Principal's Corner

Last week I sent an email inviting you to join the Lamar PTO. Thank you to all those who joined us in this important work. If you haven’t had an opportunity to join, I invite you to do so today. Membership in the PTO is free.
Highlighted Events:

- **Monday, Sep 5:** LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL
- **Tuesday, Sep 6:** Open House A-L 6:00-8:00PM
- **Wednesday, Sep 7:** Open House M-Z 6:00-8:00PM

Grade Conversion in Qualifying Electives

**USE FOR STUDENTS WITH WEIGHTED GPA OF 3.0 OR GREATER**

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors may be eligible for an elective grade conversion. Students have the option to convert a numeric grade of 85 or higher to a “pass” for qualifying electives for up to 2.0 credits. Once a numeric grade is converted to “pass”, the “pass” cannot be converted back to a numeric grade.

**Qualifying Electives**

Aligned to electives courses identified in 19 TAC Chapter 74, Subchapters 61 and 63, the following course categories qualify for conversion:

- Athletics
- Art
- Band
- Cheer
- Choir
- Color guard
- Dance
- Drill team
- Driver education
- JROTC
- Music
- Theatre
- Physical education

A numeric grade must be assigned to the student’s first full physical education and fine arts credit before a conversion is applicable. Any additional physical education, athletics or fine arts may qualify for conversion.
To take advantage of this option, students should complete and submit the Grade Conversion Request Form to their Academic Dean no later than the last day of the grading cycle. Forms will be available next week from the grade level clerk. All conversions will take place during the summer before senior year. Please note, any changes to the School Guidelines may impact this policy for the 2022-23 school year.

Open House

Please join us for Lamar Open House on either September 6 OR September 7, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. We are recommending families with last names beginning with A-L attend on September 6th and families with last names M-Z attend on September 7th. We believe this will help us make it a more personal experience for parents. If your assigned alpha day does not work for your family, please come the other day. As your student to provide you with a screenshot of their schedule so that you know which sessions to attend.

We will begin the evening at 6:00 p.m. in your student’s assigned Neighborhood. Use the classroom number assigned to your student's English teacher for this session. The entire Neighborhood team will be on hand to discuss the learning goals for the year.

At 6:45 p.m. you will be able to go to the sessions that are most important to you in the order you wish. Use the image below to help you make a plan.

Parking will be available in the garage. Enter on the 2nd Floor into the Athletic Lobby and follow the signs. We look forward to seeing you September 6th or September 7th at 6:00 p.m.
Open House

6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Neighborhood Presentations

Join the Neighborhood Team to learn about your child’s core curriculum classes - English, math, science and social studies. Use the room number for your child’s English teacher to find this session.

Languages Other Than English
Sessions at 6:50, 7:15, 7:40 & 8:05

Learn more about your child’s language program and its role within the IB.
- Arabic - 11D B412
- Chinese - 11C B400
- French - 11B A415
- Spanish - 11A A401

Fine Arts
Sessions at 6:50, 7:15, 7:40 & 8:05

- Band - B111
- Choir - N100
- Dance - Grand Hall
- Orchestra/Guitar - N101
- Piano - N001
- Theatre - A104
- Visual Arts - 12A C401

Career & Tech Education Pathways
Sessions at 6:50, 7:15, 7:40 & 8:05

- Agriculture - C117
- AAV Broadcast/Print Journalism - N307
- Business - 10A C301
- Computer Science - N303
- Engineering - N313
- Hospitality & Culinary Arts - C102
- Health Science - GYM
- Human Services - N104
- JROTC - N227

PE/Athletics, TOK, PPS & Debate
Sessions at 6:50, 7:15, 7:40 & 8:05

- PE Coaches - 9B A315
- Lamar Athletic Coordinator, Coach Michael Lindsey - 9D B312
- TOK - 9A A301
- PPS (GTIS) - 9C B300
- Debate - 9C B300 Lab
Clear Bag Policy and Dress Code

Some of you may be applauding the move, while I imagine there are others who find this to be an overreach. I would like to provide you with the reasoning. Consistently we have students using their backpacks to bring contraband onto campus. Whether it is something seemingly harmless such as snacks to sell, or items strictly prohibited on school campuses, this becomes a multiplier for other issues such as thefts and fights.

I am attaching a copy of the dress code policy and the clear bag guidelines. Clear bags and Uniforms.pdf As always, if you need support to ensure your child is in dress code and has an appropriate clear bag, please reach out to our Wrap Around Specialists for assistance - Monica Garcia Jacquet (monica.garciajacquett@houstonisd.org) or Mr. Lynch (Devon.Lynch@houstonisd.org).

Club Fair

Save the date- September 14

Why Join a Lamar Club?

Joining a club (or two) is a great way to make new friends, it is important to de-stress and focus on something besides academics. Build a well-rounded resume for college applications.

Not only is it fun, your participation in clubs can hone your communication skills, foster creative thinking, and teach you how to work effectively with other people.

Tip #1: Know your options

There is a huge range of clubs and extracurriculars offered at Lamar. You have the option of joining sports teams, community service clubs, public speaking organizations, math or science club, social or political organizations, or interest-focused groups like anime or E-Sports club!. Review our club list:

https://www.houstonisd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageType=1&SiteID=11085&ChannelID=11335&DirectoryType=6

Tip #2: Deepen your engagement over time

As you gain more experience in your extracurricular activities, you can take on increasing amounts of responsibility and assume leadership positions. Becoming a club president, team
captain, or other leader provides a great way to stand out on college applications—and, more importantly, taking on additional responsibility helps you cultivate your “soft” skills.

Tip #3: Build relationships with teachers and advisors

Lamar requires a faculty advisor. You may ultimately develop a bond with the teacher who serves as your club’s advisor.

**To propose a New Club/Organization**

Students should go to the Lamar website at Lamarhs.org

Click on the Activities Tab

Click on the Clubs Link

Under the letter “N” click on the New Club/Organization Proposal Form

Enter the required information and click submit

**To update an existing Club/Organization**

Students should go to the Lamar website at Lamarhs.org

Click on the Activities Tab

Click on the Clubs Link

Under the letter “U” click on the Update Existing Club/Organization Link

Enter the required information and click submit

**Lamar Tutorials**

Welcome back students! Need help with those first week of school assignments? Lamar Tutorials may be the place for you! Come join us in Neighborhood 12 B (Paris) on Wednesday from 4:15PM – 5:45PM. Morning tutorials will start August 29th. Please see the tutorial schedule below. Hope to see you there!
FAQ

Dress Code -
Students should be in dress code daily. Families who are experiencing financial hardship may request assistance through our Wrap Around Specialists. You may contact them at Devon.Lynch@houstonisd.org or Monica.GarciaJacquett@houstonisd.org.

To download a copy of our Dress Code please visit https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/45306

School Store Hours -
The school store will be open Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The store accepts cash, credit or debit.

Laptops-
The Technology team has been handing out laptops to students since the week prior to school. Starting on Monday the expectation is that all students have their laptop in class each day ready to learn. If you student still needs to pick up the laptop please make sure they come to the IT office and have the two forms signed by a guardian and have a copy of their receipt of the laptop insurance. If the your student has not picked up the laptop due to financial reasons please reach out our Mr. Rivera-Colon in the LSC to see how he can assist you.

** No personal laptops are allowed on campus. All students must have the HISD device.**

Laptop Forms and Insurance payment

Insurance Link
Form Link

If a student's laptop gets lost or stolen the student needs to report the laptop to the IT team within 24 hours. If a laptop is lost on campus the student will report the laptop missing to the IT office and the IT team will work with our HISD police to get a report number. If the laptop is lost off campus then the student will need to get a police report from the police of that town. For example, if a student's laptop get stolen in the city of Austin the student would get a police report number from the Austin Police department and they would bring that report number to the IT office.

Technology Office
The technology office is located in N215 (The historical building 2nd floor).

The IT office is open most days from 7:50 - 8:20, and from 9 AM - 3:45 PM. From 9 AM until 3:45 students must have a pass from their teacher and must be in dress code.

For tech support please email: Lamartechsupport@houstonisd.org

**PowerSchool**

If you are having trouble accessing or setting up your PowerSchool account please reach out to your Parent Engagement Rep they can assist you.

- **9th Grade** –
  Janet Trevino janet.trevino@houstonisd.org

- **10th Grade** –
  Gregory White gwhite2@houstonisd.org

- **11th Grade** –
  Ruby Rapalo ruby.rapalo@houstonisd.org

- **12th Grade** –
  Tamia O’Banner tobanner@houstonisd.org

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**IB Annual Fee 2022-2023 Due November 1, 2022**

All 11th and 12th graders taking one or more IB classes are required to pay an annual $90 IB fee. 11th and 12th grade IB course names end in SL and HL. If you see SL or HL on your child’s schedule, your child is in an IB course. This fee supports IB materials, digital resources, and teacher trainings for our IB programs. The actual fee that HISD pays to the IB is $119 per course. When a student tests in five IB courses, HISD pays the IB $595. The annual fee of $90 is due by November 1st, 2022. Students who are identified as economically disadvantaged may pay $30. You can make your annual payment through School Pay or in person at the Lamar business office. Students who do not pay their annual IB fee will not be able to complete senior check-out in May. Contact Dr. Acord if you have questions. suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

**Annual IB Fee**

11th and 12th grade students in IB courses participate in numerous IB assessments. These IB course names end in SL and HL. Success on these assessments can potentially earn a student extensive college credit. HISD pays the IB $119 per course.
exam. When a student tests in five IB courses, HISD pays the IB $595. Missing one IB course assessment prevents the student from earning IB credit. We do not receive a refund from the IB when a student misses an IB assessment. Students who do not submit and/or attend their IB assessments may be required to pay a $25 non-use fee for each exam missed. This fee will need to be paid to complete senior check-out. If a family emergency or illness arises, parents must contact Dr. Acord prior to the exam. suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

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Lamar High School
An IB World School
Bell Schedule
2022-2023

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HISD 2022-2023 Calendar
SAVE THE DATE

SAT/PSAT Testing Information–

Students at Lamar will take the PSAT/SAT according to the schedule below.

Test Dates:

Wednesday, October 12 (8:30 AM) – PSAT testing for 9th graders and SAT testing for eligible 12th graders (Eligible 12th graders have been notified through email.)

Tuesday, October 25 (8:30 AM) – PSAT/MNSQT for 10th and 11th graders (This is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test for 11th grade.)

Wednesday, March 22 (8:30 AM) – SAT for 11th graders

For more information about the PSAT and SAT, please visit the College Board website. To help prepare, students are encouraged to complete practice on Khan Academy’s Official SAT Practice website. When students connect their College Board account with Khan Academy a free personalized SAT test preparation plan is developed just for them. Students who use Khan Academy’s SAT practice average a 115 point increase on their SAT score, as well as qualify for scholarships from the College Board.

Pep Rally Schedule

Pep Rallies will be in the gym this year, beginning at 7:50 am.
Pep Rallies will be on game days, all games included beginning on 8/26.
Pep Rally for the Saturday game (Bellaire) on 11/5 will be Friday morning 11/4.

Writing Lab
Starting September 12, the Lamar Writing Lab will be open daily for one-to-one writing coach and consultation sessions before, during, and after school!

This year, teams of our trained junior and senior peer writing coaches are also partnering with 9th and 10th grade neighborhoods to help support writing across the curriculum at Lamar.

October is College Application Month and the Writing Lab is celebrating with a two-part college application essay workshop led by Dr. Lowe and our Rice Ph.D. and graduate student writing consultants on October 13th and 18th after school from 4:30-6pm.

Stay tuned for details and sign-up info at tinyurl.com/lamarwritinglab.

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**COLLEGE CORNER**

The College Corner is excited to present our new weekly newsletter format!

A summary of this week’s newsletter content is provided here we encourage you to explore more complete content by viewing our new College Corner newsletter at the link below!

**CLICK HERE TO VIEW NEWSLETTER**

**Save the Date**

The college fair is coming back to Lamar. Look out for more information and updated soon.

**Senior Surveys**

*We request that all seniors complete the senior survey* found at bit.ly/HISDSRSURVEY.

**Connect With Us**

*The College Corner has specific procedures for scheduling visits with us.* Make sure you are aware of those procedures and boon an appointment to see us soon. We also have anew Instagram @thelamarcollegcorner. Be sure to follow!

**HOT Scholarship List**
There are many ways to find scholarships but one opportunity is the district provided list that is updated each month. **View the published scholarship list at** [bit.ly/collegeschoolrships](http://bit.ly/collegeschoolrships).

**Create Your FSA ID**

The process for completing an application for federal student aid begins with eligible students and parent creating and FSA ID. The federal financial aid application opens on October 1 but it cannot be submitted without this critical step being completed. **Learn how to create your FSA ID by watching THIS VIDEO.**

**College Spotlight**

In this new feature, we will highlight a Lamar HS employee and their alma mater each week. Our first to be feature is Dr. Cain, 10th grade Assistant Principal.

**You Khan Do It!**

**HISD offers a free SAT test prep tool that can by synced with a student's College Board account** to provide a customized study plan. Khan Academy can be accessed through a student’s Clever account and has been proven to improve SAT performance.

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**SENIOR 2023 INFORMATION**

Lamar High School

**Senior Dues**

*Includes:*

*Senior Sunrise, Senior Sunset, Monthly Events, Graduation Package and Senior Gift*

**Early Bird Special Aug. 22nd- Dec 6th $90**

**Dec. 7th - Apr 3rd $140**

**Apr. 4th-End of Year $160**
School Pay Link:
https://schoolpay.com/link/LHSClassof-2023

You can pay with cash in the Business Office

**IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2023 DATES**

August 22, Senior Sunrise

October 1, 2022 HOCO Dance

November 15, 2022 Panoramic Photo

November 15, Senior Breakfast

February 11, 2023 LHS Fest

April 15, 2023 Prom

May 2023 Senior Sunset

June 2023 Graduation

*Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, Prom Ticket, Cap & Gown are NOT included in Senior Dues*

All Cap & Gowns are ordered through HerffJones.com

**SENIOR CLASS SPONSOR:** Mrs. van Ravenswaay rvan@houstonisd.org

Your 2022-23 PTO board would love to see all parents and all teachers join PTO this year - it's FREE! Please log on at www.lamarpto.org or scan the QR code below.

We are also seeking donations to our **Big and Bright Fundraising Campaign** which directly benefits Lamar students and teachers.

**WHAT DOES LAMAR PTO DO?**
Parent Socials * Teacher Wish Lists * Big & Bright Fundraising Campaign * The Alamo - Wraparound Services Donations * Fill the Gap - Corporate Gifting * Lamar HS Yard Signs * Class T-Shirts * Teacher Appreciation * Homecoming * Texan Connection - PTO Newsletter * College Night * Parent Resources * Senior Class Activities * Campus Improvements & Beautification * Dad's Club * Alumni Outreach and more!

Thank you for your support!

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PTO Senior 2023 Committee

Senior Treat Day: September 16th (Transit Center) Come down to the transit center for a sweet treat and receive your class t-shirt.

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.it/w/s/y3PC4F

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