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Principal's Corner



As we wrap up March, we need to start planning for end of year assessments. It is critical for our students to understand the calendar and expectations for STAAR exams, AP exams, IB exams and course final exams.

IB Exams

Students who are currently enrolled in an IB course with the SL2 or HL2 designation are required to take the IB assessment. Students do not have the ability to “opt out” of the assessment. The upside to this is that an IB exam for a course will allow the student to be exempt from the course final exam with a score of 85 or better as a course average. [Courses designated at SL1 or HL1 do not qualify for this exemption.]

AP Exams

Students who are currently enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam. Students do not have the ability to “opt out” of the assessment. The upside to this is that an AP exam for a course will allow the student to be exempt from the course final exam with a score of 85 or better as a course average.

STAAR Exams

All students enrolled in a STAAR tested course are required to take the STAAR Exam for the course. This is a graduation requirement. Additionally, students who did not earn a passing score on the exam when seated in the course must earn a passing score to meet graduation requirements.

Final Exams

You will see below that there are two sets of dates for final exams. Seniors will take final exams earlier than students designated as grades 9-11 to ensure all students meet graduation requirements prior to June 7, 2022.

REVISED FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Seniors will take their exams during their regularly scheduled classes. Seniors are expected to attend all classes on these days.

May 26 B-Day Periods 5 & 7

May 27 A-Day Periods 1 & 3

May 31 B-Day Periods 6 & 8

June 1 A-Day Periods 2 & 4

Grades 9-11 will take their exams during the designated time periods and will be dismissed after the second exam period. Students must attend all exam sessions, even if they are exempt, to maintain attendance credit. The first exam time will be 8:30-10:40 each day and the second exam time will be from 10:50-12:50 each day. Lunch will be available at 12:50 for students as they leave campus.

June 2 Periods 2 & 1

June 3 Periods 6 & 5

June 6 Periods 3 & 4

June 7 Periods 7 & 8

Highlighted Events:

- **Sat. Apr. 2nd:** PROM 8:00PM-12:00 AM (Bayou City Event Center)
- **Tue. Apr. 5th:** STAAR EOC English I 8:30AM (LHS)
- **Tue. Apr. 5th:** Late Start for non-STAAR Testers 12:00PM
- **Wed. Apr. 6th:** StuCo Blood Drive 8:30AM (LHS)
- **Thu. Apr 7th:** STAAR EOC English II 8:30AM (LHS)
- **Thu. Apr 7th:** Late Start for non-STAAR testers 12:00PM
- **Fri. Apr 15th:** SPRING HOLIDAY
- **Sat. Apr 16th:** SPRING HOLIDAY

SHOUTOUTS!

Sub Varsity Track and Field



Congratulations! The Sub Varsity Lamar Track & Field teams for winning the district championship. The Lamar track team swept all four divisions by winning first place in JV Girls, JV Boys, Freshmen Girls, and Freshmen Boys divisions.

2022 NCWIT- National Center for Women & Information Technology

Congratulations! Maria Cruz and Hang Pham for winning the Award for Aspirations in Computing

Each year, the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) recognizes students and educators for their accomplishments and goals in computing and technology. With over 3,500 high school applications and more than 130 educator applications from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, overseas U.S. military bases, and Canada.

Congratulations Debate Team!

UIL Regional Qualifiers:

Grace Shearer - 1st place Prose Interpretation

Ethan Nguyen - 3rd place Poetry Interpretation

Mischa Wijesekera - 1st place Persuasive Extemp

Oliver Hoeink - 2nd place Persuasive Extemp

Somil Goyal - 1st Place Informative Extemp

We came in 2nd for Speech Team Sweepstakes. They only award 1st place.

Nationals:

In Congressional Debate

Chuby Madu was 2nd

Khanh Dang was 3rd she is double qualified.

Olvier Hoeink & Soumil Goyal were selected to be part of a World Schools Debate team.

Congratulations Rangerettes!

Rangerettes won big again at the Showtime Nationals Competition in Galveston last weekend bringing home 9 National Titles! Their hard work, dedication, and talent really paid off and they couldn't be more proud. Congratulations Rangerettes for your winning competition season!

1st Place Officer Open

1st Place Officer Lyrical

1st Place Officer Contemporary

1st Place Officer Modern

National Champs Small Team Officers

1st Place Team Kick & the Applause Award

1st Place Team Hip Hop

1st Place Team Jazz

Congratulations Rangerettes on a successful contest season!

National Champs Medium Ensemble Hip Hop

2nd Place Medium Ensemble Lyrical

District Champion Medium Team Officers

District Champion Overall Officers

District Champion Medium Team

2nd over all Team in HISD

State Champion Medium Team Officers

State Champion Overall Officers

State Champion Medium Team

State Champion Overall Team

Ending contest season with 9 National Titles!

National Champions Officer Open

National Champions Officer Lyrical

National Champions Officer Contemporary

National Champions Officer Modern

National Champs Small Team Officers

National Champions in Team Kick

(Applause award)

National Champions in Team Hip Hop

National Champions in Team Jazz

3rd Place Team Pom

National Champs Med. Ensemble Hip Hop

2nd Place Med. Ensemble Lyrical

Lamar Dance Theatre

Ascension
Nationals
**LAMAR
DANCE
THEATRE**



ASCENSION Nationals

Ascension Nationals Results
2021-2022
Spectrum I

- 🏆 1st Place 9-10 National Solo Winner Leo Carter
- 🏆 1st Place 12 Grade National Solo Winner Jacqueline Taylor
- 🏆 1st Place National Small Ensemble LDT Hip Hop

Judges Award (Score 90+)

- Spectrum I Team Awards
- Best In Class Small Team
- 🏆 1st Place Contemporary
- 🏆 1st Place Hip Hop
- 🏆 1st Place Jazz
- 🏆 1st Place Lyrical
- 🏆 1st Place Modern
- 🥈 2nd Place Open

Best In Category Team

- 🏆 Overall 1st Place Jazz
- 🏆 Overall 1st Place Hip Hop
- 🏆 Overall 1st Place Contemporary
- 🏆 Overall 1st Place Modern
- Judges Choice Team Modern
- Challenge Elite Team Award

Grand Champion Small Team National Champions

- 🏆 1st Place Overall Team Of The Day Spectrum 1
- #mattychamps
- Ended off the year strong! 🏆

Results

Congratulations Orchestra!

The Lamar Sinfonia Orchestra performed at the Waltrip Concert Festival and earned a composite rating of EXCELLENT on their performance! Let us congratulate them on their hard work and dedication - you make us TEXAN proud, Sinfonia!



Congratulations to 10th grader **Stephen Hernandez** for winning the individual 2022 district champion in boys golf! Also congratulations to **Stephen Hernandez, Costa Andreatos, Charlie Wirth, Trotter Kenny, and Fio Melnikau** for placing 2nd in Team and moving on to regionals. And last but not least congratulations to 11th grader **Jack Sizemore** for advancing to regionals as an individual medalist.

Lamar had more boys advance to regionals than any other school in the district!

Congratulations to Girls Golf Team!

Girls Golf Team won District Championship!! Please congratulate the girls and Coach Amanda Eckhardt!

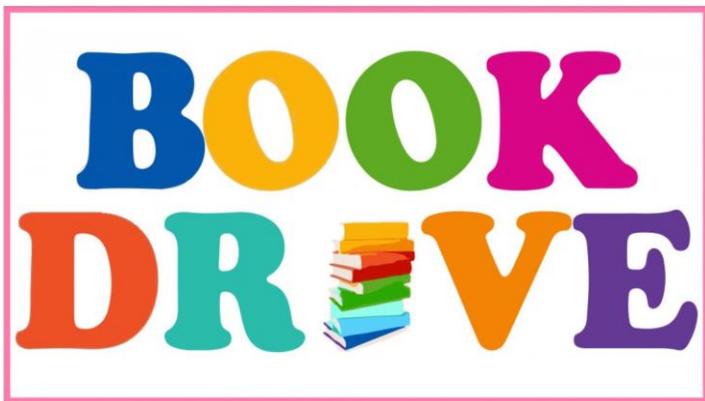
FFA Exhibiting at Houston Rodeo

D'Savion Hawthorne-Henderson who participated in the HLSR Calf Scramble on Wednesday, March 16th, caught a calf and was awarded the Calf Scramble Certificate. In addition, he won the Mystery Calf Prize.

StuCo Blood Drive

Hi Texans! We hope you are all doing well! Student Council is hosting our 2nd blood drive next week on Wednesday April 6th in the Athletic Lobby and this is the link to get to the Signup Genius to donate blood; <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044eada722a5fb6-lhsblood>

Students must be at least 17 to donate and if students aren't 18 yet, they must fill out the permission slip which can be picked up at their neighborhood clerks' desks.



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.

Testing Updates

Important Spring Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Exams

STAAR EOC exams will be administered on the dates listed below. All students are required to take and pass the five STAAR End of Course (EOC) exams before graduating. Beginning this spring, all STAAR exams will be administered through the online testing platform. All students will test on their HISD issued laptop. If your child's laptop or charger is missing or broken, it is critical that they go to the Lamar IT Office (N215) immediately. **If your child's laptop charger is missing s/he will need to purchase a new charger through the Lamar Business Office or using the SchoolPay link at <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Laptop-Charger---HP-45W--AC->**

[Adapter--550/SCcrNI](#) . Please note that all students will be responsible for returning a laptop, charger and case at the end of the school year.

Practice Online STAAR EOC exams can be viewed [here](#)

STAAR EOC Testing Dates

April 5, 2022 – STAAR EOC English 1 (9th graders and Retesters)

April 7, 2022 – STAAR EOC English 2 (10th graders and Retesters)

May 3, 2022 – STAAR EOC US History (11th grade and Retesters)

May 4, 2022 – STAAR EOC Algebra 1 (9th grade and Retesters)

May 5, 2022 – STAAR EOC Biology (9th grade and Retesters)

Testing Calendar

A calendar of all Spring 2022 testing (STAAR EOC, AP, IB, Finals) dates can be found [here](#)

Late Start- April 5th and 7th

On the following testing days, students not testing will have a late start. Non-testing students will report to school at 12:00 PM. Following lunch, all students will follow a modified A/B day schedule with 45 minute periods for the afternoon.

April 5, 2022

April 7, 2022

May 3, 2022

May 4, 2022

May 5, 2022

May 12, 2022

Late Start Testing Days							
Testing Students				Non-Testing Students			
Periods	Start	End	Minutes	Periods	Start	End	Minutes
Testing	8:30			NOT ON CAMPUS			
Passing	12:00	12:10	10 min	Arrive	12:00	12:10	10 min
Lunch	12:10	12:45	35 min	Lunch	12:10	12:45	35 min
Passing	12:45	12:50	5 min	Passing	12:45	12:50	5 min
2 nd /6 th	12:50	1:35	45 min	2 nd /6 th	12:50	1:35	45 min
Passing	1:35	1:42	7 min	Passing	1:35	1:42	7 min
3 rd /7 th	1:42	2:27	45 min	3 rd /7 th	1:42	2:27	45 min
Passing	2:27	2:34	7 min	Passing	2:27	2:34	7 min
1 st /5 th	2:34	3:19	45 min	1 st /5 th	2:34	3:19	45 min
Passing	3:19	3:26	7 min	Passing	3:19	3:26	7 min
4 th /8 th	3:26	4:10	44 min	4 th /8 th	3:26	4:10	44 min

11th Grade School Day SAT Scores

Juniors who took the SAT at Lamar on March 2nd will be able to view their test results on the [College Board website](#) beginning March 25th.

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>

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

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. Dr. Acord is providing students with IB assessment work days during our spring break Camp Spark on the 14th all day and on the 15th and 16th until 11 am. Students who need additional IB support should attend Camp Spark with Dr. Acord.

****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 TASFA. 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 \(houstonisd.org\)](https://www.houstonisd.org/College-Readiness/Scholarships)

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

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.

Inscríbese en
HoustonISD.org/SPEDParentSummit

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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

TheLamarBand.com

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

Mini Band Camp coming soon!!

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. Join The Lamar High School Band family. See you soon!

#lamarproud

#lamartexanband

#onebandonesound

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.

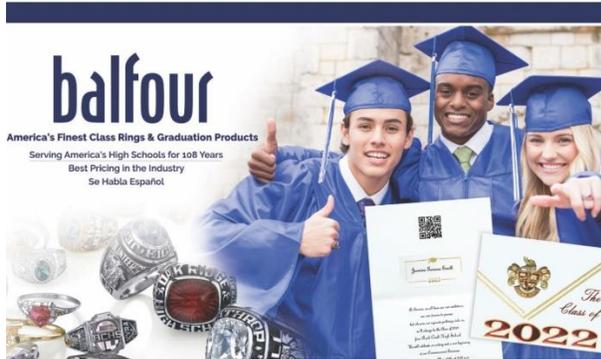
SENIOR 2022 INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES:

****Prom-** April 2nd (Bayou Event Center) 8:00-12:00AM

***Senior Finals -** May 31st-June 3rd

***Graduation -** Saturday, June 11th (NRG) 7:00PM



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

2022 SENIOR PROM INFORMATION

Night at the MET Gala: Enchanted Garden

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Bayou Event Center

9401 Knight Road

Houston, Texas 77045

8:00PM-12:00 Midnight

Important: Students are unable to enter the prom after 9:30PM

Formal wear for ladies and gentlemen

**** ALL CLOTHING MUST ADEQUATELY COVER CHEST, MIDRIFT AND THIGHS****

NO TICKET SOLD AT THE DOOR

You must check into prom by 9:30PM SHARP or will not be admitted. If you leave the prom,

you will not be able to re-enter.

NO BAGS ALLOWED.

Purses and persons will be checked before entering. No outside food or drinks allowed.

Party buses and vans will be subject to search upon arrival. Furthermore, all vehicles must be valet parked. Car keys will be left with the valet.

No parking of cars at Bayou City Event Center before your arrival to prom.

You may NOT go to your car to get things until you are ready to leave for the night.

Prom is not a lock-in. You may leave at any time, but you may not re-enter.

You may NOT go to your car to get things until you are ready to leave.

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, June 3- 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](https://www.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

Please join us for the next general meeting of the Lamar PTO scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m. Stay tuned for details.

ALL GRADES CAN ORDER CLASS RINGS!!

We're bringing the

TRADITION

to you.

Class Ring. Senior Ring. Graduation Ring. Whatever you call it, we've got you covered.

ALL GRADES CAN ORDER CLASS RINGS!!

See the newest collection of Class Rings online!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISSXrh4rPIQ&t=3s>

Check out this video featuring 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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