



# Lamar High School

## AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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### Lamar Weekly Newsletter

## Principal's Corner



### Tracking College Admissions and Scholarship Offers

Every year we track data related to the college application and admission process. This ensures we continue to improve and ensures Lamar students have great opportunities as they move from high school into college and career. At this time 71% of our current seniors have applied to a 4-year college (95% of the Top 25% of the class and 99% of the Top 10% of the class). We are a bit behind our goal on submitting FAFSA, with only 33% of our students making the priority deadline. FAFSA evaluates eligibility for financial aid for students. To learn more about FAFSA, check out the website at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>.

We also track admission offers and scholarship offers each year. As your senior begins to receive admission offers and scholarship offers, please bring those letters to our college corner. You may drop off a copy or we can copy the original for you.

## Finally!!!!

The 2019 Graduation Ceremony has been confirmed for **Saturday, June 8th (NRG Stadium) @ 9 am**

## Valentine's Door Decorating Contest

Accept the challenge! Students are invited to participate in our upcoming Valentine's Day Door Decorating Contest. Begin scoping out doors and choosing your team members. This is our new co-ed sport! Teams should consist of five students (no more than 3 females and no less than 2 males).

Team signup will begin on February 1st! Watch for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mon. Jan. 28th-A-Day**
- Freshmen Boys BB vs Mickey Leland (Lamar) @ 5:30 pm
- IB Questions Answered- All (Cafe) @ 6 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Mickey Leland (Lamar) @ 7 pm
- Girls Varsity Golf (Golfcrest) TBA
- **Tues. Jan. 29th- B-Day**
- SDMC Meeting (LHS Alumni room) @ 7:30 am
- 10-12/ ASVAB Testing (Lamar) Library
- JV Boys Soccer vs Kingwood HS (Kingwood HS) @ 4:30 pm
- JV Girls BB vs St. Johns (Lamar) @ 4:30 pm
- Girls Varsity BB vs St. Johns (Lamar) @ 6 pm
- Freshman Round Up Part II (Lamar) @ 6 pm
- **Wed. Jan. 30th- A-Day**
- Balfour (Cafe) 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
- Varsity Boys BB vs Westbury (Butler) @ 7pm
- **Thurs. Jan. 31st- B-Day**
- Balfour (Cafe) 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
- All Softball Teams vs Lutheran South (LSHS) @ 5:30 pm
- Balfour Senior Parent Night (Cafe) @ 5 - 7 pm

## Highlighted Events

- **Monday, January 28th** - IB Questions Answered-All (Cafeteria) @ 6 pm
- **Tuesday, January 29th** - SDMC Meeting (Alumni room) @ 7:30 am
- **Tuesday, January 29th** - ASVAB Testing (Library/E103)
- **Tuesday, January 29th** - Freshmen Roundup Part II (Large/ small gyms & cafeteria) @ 6 pm
- **Wednesday, January 30th** - Balfour (Cafe) @ 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
- **Thursday, January 31st** - Balfour (Cafe) @ 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
- **Thursday, January 31st** - Balfour Senior Parent Night (Cafeteria) @ 5-7 pm
- **Thursday, January 31st** - All School Musical (Performance Hall) @ 6 pm
- **Friday, February 1st** - All School Musical (Performance Hall) @ 7 pm
- **Saturday, February 2nd** - All School Musical (Performance Hall) @ 7 pm
- **Tuesday, February 5th** - Course Selection 11th/ rising 12th (Cafe) @ 6 pm
- **Thursday, February 7th** - Course Selection 11th/ rising 12th (Cafe) @ 6 pm
- **Saturday, February 9th** - ACT Testing

## Congratulations Principal Holly Gibson

Congratulations Ms. Gibson, newly assigned Principal for Middle College High School at HCC Gulfton!

Ms. Gibson has served the Lamar community since 2008, most recently as the Dean of Instruction. She has been a strong force for student support and has led our teachers in improvement initiatives. We are grateful for her dedication to the Lamar community and wish her the best of luck. She will be transitioning over the next week and will take the helm officially on February 1, 2019.

Ms. Gibson has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Texas Southern University and a Master of Education in Educational Administration from Texas A & M-Commerce.

## Lamar Tennis

Lamar Tennis Program update  
Cy Fair Tournament Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

Lamar won First place in the following divisions:

- JV Girls Singles A - Darby Vrba
- JV Girls Singles B - Kaleigh Bickley
- JV Boys Doubles A - Jerry Ashcroft/ Mikail Wijesekra
- JV Mixed Doubles C - Brooke Ngo-Phan/ Patrick Partridge
- Freshman Boys Singles A- Alex Koong
- Freshman Boys Singles B- John Butler

Congrats to these hard working Texans and Coach Jeremy Davison!

## REMIND 101

What's happening

- All School Musical (Performance Hall) @ 6 pm
- **Fri. Feb. 1st- A-Day**
- Varsity Swim Region IV Qualifier (Conroe ISD) @ 10 am
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Bellaire (Dyer) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Bellaire (Delmar) @ 5 pm
- Freshmen Boys BB vs Heights (Heights) @ 5:30 pm
- Freshmen/ JV Girls BB vs Heights (Lamar) @ 5:30/ 7 pm
- Varsity Girls BB vs Heights (Delmar) @ 6:30 pm
- JV Boys BB vs Heights (Heights) @ 7 pm
- All School Musical (Performance Hall) @ 7 pm
- **Sat. Feb. 2nd**
- Varsity Swim Region IV Qualifier (Conroe ISD) @ 10 am
- JV Girls Soccer vs Bellaire (Butler Jr.) @ 12 noon
- JV Boys Soccer vs Bellaire (Butler Sr.) @ 12 noon
- All School Musical (Performance Hall) @ 7 pm
- **Mon. Feb 4th-B-Day**
- Varsity Boys BB vs Mickey Leland (Delmar) @ 5:30 pm
- Freshmen Boys BB vs Houston (Lamar)
- Freshmen/JV Girls BB vs Houston MSTC (Houston MSTC) @ 5:30/ 7 pm
- Girls Varsity Golf (T Creek)
- JV Boys BB vs Houston (Lamar) @ 7 pm
- **Tues. Feb. 5th- A-Day**
- 12th grade NAEP Testing (library/E103)
- JV/Varsity Softball vs Clements (Clements HS) @ 4:30/6 pm
- Girls Varsity BB vs Houston MSTC (Pavillion) @ 5:30 pm

Starting **Monday, January 28**, text notifications will ending for Verizon Wireless customers who use the free Remind service.

- **If you communicate with your class on Remind:** People who normally get your Remind messages as texts may no longer receive them.
- **If you have Verizon Wireless as you phone carrier:** You'll no longer receive Remind text notifications. To get messages, you'll need to turn on smartphone or email notifications instead.
- **If you have a Remind School and District plan:** This service disruption won't affect your organization.

### Why the Verizon fee affects free text messaging on Remind

To offer our text messaging service free of charge, Remind has always paid for each text that users receive or send. Now, Verizon is charging Remind an additional fee intended for companies that send spam over its network.

**Your Remind messages aren't spam**, but that hasn't helped resolve the issue with Verizon. The fee will increase our cost of supporting text messaging to at least 11 times our current cost--forcing us to end free Remind text messaging for the more than 7 million students, parents, and educators who have Verizon Wireless as their carrier.

## NHS

The National Honor Society applications are open!

The National Honor Society is an organization dedicated to community service, academic excellence, strong character, and leadership. Members of the Lamar NHS chapter are required to complete 12 hours of service per semester (6 of which must be completed through service events provided by Lamar NHS) and attend meetings every other Tuesday. NHS members have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership within the organization by applying to be a Junior Officer as a junior or an Officer as a senior.

Students can find the application on [lamarnhs.org](http://lamarnhs.org) and must submit their application by February 24th. If you are already a member, you do need to reapply.

To be considered for admission you must:

- be a current sophomore or junior
- have a GPA of 3.7 or above
- complete the online application including essay submitted to [turnitin.com](http://turnitin.com)

## Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest

Regions is proud to celebrate Black History Month and those who inspire the next generation to make history. We believe in tomorrow's leaders and that's why after the 2019 scholarships have been distributed, Regions will have awarded over \$1 million in total scholarships to high school and college students.

Your essay should, in 500 words or less:

- a) address how an African-American has been an inspiration in your life, and
- b) discuss the contributions of the African-American individual who has served to inspire and motivate you.

- @ 5:00 pm
- Course Selection 11th/ rising 12th (Cafe) @ 6 pm
- **Wed. Feb. 6th- B-Day**
- 12th Grade NAEP Testing (Library/E103)
- JV Girls Soccer vs Chavez (Chavez) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Chavez (Barnett) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Chavez (Barnett Sr) @ 5 pm
- JV Boys Soccer vs Chavez (Chavez) @ 5 pm
- **Thurs. Feb 7th-A-Day**
- Course Selection 11th/ rising 12th (Cafe) @ 6 pm
- **Fri. Feb. 8th-B-Day**
- JV/Varsity Softball vs Summer Creek Tri Ser (TBA) TBA
- JV Boys BB vs WS (Lamar) @ 7 pm
- Freshmen Boys BB vs WS (Lamar) @ 5:30 pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs WS (Delmar) @ 5 pm
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Westside (Dyer) @ 5 pm
- Tennis DeerPark Tournament @ 6:30 pm
- **Sat. Feb. 8th**
- ACT Testing
- JV/Varsity Softball vs Dobie HSTRISCR (Dobie HS) TBA
- Varsity Boys BB vs Heights (Delmar) @ 1 pm
- JV Girls Soccer vs Westside (Westside) @ 10 am
- JV Boys Soccer vs Westside (Westside) @ 10 am



## High School Seniors

Regions will award \$5,000 scholarships to 15 high school seniors who live in states with Regions branches and will attend an accredited college in the U.S. during the 2019-2020 academic school year.

Enter the Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest through February 28, 2019, at [regions.com/ridingforward](https://regions.com/ridingforward).

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## 2019 Seniors

### **Important Dates:**

- Balfour Senior Parent Night - Jan. 31st (LHS Cafeteria) @ 5-7 pm
- Prom - April 13th (Bayou City Event Center) @ 8 pm
- Graduation - Saturday, June 8th (NRG Stadium) @ 9 am
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### **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](https://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 Packages and Fees**

Senior Package:

\$225.00 (From Jan. 15th - March 17th)

Method of payment: School Pay:

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/SeniorFeesCO2019>

**Included in the Senior package fees: Diploma Cover, Senior Breakfast, Senior T-Shirt, Senior Sticker, Senior Gift, 1 prom ticket, and 1 after prom ticket**

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

**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**

### **NOTE: ONLY PAY FOR ONE OF THE SENIOR PACKAGES**

If you need financial help, please see Mrs. Jones by Monday, February 4th

### **Prom Tickets**

Prom tickets \$85.00 each from March 18th - April 10th

### **After Prom Tickets**

After Prom tickets \$30.00 each from March 18th - April 10th

## Yearbooks

The yearbooks are on sale for \$100.00. You can purchase the yearbook on schoolpay: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?mip=McHW> or you can purchase adds by using Balfour's link: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Yearbook-20182019-Price-before-Jan/leiMP?mip=McHW>

Senior ads are listed below:

Full-Page Ad is \$480

½ Page Ad is \$250

¼ Page Ad is \$130

1/8 Page Ad is \$75

Businesses can also purchase ads for the same price. For additional information email: [csmith41@houstonisd.org](mailto:csmith41@houstonisd.org)

## Texas Girls' Coaches Association

Congratulations to the following athletes who have accomplished very special honors in the Texas Girls' Coaches Association. We are Lamar proud!

- Livia Schooley
- Kennedy Smith
- Alina Mooradian
- Bria Mayes
- Kiristy Leech
- Brianna Johnson
- Kaitlyn Gullior

Go to [www.austintgca.com](http://www.austintgca.com) for further information.

## Inspiring Moment

A loving heart is the truest wisdom.

Charles Dickens



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