



# Lamar High School

## AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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### Lamar Weekly Newsletter

## Principal's Corner



There is so much going on in these last few weeks. Here are a few key things that parents and students should be aware of as we move toward the end of the semester.

- The IB Bio Paper 3 exam will not be made up. Testing will continue on the schedule provided.
- All students should be in dress code while on campus. We do not allow yoga pants, athletic shorts or jeans as a replacement for the khaki bottoms. Please make sure your child is in dress code. This helps us maintain a more secure environment.
- Current 11<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in an internship for their senior year should pick up an application packet from Ms. Ballard in the Main Office. Interested students with a complete application packet will be able to meet local employers at the job fair on campus on Thursday, May 23, in the cafeteria from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Watch for more information about some of the local businesses and non-profit groups that are offering internships to Lamar students.

The District Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year is available on the HISD website or click the following attachment [2019-20 AcademicCalendar.pdf](#). Please make sure you take a look at dates for holidays before scheduling travel. Please also note, Lamar will participate in the District Early Dismissal days next year. We will use that time for training and curriculum design.

### Sneak Peek Week

In August we will invite students to get their first peek at their new school while they take care of business to start the year off right. Students will pick up a copy of their schedule, get their ID badge made and get their new laptop. The School Store will be open for uniform sales, but remember that you can order those online through schoolpay.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mon. May 13th-B-Day**
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Laptop Collection (LHS) During History Class
- Band Spring Show (Performance Hall) 6 pm
- **Tues. May 14th-A-Day**
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Laptop Collection (LHS) During History Class
- AP Art History (12th Testing)
- AP Hum Geo (9th Testing)
- Rescheduled Choir Pop Show (Performance Hall) 6 pm
- FFA Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Wed. May 15th-B-Day**
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Laptop Collection (LHS) During History Class
- Athletic Packets Available (Online and in the Athletic Office/W106)
- Weight Training Apps Available (Online and in the Athletic Office/W106)
- Rescheduled Course Selection for Current 8th/Rising 9th/All (Cafeteria) 6 pm

Please also note, Verification 2, last week, is the last chance to request a change to your requested courses for next year. Schedule changes in August before school starts will be limited to fixing any mistakes we may have made, or correcting for credit awarded during the summer.

August 19 – Seniors

August 20 – Juniors

August 21 – Sophomores

August 22 – Freshman

#### New Courses for 2019-2020

We will be offering guitar and handbells next year for Fine Arts credit. If you are interested in switching one of your requested courses to take one of these new courses, please make sure you use verification 2 to make that change.

#### What are courses designated with a code 99?

When for whatever reason a student is not awarded credit for a course they are enrolled in, the course must be completed before credit will be awarded. So why would a student not be awarded credit?

- The student did not pass the class, in which case the class must be retaken.
- The student passed the class but failed to attend enough of the class periods to gain credit - absent more than 10% of the class periods but less than 25% of the classes. The student may attend credit appeal to gain credit.
- The student passed the class but failed to attend enough of the class periods to gain credit - absent more than 25% of the class periods. The student must complete the course on Apex (Grad Lab) to gain credit for the course.

These are added to the bottom of the schedule and listed as a course with a code 99. Until all 99s are cleared, a student will be unable to graduate. Your student may have received information about summer school, or about credit appeal if the student was absent for no more than 25% of the class periods and currently has an NG on the report card or transcript.

Students with 99s that don't qualify for credit appeal (because the student was absent for more than 25% of the class periods), or because the student did not receive a passing grade, must complete the course and be awarded credit before the end of summer school. Students who do not make adequate gain on recovering credit through credit appeal or summer school, may be re-seated in the face-to-face class in the fall semester. Students who are re-seated will likely be in danger of not graduating on time.

If your student receives information about summer school or credit appeal, it is critical they attend and work diligently toward recovering/restoring credit for the course(s).

## Highlighted Events

- **Thurs. May-16th-A-Day**
- AP W His Testing (10th)
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Laptop Collection (LHS) During History Class
- Cheer Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- Soccer Banquet (Police Union Hall 1600 State St.) 6 - 9 pm
- Softball Banquet (TBA) TBA
- **Fri. May 17th-B-Day**
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
- Laptop Collection (LHS) During History Class
- Theatre Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Sat. May 18th**
- Student Directed One Act Play (Performance Hall) TBA
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- Dead Week
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- **Tues. May 21st-B-Day**
- Dead Week
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- SDMC Meeting (Alumni Room) 7:30 am
- Football Physicals (Signed PPE-Medical History/Physical Exam Form)
- **Wed. May 22nd-A-Day**
- Dead Week
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA
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- **Thurs. May-23rd-B-Day**
- Dead Week
- 11th & 12th IB Written Exams (TBA) TBA

- **Monday, May 13th - Friday, May 24th** - 11th & 12th IB Written Exams
- **Monday, May 13th - 17th- Laptop Collection**
- **Monday, May 13th-** Band Spring Show (Performance Hall) 6 pm
- **Tuesday, May 14th-** AP Art History (12th Testing)
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- **Thursday, May 16th-** AP W HIS Testing (10th)
- **Thursday, May 16th-** Cheer Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Thursday, May 16th-** Soccer Banquet (Police Union Hall/1600 State St.) 6 - 9 pm
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- **Friday, May 17th-** Theatre Banquet (Cafeteria) 6 pm
- **Saturday, May 18th-** Student Directed One Act Play (Cafeteria) TBA
- **Monday, May 20th - Friday, May 24th- Dead Week-All Day**
- **Tuesday, May 21st - SDMC Meeting (Alumni Room) 7:30 am**
  - **Tuesday, May 21st - Wednesday, May 22nd-** Football Physicals (Signed PPE-Medical History/Physical Exam Form)
  - **Thursday, May 23rd - Hiring Fair for Students (Cafeteria) 5 - 7 pm**
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  - **Saturday, May 25th-** Tryouts for Lamar Golf Team (Boys/Girls) Herman Park 3 pm

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## Laptop Collection

Please be reminded that student that laptop collection is this week May 13<sup>th</sup> through may 15<sup>th</sup>. Social studies classes will be used to collect the devices from students. Students can backup all their work to the student's Google Drives which can be accessed by [sID#@online.houstonisd.org](mailto:sID#@online.houstonisd.org), for example ([s1111111@online.houstonisd.org](mailto:s1111111@online.houstonisd.org)). There are step by step instructions on the Lamar website and on the HUB that show how to backup all work on Google Drive.

Teachers will be giving paper-based work and reviews for finals starting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Lamar Golf

Tryouts for the Lamar Golf Team for Boys and Girls will held at Herman Park beginning at 3:00 PM on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Boys will need to shoot 45 or less for 9 holes and girls will need to shoot 55 or less for nine holes. We will play front nine. Boys will play middle tees and girls will play women's tees. USGA and local rules will apply. Contact Chuck Blackman at 281 723-7256 or Chuck Davis at 713 305-7521 for information and to schedule.



## Academic Advisors' Corner

**The May 9th Incoming Freshman (R9) Course Selection Meeting that was cancelled for weather has been reset to May 15th, @ 6 pm in Lamar's Cafeteria. We hope to see you there!**

### **AP Tests:**

**AP Comp Sci that was cancelled for weather last Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, has been reset to May 23<sup>rd</sup> in the AM.**

**AP W History is set for May 16 in the AM (was previously noticed as a PM test, but is an AM test)**

Questions about **Summer School?**

PDP <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/63085>

Credit Recovery <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/63086>

Questions about **Academic Advising?**

parent meetings, course selection, schedule changes . . .

<http://www.houstonisd.org/domain/44020>

Questions about **college?**

testing, application, financial aid, scholarships . . .

<https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/11500>

Click the following attachment for an upcoming college fair.

[College Fair.jpg](#)

### **Attention Seniors:**

Click the following attachment to complete your senior survey:

[Hey Seniors #2.pdf](#)

**SENIORS**, if you received a blue credit appeal application, you must attend detention this Saturday, May 18th. **THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR NGs FROM YOUR TRANSCRIPT.**

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## Senior Check-Out and Graduation Information

**\*\*\*ALL SENIORS MUST CLEAR ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS BEFORE CHECK-OUT DATES\*\*\***

Thursday, May 30th

**Senior Checkout** 8:30-11:00

A-L Cafeteria

M-Z Gym

Friday, May 31st

**Senior Checkout** 8:30-11:00

A-L Gym

M-Z Cafeteria

You must come to the designated location above within your allotted time. You will not be allowed to check out early. You must attend check-out on both days and sign in both days.

Senior Checkout sheets will be distributed by your English or Grad Lab teacher starting May 20<sup>th</sup>. Seniors should be taking care of any remaining fines and fees. No senior will be allowed to participate in commencement without going through the check-out process.

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>                      GRADUATION DAY**  
**9:00 AM in NRG Stadium**

Seniors will report at 7:30 AM

\*Students will enter via the floor access doors, on the AMERGY Bank Entrance side. Guests will proceed up the ramp on the AMERGY Bank Entrance.

\*At the end of the ceremony, students will exit via the Ford Entrance.

Graduation is an optional activity. If you choose to participate, proper attire **must** be worn. Proper attire is:

1. The mortarboard (cap) should sit FLAT on the head, not tilted at an angle. All hairstyles should allow the mortarboard to sit correctly on the head. **A decorated mortarboard (cap) is not allowed and will be confiscated upon entry.**
2. Gentlemen must wear a collared shirt, with a tie, dark slacks and dress shoes. Dark shoes are best.
3. Young ladies should wear dresses, skirts, or dress slacks. Please avoid high heels. They can be a hazard on the ramps as ladies walk across the stage.
4. **Jeans, shorts, flip-flops, and tennis shoes of any kind** are not acceptable. If you wear these items, you will not be permitted to participate in graduation exercises.
5. No electronics of any kind will be permitted in the stage area. Seniors will be screened for them before entry.

Family and friends will be admitted for seating at 7:30 AM in NRG Stadium. Early arrival is advised to ensure best seating. No one may block off seats for guests arriving later. There are no tickets needed for graduation. Handicap seating is available; please check with a representative upon entering for assistance. Metal detectors will be used for everyone's safety.

No balloons, banners, air horns or items that distract from the ceremony will be allowed. Security will confiscate these items. This is a solemn and dignified event, and we ask that all families be respectful and attentive as each student graduates. **All graduates must leave cameras, purses, cell phones and other personal items outside or with family members. Graduates may bring only their cap and gown into the stadium with them.** Caps and gowns must be carried through the security checkpoint and may not be worn as they enter the facility. All Graduates **must** stay for the entire ceremony.

**Other Information:**

Still photos will be taken by Flash Photography, 3001 South University, Ft. Worth, TX 76109. Their phone number is 1.800.410.8070. A proof will be sent by the company after graduation to the graduate's home. You may order your photos directly from Flash Photography.

### **Letter to Parents Regarding Security at Graduation:**

Please click the following attachments to obtain information about graduation security.

[HISD Graduation Security Ltr - May 2019 - English.pdf](#)

[HISD Graduation Security Ltr - May 2019 Spanish.pdf](#)

[HISD Graduation Security Ltr - May 2019 Vietnamese.pdf](#)

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## **Spring Final Exam Test Schedule (9th - 12th)**

Click the following attachment for the upcoming spring final exam test schedule:

[spring 2019 final exam schedule.pdf](#)

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## **STAAR Test Schedule**

[LHS Testing 2018-2019 Test Schedule.pdf.pdf](#)

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## **Student Internships**

Attention All Juniors! If you will be taking a CTE Practicum or any CTE course during your senior year you are eligible to participate in the Student Internship Program. Stop by Ms. Ballard's office, N211L, to pick up an application packet. Businesses will be at Lamar on Thursday, May 23, from 5:00-7:00 pm to meet you and tell you about their companies. You will also have an opportunity to hear from a former Lamar student who participated in the Business Magnet and has been able to use what he gained into the work he does today.

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## **Student Parking Applications**

### **2019 - 2020 School Year**

Student parking application permits for the 2019-2020 school year are available in the main office beginning April 5th.

- Students must be classified as a 12<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grader by the registrar for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Completed applications must be submitted to the Lamar Business Office with:**

- Proof of payment - \$160. Fee may be paid on SchoolPay or payment can be made in cash in the business office to avoid the convenience fee.
- Current Texas Driver's License or Texas Learners Permit

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 15, 2019 by 4:15 pm**

## Med Club Application

Our mission is to bring together students who share the same interests and passion for medicine. We hope to teach for the next couple of years to promote health, education and wellness at Lamar High School. Each year we are looking for ways to improve Med Club for our members to have a better experience, we hope to expand our club to as many people as possible for them to enjoy this amazing opportunity.

The Med Club application is opening April 11<sup>th</sup> and closes May 31<sup>st</sup> – however, the application will re-open in August for students who sign up during the club fair.

More info can be found at: <https://lhsmedicalclub4.wixsite.com/lhsmed>

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## Senior Information

### Important Dates:

- Graduation - **Saturday, June 8th (NRG Stadium) @ 9 am**
- Senior Check-Out- **May 30th & 31st**

### Cap and Gowns

Place your cap and gown orders online at [balfour.com](http://balfour.com). **Cap and gowns will be delivered during Senior check-out.**

### Invitations

Go to [balfour.com](http://balfour.com) to place your order for graduation invitations.

### 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](http://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 Fees

**Regular Senior Fees:** \$90.00 (For the rest of the year)

Method of payment: School Pay:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2019-/McHW>

**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**

### Yearbooks

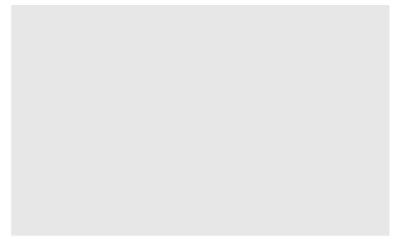
The yearbooks are on sale for \$100.00. You can purchase the yearbook on schoolpay: [www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?mip=McHW](http://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?mip=McHW)<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?mip=McHW>

For additional information email [csmith41@houstonisd.org](mailto:csmith41@houstonisd.org).

## Inspiring Moment

To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of life.

Samuel Johnson



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