bidding here!</u> *Bidding will not open until this time
- Auction bidding ends on Friday, March 6th 9 pm CST
- · Auction bidding will start at \$750 with a \$5,000 "Buy-It-Now" option
- · Drivers must provide copies of their driver's license and their liability insurance to obtain the parking space

- Girls Soccer Practice (LHS) 8 am
- Subvarsity Track& Field "Gulf Coast Relays" (Brazosport) TBA
- Baseball vs LakeCreek (TBA) 2:30 pm
- Baseball vs Brenham (TBA) 7:30 pm
- Varsity Softball vs
 Westside (Delmar) 4:30
 pm
- Track & Field Gulf Coast Relays (Brazosport) TBA
- Swim/Waterpolo "Sterling Invitational" (Baytown) TBA
- Sat. March 7th
- Varsity Girls Basketball State Tournament (TBA) TBA
- Varsity Soccer vs Heights (Dyer) 2 pm
- JV Girls Soccer vs Heights (Heights) 10 am
- Track & Field Houston Relays (Barnett) TBA
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Heights (Delmar) 2 pm
- JV Soccer vs Heights (Heights) 12 noon
- Baseball vs Goose Creek Memorial (TBA)
 9:30 am
- Baseball vs Klein Cain (TBA) 2 pm
- Swim/Waterpolo "Sterling Invitational" (Baytown) TBA

(Baytown) TBA

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Raffle Ticket Sales

- · Raffle tickets sales for the 1 reserved student parking space for \$10 each **BEGINS** Saturday, February 29th at 9 am CST **Buy them here!** *Error message will show until sales go live.
- · Raffle tickets sales end Thursday, March 5th at 9 pm CST
- · Raffle drawing will be held at the Lamar Spring Pep Rally on March 6th
- · Drivers must provide copies of their driver's license and their liability insurance to obtain the parking space.

PTO Spring College Prep Event

This college prep workshop with College Dreams Consulting will provide information and tips for parents of 9th - 12th grade students. No matter where your student is in the process, this workshop will have valuable information about the complex process of financing your student's college education. Reference the following attachment for further details: Show Me the Money Flyer 1.pdf

Click the following for registration:

https://forms.gle/NT5pErJShpXcNvKU8

Spring Band Camp

Friday, February 28th band camp 4:30 - 6:30 pm bring your instruments (Band Hall) B111.

Camp dates, time and location: 4:30-6:30 pm in the Band Hall (B111):

- February 28th
- March 27th
- April 24th

Ending with a full week of Spring Marching Camp May 11-15th

Students will need clothes they can move in, their instruments, and a water jug.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society has opened its new member application.

The application is up on <u>lamarnhs.org!</u> Therefore, interested students that are current sophomores and juniors must apply this spring in order to participate in the organization during the 2020-2021 school year. If you are already a member of NHS, you do not need to complete the application. **The application is due February 23.**

Below is the NHS link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gYGAYp8qN3Miyr3dWGb0XaYwhvv8h13wwit78Ct EKY/edit?usp=sharing

Senior Class of 2020 Reference

Don't miss out on important Senior information.

Follow us on Twitter <u>@LamarHS2020</u> or check <u>www.Lamarhs.org</u> for all the Lamar Class of 2020 Scoop!

LAMAR CLASS OF 2020 SENIOR DUES

Method of Payment - School Pay, Business Office, During Lunch, Before or After School

Each Senior Has 2 Options to Pay for Senior Dues -

#1 - Senior All Inclusive Package

\$235 Senior All Inclusive Package (After Jan. 12th to March 15th)

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 – (DOES NOT INCLUDE PROM TICKET)

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

<u>NEW ITEM</u> – Lamar Class of 2020 After Party Prom Fundraiser! Showcase your graduating senior's baby picture on the Wall of Fame at the Class of 2020 Prom After Party! \$25 per photo - https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=8KBM9K7BCY8C2

See flyer for more info!: 2020WallOfFameFlyer.pdf

Important Lamar Class of 2020 Event Dates:

- BALFOUR (Cap & Gowns) at Lamar February 25th (12th Grade Neighborhood) Lunch

-Men's Warehouse and David's Bridal at Lamar February 26th (12th Grade Neighborhood) Lunch -Senior Prom: April 18, 2020, @ 8:00 pm - 12:00 midnight (Bayou City Event Center) Theme: Roaring 20's

-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: Saturday, June 6th (NRG) 9 am

Good Luck To ALL our Lamar Class of 2020 Seniors!

Click the following attachment for the **Balfour** brochure: 2020 Balfour Brochure.pdf

Food for Thought

"True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends but in the worth and choice."

Ben Jonson



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