



Lamar High School
AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
WORLD SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL

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COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Principal's Corner



This week we celebrate our administrators during National Assistant Principals' Week. Our Assistant Principals and Academic Deans carry heavy loads and do so with such incredible heart. I absolutely could not do this work without their unwavering support and their dedication to the children of Lamar. Please take just a moment this evening to let them know how much you appreciate them.

Dean of Students: [Johnnie Jackson](#)

9A and 9B

Assistant Principal: [Jonathan Alaniz](#)

Academic Dean: [Rebecca Ryan](#)

9C and 9D

Assistant Principal: [Keri King](#)

Academic Dean: [Dottie Lawrence](#)

10A and 10B

Assistant Principal: [Raymond Cain](#)

Academic Dean: [Jenalle Kamla](#)

10C and 10D

Assistant Principal: [Mary Ellen Fernandez](#)

Academic Dean: [Joyce Ballard](#)

11A and 11B

Assistant Principal: [Donna Mann](#)

Academic Dean: [Patrick Jefferson](#)

11C and 11D

Assistant Principal: [Kevin Thompson](#)

Academic Dean: [Reesa Turner](#)

12A and 12B

Assistant Principal: [Monica Pizana](#)

Academic Dean: [Colby Pruitt](#)

12C and 12D

Assistant Principal: [Grace Mosby](#)

Academic Dean: [Francis Brooks](#)

Highlighted Events:

- **Fri. Apr 15th:** SPRING HOLIDAY
- **Sat. Apr 16th:** SPRING HOLIDAY
- **Fri. Apr. 22nd:** END OF CYCLE
- **Sat. Apr. 23rd:** Job Fair 11:00-2:00 (LHS -Gym)
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SHOUTOUTS!

varsity Tennis Team

Congratulations Varsity Tennis winners at the district tournament!

Boys Singles

1st place Alex Koong

Boys Doubles

1st place Marcus Azuaje & Tyler Shen

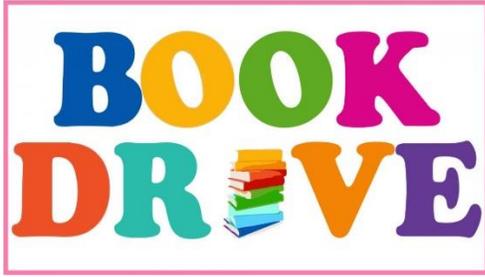
Mixed Doubles

1st place John Butler & Sophia Rassin

2nd place Mikail & Mischa Wijesekera

They will all advance to regionals on April 11-14

StuCo



Student Council is hosting our book drive that is going on until Friday April 8th. Students can donate new or gently used K-12 books and they can be dropped off on the 3rd and 4th floors in front of the clerks' desks as well as the first floor's front desk.

Lamar Writing Lab

The Lamar Writing Lab is open to all Lamar students for any piece of writing you may have, whether it be a school assignment or a college or job application.

The Writing Lab has been set up in partnership with and modeled after the Writing Center at Rice University.

Students can sign up for 30 minute writing coaching sessions (either virtual or in person) with Writing Consultants from Rice or with Lamar Peer Writing Coaches who have gone through a multi-session training under the model of the Rice Writing Center.

Sessions can cover writing goals like: idea generation/brainstorming for an assignment, feedback on the content of a piece of writing, help with organizing your ideas in a piece of writing, citation & formatting assistance, post-high school writing (college apps, resumes, cover letters), or visual/oral presentations.

You can see our Bookings page to sign up for an available session at this link: <https://bit.ly/labspring22>

LAMAR WRITING LAB NOW OPEN!

Hours: MWF 11:45-12:45, 2:00-5:00

Location: N212 (2nd floor of the North building across from the main office)

Virtual & In-person appointments available!

Sign up here: bit.ly/labspring22

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Want a professionally trained set of eyes on an assignment?

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We hope to see you in the Lab!

Rising Juniors and Seniors

Class of 2023* & *Class of 2024



Apply to be a **WRITING COACH** with Lamar's Writing Lab next year!

Peer Writing Coaches
are **trained to help writers**
think through writing assignments,
generate ideas,
and **strategize** next steps.



APP DUE

MAY 1st!

Scan QR code for the
peer writing coach application!
bit.ly/writinglabapp

What peer writing coaches do:

We meet one-on-one with fellow students about their in-progress writing and writing goals.

We provide student-writers with the time, space, and Writing Lab resources to improve their writing.

We DON'T proofread or write papers for our clients, but

We DO apply the Socratic Method to ask questions that facilitate improved critical thinking and writing.

Program modeled on our partner
Writing Coach program at *Rice University*.

What peer writing coaches get:

- Receive training in writing process and strategies
- Become proficient communication consultants
- Improve your own writing
- Participate in building and shaping a new program
- Add an impressive line to your academic resume
- Gain experience for college writing center jobs



IB Exams- Lamar Last Chance Review Sessions

11th and 12th grade parents: Lamar Last Chance Review Sessions for upcoming IB exams will take place on April 23rd and May 7th at Lamar High School from 9 am to 1:30 pm. Students will have the chance to attend two review sessions each Saturday. Sessions will target key IB content and skills for SL2 and HL2 juniors and seniors. IB exams begin April 28th and span through May. This is a great opportunity to review with our very own IB teachers. [Please view sessions and express interest using this form.](#) Contact Dr. Acord if you have questions. Suzanne.Acord@houstonisd.org

Job Fair

We are gearing up for our SECOND Career Kickstart Job Fair on April 23 and we would love for you to join us!

Our goal is to create opportunities for our students to engage with real-world experience related to the career and technical education program (CTE).

CTE is an HISD initiative that allows students to shape their education around their desired career pathway. At Lamar, we offer on-campus courses related to business marketing and finance, agriculture, culinary arts, journalism, engineering, computer sciences, and more!

Your business can get involved with our students' education at Lamar and help shape their futures by bringing your expertise, modeling your leadership, and opening your doors.

At the fair, we'd love for our students to have the opportunity to connect with your business in any of the following ways:

- Shadowing and observation
- Mentorship
- Internship
- Field experiences
- Entry-level positions

If you are interested in participating in the Career Kickstart Job Fair, please reach out to me directly via email at kadee.harper@houstonisd.org.

Spring Final Exam Exemptions

Currently the District's Guidelines allow us to exempt a student from one or more final exams if the following conditions are met:

- No more than 3 absences in any class; and
- Grade of 85% or better in the class you wish to be exempt from; and
- S or E in conduct with no discipline referrals

Seniors – Eligible to be exempt from all final exams

Juniors and Sophomores – Eligible to be exempt from up to two final exams

Freshman – Eligible to be exempt for one class final exam

11th and 12th grade students in IB courses must submit all IB assessments, sit for IB exams in May, and participate in all oral assessments. To be exempt from finals in 11th and 12th grade IB courses, students must also have all IB assessments complete.

****Critical Note**** We are requesting a modification to the guidelines allowing us to modify the attendance requirements for final exam exemption. We have not yet received that guidance. Stand by for more information.

COLLEGE CORNER

Just a reminder that the Texas priority deadline for FAFSA and TASFA was January 15th.

HOWEVER, YOU CAN STILL COMPLETE THE FAFSA AND TAFSA. Don't miss out on grants and scholarships for college! Texas House Bill 3 implemented completion of FAFSA as a graduation requirement. If you need assistance with completing your FAFSA or TASFA, stop by the College Corner.

SENIORS: Upload any **financial aid confirmation** emails at <https://forms.gle/e38JgGc9bUDvE4zH6> .

Additionally, please use the Google Doc above to submit your **College Acceptance notifications [screenshot, jpg or pdf].**

JUNIORS. [2022 QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program](#) for high school juniors opens in early February. **QuestBridge is a nationally recognized nonprofit that**

equips academically outstanding, low-income students with the tools to gain admission and full four-year scholarships to [over 45 top colleges](#).

JUNIORS. Did you know...the Spring Semester are the grades, transcripts, and class ranking that get submitted for many of your Fall college applications.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Houston ISD > College Readiness > Scholarships [link below] Good source of student scholarships. [College Readiness / Scholarships \(houstonisd.org\)](#)

2022 LAMAR Alumni HOPE Scholarship Applications are in review. Select students will be scheduled for an in-person interview to determine 2022 scholarship awardness.

SEE College Corner bulletin for weekly updates on scholarships available.

FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORES!

Your college prep has already begun – surprised? Start finding leadership opportunities in clubs and organizations. **Look NOW for summer college STEM or Summer Programs and Texas colleges and colleges of interest.** Document your volunteer hours, not just NHS, but college resume.

University of Houston – BAUER College of Business Summer Institute

<https://www.bauer.uh.edu/undergraduate/summercamp/>

Italian Cultural & Community Center of Houston. Annual \$1,000 renewable scholarships to graduating high school seniors of Italian descent, to any degree on either side of parentage. SUBMIT applications by the April 8, 2022 deadline. To find more information about the scholarships we have available and the forms you can click on <https://www.icchouston.com/scholarships/>

COLLEGE Corner advisors are available by appointment and open to all students.

SEE College Corner bulletin for weekly updates on scholarships available.

Special Ed Virtual Spring Parent Summit

ENGAGING, SUPPORTING & RESTORING



SPRING VIRTUAL EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Register at
HoustonISD.org/SPEDParentSummit

For more information, please contact the Parent Liaisons at
SPEDSupportingParents@HoustonISD.org

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Parent Summit Agenda:



Special Education 101, Roles and Responsibilities of the ARD Committee Members, and Notice of Procedural Safeguards Overview



An Overview of Transition and Workforce Solution Services offered at career offices for Students with Disabilities



Types of Accommodations and Modifications in the IEP



Using Imagine Learning Math & Literacy Programs to Support Your Child's Success for Parents, Families, and Caregivers



Questions to Ask During an ARD Meeting and Contents of the IEP

For a full overview of scheduled offerings, follow the link below:

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE HOUSTON

CONFERENCIA PARA PADRES DE EDUCACIÓN ESPECIAL

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EVENTO VIRTUAL DE PRIMAVERA
SÁBADO, 23 DE ABRIL DE 2022
8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

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Agenda de la Cumbre para Padres:



Educación Especial 101, Funciones y responsabilidades de los miembros del Comité de Admisión, Revisión y Retiro (ARD) y Resumen de la notificación de garantías procesales



Descripción general de los servicios de transición y para la fuerza laboral brindados en las oficinas de carreras para estudiantes con discapacidades



Tipos de adaptaciones y modificaciones de los Planes Educativos Individuales (IEP)



Información para padres, familias y cuidadores sobre el uso de los programas Imagine Learning de matemáticas y lectoescritura para apoyar el éxito del estudiante



Preguntas para hacer durante una reunión del ARD y contenidos de los IEP

Para consultar la descripción general completa de la agenda programada, haga clic en el siguiente enlace.

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Mini Band Camp



Camp will be held **MONDAYS**
5:30 - 6:50 pm

April 11th

May 2nd

May 16th

May 23rd

OPEN INVITATION
to all 2022 members and
8th Graders Attending
Lamar High School

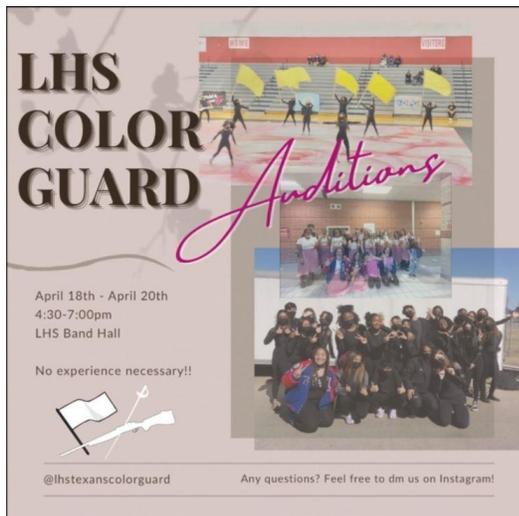
TheLamarBand.com

Lamar Mini Band Camp!!

Set your reminder for the dates and times listed. Come learn new music, check out the band hall, meet current members of The Lamar Band and within your section. Find out what high school band is like. No experience needed to be in one of the most energetic and outstanding bands. Please complete this survey <https://thelamarband.com/students>

Join The Lamar High School Band family.

Color Guard Auditions



**LHS
COLOR
GUARD**

Auditions

April 18th - April 20th
4:30-7:00pm
LHS Band Hall

No experience necessary!!

@lhstexanscolorguard

Any questions? Feel free to dm us on Instagram!

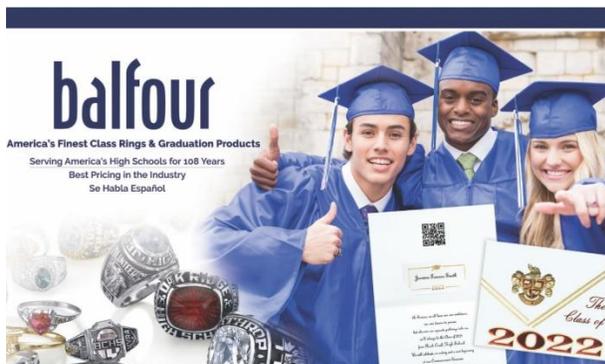
Laptop Collection

Laptop collection will start **May 16th**. All students are expected to be ready to return their laptops on **May 16th** at their scheduled time. Students should return their laptops, charger, and case. If you are missing your charger or case you can purchase a replacement on [school pay](#). If you had to buy a replacement item please have a copy of the receipt either printed or digital with your ID number showing when you come to turn in your laptop. All laptops need to be returned in the same condition as they were handed out to you. Please remove any stickers off the device before May 16. If a student has any damage on their laptop please come by the IT office, N215, before the week of laptop collection to get that resolved. Please backup any items you will need from the laptop to Google Drive, a flash drive or to your email; you will not receive the same laptop back in the Fall and all items not saved will be lost.

SENIOR 2022 INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES:

- *Senior Finals - May 31st-June 3rd
- *Graduation - Saturday, June 11th (NRG) 7:00PM
- * Seniors arrive at NRG at 5:30PM



Cap and Gowns

Place your cap and gown orders online at balfour.com today.

Invitations:

Go to balfour.com to place your order for graduation invitations.

Senior Fees:

Regular senior Fees: \$100 (or the rest of the year)

Method of payment: School Pay: schoolpay.com

Senior Final Schedule

Seniors will take exams during their regularly scheduled periods on these days and exempt seniors must report to class for all periods to avoid absences that would make them ineligible for exemptions.

Tuesday, May 31-Periods 1 & 2

Wednesday, June 1- Periods 7 & 8

Thursday, June 2-Period 3 & 4

Friday, June3- Periods 5 & 6

BUY THE 2021-22 YEARBOOK NOW!

This is a year you won't want to forget! Help our yearbook staff reach our goal and buy your yearbook now for \$95. Price jumps to \$125 in March! Order here: Balfour.com

We only have a limited number of yearbooks to sell, so be sure to purchase NOW!

Please contact Kadee Harper, kadee.harper@houstonisd.org, with questions.

Student Opportunities and Community News

Join our Community Bulletin Board for featured opportunities students and parents. This site provides an information for high school students to browse local employers offering part-time jobs, internships, scholarships and community events all in one convenient place.

<https://wke.lt/w/s/y3PC4F>



PTO NEWS

College Workshop Wednesday

Presented by Alexandra Wax from Pathway Admissions, join us to learn how a balanced college list is key to the right fit - a school the student loves and succeeds at!

Next week, April 13th @ 7pm via [TEAMS](#).

Flyer attached & Here is the

link: https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F_%23%2F%2Fmeeting_Njg1YmUwMTQtNjgyYi00OGM3LThiMjYtNDE5Nzk3ZWl1NTky%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%2527B%2522Tid%2522%3A%2522f5eb9966-9336-4b33-8895-9982425b13ed%2522%2C%2522Oid%2522%3A%252286135b0a-3909-4ca3-91a5-d7d906cd8126%2522%2527D%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=94a2ff81-3332-462a-a32c-3635c8da8c64&directDl=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true

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the full collection. Flip through our online
catalog that is fully shoppable
and won't get lost in the trash.

https://issuu.com/balfour/docs/balfour-lumpkin-ring-sy22_cstm-issuu?fr=sODNhMzQxMTUzMjY



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