



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

Principal's Corner



I would like to thank the Lamar community for a spectacular year! You have been supportive as I pioneered my way through this 2018 - 2019 school year. I look forward to working with you and your continued support this fall semester. Have a fantastic summer and be safe!

Highlighted Events

- Wednesday, June 5th - Thursday, June 27th- Summer School (LHS) 8 am - 3:30 pm
- Saturday, June 8th- 2019 Senior Graduation (NRG) 9 am (Seniors must arrive @ 7:30 am)
- Tuesday, June 4th - August 25th- Summer Break
- Monday, August 26th- First Day of School

Important Graduation Information

GRADUATION DAY
Saturday, June 8th

9:00 AM in NRG Stadium
Seniors will report at 7:30 AM

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon. June 3rd- Last Day for Teachers
- Tues. June 4th- Summer Break
- Wed. June 5th- June 27th-Summer School (LHS) 8 am -3:30 pm
- Thurs. June 6th-Summer School
- Fri. June 7th-Summer School
- Sat. June 8th-Senior Graduation (NRG) 9 am
- Mon. June 10th- Summer School
- Tues. June 11th- Summer School
- Wed. June 12th- Summer School
- Thurs. June 13th- Summer School
- Fri. June 14th- No Summer School

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. Also, there is a lot of walking so comfortable shoes are preferred.
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 only bring 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.

LHS Alumni Association - BIG RED 1000

In 2012, the citizens of Houston voted to approve the \$2 billion Bond Issue proposed by HISD to rebuild or remodel each of the 27 high schools in its district. Each school was invited to create a committee of parents, teachers, alumni, and the principal, to choose what they wanted to do with their school. Lamar's team chose to add a new wing and to redo all the sports fields. The committee then spent one year with Perkins and Will, the selected architects, to create the design. After the design was approved by HISD, contractors bid on the project, and Gilbane Construction Company was selected to build the new Lamar wing. A temporary hold was placed on the project for two years due to the estimated construction costs, but the project finally began in 2016 with an estimated bid of \$108 million.

Even though \$108 million is a very generous number, it was not enough to cover all the costs associated with the committee's desire for all the improvements needed for Lamar. The Lamar High School Alumni Association offered to help raise additional funds by sponsoring a Capital Campaign. This campaign was designed to raise the funds needed to 1) cover the cost for upgrading the five new playing fields that would be built behind the original building (after three older facilities were removed), 2) cover the cost of certain elements within the buildings that were not covered by the Bond Funds, and 3) to create a fund for college scholarships for graduating seniors.

The first major donation of \$1 million dollars came almost immediately from Doug Pitcock, a 1945 graduate, who wanted his gift to be used for college scholarships. Shortly thereafter, Lynnette and David Mafrige pledged \$2 million, the first million to be used to create a turf field for the new football field which would be named after the football coaches, and the second million to name the overall Sports Complex. David is a 1981 graduate and Lynnette was the PTO President for 2009-2010. Their two children, Sydney Mafrige, Class of 2008, and Zack Mafrige, Class of 2012 are also Lamar graduates. Then Brian Orakpo and Brandon LaFell each pledged \$100,000 to create a state-of-the art weight room. Other alumni followed with gifts of \$10,000, \$25,000 and \$50,000 to help support this campaign.

Having a turf field planned for football field helped the alumni board to make the decision to try to raise the funds needed to make all of the new fields turf fields and to create stadium seating, press boxes, etc. for the fields. To help with this effort, the alumni association recently announced the **Big Red 1000** campaign hoping to attract 1000 alumni of the school to donate \$1000 each which would generate another \$1,000,000!

Now, the Lamar High School Alumni Association would like to invite all parents, grandparents, or friends to participate in this effort to raise the funds needed. We hope many of the parents will want to participate so that their students will get the benefit of wonderful new playing fields during their time at Lamar. There are three ways in which to donate: 1) donate \$1000 to become one of the **Big Red 1000** donors, 2) donate \$25, \$50, or more up to \$1000 for a general donation, 3) or choose one of the Naming Opportunities listed below for the original building, the new academic wing, or the new athletic wing.

If you are interested in helping, please go to Lamarhsalumni.com and follow the directions to the donation forms. The alumni association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible.

Click the following attachment for giving opportunities: [NL Recognized Giving Opportunities Capital Campaign II 2019 .docx](#)

Academic Corner

Hey students!

**If you did not earn credit for a course you just now completed this current Spring semester,
please plan to recover that credit in Credit Recovery Summer School 2019.**

Registration is June 4

Lamar Cafeteria

8:30 to 11 am

and again

12:30 – 3 pm

Credit Recovery Summer School begins June 5

Details below

Typically, credit recovery courses will be taken online in computer labs under the supervision of Subject Area Specialists. Only students who have taken a course and lost credit due to a failing grade or excessive absences are eligible to take that particular course(s) in credit recovery summer school. Students must attend class on campus. One absence is permissible without losing credit for the course.

Attendance is Mandatory

Lamar Credit Recovery

- Students: **June: 5, 2019 – June 27, 2019**
- Time: **8:00 am – 3:30 pm**
- Days: **Monday - Thursday**
- Registration: **May 22 - May 24**
- Late Registration: **June 4th (8:30 am -11:00 am) (12:30 pm – 3:00 pm)**

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>

College Fair Information:

Click the following attachment for an upcoming college fair:

[College Fair.jpg](#)

Attention Seniors! Your last opportunity to clear any NGs needed for graduation will be May 30, 31, and June 1. Hours for after school detentions: May 30-31: 1:00-4:00 pm, and June 1: 9:00 am -12:00 noon in the cafeteria. Plan to attend. Failure to attend these detentions will mean August graduation. You will receive information from Mr. Guinther during senior check-out.

Attention 9th, 10th, and 11th graders! Your last opportunity for credit appeal detentions, to clear any historical or current NGs before next year, are June 4, 5, and 6th. Notifications have been sent. Detentions will be held from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm in the cafeteria. Failure to attend means you have to enroll in face to face instruction during the next school year. If you are attending Summer School, your credit appeals will be assigned after Summer School classes. Credit appeals will not be available in Grad Lab next year.

Please address any questions to Mrs. Clouse.

HISD Summer Hours

Starting next week, HISD will implement the "40 in Four" work schedule at the central office and participating schools for summer 2019.

Starting the week of Monday, June 3, 2019, schools and central offices will be closed on Fridays. The "40 in Four" schedule will end Thursday, July 25, 2019, and the district will return to its regular hours of operation on Monday, July 29, 2019.

All offices will be open for business Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Employees will work a 10-hour day, excluding their lunch period. Per your supervisor's approval, work hours can be flexible and scheduled within the hours of 7 a.m.-7 p.m. All employees must participate.

The district will continue to maintain certain operations on Fridays in departments such as police, technology, maintenance, construction, food service, treasury, and other identified critical areas of operations. All or partial staff from these departments may not be eligible to participate in the program.

For general questions about the "40 in Four" summer schedule, please contact Human Resources at 713-556-7400.

SERJobs

Click the following attachment regarding employment opportunities or graduating seniors. [Graduating Seniors Blast.png](#)

Senior Information

Important Dates:

- [Graduation](#) - **Saturday, June 8th (NRG Stadium) @ 9 am**
- **Seniors must arrive at 7:30 am**
- [Senior Check-Out](#)- **May 30th & 31st**

Cap and Gowns

You can purchase cap and gowns during Senior Checkout (May 30th & 31st)

**** Cap and gowns will be distributed during Senior check-out. ****

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](#) 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.

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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

Yearbooks are here:

- \$125 for each yearbook. Go to www.schoolpay.com to purchase one today.

For additional information email csmith41@houstonisd.org

College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity

Congratulations to Mirabeau B. Lamar Senior High School! Lamar has earned the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for attaining female student representation in AP Computer Science Principles for 2018. Among the more than 18,000 secondary schools worldwide that offer AP courses, Lamar is one of only 685 that have achieved this important result. #Lamarproud

Inspiring Moment

Be such a person, and live such a life, that if every one were such as you, and every life a life such as yours, this earth would be paradise.

Phillips Brooks



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