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# **Principal's Corner**



# **Highlighted Events:**

Mon. May 29th: CLOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY Wed. May 31st: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

# **Important Spring Testing Updates**

### **Test Results**

STAAR EOC Results will be available on the Texas Assessment Family Portal at <a href="https://www.texasassessment.gov/">https://www.texasassessment.gov/</a> beginning June 30<sup>th</sup>.

AP Test Results will be available on <a href="https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/view-scores">https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/view-scores</a> beginning July 5. IB exam results will be available on the IB Candidate website at <a href="https://candidates.ibo.org/">https://candidates.ibo.org/</a> beginning July 6<sup>th</sup>.

# Summer STAAR EOC testing – June 20-22

We will receive preliminary STAAR results in early June and will start notifying students who did not pass one of their STAAR EOC exams. Students will have another opportunity to take any needed STAAR EOC exams June 20-22. Families will be notified through email if their child should test during the June administration.

# Final Exam Schedule

# MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR FINAL EXAMS AND EXEMPTIONS

## **FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE**

Seniors will take their exams on May 23 and 24 during their regularly scheduled classes. Seniors are expected to attend all classes on these days.

# **Upcoming Events:**

#### Sat. May 27th:

CLOSED HOLIDAY

#### Mon. May 29th:

CLOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY

#### Tue. May 30th:

- Senior Check Out 9:00AM
- Underclassmen Finals pd. 3/4

#### Wed. May 31st:

- Senior Check Out 9:00AM
- Underclassmen Finals pd. 7/8
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## Thu. Jun 1st:

- Senior Credit Appeal
- Tennis Try Outs 10:00AM
   (LHS)

On May 25 and 26, seniors will follow the early dismissal exam schedule. The first exam time will be 8:30-10:40 each day and the second exam time will be from 10:50-12:50 each day. Lunch will be available at 12:50 for students as they leave campus. DISMISSAL AT 12:50.

- May 23 A-Day Periods 3 & 4 DURING THE REGULAR CLASS PERIOD
- May 24 B-Day Periods 7 & 8 DURING THE REGULAR CLASS PERIOD
- May 25 A-Day Periods 2 & 1 EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE
- May 26 B-Day Periods 6 & 5 EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Grades 9-11 will take their exams during the designated time periods and will be dismissed after the second exam period. Students must attend all exam sessions, even if they are exempt, to maintain attendance credit. The first exam time will be 8:30-10:40 each day and the second exam time will be from 10:50-12:50 each day. Lunch will be available at 12:50 for students as they leave campus. DISMISSAL AT 12:50. Buses will run on the early dismissal schedule.

- May 25 Periods 2 & 1 EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE
- May 26 Periods 6 & 5 EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE
- May 30 Periods 3 & 4 EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE
- May 31 Periods 7 & 8 EARLY DISMISSAL EXAM SCHEDULE

#### **FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS**

The following guidelines will be used to assign exemptions for final exams.

To be exempt for any final exam, students shall:

- · have three or fewer absences in each class; and
- have an E or S in conduct with no discipline referrals.

## 9th Grade Exemption Opportunities -

Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from one additional final exam for a course with an 85 average or better for the second semester.

10th Grade Exemption Opportunities -

- 1. Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from AP World History if the student took to AP exam and has a second semester average of 85 or better.
- 2. Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from two additional final exams for a course with an 85 average or better for the second semester.

11th Grade Exemption Opportunities -

- 1. Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from IB SL2 courses and AP courses if the student met the testing requirements and has a second semester average of 85 or better. (QUALIFYING COURSES: AP Government/AP exam; IB Art History SL2/AP exam and IB exam; IB World Religion SL2/IB exam; IB Psychology SL2/IB exam; IB Econ SL2/IB exam; IB Spanish SL2/IB exam; IB French SL2/IB exam; IB Chinese SL2/IB exam; IB Arabic SL2/IB exam
- 2. Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from two additional final exams for a course with an 85 average or better for the second semester.

12th Grade Exemption Opportunities -

1. Those students who qualify based on the above, may be exempt from all final exams for courses with an 85 average or better for the second semester, in which all programme requirements have been met (IB exam/AP exam).

# **Attention Juniors and Seniors**

#### End of Year IB To-Do List

Students who took IB exams this year will be able to access their IB scores on July 6<sup>th</sup>. They must use the pin code that will be provided to each student before the end of the school year. Students should take a photo of their pin code paper just in case they lose their paper. Directions on the paper will allow students to access the IB site and their IB scores. The IB site is located at: <a href="https://candidates.ibo.org/">https://candidates.ibo.org/</a>

Students who lose their codes will need to request their scores directly from the IB and pay a \$17 fee. Replacement site: <a href="https://rrs.ibo.org/replacement\_orders/index.cfm">https://rrs.ibo.org/replacement\_orders/index.cfm</a>

Seniors who would like their scores sent directly to their university <u>must complete this form by May 19<sup>th</sup>.</u>

Seniors who do not complete the university form will need to request their scores from the IB and pay a \$17 fee. <a href="https://rrs.ibo.org/replacement\_orders/index.cfm">https://rrs.ibo.org/replacement\_orders/index.cfm</a>

Seniors taking IB classes should review our senior slides to ensure all expectations are met before senior check out: <a href="https://bit.ly/lamarib2023">bit.ly/lamarib2023</a>.

# Student Parking

# 2023-2024 Student Parking Applications Open Monday May 8th, 2023

Apply for your parking permit for 2023-2024 School Year using the link below or scanning the QR code.

Parking Permit Link

https://bit.ly/23-24ParkingApplication



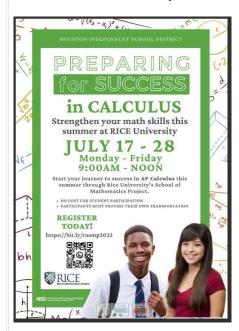
- Students must be classified as a 12th or 11th grader by the registrar for the 2023-2024 school year.
- · Online application must be completed.
- Applicant must have a Current Texas Driver License or Valid Texas Learners Permit to apply.
- If applications exceed the number of parking permits available a lottery will be held to
  distribute parking spots with incoming 12th graders given first priority over incoming 11th
  graders if students apply before the deadline of midnight on June 5th.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MIDNIGHT MONDAY JUNE 5TH 2023.

Once approved you must submit all required paperwork by Midnight June 28, 2023 to secure your parking permit.

After the deadline apply to the Parking Waitlist. Applications will be processed in the order received.

# **Rice Summer Camps**





# Have You Moved?

If you have moved out of the Lamar attendance zone, or plan on moving out of the zone before next school year and you wish to remain at Lamar you must contact Casey Titus (<a href="mailto:ctitus@houstonisd.org">ctitus@houstonisd.org</a>) about a possible transfer. The district deadline to apply for a transfer for the 2022-2023 school year is February 2, 2023.

# **Sport Enrichment Camp**



# **COLLEGE CORNER**



Graduating **seniors** must complete the senior survey found at the QR code or survey link at <a href="bit.ly/srspring2023">bit.ly/srspring2023</a>. Seniors who do not complete the survey and upload appropriate information, where applicable, will not be cleared for graduation. Questions? Contact the Lamar College Corner.

## **Newsletter Link:**

https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:c5f36ee8-fc34-3b80-8618-6d5c7a4c8636

# Class of 2024

Please compete the College Readiness Junior Survey



# 2023 Senior Information

## **Senior Check Out Meeting**

Click here for the slides to Dr. Acord's presentation.

Graduation is almost here! Make sure you ready for finals, check out and graduation.

**FASFA**: <u>do now</u>- everyone must complete the FASFA forms (or the opt out form)

**Laptop Pick Up:** May 15th –19th before you turn in your laptop, make sure you save all your files to a non-HISD device.

**Senior Dues-** <u>pay now</u> -covers the cost of parties, diploma, diploma cover, transcripts, and the senior gift. \$140 today – <a href="https://schoolpay.com/link/LHSClassof-2023">https://schoolpay.com/link/LHSClassof-2023</a>

**IB Fees**- <u>do now</u>- pay your IB fees it covers the cost of the tests and your **stoles for graduation**. \$90 whether you take one class or more.

**Cap and Gown**: <u>do now</u>-All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Herff Jones: <u>Herff Jones</u>. \$50.00. They will be distributed during senior check out. Must wear cap and gown at graduation. You may decorate your cap. Graduates can only wear the stoles provided by the school. Graduates may wear NHS, Computer Science NHS, or Emerge cords only.

<u>Invitations:</u> Go to <u>heffjones.com</u> to place your order for graduation invitations.

## **UPDATED Calendar:**

- SPRING SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS: May 23-26
- May 30th 31st: Senior Check-out
- May 30th: Senior Sunset
- Sat. June 3rd: Graduation at NRG (Students arrive at 7:45 am, Ceremony at 9:00 am)

# **Graduation information**

# Ceremony

- The graduation ceremony will <u>not</u> be livestreamed (a recording of ceremony will be made available at <u>www.houstonisd.org/graduation</u> at a later date)
- The ceremony should be less than 2 hours

## Graduate Entrance and check-in

- · Graduates should arrive at 7:45AM
- Graduates will enter thru designated graduate entrance (Amegy Gate)
- Staging for graduates prior to the ceremony will occur in the Service Level.
- Graduates are not allowed to bring a cellphone, headphones, or other electronics devices into the venue.

• HERFF Jones will be on-site (Service Level) to support graduates as needed.

## Security/Bag Checks

- · All guests will be scanned prior to entry into the Stadium.
- · HISD Police will be onsite to ensure safety of all guests and graduates.
- Balloons, flowers, noise makers, etc. are not allowed in Arena.

#### **Appropriate Dress**

- Gentleman must wear collared shirts, with a tie, dark slacks and dress shoes. Dark shoes
  are best
- Young ladies should wear dresses, skirts or dress slacks, Flat shoes or wedges are recommended as graduates will be walking across the NRG stadium floor and up stairs.

#### Cap and Gown

- Cap and gowns will be distributed during senior check out on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-11:00AM in the Bleachers.
- The gown should be hung on a hanger to help remove wrinkles. (Seniors are expected to take car of fines another obligations prior to picking up their cap and gown).

#### **Pictures**

- There will be a professional photographer on stage to take a picture as the diploma is presented to each graduate.
- Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase a copy of the picture. Family members are
  not allowed to be on the floor to take person all pictures. Seniors proved contact information
  to the photographer, Flash Photography.
- If you have questions about pictures please contact Flash Photography, 3001 South University, Fort Worth, Texas 79109. Their phone number is 1-800-4410-8070.
- A proof will be sent by the company after graduation to the graduate provided home address. You may order your photos directly from Flash Photography.

## **Behavior of Seniors**

- Seniors are asked to enter NRG carrying their cap and gown (and car keys if applicable).
- NO electronic devices will be allowed including cell phone, cameras, or earbuds. You will be told to take these items back to your car, so do not try to bring them in. HISD security will be screening all seniors as they enter the stadium.
- Do not bring in any prohibited items that would not be allowed to have at school such as
  pocketknives, tobacco products, or e cigs etc. Being in possession of any prohibited items
  may result in losing your opportunity to participate in this graduation exercise. We are
  expecting that all members of the senior class will show appropriate behavior during the
  ceremony.
- Students who interrupt the graduation exercises may be asked to leave and/or their
  diplomas may be with help until a parent conference can be held at a later date. All
  graduates are expected to stay for the entire ceremony.

## Parking/Bus Drop-off

- Enter NRG complex off Kirby through Entrance 9. Traffic control will route you to parking assigned for graduation. (Lots 22, 23, 17)
- NRG Park is now cashless (accepting only credit cards)
- Parking for individuals with disabilities will be available in Lot 18. Traffic control at the stadium will route vehicles with permits to this lot. NRG Stadium is ADA Complaint and will meet the access and seating needs of our families and their guests.

## After the Ceremony Ends

Families and guest are invited to meet and to congratulate the new graduates outside NRG
by the Amegy Bank Gate. We recommend looking at the parking and facility maps and
selecting a meeting place outside the stadium. Remember seniors will not have cell phones
in their possession.

## **Audience Expectations**

- This is a solemn and dignified event, and we ask that all families be respectful and attentive as each student graduates.
- Horns, balloons, banners or items that distract from the ceremony will not be allowed or
  other items that interrupt the graduation are not all owed into NRG. Security will confiscate
  these items. All students deserve to have their friends and family members hear their name
  as it is read, Students who are performing or delivering a speech deserve to be heard by
  everyone in the audience.

#### **Tickets**

• Tickets will not be used for entry into the Stadium. You may have unlimited guests.



#### 2023-2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEES

President - Beth Lane
President Elect - Position Open
Treasurer - Alyson Rooney
Treasurer Elect - Sook Miller
Secretary - Jenny Beech
Parliamentarian - Anjanette Blewer
VP Membership - Michelle Cook
VP Corporate Gifting - Louise Downey
VP Communications - Lorie Jacobs
Teacher Wish List - Stephanie Willis

### Class Reps

Class of 2024 - Lori Black/Jenny Wood
Class of 2025 - Leslie Wubbenhorst/Kristine Martinez
Class of 2026 - Allison Teheng/Kathryn Schultz
Class of 2027 Marisa Botros/Yasmin Kazzaz

Past President - Heather Barrow
HISD Liaison - Heather Golden
Teacher Appreciation - Catalina Pastore
Web Master - Margaret Lee

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Senior Sunset - Chalk Throw!



## **QUICK LINKS**

**VIPS** 

**PTO** 



- Lamar High School
- 3325 Westheimer | Houston, TX 77098
- Phone: 713-522-5960
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