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Principal's Corner



Planning for 2021-22

Did you scoff at the use of the word “planning”? While many plans have been developed, tweaked and redeveloped the last two years, it is the limitless persistence with planning that will drive us into next year.

Let me tell you more about what we are expecting for the new school year. The District has announced that we will not be pursuing “concurrent” classes – meaning class periods will be made up of only in-person students or only virtual students. In light of this announcement, at Lamar, we are preparing for all students to return in-person in the fall. The District is currently discussing the creation of virtual academies for students who are selecting virtual classes. I anticipate that the many options available at Lamar may not be available if a student selects the virtual academy. To support the return of all students we will continue to revise safety guidelines and will look for opportunities for our families to gain access to the vaccines. With all adults (16+) eligible for vaccines, we are hopeful that most families will feel safe with their children returning to school. As we get more information I will share it with you.

We have been contacted by St. John the Divine, our neighbor across Westheimer, with an opportunity for Lamar faculty, staff, students and families to be vaccinated on Friday, April 16 from 3:30-5:30pm. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis but you must

register in advance. They will have the Pfizer vaccine available for anyone 16 years and older. Participants will need a photo ID (Lamar student ID or Texas ID) and a copy of the insurance card if insured. If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the form at this link <https://forms.gle/XrV2HsCBX1nnFrS39>. We will share this information with St. John the Divine and send a confirmation email to the address provided.

Other organizations offering the vaccine to all adults (age 16+):

To schedule an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine from Harris County Public Health (HCPH), [click here](#) or call 832-927-8787. This registration app is not compatible with Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge.

To schedule an appointment with the City of Houston, [click here](#) or call 832-393-4220.

Or call your family physician for other opportunities available through your health system.

Highlighted Events

- **Fri. April 2nd- SPRING HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)**
- **Mon. April 5th-** Band Booster Meeting (Virtual) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- **Tues. April 6th-** EOC English 1 Testing - 9th Grade (Remote Learning for all other students)
- **Tues. April 6th-** Superintendent Search Community Meeting (Performance Hall) 6 pm
- **Wed. April 7th-** Harper's Online Business Workshop (Online) 11:45 am - 12:15 pm
- **Thurs. April 8th-** EOC English 2 Testing - 10th Grade (Remote Learning for all other students)

Testing Updates

STAAR EOC – English 1 and English 2

STAAR EOC (End of Course) exams will be administered on campus next week on Tuesday (English 1) and Thursday (English 2). Students enrolled in these courses are expected to take and pass the STAAR EOC exams as part of their graduation requirements. STAAR EOC exams are only given in-person and on campus. Students must come to campus to take the STAAR EOC exam. Testing will begin at 8:30 AM. It is

important that students are on time. This is a 5 hour test. Students will be dismissed to go home once all tests are submitted, about 2:00 PM. Students can bring a snack to eat while testing. Lunch will be available for pick up as students are dismissed.

April 6 – English I (9th grade & Retesters)

April 8 – English II (10th grade & Retesters)

May 4 – US History (11th grade & Retesters)

May 5 – Algebra I (9th grade & Retesters)

May 6 – Biology (9th grade & Retesters)

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

This spring, the College Board is allowing students to take their AP exams either in the traditional paper/pencil format on campus or through a digital at home exam format. All Lamar students registered to take AP exams are currently registered to take the paper format on campus on the dates listed below. If your child would like to change to the digital exam format, they must complete the request form at <https://forms.gle/wYQ9zC9Z99BsG6AD8>. All digital exams will be taken at home on the dates listed below. No digital AP exams will be administered at Lamar HS. Before selecting the digital test option, ensure that there are no conflicts with the test date and time. All exam format decisions will be final on **April 16, 2021**. No changes will be made after this date. Visit the [College Board website](#) to learn more about the digital exam option.

AP Exam Dates

Course	Paper Testing Date at Lamar HS	Digital Testing date at Home
AP US Government	Monday, May 3 at 8:30	Thursday, May 20 @ 11:00 AM
AP Human Geography	Tuesday, May 4 @ 12:00	Friday, May 28 @ 11:00 AM
AP Art History	Thursday, May 6 @ 12:00	Wednesday, May 19 @ 3:00 PM
AP World History	Monday, May 10 @ 8:30	Thursday, May 20 @ 11:00 AM
AP Psychology	Tuesday, May 11 @ 12:00	Thursday, May 20 @ 3:00 PM
AP Computer Science Principles	Monday, May 17 @ 8:30	Wednesday, May 26 @ 3:00 PM
AP Statistics	Monday, May 17 @ 12:00	No digital exam available

STUCO Applications

Applications for the 2021-2022 Student Council class are open. Apply online at <https://forms.gle/JoyRKtnHYgVDp29r8>

STUCO 2021 - 2022 Officers



Job Openings at The Briar Club

Employment Opportunities

We seek well mannered, dependable, and hospitality-driven individuals to join our team committed to providing exceptional customer service to our Club members and guests.

We offer competitive wages and benefits, safe a family-oriented environment, employee recognition programs, flexible hours, and excellent opportunities for learning and professional growth.

Open Positions

Certified Lifeguards – Seasonal

Poolside, Ala Carte Servers and Assistants – Full Time and Seasonal

Summer Camp Counselors – Seasonal

Kids Club Attendants – Part-Time

To apply, email resumes to hdirector@thebriarclub.com or visit www.thebriarclub.com

The Briar Club logo, featuring a stylized 'B' inside a decorative frame, is positioned above a photograph of a man with a beard, wearing a light blue shirt, looking down at a smartphone in his hand. The background of the photo is a blurred city street at night.

Click: [lifeguards.PNG](#) and [The Briar Club Job Openings Flyer.pdf](#) for additional information.

Rangerettes Contest Season

The Lamar Rangerettes have had an extremely successful Contest Season. They've attended four competitions, three virtual and one in person, scoring high in all routines. All four team routines have gotten 1st place or 1st runner up in their division within all competitions, while also having judges awards for high scores, crowd appeal, technique, choreography, and being elite. The Elite Ensemble and Officers for Rangerettes have gotten first place in their division in all competitions with high scores and judges awards as well. The Rangerettes have also won three grand champion awards at three different competitions and scoring third overall Grand Champion at Nationals. With all the hard work, dedication, and effort the Lamar Rangerettes have put in, they are grateful to have experienced a Contest Season with so many accomplishments.

First Contest (Virtual) Crowd Pleasers:

Ensemble: Best in class 1st place

Officers:

- Super Sweepstakes
- 1st place Outstanding Artistry (officer Modern)
- Grand Champions
- Showcase elite division – 1st place.
- 1st runner up (officer contemporary)
- 1st runner up (officer jazz)

Team:

- Supe Sweepstakes
- Best in class: All team routines (hip hop, pom, jazz, and novelty)
- Crowd Pleasers (judges award) novelty
- Grand champions
- Style overall awards (high point) for team jazz and pom
- Showcase elite team – 1st place
- Overall team award

Second Competition (Virtual) Ascension:

Ensemble: 1st runner up in division

Officer:

- Challenge elite award
- Grand Champion award
- 1st place in Officer Contemporary, jazz, and lyrical

Team:

- Varsity Judges Award
- Challenge elite Award
- Grand Champion Award
- Reserve Grand Champion
- Team Hip pop: 1st place best in class and best overall in category
- Team Jazz and Pom: 1st place best in class and 1st runner up in overall category
- Team Novelty: 1st place best in class and APEX high point

Third Competition (virtual) MA Dance:

Ensemble: 1st place

Team:

- 1st place in division
- Super Sweepstakes
- Overall choreography award
- Overall technique award
- 1st place in all routines
- Special judges award for Team Novelty

Officer:

- 1st place in division
- Over technique award
- Overall choreography award
- Highest scoring Officers
- 1st place in all routines and 1st place overall

Fourth Competitions (In Person) Showtime Nationals:

Ensemble: 1st place in division

Officer:

- 1st place in Officer Modern
- Supreme Award (highest scoring routine in whole competition)

Team:

- 1st place in division for Team Jazz, Novelty, and Hip hop
- 2nd place in Team Pom
- National Grand Champions in division

3rd place: Best of the best

Congratulations Rettes!!! You make us Lamar proud!!!

Lamar Boys Soccer

Lamar Boys Soccer Ranking Update

The Lamar Boys Soccer has moved up a few spots.

After defending their Bi-District crown last Friday over Memorial HS, winning 2-1 moved them to Area.

With that victory, they are now ranked:

#6 Region 3

21 Texas Division 6A

34 Texas

#124 National

Congratulations!!! Keep up the good work!!!

April A/B Calendar

REVISED 03-22-21**Lamar High School****April
2021****Important Information**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>Blue B-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person A-L (blue group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: M-Z (red group).	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 <u>Red A-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person M-Z (red group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: A-L (blue group).	6 <u>B-Day</u> On Campus: EOC English 1-10 th grade Remote Virtual: All other students	7 <u>Blue A-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person A-L (blue group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: M-Z (red group).	8 <u>B-Day</u> On Campus: EOC English 2-10 th grade Remote Virtual: All other students	9 <u>Red A-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person M-Z (red group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: A-L (blue group).	10
11	12 <u>Red B-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person M-Z (red group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: A-L (blue group).	13 <u>Blue A-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person A-L (blue group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: M-Z (red group).	14 <u>Blue B-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person A-L (blue group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: M-Z (red group).	15 <u>Red A-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person M-Z (red group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: A-L (blue group).	16 <u>Red B-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person M-Z (red group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: A-L (blue group).	17
18	19 <u>Blue A-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person A-L (blue group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: M-Z (red group).	20 <u>Blue B-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person A-L (blue group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: M-Z (red group).	21 <u>Red A-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person M-Z (red group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: A-L (blue group).	22 <u>Red B-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person M-Z (red group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: A-L (blue group).	23 <u>Blue A-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person A-L (blue group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: M-Z (red group).	24
25	26 <u>Blue B-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person A-L (blue group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: M-Z (red group).	27 <u>Red A-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person M-Z (red group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: A-L (blue group).	28 <u>Red B-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person M-Z (red group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: A-L (blue group).	29 <u>Blue A-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person A-L (blue group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: M-Z (red group).	30 <u>Blue B-Day</u> On Campus: In-Person A-L (blue group), Priority Students Remote Virtual: M-Z (red group).	

Click: [April A-B Calendar.JPG](#) to download a copy

Student Laptop Switch Out

All 9th through 11th grade students, virtual and in person, need to switch out their devices before the end of the school year. This is a quick process that will only take a few minutes but will require students to come to campus with their device. Please backup any documents you need on your current laptop before coming and come to campus between 9 AM and 3 PM any day school is in session. When you come please make sure you wear a mask and come to the Grand Hall the process should take just a couple of minutes. If you have any questions please email Rachel Rutledge at Rachel.Rutledge@houstonisd.org.

IT Office Hours

Monday- Friday 8:00-11:00 am and 11:30 am - 3 pm

Class of 2021 - LHS Fest



Formals & Flip Flops – May 22nd

Time: 7 - 11 pm

Get your favorite “formal” attire and your fanciest flip flops on and come out to enjoy a music festival like no other. **LHS Fest** will feature 3 different stage areas each with its own genre of music – Rap, Country and early 2000’s. You can pick the music of your choice with your individual headphones and have fun with a variety of activities from dunking booths, inflatable super slides, mechanical bull, and cornhole to name a few. Food and drinks will be provided and **best of all there is NO cost to you!** Information on how to register to attend the event is coming soon.

***All events are in alignment with HISD's communicable disease plan.**

2021 Sunrise to Sunset

2021 Sunrise to Sunset Grand Finale – June 4th

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 pm

This epic senior day is the grand finale for the Class of 2021 to celebrate YOU one final time. It will include a catered picnic on the field so don’t forget to bring your class of 2021 towel to sit on. Following, seniors will have a sunset toast and close out the evening with an outdoor movie on the field. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

***All events are in alignment with HISD's communicable disease plan.**

Calling All Volunteers

We need parent volunteers to make these events possible. Volunteers are needed to help with planning and day of activities. If you’d like to volunteer, please fill out this [form](#).

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Volunteer. Email [Becky Zavala](#) or [Janet Neumann](#) to sign up for an open position or help with the class of 2021 committee.

Join Lamar PTO. Get involved right away and join the Lamar PTO. Various membership levels and incentives are available. Get to know other parents and support your school. [Join today!](#)

Senior Class of 2021 Update



Place your online Cap and Gown Orders: www.balfour.com

Cap & Gowns will be distributed during Senior Check-out in June

Please be aware that an individual processing fee will be included after March 3, 2021.

Remember to pay your Senior Dues!



SENIOR DUES

Method of Payment: School Pay

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/LHSClassof2021>

Senior Fees: \$100 (after January 12th)

Included in the Senior Fees: Diploma Package (transcripts for college, diploma, diploma cover), Senior Mask, Senior T-Shirt (senior surprise), Senior Sticker and Senior Gift.

*****Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, Prom Ticket, After-Prom Ticket, Cap & Gown are NOT included in the Senior Fees*****

Senior Fees (A la Carte After January 12th):

- Senior Class T-Shirt (Sunrise) - \$24.00 each
- Senior Class of 2021 Mask - \$12.00 per student
- Senior Class Sticker - \$6.00 each
- Senior Gift - \$33.00 per student
- Diploma Package - \$25.00 per student

All Cap and Gowns are ordered through Balfour at:
www.balfour.com

Seniors should have received the following items:

- Class of 2021 sunrise t-shirt
- Class of 2021 beach towel
- Class of 2021 face mask
- Class of 2021 sticker

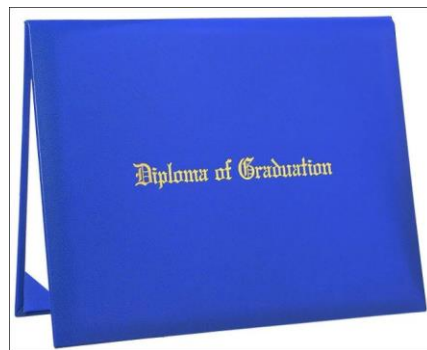
*** [Email Mrs. Jones](#) to make arrangements for your missing senior gear**

The following items will be distributed during senior check-out:

- Class of 2021 senior gift
- Early bird Whataburger tent



The following item will be distributed at Graduation, June 13, 2021:



- Diploma and cover

Appointments

Please try to schedule all appointments for days when students are virtual to help us limit the number of people on campus during the day. This is an important part of our Communicable Diseases Plan and is important in maintaining in-person as an option for students.

In the event of a true emergency, please call in advance to let the Welcome Center know you are coming to campus. **Please remember that we cannot check out students during the lunch period 11:45-12:45 p.m., or during the last 30 minutes of the school day (3:40-4:10 p.m.)**

Need Help with Something Else?

If your Advocacy Teacher is ...	Your Academic Dean is ... Your Assistant Principal is... Your Neighborhood Clerk is...
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An Inspirational Moment

"Contentment is not the fulfilment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have.."

Author: Jyoti Arora



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