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Principal's Corner



Recent POSSIP Survey

Earlier week I received the POSSIP Survey results from December, January and February. I want to share with you some of the concerns we heard and some of the praise.

- Respondents most recently answered “Are you happy with Lamar HS this week?” – 62% said “yes” and 16% said “mostly”

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Feb 23rd:

- Varsity Softball @ CCISD
Tournament
- Varsity Baseball @ Katy HS
- JV Baseball @ Oak Ridge
- Sophomore Baseball @ Spring
- Debate @ South Texas
Qualifiers

Fri. Feb 24th:

- 14 of 337 respondents were most concerned about school safety and/or altercations on campus. We have been too! We have been modifying our supervision plan to ensure we are being proactive with helping students make better choices. In late January and early February, we responded to a rogue social media gossip site that was causing a rise in tensions. We turned to the Student Code of Conduct to issue disciplinary consequences and employed counseling services to offer mediation to friend groups that were experiencing division.
- In December, 10 of 331 respondents shared concerns about timeliness of grade entry. If your student is turning in assignments on time and grade entry is not happening in a timely manner, please reach out to the grade level Parent Engagement Representative.
 - 9th Grade Parent Engagement Rep – Ms. Trevino Janet.Trevino@houstonisd.org
 - 10th Grade Parent Engagement Rep – Mr. White gwhite2@houstonisd.org
 - 11th Grade Parent Engagement Rep - Ms. Rapalo Ruby.Rapalo@houstonisd.org
 - 12th Grade Parent Engagement Rep – Ms. O’Banner tobanner@houstonisd.org

Here are a few of the shout-outs:

- “I am grateful that the school provides the opportunity to apply to colleges she would like to attend. I have no experience with this process...so someone helping and guiding her with this has been appreciated.”
- “We absolutely love Lamar High School and the teachers and staff are always going an extra mile for each student. All of my son’s needs are being met academically and the teachers and staff have taken time to build a connection with him.”
- “Our daughter has enjoyed her 2+ years at Lamar so far. Her teachers and coaches have done a good job keeping her interested in her various classes and the alternating class days allows her to keep focused on her assignments.”
- “I love the portal and updates I get daily of my son’s attendance and grades.”
- “I am glad that my child gets the help he needs from the teachers. Feeling grateful for the teachers.”

- **END OF CYCLE 4**
- Go Texan Day
- FFA Food Sales
- Varsity Tennis @ Chancellors
- Track and Field @ Bay City
12:00-7:00PM
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Westbury 6:00PM (Dyer)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Westbury 6:00PM (Delmar)
- Theatre @ Carnegie
- Band @ Lanier 8:30-12:00
- Life Skills Field Trip 9:00-3:00
- Choir @ Wheeler Baptist Church 6:00-9:30PM
- Varsity Baseball @ Seven Lakes
- JV Baseball @ Oak Ridge
- Sophomore Baseball @ Spring

Sat. Feb 25th:

- **Job Fair 10:00-12:00 (Gym)**
- Varsity Softball @ CCISD Tournament
- Varsity Baseball @ Taylor
- Computer Science MS Camp
10:00-3:00 (N303)

Mon. Feb 27th:

- **CYCLE 5 BEGINS**

- o “IB advisors are keeping us updated on events, teachers are readily available. Tutorials provided during the school day is vital and impactful.”
- o “The front office staff is really great. They juggle lots of visitors and always treat people kindly.”
- o “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.”

More Information on Choosing Your IB Math for 11th and 12th grade

Recently I shared information about selecting IB math and science classes. If you missed it, you can find that information here (see attachment). If you are one who wishes to get into the weeds, you might also find this 2019 article from IB helpful in evaluating the content of each of the math courses. [IB shared this article](#)

Highlighted Events:

Fri. Feb 24th: END OF CYCLE 4

Fri. Feb 24th: Go Texan Day

Sat. Feb 25th: Job Fair 10:00-12:00 (Gym)

Mon. Feb 27th: CYCLE 5 BEGINS

Tue. Feb 28th: STAAR- English 1 & 2, US History

Tue. Feb 28th: Order Letterman Jackets/ Academic UIL Sweaters 11:45AM (Transit Center)

Shout Outs:

National Merit Finalist

- JV Girls Golf @ Walden On
Lake Conroe
- JV Boys Golf @ Jersey
Meadow
- IB Science @ Arboretum 9:00-
2:00

Tue. Feb 28th:

- **STAAR- English 1 & 2, US
History**
- **Order Letterman Jackets/
Academic UIL Sweaters
11:45** (Transit Center)
- Rising 9th Grade Course
Selection Meeting 5:30PM
(Virtual)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs
Houston 7:45PM (Delmar)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs
Houston 7:45PM (Dyer)
- IB Science @ Arboretum 9:00-
2:00
- Varsity Softball vs Heights
7:00PM (Delmar)
- JROTC Competition 4:30
(LHS)

Wed. Mar 1st:

- STAAR-Algebra 1 8:30AM
(LHS)
- Band @ Pershing 8:30AM



Congratulations to **Sean Tran** for being a National Merit Scholarship Finalist!

Diving and Swimming

February 3rd and 4th, the Lamar Swim Team traveled to the Regionals meet in Conroe. The Lamar Swimming and Diving girl finished 13th in the region. The Lamar Swimming and Diving boys finished 5th. Lamar Swimming had 12 girls, and 14 boys swam in finals. The boys Swim Team qualified in the 200 medley and the 200 free relay to state. Senior **Mack Nuval** also qualified in the 100 breasts. February 16th 18th the Boys Lamar Swim team competed at the 6-A State Swim meet. The Lamar boys' team finished 21st in the state. The Lamar boys 200 free relay took 11th place, and the medley took 13th. **Mack Nuval** finished 8th in 100 Breaststroke. **The boys 200 medley set a new Lamar High school record.**

Varsity Boys Golf

- Big Brother Big Sister 11:00 (Downtown)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Houston 7:45PM (Delmar)
- JV Red Girls Soccer @ Memorial 4:00PM
- tball @ Clear Creek
- Track and Field Tournament 3:30 (LHS)

Thu Mar 2nd:

- STAAR- Biology 8:30AM
- Women in the Community 11:45 AM (Performance Hall)
- JV Softball @ CCISD Tournament
- Varsity Baseball @ Montgomery
- JV Baseball @ Atascocita 12:00 PM
- Sophomore Baseball @ Tompkins

Fri. Mar 3rd:

- Varsity Tennis @ Houston Christian
- Theatre @ Bellaire 4:15 PM
- Varsity Softball vs Westside 7:00PM (Delmar)
- Varsity Girls Golf @ Eagle Point



Congratulations to the boys varsity golf team for finishing the highest they've finished all season and getting second place at a two day tournament. A special congratulations to **Stephen Hernandez** for getting fourth place individually. Also on that team is **Trotter Kinney, Costa Andreatos, Brooks Bromley, and Fio Melnikau.**

Band Color Guard



- Varsity Baseball @ Magnolia HS
- JV Baseball @ Atascocita 2:30PM
- Sophomore @Taylor 4:30 PM

Sat. Mar 4th:

- Sophomore Baseball @ Mayde Creek 12:30 PM
- JV Baseball @ Kingwood 1:30 PM
- Varsity Baseball @ Montgomery
- JROTC Competition 7:30AM
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Chavez 10:00AM (Delmar)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Chavez 10:00 AM (Dyer)
- Track and Field 8:00-5:00 @ Barnett
- Credit Appeal (8:00-3:00 (LHS)
- JV Softball @ CCISD Tournament TBA
- Theatre UIL Competition @ Bellaire



Congratulations to Lamar Color Guard team competing in Baytown, Texas, placing third in the Texas Color Guard Circuit competition.

Job Fair

CALLING ALL LAMAR STUDENTS!
EXPLORE CAREER PATHS, INTERNSHIPS OR GET A JOB AT THE...

LHS Career Kickstart Job Fair

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 10 AM - 2 PM
WHERE: LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL, GYMNASIUM
3325 WESTHEIMER RD. HOUSTON, TX 77098

IN-PERSON JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR: OPEN TO ALL GRADE LEVELS

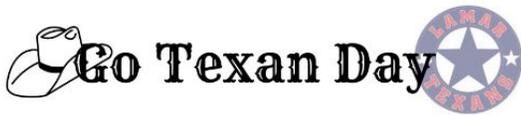
AT THE FAIR, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLORE CAREER PATHS BY DOING HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES LIKE LABS OR LARGE-SCALE SIMULATIONS, ATTEND A RESUME WRITING OR BEST INTERVIEW PRACTICES WORKSHOP, INTERVIEW WITH BUSINESSES FOR PART-TIME, FULL-TIME, OR INTERNSHIP POSITIONS AND POSSIBLY GET HIRED ON THE SPOT!



Questions? Contact
rgayle@houstonisd.org

Students from last year's fair have
Internships with Smart Financial,
work positions at the Houston Zoo,
and MUCH MORE!

Go Texan Day



JOIN US FOR GO TEXAN DAY!
WE WILL BE SELLING FOOD & DRINKS

COME OUT AND JOIN OUR LINE DANCE!

MENU ITEMS

NACHOS \$2.00
HOTDOGS(2) \$3.00
HAMBURGER \$3.00
CHIPS \$1.00
PICKLES \$1.00
CANDY \$1.00
WATER/SODAS \$1.00

Friday, February 24th during lunch !

Find us in the Transit Center

**Purchase tickets in the Business
Office**



Testing Updates

Interim STAAR exams – February 28, March 1-2

All 9th – 11th graders will take Interim STAAR assessments on February 28th. These practice exams will be used to identify students in need of extra assistance as we prepare for the EOC (End of Course exams) in April/May 2023. All testing will be conducted using the students' HISD laptops. Students must bring their fully charged laptop and charger. We do not have extra devices to loan. All 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will report to an assigned testing location. Rosters will be posted in the hallways. All 12th graders will report to the Performance Hall for graduation activities. Attendance will be taken.

Tuesday, February 28 -

9th grade – English 1 STAAR Interim exam

10th grade – English 2 STAAR Interim exam

11th grade – US History STAAR Interim exam

Period	Start	End	Note
Testing	8:30	11:45	
Lunch	11:45	12:45	
2nd	12:55	1:40	45 minute class
3rd	1:45	2:30	45 minute class
1st	2:35	3:20	45 minute class
4th	3:25	4:10	45 minute class

March 1 and March 2 –

All students taking Algebra 1 and/or Biology this year will take the Interim STAAR assessment in preparation for the STAAR EOC exam. All students who are testing will remain in their assigned testing locations until 11:45 AM when they will be released for lunch and a regular afternoon class schedule.

AP/IB Saturday Academy



Need to Practice for Your AP or IB Exam? Join us for AP/IB Saturday Academy!
 Review skills and content to prepare for AP Exams and IB Exams.

February 25, 2023 Waltrip High School 1900 W 34th St., Houston, TX 77018	FREE BREAKFAST (8:00am – 9:00am) Prizes Giveaways	
Future Dates: March 25, 2023 April 15, 2023	Register online at: https://bit.ly/HISDSaturdayAcademy2	

Sessions		
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
9:00am – 9:55am	10:00am – 10:55am	11:00am – 11:55am
AP Courses	IB Courses	
Arts: AP 2-D, 3-D, and Drawing	Arts: IB Fine Arts	
English: AP English Language, AP English Literature	Individuals and Societies: IB History of the Americas	
History and Social Sciences: AP Human Geography, AP Psychology, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP United States Government and Politics, AP United States History, AP World History: Modern	English: IB Language and Literature and IB Literature IB Core: TOK & Extended Essay	
Math: AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics	Math: IB Math AA, IB Math AI	
Science: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1	Science: IB Biology IB Physics	
World Languages: AP Spanish Language	Language Acquisition: IB Spanish	
Sessions for All Students		
College 101 – informational session about preparing for college		
College Application and Financial Aid Completion Lab		
***** Special AP/IB Teacher Only Session: Teacher Collaboration *****		





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

Spring 2023 Testing Calendar

Mark your calendar for upcoming testing dates –

[Lamar HS Spring 2023 Testing Calendar](#)

Travel Abroad Opportunities!

Reach out to trent.barnes@houstonisd.org if you have any questions.

Barcelona – Spring Break 2024

www.eftours.com/2600529fn

London, Paris, & Rome – June 2024

www.eftours.com/2609240bd

Japan – July 2024

www.eftours.com/2628005mh

Wonderwork's Summer Program

The application period for [Wonderworks'](#) **Summer 2023 Pre-College Enrichment Programs** for academically promising and talented high school students is **now open**. The programs take place on the University of Houston and Rice University campuses.

7 programs are offered, **June 20 - July 21, 2023**:

- Architecture
 - Art History
 - Fiction/Creative Writing
 - Filmmaking
 - Music History/Appreciation
 - Politics/Law/Government
 - College Access
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- Programs are academically challenging but enjoyable and taught by college and college-level teachers with college level content and modes of presentation.
 - Admissions are competitive, based on PSAT/SAT/ACT scores and high school coursework/grades, supplemented, only if requested, by teacher/counselor assessments.
 - Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis, with early decisions for early applications.

- Wonderworks has always made sure that any student who is admitted and demonstrates financial need receives a scholarship in the form of a full-tuition waiver.

To learn more and/or complete the application form, visit www.wonderworkshouston.org.

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.

COLLEGE CORNER

College Corner Hot Topics

- Free SAT/ ACT Testing Registration
- Senior Parent Night
- College Admission Appeals

Newsletter Link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:96270f0e-de17-38c6-ad2a-1dcd537a1e4d>

COLLEGE CORNER PRESENTS

Senior Parent Night

March 9th 2023
6:00PM - 7:30PM

Presentations on:

- FAFSA - Next Steps
- College Fit
- Alumni Student Panel

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Questions?

Contact College Corner

📞 713.522.5960

Senior Information

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 – price will increase on April <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](#)

Calendar:

- **Wed. Feb 22nd:** IB Orals begin
- **Fri. Feb 24th: End of Cycle 4!!!**
- **Tue. Feb 28th:** Interim STAAR administration, 12th grade reports to Performance Hall
- **Spring Break - MARCH 13-17**

- **Wed. Mar 22nd:** SAT & TSIA for a select 12th-grade group (check for an email from Ms. Stephanie Walton)
- **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 9th:** AP World History (8 am)
- **SPRING SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS: May 19-24**
- **Tue. May 18th:** STAAR EOC English 1
- **May 25th and 26th:** Senior Days
- **Tue. May 30th:** Senior Check-out
- **Wed. May 31st:** Senior Check-out
- **Sat. June 3rd:** Graduation at NRG at 7:45 am



[VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY](#)

IB Assessment Season February - May!

[VIPS](#)

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PTO UPCOMING EVENTS

PTO General Meeting

March 8th

6pm - 7pm

Grand Hall

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