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Principal's Corner



This week I wanted to share with you some of the feedback we received today from our Possip survey. So first, what is Possip?

What Possip is: Positive Gossip

Regular short "**pulse checks**" are designed to get real-time, digestible feedback from families. Focuses on overall satisfaction, praise, feedback and suggestions.

For the week of 11/13, the survey was answered by 370 people.

To the question, "Are you happy with Lamar HS this week?" 82% of respondents said "YES" or "MOSTLY". This number is similar to the responses we have received from 10/16 (85%) and 10/30 (83%). Many of the comments and questions this week were related to the recent incident on campus during lunch and concerns for safety. While I can't provide details related to student discipline, I would love to share some of the things we have done to better secure the campus.

During the month of November, we welcomed a new police officer to the Lamar Team – Officer Taje Esdaille. We are thrilled to have a second, full time police officer. She is getting to know our campus patterns and our students and is a tremendous resource for our team.

Faculty and staff have been shifted to provide additional supervision on the front lawn, and students have been moved from the front of the performance hall to create more distance between students and visitors, as well as provide easier supervision of the parking lot. Police Officers are stationed to ensure a secure perimeter and can quickly respond to external threats. The visitor parking lot is being patrolled throughout the day by our officers to ensure safety.

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Dec 1st:

- Order Letterman Jackets and Sweaters 11:45 AM (LHS)
- College Corner Parent Night 5:30-7:00 PM (9A neighborhood)
- School Tour 1:00 PM (LHS)
- Varsity Swim vs Westside 6:00 PM (LHS)

Fri. Dec 2nd:

- Senior Picture 8:30-4:00 (LHS)
- Wrestling @ Morton Ranch 7:00 AM-9:00PM (Morton Ranch)
- Varsity Girls Golf (Huntsville)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Heights 7:00PM (Delmar)
- Freshman Girls Basketball Heights 6:00 PM (Heights)
- JV Girls Basketball Heights 7:30 PM (Heights)
- Varsity Swim vs Spring Branch (Spring Branch)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Dickinson 6:30 PM (LHS)
- Debate @ Clear Lake 4:30-6:30 PM (Clear Lake)
- Band @ Morton Ranch 5:00-10:00PM (Morton Ranch)

I also want to remind that we are a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave the campus during the school day. As we have increased our supervision in front of and along the east side of the school, students are looking for ways to leave campus undetected. It is important that parents set an expectation that students are to stay at Lamar once they arrive. This message is repeated regularly during morning announcements and always part of the discipline conversation when a student is caught leaving or returning.

This is a great opportunity to remind you all of the excellent resources we have on campus for conflict resolution and mental health support. Our Student Support Services Center, on the 2nd floor near the Beating Heart mural, can provide any type of support a student might need. We have licensed counselors on staff who can facilitate conflict resolution meetings, provide counseling and even connect students and families with outside resources.

I would also like to give a shout out with some of the positive feedback we received –

HIGHLIGHT QUOTE: "A todo el personal de la escuela gracias por la enseñanzas, su dedicación, su tiempo, su paciencia, su comprensión y esmero en el aprendizaje de nuestros hijos. Tengan la certeza, que lo que ustedes han sembrado no será en vano y que en el futuro se verán los frutos de esta noble labor que realizan. Gracias por educar a nuestros hijos."

To all the school staff, thank you for the teachings, your dedication, your time, your patience, your understanding and dedication to our children's learning. Rest assured that what you have sown will not be in vain and that in the future the fruits of this noble work that you carry out will be seen. Thank you for educating our children.

HIGHLIGHT QUOTE: "I appreciate the amount of communication from the school. It was sorely lacking at her middle school. The principal keeps families up to date even with issues like the recording last night about school altercations. I still feel it is a safe school and we are happy to be there"

HIGHLIGHT QUOTE: "The front office staff is really great. They juggle lots of visitors and always treat people kindly. "

Highlighted Events:

Fri. Dec 2nd: Senior Picture 8:30-4:00 (LHS)

Sat. Dec 3rd: Rettes Winter Spectacular 7:00-9:00 PM (Gym)

Mon. Dec 5th: Underclassmen Photo Retakes 8:30-4:00 (LHS)

Mon. Dec 5th: Orchestra Concert 6:00PM (Grand Hall)

Tue. Dec 6th: Choir Winter Show 6:00 PM (Performance Hall)

Senior and Underclassmen Pictures

Senior Pictures

Final on-campus picture day is **Friday, December 2nd**. If you haven't signed up yet, e-mail trent.barnes@houstonisd.org with a time you'd like to reserve. If you are going to the studio, your last chance is **December 3rd**.

- JV Boys Basketball Strake
- Freshman Boys Basketball @ Deer Park North

Sat. Dec 3rd:

- Band @ Morton Ranch 7:00-5:00PM (Morton Ranch)
- JV Boys Basketball @ Strake 10:30-7:30 (Strake)
- Freshman Boys Basketball @ Deer Park North
- Debate @ Clear Lake 4:30-6:30 PM (Clear Lake)
- Varsity Swim vs Spring Branch (Spring Branch)
- Accelerated Learning 9:00-2:00 (11B neighborhood)
- Robotics Tournament 8:00-5:00 (Montgomery)
- Credit Appeal 9:00-12:00 (LHS)
- Credit Appeal 12:00-3:00 (LHS)
- Cheer Clinic 9:00-1:00
- Rettes Winter Spectacular 7:00-9:00 PM (gym)

Mon. Dec 5th:

- Underclassmen Photo Retakes 8:30-4:00 (LHS)
- Orchestra Concert 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- 10th Grade Credit Appeal
- Track Parent Meeting 4:30PM (Track)

Tue. Dec 6th:

- STAAR Retesting English 1 8:30AM (LHS)
- Freshman Boys Basketball @ Eisenhower 4:00 PM
- JV Boys Basketball @ Eisenhower 5:30 PM
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Eisenhower 7:00 PM
- Freshman Girls Basketball vs Tomball 4:30PM (LHS)
- JV Girls Basketball vs Tomball 5:45 PM (LHS)

To check your scheduled sign-

up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45aba728a3ffc52-20234>

9th-11th Yearbook Picture Retake Day

Monday, December 5th is our make-up day and retake day for all underclassmen. If you never took your picture and would like to, sign up below. If you did take your picture but want a retake, sign up below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45aba728a3ffc52-yearbook>

1. If you're doing a retake, just know that it will replace your current pictures. There is no going back, which means that new picture will be your only option. Don't do the retake just for fun. If you like what you have, stick with it.
2. The only way you'll be able to do a retake is if you're in dress code. It must be a blue or white polo with the IB Lamar logo – it can't be anything else, including jackets/sweaters/cardigan.
3. Show up on time. Let your teacher know you need to come down to the athletic lobby for your photo retake. It should take you no more than 10 minutes to come down, take the picture, and head back to class.
4. You can only come down if you're signed up.

Testing Updates –

STAAR EOC Retests – Save the Date

Identified students are scheduled to take STAAR EOC (End of Course) exams December 6th – 9th. Students who previously failed an EOC or who were absent during testing last year, will have an opportunity to take the needed EOC next week. Students and their parents were sent email reminders earlier this week, if they need to test. Students must pass all five STAAR EOC tests to meet graduation requirements. The next opportunity to retake these tests will be in April/May 2023. All STAAR EOC tests are administered on the computer. Students must bring their fully charged laptop, charging cable, and headphones to their assigned testing room at 8:30 AM. If you have any questions, please email your child's Academic Dean or Ms. Walton, the Campus Test Coordinator, at swalton@houstonisd.org.

December 6 – English 1

December 7 – Algebra 1

December 8 – English 2, US History

December 9 – Biology

October 2022 PSAT/SAT Results

Students will be able to view their results from the October 2022 PSAT/SAT at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/> following the schedule below.

- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Tomball 7:00PM (LHS)
- JV Boys Golf (Walden Lake Houston)
- Choir Winter Show 6:00 PM (Performance Hall)

Wed. Dec 7th:

- STAAR Retesting Algebra 1 8:30AM (LHS)
- JV Wrestling vs Willis 6:00-9:00 PM (LHS)
- FFA Parent Meeting 6:00-8:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Theatre Field trip o Alley Theatre 9:00-3:00 (away)
- Super Beginner Golf @ FM Law

Thur. Dec 8th:

- STAAR Retesting English II 8:30AM (LHS)
- TOK Field Trip @ Menil 9:15-1:30 (Menil)
- School Tour 1:00 (LHS)
- Orchestra @ Pin Oak 8:45-12:00 (POMS)
- Wrestling @ Heights 6:00-10:00PM 9Heights)
- Band Holiday Concert 6:00-8:00PM (Performance Hall)

Fri. Dec 9th:

- STAAR Retesting Biology 8:30AM (LHS)
- Freshman Girls Basketball vs Westside 6:00 PM (LHS)
- JV Girls Basketball vs Westside 7:30 PM (LHS)
- Freshman Boys Basketball @ Westside 6:00 PM (Westside)
- JV Boys Basketball vs Westside 7:30 PM (Westside)
- JV Girls Soccer vs Waltrip 4:00 (LHS)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Waltrip 6:00 (LHS)
- Varsity Girls basketball vs Westside 7:00 PM (delmar)

12th grade SAT – results now available

10th & 11th grade PSAT/NMSQT – results available by December 6th

9th grade PSAT 9 – results available mid-December

COLLEGE CORNER

College Corner Hot Topics

- College Corner is hosting Parent Night on Thursday (12/1) at 5:30-7:00 pm in the 9A neighborhood. All students and parents are welcome.

Newsletter Link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:5f118075-ce71-38c9-a3d6-2ca21d8b8411>

Senior Information

Friday is the last day to pay the Early Bird pricing.



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

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

- JVA Boys Soccer @ Stratford
5:45 PM (Stratford)
- JVB Boys Soccer @ Stratford
4:30 PM (Stratford)
- Varsity Boys Soccer @
Stratford 7:30 PM (Stratford)
- Theatre 24 Hour Show 7:00
PM (Black Box)

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

IB Career-Related and Diploma Programs

We held a parent informational meeting to discuss our IB Career-Related and Diploma Programs this week. A slide show was shared explaining the difference between the two and the benefits of both. [The slides are here](#). This is helpful information as students begin to plan for 11th and 12th grade. Please reach out to your child's Academic Dean if you have any questions.

Underclassman Photos

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Summer Program

The 63rd Annual
**Carl B. & Florence E. King
Foundation High School Summer
Program in Biomedical Sciences**
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Applications accepted Dec. 1, 2022 to Jan. 20, 2023
Program Dates June 6 – Aug 11, 2023

The program introduces qualified young Texans interested in an ALLIED HEALTH career to a research environment and provides firsthand experiences in the varied career opportunities available at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, the nation's leading cancer research and treatment center. Up to 7 students will be selected to participate in this ten-week program and will receive a scholarship award to assist with financial responsibilities during the program.

Students selected for the program are given a rare opportunity to participate in a research project in one of the biomedical disciplines under the guidance of a full-time member of the MD Anderson faculty. Emphasis is placed on the importance of the basic principles that form the foundation for scientific investigation.

The laboratory experience is supplemented by seminars presented by faculty on a wide variety of research topics and by activities exclusive to participants of all the Summer Programs.

Previous laboratory and/or research experience is NOT required. Students graduating during the first week of the program will start on June 13 for nine weeks.

Visit the [SHP program page](#) for allied health examples.

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visit the web page <http://bit.ly/SHP-Summer>

For more information contact
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To apply for the program, students must be enrolled in their senior year at a Texas public, private, charter or home high school and graduate prior to the starting the program. This is a *competitive* application process, and a review committee will evaluate each application for a demonstration of academic achievement, leadership, scientific aptitude, service to community and/or school and interest in allied health.

Housing and other expenses are NOT provided and are the responsibility of the participant for the duration of the program.



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[1/10/23 PTO General Meeting](#)

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