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Highlighted Events:

Fri Apr 7th: HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL

Sat Apr 8th: HOLIDAY- Building Closed

Wed. Apr 12th: Piano Show 6:00 & 7:00PM (Performance Hall)

Thu. Apr 13th: Piano Show 6:00 & 7:00PM (Performance Hall)

Fri. Apr 14th: END OF CYCLE 5

Sat. Apr 15th: Algebra 1 Boot Camp 9:00-2:00 (9A)

Sat. Apr 15th: Prom @ Bayou City Event Center 8:00PM-12:00AM

Shout Outs:

Lamar Choir

Lamar Choirs, under the direction of Robert Dee, competed in the UIL on March 27 and 28.

The Lamar Mixed Choir received Excellent ratings from all judges for their performance.



The Lamar Treble Choir earned Sweepstakes! That's the highest rating, which means they received Superior scores from all six judges who evaluated them on their performance and music reading skills. It has been about a decade since a Lamar choir earned Sweepstakes!

Upcoming Events:

Thu Apr 6th:

- Track and Field District @ Barnett
- Varsity Baseball vs Houston 5:00PM (Cowart)
- Varsity Softball vs Westbury 7:00PM (Delmar)
- Orchestra Concert 6:00-8:00PM (Performance Hall)

Fri Apr 7th:

- HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL

Sat Apr 8th:

- HOLIDAY- Building Closed

Mon. Apr 10th:

Big Brother Big Sister Interviews 9:00-11:00 (LHS)

Tue. Apr 11th:

- Tennis Regionals @ Deer Park
- Varsity Baseball vs Chavez 5:00 (Cowart)
- Boys Basketball Banquet 6:00-8:00PM (LHS)
- Varsity Softball vs Westbury 4:30 (Delmar)
- Orchestra 2:00-6:00 (Katy Taylor HS)



Lamar Band



The Lamar Band performed at the HISD PreUIL Festival held at Bellaire High School March 9th. The band earned an "Excellent" rating on stage (Division 2).

Orchestra

On Monday March 27th and Tuesday March 28th, the Lamar HS Sinfonia Orchestra traveled to Austin, Texas to compete at the Perform America Texas Pre-UIL Evaluation at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center. The Sinfonia Orchestra also traveled to the University of Texas at Austin to work with the esteemed Dr. Laurie Scott, professor of music education and director of the UT String Project, as well as tour the campus. The Sinfonia Orchestra received ratings of Excellent from the all judges and had the chance to work with Mr. Brian Worsdale, adjunct professor of conducting at Duquesne University and conductor of the Three Rivers Youth Orchestra. Viola student **Joshua Rodkey** was also recognized for his fabulous performance of the Telemann Viola Concerto by all judges - congratulations!

The orchestras will present their Concert #4 on Thursday, April 6th at 6:30PM in the Ned S. Holmes Performance Hall. The orchestras will be performing their UIL programs in preparation for the Region 23 UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest at James E. Taylor High School on Tuesday April 11th and Wednesday April 12th. The Philharmonia Orchestra will be performing on Tuesday, April 11th at 4PM and the Sinfonia Orchestra will be performing on Wednesday, April 12th at 1:50PM. Please come and support our fabulous orchestras!



Wed. Apr 12th:

- Rising 9th Course Selection (Virtual)
- JV Softball @ Chavez 4:30
- Piano Show 6:00 & 7:00PM (Performance Hall)
- JV Baseball vs Galena Park 5:00PM (LHS)
- Sophomore Baseball @ Houston 5:00PM
- Orchestra 2:00-6:00 (Katy Taylor HS)
- Tennis Regionals @ Deer Park

Thu. Apr 13th:

- Band UIL @ Mayde Creek 8:00AM-9:00PM
- Orchestra 2:00-6:00 (Katy Taylor HS)
- Piano Show 6:00 & 7:00PM (Performance Hall)
- Prom Swag Pick UP 11:45 (Athletic Lobby)

Fri. Apr 14th:

- **END OF CYCLE 5**
- Varsity Baseball vs Chavez 5:00 (Delmar)
- Theatre UIL 7:00PM (Black Box)
- JV Softball vs Heights 4:30 (LHS)
- Varsity Softball vs Chavez 7:00PM (Delmar)
- JV Baseball vs Bellaire 5:00 (LHS)
- Prom Swag Pick UP 11:45 (Athletic Lobby)

Sat. Apr 15th:

- JV Baseball @ Cy Fair 10:00AM
- Sophomore Baseball vs Heights 10:00 (LHS)
- Algebra 1 Boot Camp 9:00-2:00 (9A)
- Prom @ Bayou City Event Center 8:00PM-12:00AM

Mon. Apr 17th:

- **CYCLE 6 BEGINS**



Girl Golf

Congratulations to the Girls golf team! The Lamar a team just won district! We beat Bellaire by two strokes! Congratulations to **Yana Zabarov, Tara Suttitum, Kate Charlton, Camilla Wood, and Esmeralda Laurenzo**. They advance to regionals in two weeks at Eagle point country club in Monte Belvieu. Also going to District as medalist is Jolie Jones!

Track and Field

Day 1:

The girls had **Alil Akbar and Kaycee Green** qualify for the finals of the 400 meters. **Diara Overton-Bivins, Paris Powers, and Amanda Smith** qualified for the finals of the 100 meters. **Overton-Bivins, Smith, and Marion Rutherford** all qualified for the finals of the 200 meters.

The boys have 9 athletes that have already qualified for the Area Championships. **Kaleb Goodley** won the high jump and qualified along with **Preston Pierre** who placed third. **Omarion Marshall** qualified by placing 2nd in the long jump and triple jump. **Reynolds Delgado** finished second in the pole vault and qualified for the Area Meet. **Cam Vandible** qualified in the triple jump with a third place finish. Other qualifiers included **Nehemiah Johnson** in shot put, **Jeremiah Sanks** in long jump, and **Aaron Kizzee** in the discus.

Day 2:

The second night of the district 18-6A championships was dominated by our Lamar squad.

The boys competed in the prelims of the sprint events where **Ayden Turner, Caleb Thomas, and Chris Boykins** all qualified for the 100 meters. **Bailey Hashmi and Jayden House** qualified for the 200 meters. **Ryan Johnson and Edgar Nunez** qualified for the 400 meters. **Cam Vandible, Rico Moore, and Christian Wooten** all qualified for the 300 Hurdles.

The girls events featured the Lamar girls taking care of business and qualifying for the Area Championships.

Anika Clark-Desai was one of the first qualifiers with her first place finish in the pole vault. Also winning gold and qualifying for the Area Championships was **Tatiana Nwosu** in the shot put, followed by **Taylor Morrison** with a second place finish in the shot. In the long jump **Chi Ibekwe, Imari Dean, and Prynces Robinson** all qualified for the area meet as they got second, third, and fourth respectively. The triple jump also saw a second, third, fourth finish for the Lamar girls as **Chi Ibekwe, Phoenix Sneed, and Imari Dean** all qualified for the area meet. The girls distance group also had

- Cheer Try Outs 5:00-7:00PM (Gym)
- JV Softball @@ Bellaire 4:30PM

Tue, Apr 18th:

- **LATE START- 12:00PM**
- **STAAR- English 1**
- Cheer Try Outs 4:30 (Dance Room)
- Yearbook Banquet 6:00-8:00PM (LHS)

Wed, Apr 19th:

- **LATE START- 12:00PM**
- **STAAR- English II**
- **Title 1 Meeting 5:30PM (Grand Hall)**
- Theatre @ Regionals
- Mascot Try Outs 4:30

Thu Apr 20th:

- Theatre @ Regionals
- NHS Ceremony 6:00PM (Performance Hall)
- Lone Star Ceremony 7:30PM (Performance Hall)

Fri, Apr 21st:

- Spring Holiday- School Closed
- Varsity Softball vs Bellaire 12:30PM (Butler)

Sat, Apr 22nd:

- Varsity Softball vs Bellaire 12:30PM (Butler)
- JV Baseball vs Chavez 10:00-2:00 (LHS)
- Sophomore Baseball vs Westbury 2:00-4:00-PM (LHS)

Mon, Apr 24th:

- Rettes Try Outs 5:30PM (Gym)

Tue, Apr 25th:

- **LATE START- 12:00PM**
- **STAAR- US History (11th Grade)**
- JROTC Awards 6:00PM (Grand Hall)

qualifiers for the Area Championships as **Stacy Guerrero** finished second and **Soni Rodgers** finished third in the 3200 meter run. All in all it was a great day at the track for Lamar.

Lamar JROTC 7th Battalion



On March 25, four cadets from each LET (Grade) level went to represent the 7th Battalion at the HISD Outstanding Cadet Board. Cadets competed against cadets from other HISD schools. The competition consisted of a presentation, first aid, uniform inspection, and a test on JROTC knowledge. Two cadets placed top 6, LET 1 C/SSG **Joselyn Ascencio** and LET 2 C/CSM **Alexander Portis**.

Cadets also received their trophies from the Bluebonnet Drill Competition this week, with the Marksmanship team with second overall and Cadet **Gerald Ramirez** with second place in the Academic Competition.

Important Spring Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Exams

STAAR EOC exams will be administered on the dates listed below. All students are required to take and pass the five STAAR End of Course (EOC) exams before graduating. All STAAR exams are administered through the online testing platform and students will test on their HISD issued laptop. If your child's laptop or charger is missing or broken, it is critical that they go to the Lamar IT Office (N215) immediately. If your child's laptop charger is missing s/he will need to purchase a new charger through the Lamar Business Office or using the SchoolPay at [this link](#). Please note that all students are responsible for returning a laptop, charger and case at the end of the school year.

Practice Online STAAR EOC exams can be viewed [here](#) The STAAR test does not have a time limit this year. Students will have until the end of the school day to finish their test, if needed.

STAAR EOC Testing Dates

April 18, 2023 – STAAR EOC English 1 (9th graders and Retesters)

April 19, 2023 – STAAR EOC English 2 (10th graders and Retesters)

April 25, 2023 – STAAR EOC US History (11th grade and Retesters)

April 26, 2023 – STAAR EOC Biology (9th grade and Retesters)

May 2, 2023 – STAAR EOC Algebra (9th grade and Retesters)

- Varsity Baseball vs Bellaire (Delmar)
- Robotics @ Dallas
- Rettes Try Outs 4:30PM (Gym)

Wed. Apr 26th:

- **LATE START- 12:00PM**
- **STAAR- Biology (9th Grade)**
- JV Baseball vs Bellaire 5:00PM (LHS)
- Sophomore Baseball @ Waltrip 5:00PM
- Girls Soccer Banquet 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Robotics @ Dallas
- Rettes Try Outs 4:30PM (Gym)

Thu. Apr 27th:

- AG SHOW (Front Lawn)
- Rettes Try Outs 4:30PM (Gym)
- Robotics @ Dallas

Fri. Apr 28th:

- Varsity Baseball vs Bellaire 5:00PM (Butler)
- Art VASE Competition @ San Marcos
- LDT Spring Show 6:00-8:00PM (Performance Hall)
- AG SHOW (Front Lawn)

Sat. Apr 29th:

- AG SHOW (Front Lawn)
- Credit Appeal 9:00-3:00 (LHS)
- Hack-a-thon 8:00-4:00 (9B)
- Algebra Boot Camp 9:00-2:00 (9A)

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Students taking an AP class during the fall semester have been registered to take the AP exam on the date listed below. Students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the corresponding AP exam as part of the course requirements. Houston ISD has paid the registration fee for our students to take these exams. As a result, any student not taking the required AP exam will be charged a \$40 non-use fee by the College Board. AP students should check their MyAP account for additional testing information.

AP Exam Dates

AP US Government	Monday, May 1 @ 8:30
AP Comp Science Prin	Monday, May 8 @ 12:30
AP World History	Thursday, May 11 @ 8:30

Testing Calendar

A calendar of all Spring 2023 testing (STAAR EOC, AP, IB, Finals) dates can be found [here](#)

Save the Date – Late Start Days

On the following testing days, students not testing will have a late start. Non-testing students will report to school at 12:00 PM for lunch. Following lunch, all students will follow a modified A/B day schedule with 45 minute periods for the afternoon. Classes will begin at 12:55 PM.

April 18 & 19

April 25 & 26

May 1 & 2

May 11

Algebra 1 Students



Attention Juniors and Seniors

IB Annual Fee 2022-2023 Are Past Due

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 tests, IB materials, digital resources, and teacher trainings for our IB programs and if earned the **graduation stole**.

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 past due.

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

FFA AG Show



Writing Lab



In honor of National Poetry Month the **STTA (Stories Through The Ages) writing competition** **extended the submission deadline to Thursday, April 6!** All Lamar students are invited to enter poetry, fiction, and essays with cash prizes awarded in each category. Entering the contest even counts as a CAS experience!

Due to the extension, STTA decided to present one bonus award per category for "early submission," and announce those winners by Friday!

Info, dates, submission categories, and more at:

<https://storiesthroughtheages.com/lamar-writing/>

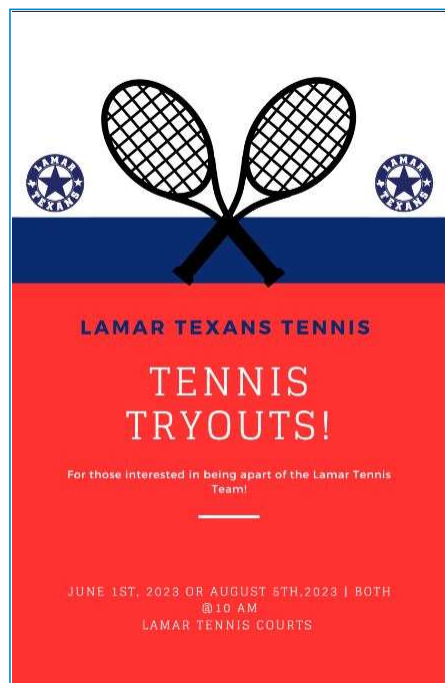
Peer Writing Coach

Peer Writing Coach Interest Form for 2023-2024

Are you interested in becoming a Peer Writing Coach with the Writing Lab as and will be a junior or senior next year? Submit this Peer Writing Coach interest form to receive a direct email when applications open!

Form linked here: <https://forms.gle/afyG3ZusCEnfqeTz5>

Tennis Try Outs



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 (ctitus@houstonisd.org) about a possible transfer. The district deadline to apply for a transfer for the 2022-2023 school year is February 2, 2023.

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College Corner Hot Topics:

- Practice SAT and ACT opportunities
- College Admission Appeals

Newsletter Link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:ff4fc99d-6113-3500-8f74-197fefa165d>

Senior Information

Senior Check Out Meeting

Click [here](#) for the slides to Dr. Acord's presentation.

You have a to-do list of items that need to be taken care of ASAP:

*Pay your IB Dues- covers the cost of the tests and your **stoles for graduation**. \$90 whether you take one class or more.

*Pay your Senior Dues- covers the cost of parties, diploma, diploma cover, transcripts, and the senior gift. \$140 today – <https://schoolpay.com/link/LHSClassof-2023>

*Pay for Cap and Gowns- must wear the cap and gown to walk across the stage. \$50 [Herff Jones](#)

UPDATED Calendar:

- **Fri. Apr 14th: End of Cycle 5!!!**
- **Sat. Apr 15th:** PROM
- **Tue. Apr 18th:** STAAR EOC English 1
- **Wed. Apr 19th:** STAAR EOC English 2
- **Tue. Apr 25th:** STAAR EOC US History
- **Wed. Apr 26th:** STAAR EOC Biology
- **Thu. Apr 27th:** IB written exams begin
- **Mon. May 1st:** AP US Government (8 am)
- **Tue. May 2nd:** STAAR EOC Algebra 1
- **Mon. May 8th:** AP Computer Science (12 pm)
- **Tue. May 11th:** AP World History (8 am)
- **SPRING SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS: May 19-24**
- **May 25th:** Senior Sunset
- **May 25th - 31st:** Senior Check-out
- **Sat. June 3rd:** Graduation at NRG at 7:45 am

PROM 2023



Senior Prom 2022

Theme: Queen of Hearts

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Location: Bayou City Event Center

9401 Knight Road

Houston, Texas 77045

Time: 8:00PM-12:00AM

Attire: FORMAL for Ladies and Gentlemen

Prom Ticket Price: \$100.00 each

<https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/CLASS-OF-2023/Meoz>

Prom tickets will be sold February 27th-April 4th online or cash in the business office during lunch.

NO PROM TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Please keep your receipt. You will need to show your receipt in the athletic lobby during lunch April 13th-14th to receive your prom ticket and favors.

ALL CLOTHING MUST ADEQUATELY COVER CHEST, MIDRIFT AND THIGHS

You must check into prom by **9:30PM SHARP** or will not be admitted. If you leave the prom, you will not be able to re-enter.

NO BAGS ALLOWED.

* Must show school ID at check in

*Purses and persons will be checked before entering.

*No outside food or drinks allowed.

*Party buses and vans will be subject to search upon arrival.

*Furthermore, all vehicles must be valet parked. Car keys will be left with the valet.

*No parking of cars at Bayou City Event Center before your arrival to prom.

*You may NOT go to your car to get things until you are ready to leave for the night.

*Prom is not a lock-in. You may leave at any time, but you may not re-enter.

*You may NOT go to your car to get things until you are ready to leave.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

All Class Parent Social

April 13th, 5pm

Marquis II

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IB Assessment Season February - May!

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