



Lamar High School

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Principal's Corner



As we find ourselves at the beginning of an incredible leap to change the way education works in this country; we stand ready with a faculty that understands how to use the online tools.

Here are a few highlights that will help you prepare:

-This past Monday, faculty and staff collaborated with online meetings to make plans for a seamless transition to HISD@Home, the District learning initiative.

-If you weren't able to join the LIVE EVENT on Tuesday evening, please view it at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WPetkTX37TXUYyI9uZd0l7AQTMeN4ep/view?usp=sharing>

-The Lamar faculty and staff are working to make phone contact with each student/family to complete a wellness check to help us organize our resources to serve you best.

-We have offered support appointments for two days this week to provide support for students with hardware (laptop or chargers). Unfortunately we have distributed all hotspots that we had on campus and the District does not have any more to give us.

-If your student needs IT support with software please email Ms. Rachel Rutledge at Rachel.Rutledge@houstonisd.org

-We have encouraged students to take care of missing assignments this week, as well as test on online learning platforms to ensure an easier transition next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- All April Events have been canceled.

-On Tuesday, March 31st students will begin an A Day/B Day schedule with online course work. There will be several components that teachers will use to ensure students have the support they need – Online pre-recorded lessons, office hours in which students and teachers may interact in real time and independent assignments to demonstrate mastery. This will mimic our current instructional program, replacing the face-to-face with an online meeting.

-At this time, the District has decided to cancel all events scheduled for April. Unfortunately, this means prom for our seniors. I am incredibly disappointed that we are not going to be able to give our seniors this opportunity. The District is working on a system for issuing refunds for anything families who have paid for those events that have been canceled. Please watch for more information about this. District administration will make a decision in the coming weeks with regard to events scheduled for May.

So, how will we communicate?

Students should check district email accounts regularly. We will continue to send the weekly newsletter on Thursdays, as well as emails regarding time sensitive information more often.

On Friday, March 27th, students and parents will receive information by email about the
Frequently Asked Questions

We are working on an FAQ to help you navigate this transition. Use this link to submit your questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QGVG5C8>

Highlighted Events

- **Online Classes will start Tuesday, March 31st.**
- **All Events for April have been canceled.**

Important Contact Information

General Questions

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College Corner

Howdy Texans from the College Corner!

Making sure a college or university is the right match and fit for you or your student usually involve some research and a visit. We have a database created by Rebecca Chabrow that allows you to do that from the comfort and safety of your own couch. <https://bit.ly/CollegeVirtualTour> This information was compiled from College Board Big Future site and various other sites including the campuses listed personal website.

We hope that this resource can make your decision on where to go or where to start looking easier.

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If you are in need of a paper transcript please use this Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/btbyu4jimzeQkfvA7> Please only use this link when it is absolutely necessary because the receiving institution does not accept transcripts electronically and you have an impending deadline. Requests should be submitted at least ten (10) business days before the application's due date. Processing may take up to three days, which allows seven business days for receipt by college or scholarship.

Students normally order paper transcripts in The Welcome Center and then supply postage. However, given our current state, we will process and mail as a courtesy. Again, requests should be made only if you have a pressing deadline for a paper transcript.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to email me at mtrendel@houstonisd.org.

Fall Credit Appeal

Students who received an NG for a course in the fall semester will have one additional opportunity to complete the Credit Appeal process. Students who eligible for this process are receiving an email directly from Mrs. Graves with instructions for regaining credit for that course through an online setting. The deadline to complete the credit appeal time is April 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Any student who has not regained credit for a course will be reseated in that course for the Fall semester.

Update on AP Exams

College Board is offering AP tests this spring to all students currently registered for AP exams. Students will have the opportunity to take AP tests from home using their computers. As more information about AP testing becomes available, we will share it. College Board is also providing live instruction for 32 classes via the AP YouTube channel. Classes will be recorded and available for download as well. To access the live classes and recordings, visit the [AP YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/advancedplacement) (<https://www.youtube.com/advancedplacement>) Additional AP resources are attached ([AP Resources Spring 2020.docx](#)) for support as the students complete their AP courses and prepare for exams.

Student Led Conferences are Going Online

Students, if you have not yet hosted your SLC, you will still do so, only now you're going virtual! Neighborhood clerks are in the process of rescheduling all SLCs that have not yet taken place. Expect an invitation to arrive in your student's HISD email next week. Your invitation will include the date and time of your SLC. Parents and students, please remember to check your student's HISD email

regularly. Every student enrolled in HISD has an HISD email address. Because this is the most comprehensive communication tool available to us, we will use it regularly, along with several others. Parents, if you do not know your student's HISD email address, please email your neighborhood clerk.

Grad Lab Update

Please take the time to read through very important changes to all online Credit Recovery and Original Credit coursed.

- * The TST test (Teacher Scored Test) will be done online. This will be available for you to take once you complete all quizzes.
 - * Practices, Journals, Explore, Projects, and Labs have been waived. You do not need to complete these assignments regardless of it being Original or Credit Recovery.
 - * All assignments must be completed online and submitted online. If you need instructions to this please reach out to Mr. Lozano via email mlozan10@houstonisd.org
 - * Please continue to email Mr. Lozano directly for all unlocks. He will check email throughout the day.
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Hot Spot Instructions

Click the following attachment for instructions to setup your Hotspots:

[Setting Up Sprint Galaxy J3 Emerge_v2.pdf](#)

Lamar Community HISD @ Home Presentation

If you missed this week's online community event hosted by Principal Rita Graves; you can click the following attachment [HISD @ Home Live Community Event.pdf](#) for the latest information regarding the district's online school.

Furthermore, a full FAQ will be sent out regarding questions submitted during this community event. Please don't hesitate to reach out through our new email address at lamarhstexansisd@gmail.com. Emails will be routed to the correct person from this account.

HISD Food Distribution Update

Dear HISD Community:

As COVID-19 precautions intensify, food distribution sites operated by the Houston Independent School District in partnership with the Houston Food Bank have been canceled for Thursday and Friday.

The cancellation will remain in effect as the district re-evaluates its process for safely delivering this service to students and families.

This is a difficult decision to make, but the safety of the community, staff, and volunteers is our top priority. We are proud that in the past two weeks we have provided meals for thousands of Houston families when they need it most.

Although the distribution sites are canceled, there are options for families in need.

The City of Houston is operating a curbside meal program at [47 community centers](#) around the city Monday through Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. Free meals, including a lunch and a snack, are available for youth ages 1 to 18. Only children who come to the site for pickup can receive the meal. Parents are not allowed to take food for a child that is not present at the time of pickup.

Additionally, families can visit [HoustonFoodBank.org](https://www.houstonfoodbank.org) to see the 250 open partner sites that are located across greater Houston.

As we continue to navigate this crisis, please stay safe and follow all recommendations for handwashing, social distancing, and remaining at home.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grenita F. Lathan, Ph.D.

HISD Interim Superintendent

Junior School Day SAT Rescheduled

The SAT School Day administration for all Juniors, originally scheduled for April 28, 2020, has been rescheduled for October 14, 2020. The current Juniors will sit for the SAT, free of charge, in October as Seniors.

Any Juniors who are hoping to meet early action/decision deadlines next fall should consider signing up for the SAT in June or August 2020. Check with the Lamar College Corner for more information.

Important IB Information

Parents and Students,

The following link and attachment provide important IB information:

<https://ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/#examinations>

or attachment [Letter IBDP May 2020 Exams.docx](#)

Lamar Life

Click the following link for the March edition of Lamar Life:

https://issuu.com/houstonisd2/docs/march_online_edition

Special Services and Covid-19

For students receiving special education services in the general education classroom (in-class-support/co-teaching) the Special Education Co-teachers will be holding office hours on Microsoft Teams. The Co-teacher office hours will be scheduled to take place after the content teacher's office hours as much as possible. When your student participates in the live office hours, it is an opportunity to ask questions, get additional direct instruction, and get help from the co-teacher/s. Please reach out to your student's case manager and/or co-teacher/s if you have questions regarding their office hours.

Reference the attachment for further details: [Special Services and Covid-19.docx](#)

Disco Bots Dance with Destiny

Although robotics events have been canceled nation-wide for health and safety reasons, the Lamar rookie girls team flirted with unprecedented fame in their Disco debut. In three regular season events, the girls won an award and ranked high enough to qualify for the UIL Texas State 4A Championship to have been held in Dallas on March 26th. "The girls were obviously disappointed when I broke the news to them late Thursday night (March 12th) that the championship was a no-go" Cemer said. But the tenacity and determination of these young women is remarkable. DiscoBots Beta team captain, Daisy Prince, insisted on taking home the design notebook, their robot, and some spare parts to work on during the long period of isolation. The girls continue to communicate on-line, planning and programming for a successful new season to begin in the Fall Semester. You young ladies make us Lamar proud!!!

Class of 2020

Be encouraged Class of 2020! We will keep you updated as events progress within the district.

Food for Thought

"Everything happens for a reason. Sometimes good things fall apart, so better things can come together."

Marilyn Monroe



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