



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

Principal's Corner



Good evening! While the weather hasn't felt much like spring, I can tell you that our students are restless for a break. I hope that you and your family enjoy the time off to rejuvenate and reconnect. After spring break we will hit the ground running with academics, athletics, fine arts performances and celebrations of our accomplishments. If you haven't found the time yet, I encourage you to take in an athletic event or performance in the coming weeks.

I also want to invite you to join me on Monday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Ned Holmes Performance Hall for an update on facilities and instructional design. This event will be designed to help current families better understand the timeline and instructional shift we have been preparing for these last few years. We are nearing the finish line, and although this race has been long and sometimes felt uncertain for this community, I am confident our victory will feel so sweet!

Highlighted Events

- **Friday, March 8th- JEAN DAY WITH LAMAR SPIRIT SHIRT**
- **Saturday, March 9th- NO SATURDAY SCHOOL**
- **Monday, March 11th - Friday, March 15th -SPRING BREAK**
- **Wednesday, March 20th** - Progress Reports Issued to Students
- **Thursday, March 21st**- Voter Registration for Students (Cafe) All lunches

Sandy Hook Promise

Lamar High School and Houston ISD are working with Sandy Hook Promise to implement the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS). According to Sandy Hook Promise, the system helps prevent violence before it happens through education for adults and youth on "how to recognize warning signs and signals of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others" and a 24-hour hotline for

submission of safety concerns. This will allow us to help provide at-risk individuals with the help they need. To use SS-ARS, all students and staff are required to be trained. This training will take place for some students in a live presentation on Monday, 3/18, and during advocacy on 3/20 for the entire student body. In order to accommodate the training, LCT will not run that day. Our modified advocacy schedule will be as follows:

- 1st period - 8:40 am - 9:25 am
- Advocacy - 9:32 am - 10:18 am
- 2nd period (No LCT) - 10:25 am - 12:00 pm
- 3rd period - 12:08 pm - 2:23 pm
- 4th period - 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

To learn more about Sandy Hook Promise and SS-ARS, please read the attached brochure [Sandy Hook Promise Brochure](#) or visit www.sandyhookpromise.org and <https://www.saysomething.net/>

Smart Financial Foundation

Ruby Sue Clifton Scholarship

Six students will be awarded a \$2500 scholarship, eligibility:

- Smart Financial Member, applicant (or applicant's parent/guardian) must be a member in good standing
- High school senior, applicant must be a current high school senior
- College bound, applicant must be able to provide a written letter of acceptance to a university, college or vocational school

For more information text SCHOLARSHIP TO 276-278

JROTC

We are happy to announce that our JROTC program scored 95.25 out of a possible 100. We are tremendously proud of our cadets and their performance before, during and after the inspection. JROTC has learned much and will continue to apply this knowledge towards improving the program.

A special thanks to Coach Lindsey and Crockett and all supporting staff for allowing JROTC the resources and flexibility to do what was needed to retain our Distinctive Unit of Distinction (HUD). Click the following attachments for further details. [JPA Results](#) or [JPA Information](#)

IGNITE Young Women Run Houston Conference

IGNITE is hosting the **Young Women Run Houston Conference at East Early College High School on April 6**. We will welcome 200+ students, over 20 women elected officials and community supporters from across the state. High school and college students will participate in a day of workshops on civic engagement, political leadership, policy and activism.

Lamar High School students and staff are personally invited to attend the conference. Conference attendees will get one-on-one conversation with elected women, have the ability to choose from different workshops and meet other politically engaged women from across the state. **The best part: this amazing event is free to high school students. Registration is required, and will ensure that we have lunch and snacks available for everyone who plans to attend.**

Register at: www.ignitenational.org/ywr_houston

If you'd like more information about IGNITE, visit www.ignitenational.org, or call 703-615-8063.

Buzz Magazine

The Buzz Magazine has two great opportunities to highlight Lamar's seniors.

Where are they headed print article: Every June, Buzz magazine publish a popular article featuring seniors from Buzz neighborhoods including their senior photo and a kindergarten photo. Here's the survey to be considered for the article: <https://thebuzzmagazines.com/forms/featuring-class-2019> **Deadline: April 19th**

High school grads' database: Our online database allows high school seniors to input where they are going to college and find other Houstonians going to the same school. It's a very helpful resource to high school seniors to connect with other incoming freshmen. Here's the link:
<http://thebuzzmagazines.com/high-school-graduates>

National Academy of Future Physicians

Adrian Williams is a sophomore and has been nominated for National Academy of Future Physicians. She has a GPA of 4.04 and was selected for George Mason University for [National Youth Leadership Forum \(NYLF\): Advanced Medicine & Health Care](#).

Lamar Safe Prom 2019 Presents:

NAME THAT STAR!

It's a Raffle! It's Decoration! It's a Game!

Prom night for our seniors is Saturday, April 13th! At the Safe-After Prom Party students will be able to play "**Name That Star**", a just-for-fun game where students attempt to identify their classmates from childhood photos submitted by their parents. Click on the following attachment for further details. [Name that Star](#)

Rangerettes

The Rangerettes competed at the Ascension Dance Competition on 3/2/19 where they competed at Tompkins High School in Katy Texas.

List of awards obtained:

Best in class for Novelty, Pom, Hip Hop, Jazz, and Modern

Overall best in category novelty

Judges award for Novelty and officers

Grand Champion Team

Overall Grand champion Officers

Champion cup team high scores (all dances scored above 90 from each judge)

best in class overall medium spectrum team 1

2nd runner up in elite ensemble

Lamar Dance Theater
9-10 Medallion winners- Jacqueline Taylor
9-10 3rd runner up Akayla Gardner
12 grade 3rd runner up Max Helman
1st place LDT hip hop
Judges award LDT
LDT champion contemporary
LDT champion lyrical
LDT champion modern
Small grand champion LDT

Click the following link to view their trophies. [Rangerettes Trophies](#)

Summer School Registration

Click the following attachment for Summer school information.

[Summer School Registration Info](#)

Lamar's TOY and BTOY

Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year and Beginning Teacher of the Year! You guys rock!

Mr. Alexander Brahm - Teacher of the Year

Edis Moreno - Beginning Teacher of the Year

Project Celebration - Safe Driving Competition

Compete from March 11th - April 7th

TXDOT will be awarding \$1,500 to the school with the most student participation!

- 1st Place = \$1,500
- 2nd Place = \$1,200
- 3rd Place = \$1,000
- 15 + More schools win \$700

Click the following links for further details. [Safe Driving Competition](#) and [Project Celebration- How to Participate](#)

Spirit Shirt and Jean Day

Students and teachers may wear jeans tomorrow, March 8th, as long as you are wearing a Lamar spirit shirt.

Teen College and Career Fair

Need a summer job? Thinking about college or careers? We are partnering with businesses and community groups around the city to showcase post-high school options for work and education. Stop by Jungman Neighborhood Library to explore the possibilities!

Smart Financial Lamar HS

Smart Financial will collect donations for the Christian Community Service Center beginning Friday, March 1st until Friday, April 5th, 2019. Donation bins are located in Room E210. We appreciate and welcome any donation.

CCSC operates two food pantries in Houston to help those who are in need.

Keep Houston Beautiful

The day is finally here and we are so excited! It's time to start registering your teams and volunteers for this year's KHB Day which will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 9 am to 2 pm.

The deadline to register teams/locations and volunteers is **March 27th**.

For more information, please email info@houstonbeautiful.org or call 832-834-6105

You can also visit www.houstonbeautiful.org

Who Keeps Houston Beautiful? WE ALL DO!

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.

Click on the following attachment for a copy of the flyer. [Pop Up Prom Shop Flyer](#)

Seniors 2019

Important Dates:

- Prom - **April 13th (Bayou City Event Center) @ 8 pm**
- Graduation - **Saturday, June 8th (NRG Stadium) @ 9 am**
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- Prom tickets sales \$85.00 each from **March 18th - March 26th (business office: during lunch, before or after school)**
- Prom tickets sales \$85.00 each from **March 27th - April 10th (during all lunches/cafeteria)**
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- After Prom tickets sales \$30.00 each from **March 18th - March 26th (business office: during lunch, before or after school)**
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- Senior Swag Bags Distribution-**March 27th- April 10th (during all lunches/cafeteria) Senior Swag Bags are for Senior Packages or Senior Fees purchases only.**

Cap and Gowns

Place your cap and gown orders online at balfour.com today. The prices for cap and gowns will increase by \$10.00 starting March 3rd.

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

Attention Senior Parents:

Please help support *Lamar Republic Yearbook* and purchase ad space for your graduate.

Please note that NONE of the money goes to Balfour. It's actually how we pay for the yearbook. Any overage goes directly in the Lamar yearbook account and helps to purchase camera supplies and computers. A new server was installed 2 years ago in the yearbook room with those funds - now students are able to design and work on yearbook spreads at the same time without deleting other staffers' information.

They only collect the funds as a 3rd party to help with marketing to increase sales. Again, ALL of the funds go directly to Lamar.

Yearbooks

The yearbooks are on sale for \$100.00. You can purchase the yearbook on schoolpay:

[[www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?](https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?mip=McHW)

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[mip=McHW](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

½ Page Ad is \$250

¼ Page Ad is \$130

1/8 Page Ad is \$75

Please share...and purchase your ad space today. Contact csmith41@houstonisd.org for further information.

Businesses can also purchase ads for the same price. For additional information

email: csmith41@houstonisd.org

FFA AG Show

Mark your calendars for April 25th - 27th. Our FFA AG Show will be featured on Lamar's campus. Stay tuned for more details.

Evan E. Worthing Scholarship

This year, the Evan E. Worthing Scholarship Program (through Bank of America) is committed to providing four-year scholarships of \$2,000 per year to twenty (20) graduating seniors in HISD. Students should complete the application electronically using the fillable PDF in Naviance, print it, attach all required documents, and submit to Ms. Ling before March 25th.

Lamar Life

Go to:
[issuu.com/houstonisd2/docs/for_danny_to_print]https://issuu.com/houstonisd2/docs/for_danny_to_print for the latest electronic copy of Lamar Life magazine.

Rice University TMD Camp

When/Where is TMD Research Camp?

Houston, TX 77005

6100 Main Street

Rice University

Monday - Friday

June 10 - August 2, 2019

TMD Research Camp is offered at no charge to accepted students, with funding available to provide financial aid for particularly outstanding students. Not all students will qualify. For further information email selena.zermeno@rice.edu or call 713-348-8211.

Inspiring Moment

An effort made for happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.

Lydia Maria Child



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