



**Lamar High School**  
**AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE**  
**WORLD SCHOOL**

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## Principal's Corner



We've had some big wins around here lately that I want to share with you this week. Are you ready for some good news?

- Lauren Koong, our Editor-in-Chief for Lamar Life Magazine, was recently named STATE CHAMPION for UIL Academic Editorial Writing. She had fierce competition from across the State of Texas.
- Three Lamar Debate Team members – Grace Shearer, Lucas Salaberry, and Khanh Dang - qualified for Nationals with NSDA.
- Our Lamar Chapter of Best Buddies participated in the Houston Friendship Walk, raising over \$4,500.00 – with Sophia Maynard and Sophia Rassin both raising over \$1,000.
- The Lamar Jazz Band performed virtually at Collin College Jazz Festival, with Luke Schoppe earning “Outstanding Soloist” on Trombone and Jayden Walker earning “Outstanding Soloist” as a vocalist. Adelle VonGrabow was awarded a scholarship to represent Lamar at the Collin All-Star Jazz Festival this summer for her solo on Tenor Saxophone.
- Our Girl's Waterpolo team advanced in playoffs and will be battling for the State title in Lewisville this weekend.
- Our Boys' Waterpolo team also advanced in playoffs and will be battling for the State title in Cy Fair next weekend.
- Our Softball team advanced to the first round of playoffs last weekend against Cy Ridge. We'll get them next time!
- Our Baseball team starts playoffs this weekend against Cy Ridge HS.
- Our Girls' Track Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> in District and scored more points at Regionals than any other HISD school.

- Our Boys' Track Team took first in District this year.
- Lamar Girls' Lacrosse won a bid to state this year!
- Our Annual FFA Ag Show and Auction raised \$63,000 (up from \$48K last year), with 25 students selling projects.
- \$18,000,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Lamar seniors.
- 64% of seniors have applied to a 4-year college or university and 19% have applied to 2-year institution of higher education - with a total of 74% of seniors with an application on file.
- AND, our PTO hosted a fantastic Teacher Appreciation Week. Thanks PTO!

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## Highlighted Events

- **Fri. May 7th-** Volleyball Banquet (LHS) 6:30 - 8 pm
- **Fri. May 7th- Report Card Day**
- **Fri. May 7th-** STUCO Custodian Appreciation Day Breakfast
- **Mon. May 10th-** AP World History (LHS) 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- **Mon. May 10th- LHS Fest King & Queen Nominations (check your email after 12 noon)**
- **Tues. May 11th-** AP Psych. (LHS) 2 - 3 pm
- **Tues. May 11th-** PTO General Meeting (Online) 6: 30 pm
- **Wed. May 12th-** JROTC Banquet (LHS) 6 pm
- **Wed. May 12th-** PTO/College Corner Workshop Wednesday (Online) 6:30 - 8 pm
- **Thurs. May 13th-** Track & Field Banquet (LHS) 6:30 pm
- **Fri. May 14th-** Band Banquet (LHS) 5 - 6 pm
- **Sat. May 15th-** Job Fair (LHS Gym) 10 am - 2 pm

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## Congratulations LHS Tennis

LHS tennis team is on top!

Boys Singles: 2<sup>nd</sup> John Butler

Boys Doubles 1<sup>st</sup> : Melvin Zarghooni & Marcus Azuaje 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Noah Myers & Franklin Wu

Girls Doubles: 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sophia Rassin & Elizabeth Black 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kaleigh Bickley & Brooke Ngo-Phan

Mix Doubles: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dominic Leighton & Camille Fajkus

### **Pearland Varsity Tourney:**

Boys Singles: Consolation Winner: Franklin Wu

Girls Singles: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Elizabeth Black

Boys Doubles: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Noah Myers & Michael Elder

### **Dayton JV Tourney:**

Boys Singles: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Noah Myers    3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dominic Leighton

Girls Singles: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sasha Jezic

Boys Doubles: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Charles Hoffer & Elisha Howard

### **Katy JV Tourney:**

Girls Singles: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bailey Perry

Boys Doubles: Consolation Winner: Noah Myers & Elisha Howard

### **Kingwood JV Tourney:**

Girls Doubles: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sasha Jezic and Zoe Marosis

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## **EMERGE- HISD**

EMERGE-HISD is currently taking applications from Sophomore students in HISD to be part of the cohort for the class of 2024. The mission of Emerge-HISD is to empower and prepare high-performing students from underserved communities to attend and graduate from selective colleges and universities across the nation. EMERGE-HISD has students apply to 100+ institutions across the nation that are not only classified as selective, but also provide generous financial support – 90% or more - and boast highly supportive communities with graduation rates at or above 75%.

Click: [2021 EMERGE Recruitment Flyer FINAL.pdf](#) for additional information.

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## **The Wilbern Heritage Foundation**

The WHSF Board awarded 13 Scholarships, for a total financial commitment of \$39,000, which is our largest single year total to date. Congratulations to all of the recipients!

Click: [Wilbern Heritage Foundation.docx](#) for further details.

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## **PTO Parking Auction and Raffle**

It's **GO TIME!** We're **LIVE On MAY 8th.** Links and websites below.

## AUCTION

- Beat the traffic getting out of the garage! Never be tardy!
- Bid HIGH and often!
- Or BUY IT NOW!
- <https://tinyurl.com/yhchpfvu>

## RAFFLE

- Take a chance, buy yourself raffle tickets! Buy more, get discounts on entries!
- Spread the word and earn some love and EVEN MORE BONUS raffle tickets!
- Raffle Winner will be announced by Ms Graves!
- <https://LamarPTO.rallyup.com/PARK2021>
- OR Text PARK2021 to 855-202-2100



**2 WAYS TO WIN**

<b>AUCTION</b>	<b>RAFFLE</b>
<b>RESERVED PARKING FOR</b> AUCTION WINNER BID HIGH OR BUY IT NOW! UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES TOWED AWAY	<b>RESERVED PARKING FOR</b> RAFFLE WINNER \$10 for 10 ENTRIES + BONUS ENTRIES! UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES TOWED AWAY
<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yhchpfvu">https://tinyurl.com/yhchpfvu</a> BIDS START AT \$500 BUY IT NOW FOR \$5000	<a href="https://LamarPTO.rallyup.com/PARK2021">https://LamarPTO.rallyup.com/PARK2021</a> OR text PARK2021 to 855-202-2100 SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA AFTER PURCHASE FOR MORE CHANCES TO WIN - SEE RECEIPT FOR MORE DETAILS

**BIDDING STARTS MAY 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9AM**

**RAFFLE ENTRY ENDS MAY 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9PM**  
**RAFFLE DRAWING HELD MAY 14 @ 8AM**  
**AUCTION BIDDING ENDS MAY 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9PM**

# Student Parking Applications Now Available

Apply now for your parking spot for 2021-2022 School Year using the link below:

Parking Permit 2021-2022 <http://bit.ly/LHSParkingApplication> or scan QR code.

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Apply now for your parking spot for 2021-2022 School Year using the link below or scanning the QR code.

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- Students must be classified as a 12<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grader by the registrar for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Online application must be completed.
- Applicant must have a Current Texas Driver License or Valid Texas Learners Permit to apply
- Incoming 12th graders will be given first priority over incoming 11th graders.
- In the event that applications exceed the number of parking spots available a lottery will be held to distribute passes.
- Applications received after the deadline will be placed on the waiting list regardless of grade level.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY WEDNESDAY MAY 26TH**

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## PTO Dad's Club

Check out the **NEW** Lamar Dad's Club Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/lamardadsclub/>

**Joining the Lamar PTO Dad's Club is EASY!**

Simply click the link below and fill out the form.

<https://lamarpto.wufoo.com/forms/z1924sa105z4pmr/>

Please help us spread the word by sharing this link with other Lamar Dads and encourage them to join.

**Henrich Perez**

**281-745-6855 Text**

**[lamarptodadsclub@gmail.com](mailto:lamarptodadsclub@gmail.com)**

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## **Donate to the BIG & BRIGHT Campaign**

**Help us reach our \$70,000 goal!**

We have raised **93%** of our goal!

**WE STILL NEED**

**\$4,943.32**

**Click: <https://lamarpto.wufoo.com/forms/xb0h9le089gvlj/> to donate today!**

**We have RAISED**

**\$65,057.68**

**Does PTO accept matching gifts? YES**

Simply check with your employer to see if they will match your gift and fill out the paperwork.

We have received **\$3,787.680** in corporate matching gifts so far.

**All donations will directly support the students, teachers, and staff of**

**Lamar High School.**

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## LHS FEST 2021 **Formals & Flip Flops**

Parents,

We are only a few weeks away from the **LHS FEST** and need you **HELP** now more than ever! There are 3 ways you can help:

1. Make sure your senior has signed up [here](#) to attend. Deadline is May 1st.
2. Donate prizes for the LHS Fest raffle from our [Amazon wish list](#). Deadline is May 15th. You will not need to deliver your purchase, it will ship to the Prize Chair.
3. [Sign up](#) to volunteer at the event. You must complete [VIPS](#) registration to volunteer in an HISD school.

LHS 20  
FEST 21

**\$10,000**  
WORTH OF PRIZES

GOT TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!  
**BIT.LY/LHSfest2021**

Deadline to sign up is 5/1/2021

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## WHAT TO WEAR

### ESSENTIAL STYLE TIPS FOR A FORMAL FESTIVAL

Comfortable Footwear | Cocktail Dress | Slacks & Polos | Jumpsuits  
Sun Dress | Texas Tux | Romper | Sport Coat | Vintage Prom  
Formal Top with Casual Jeans, Shorts, or Skirt | Masks  
Small Bag, Clutch, or Fanny Pack *"No larger than 4.5"x6.5"*  
CLEAR Plastic Bags *"No larger than 12"x6"x12"*  
One Gallon Clear Plastic Ziploc Bag (or similar)

## WHAT NOT TO WEAR

### DON'T END THE FEST BEFORE IT STARTS

Stilletos - not recommended | NO Swimwear | All bags will  
be searched upon arrival | No mask, No entry



## EXPECTATIONS

### FOR A SAFE & FUN FESTIVAL

All Bags will be searched upon arrival.  
Party busses & vans will be subject to search upon arrival.  
All students will park in the garage.  
LHS Fest is NOT a lock-in.  
You may leave at anytime, but you may NOT re-enter.  
You may not retrieve things from your car.  
If you leave, you may NOT re-enter.  
No Outside Food or Drinks.  
LHS Seniors ONLY. No outside guests allowed.

**Where: Lamar fields**

**When: Saturday, May 22nd 7-11 pm**

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

# ***2021 Sunrise to Sunset***

**2021 Sunrise to Sunset Grand Finale – June 4th 6:30 – 9:30pm**

This epic senior day is the grand finale for the Class of 2021 to celebrate them one final time. It will include a catered picnic on the field, followed by a sunset toast and then we will close out the evening with an outdoor movie on the field. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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## **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!](#)

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## **Athletics Update**

With soccer and baseball season still underway, I want to make you aware of an update to our athletics safety protocols.

Effective immediately, HISD will permit parents to attend sub-varsity games that are held outside. This is currently limited to middle school soccer and sub-varsity baseball, as they are the only remaining outdoor sports taking place this spring. **Entry is limited to two parents per student athlete and is only applicable to outdoor games.**

Please note: Parents still will be required to wear masks and practice physical distancing, as outlined in HISD's [Communicable Disease Plan](#), which governs the district's health and safety protocols.

The [Communicable Disease Plan](#) has been updated to reflect these changes. HISD will continue to monitor conditions and update protocols, as needed.



This event features a resume writing and interview practices workshop, on-site interviews, networking opportunities, and more!

**What:** Lamar Career Kickstart Job & Internship Fair; 25+ businesses attending!

**Where:** Lamar High School Campus

**When:** Saturday, May 15

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 pm.

Contact Kadee Harper, [kadee.harper@houstonisd.org](mailto:kadee.harper@houstonisd.org), with questions or photos.

Lamar High School Presents

# CAREER KICKSTART

## JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR 2021

In-person job fair  
**OPEN TO ALL  
GRADE LEVELS**  
featuring interviews,  
networking  
opportunities, and  
more...

May 15, 2021  
10 A.M. to 2 P.M.  
Lamar High School Campus

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# Title I Parent and Family Survey

Lamar High School is a Title 1 school, the following required survey is to obtain parents', guardians', and adult family members' perceptions about how well LHS is involving them in the educational activities related to their children. Please complete the survey no later than May 7, 2021. Thank you.

[https://houstonisd.sharepoint.com/sites/myHISD/ASM/SitePages/2020%E2%80%932021-Title-I,-Part-A-Parent-and-Family-Engagement-Survey\(1\).aspx](https://houstonisd.sharepoint.com/sites/myHISD/ASM/SitePages/2020%E2%80%932021-Title-I,-Part-A-Parent-and-Family-Engagement-Survey(1).aspx)

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## Hispanic Family Summit

The Houston Independent School District, will be hosting the Hispanic Family Summit, on Saturday May 15, 2021 @ 1:00-2:30 p.m. Reference [Hispanic Family Summit Flyer.png](#) or [Hispanic Family Summit Flyer - Spanish \(002\).png](#) for additional information.

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## Student Laptop Switch Out

### 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Graders

All students 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade are required to switch out their laptops before June 4, 2021. Once the laptops are switched out all 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> graders returning to Lamar next school year will be eligible to keep their laptop over the summer. If you are *not* returning to Lamar, students are required to turn in your laptop. If a student does not switch out their laptop by the June 4<sup>th</sup> deadline then the device will be considered lost or stolen. Students may come to campus to switch out their laptops Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will offer extra hours each Monday starting April 26<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup> these extend hours will go until 5:00 PM. Please note if you have switched your laptop out since Spring Break you do not need to switch it out again. If you have any questions please email [Rachel.Rutledge@houstonisd.org](mailto:Rachel.Rutledge@houstonisd.org).

### 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

All graduating seniors will turn in their laptops on June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup> at Senior Checkout. Laptops, chargers and cases must be turned in to be considered clear for graduation.

### AP Testing Technology

If you have already requested to take a digital version of the AP test then you need to come to campus to switch out your laptop. Once you have switched out your laptop, the Lamar IT staff will install the testing software for the test. The software must be added to the HISD laptops on

campus. This switch out must happen before end of day 5.7.21 or you will not be able to test. Our tech support hours are 9 am - 3 pm in the Grand Hall Monday- Friday. Please be aware that our priority on STARR testing days is to support the STARR tests and we can't guarantee that we will be able to assist you on those dates.

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## LHS Band

The Lamar Band is looking for students with acrobatic skills to participate in the marching band show this fall. Their carnival-themed show could incorporate tumblers, contortionists, stilt-walkers, jugglers and other feats of skill. If you have a skill like this that the band could highlight, please contact [Mr. Seifert](#).

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### Senior Class of 2021 Update

**Senior Finals:**

**June 1st - June 4th**



Place your online Cap and Gown Orders: [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)

Please be aware that an individual processing fee will be included

after March 3, 2021.

**Cap & Gowns will be distributed during Senior Check-out.**

**Senior Check-Out:**

**June 7th - 10th**

**Graduation Date: Sunday, June 13, 2021**

**Time: 8:00 AM**

**Location: Delmar Field**

**Address: 2020 Mangum Road, Houston, Texas 77092**

**GRADUATION TICKETS PER STUDENT: TBA BY THE DISTRICT**

## **CLASS OF 2021 PANORAMIC PICTURES**

**Order your copy today!**



Panoramic Pictures

**LAMAR HIGH  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**Virtual Graduate Panoramic Picture**

Price Package:  
**\$25.00– Large Laminated  
Panoramic Picture**

Order Your Picture at:  
<https://goldbeckcompany.net/covid19>

(Goldbeck Company is covering the postage for pictures to be mailed you your home address)



(Actual Picture Size: 10" x 36")

Contact us with any questions:  
Goldbeck Company • 4407 Center Gate • San Antonio • TX • 78217  
1-800-656-9289 • [www.goldbeckcompany.com](http://www.goldbeckcompany.com)



Click: [LHS Panoramic Picture Information.jpg](#) to download a copy.

**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](http://www.balfour.com)

Also click [SENIOR FEES INFORMATION FLYER after Jan 12 2021 - Spanish.pdf](#)

**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.

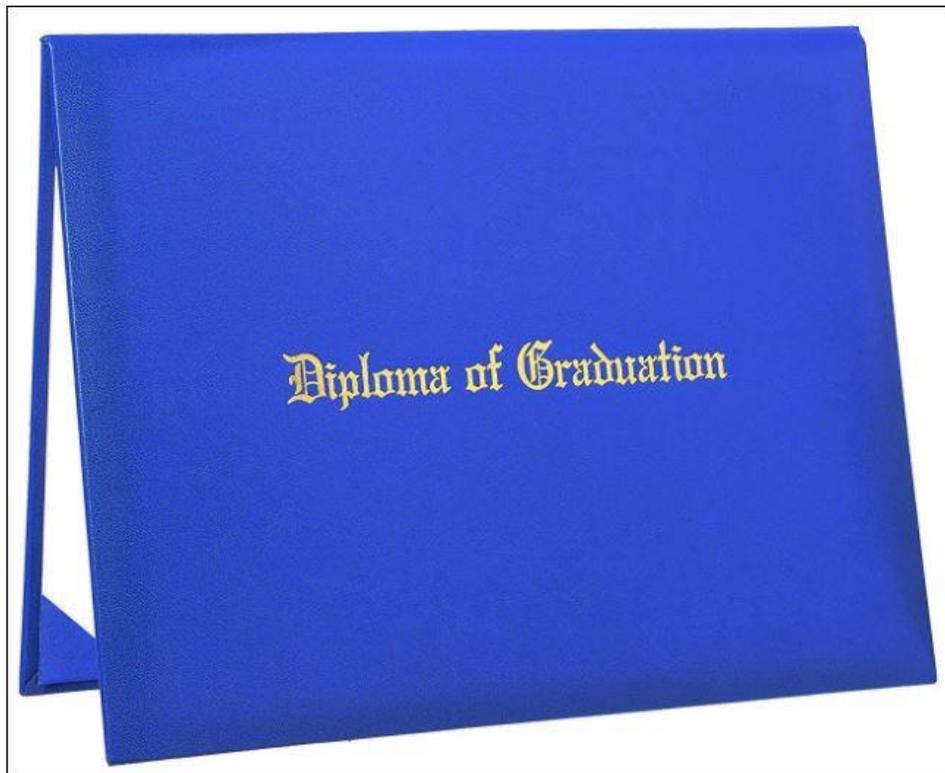
**The following items will be distributed during senior check-out:**

Class of 2021 senior gift

Early bird Whataburger tent



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



**Diploma and cover**

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# 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.)**

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## Need Help with Something Else?

If your Advocacy Teacher is ...	Your Academic Dean is ... Your Assistant Principal is... Your Neighborhood Clerk is...
Mr. Arjon or Mr. A. Ryan 9A & 9B	Mr. Jefferson <a href="mailto:pieffer2@houstonisd.org">pieffer2@houstonisd.org</a> Dr. Cain <a href="mailto:rcain@houstonisd.org">rcain@houstonisd.org</a> Ms. Guzman <a href="mailto:Mguzman5@houstonisd.org">Mguzman5@houstonisd.org</a>
Ms. Argueta or Ms. Valle 9C & 9D	Ms. Lawrence <a href="mailto:dlawren1@houstonisd.org">dlawren1@houstonisd.org</a> Ms. King <a href="mailto:kking8@houstonisd.org">kking8@houstonisd.org</a> Ms. Chavez <a href="mailto:chavez7@houstonisd.org">chavez7@houstonisd.org</a>
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Ms. Cobb or Mr. Firozi 11C & 11D	Mr. Mahone <a href="mailto:Erron.Mahone@houstonisd.org">Erron.Mahone@houstonisd.org</a>

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Mr. Mahendran or Ms. Wu 12C &12D	Mr. Braham <a href="mailto:abrahm@houstonisd.org">abrahm@houstonisd.org</a> Mr. Alaniz <a href="mailto:jalaniz1@houstonisd.org">jalaniz1@houstonisd.org</a> Mr. Osborne <a href="mailto:SOSBORNE@houstonisd.org">SOSBORNE@houstonisd.org</a>

## An Inspirational Moment

"Impossible is just an opinion."

Author: Paulo Coelho



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