



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Principal's Corner



Last night I had the opportunity to sit back and watch our team at work as they educated 9th grade parents about the IB Programmes at Lamar. It is always a source of pride for me to get to watch our team engage with parents and students to design learning pathways that work for kids. We will be posting the slide show on the Lamar website next week.

The next few days will bring heavy traffic to the Lamar area as we host a swim tournament today and tomorrow, and a debate tournament on campus Friday and Saturday. Please bring a little extra patience at dismissal time today and tomorrow.

Highlighted Events:

Mon Jan 30th: Theatre Performance 6:00-8:00PM (Black Box)

Tue Jan 31st: Orchestra Mid Winter Concert 6:00PM (Performance Hall)

Wed Feb 1st: College Corner Financial Aid Event 8:30-3:30 (Athletic Lobby)

Shout Outs:

Congratulations! HLSR Art winners received their ribbons and medals this week

Upcoming Events:

Thu Jan 26th:

- Tour 1:00PM (LHS)
- ASVAB Testing 8:30AM (LHS)
- Football Banquet 6:00-8:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Varsity Swim HISD Region III 2:00-8:30PM (LHS)

Fri Jan 27th:

- Swim District Meeting 10:00-3:30 (LHS)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Houston 5:30PM (Pavilion)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Westside 7:00PM (Engram)
- Freshman Girls Basketball @ Houston 6:00PM
- JV Girls Basketball @ Houston 7:30PM
- Diving 4:00-8:30PM (LHS)
- Freshman Boys Basketball vs Houston 6:00PM (LHS)
- JV Boys Basketball vs Houston 7:30PM (LHS)
- Debate Tournament 3:30-10:00PM (LHS)
- JROTC @ Hot Chocolate Run 9:00AM

Sat Jan 28th:



Chandel Bonner-Hancock, Robert Stiles, **Bronte Tovilla**, **Zoe Villalobos**, **Amalia Vannini**, Dina Attar, Rickey Polidoro

Congratulations Coach Rogers!

Coach Cravon Rogers was recently selected for the Texas HS Coaches Association “Rock” mentor program. The THSCA has implemented a mentorship program called The R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program (Rare, Outstanding, Compelled and Knowledgeable) — powered by THSCEF & TAMU. This mentorship program is designed to connect with a younger generation of coaches. The R.O.C.K. Coaches Mentoring Program will match a coach that is new to the profession (the mentee) with a veteran coach (the mentor) to gain advice, encouragement, and insights into their career aspirations and to help them grow in their desired coaching fields.

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YOUR IMPACT

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, GIRLS AT LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL ARE BEING EQUIPPED WITH LIFE-LONG MONEY MANAGEMENT TOOLS.



74% INCREASE IN FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT LITERACY AMONG STUDENTS

Why is that increase so important? Low literacy rates dramatically impact the lives of women over their entire lifetimes. Not having the tools to navigate money in all its forms means that women settle for earning less, take less investment risk, take on more debt, and take more time to pay off debts. **GIRLS ENROLLED IN RTSWS ARE MORE CONFIDENT AND ENVISION A CAREER IN FINANCE.**

100% THOUGHT YOUR VOLUNTEERS WERE AWESOME INSTRUCTORS!

Students thought your volunteers related course topics to **real life experiences** or **current events** extremely or moderately well.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

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- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Westside 12:00PM (Delmar)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Westside 10:00AM (Delmar)
- JV Red Girls Soccer vs Memorial 2:00PM (LHS)
- JV Girls Soccer 10:00AM (LHS)
- Debate Tournament 7:30-6:00PM (LHS)
- Swim District Meeting 10:00-8:30 (LHS)
- Wrestling Tournament @ Houston 7:00AM-8:00PM

Mon Jan 30th:

- Varsity Girls Golf (Quail Valley)
- JV Girls Golf (Quail Valley)
- Theatre Performance 6:00-8:00PM (Black Box)

Tue Jan 31st:

- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Westbury 7:45PM (Butler)
- JV Red Girls Soccer 4:30PM (RidgePoint)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Chavez 6:00PM (Delmar)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Westbury 7:30PM (Engram)
- Varsity Softball 6:30PM (Galena Park)
- JV Softball 5:00PM (Galena Park)
- Beginner Golf @ Texas City
- Orchestra Mid Winter Concert 6:00PM (Performance Hall)

Wed Feb 1st:

- College Corner Financial Aid Event 8:30-3:30 (Athletic Lobby)
- Big Brother Big Sister 11:00-1:00 (away)
- V Girls Soccer vs Westbury 7:45PM
- Freshman Girls Basketball vs Chavez 6:00 (LHS)
- JV Girls Basketball vs Chavez 7:30 (LHS)

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ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

SPRING MENTORSHIP

JANUARY - APRIL, 2023

Improve your interviewing skills → Build a professional network



Develop your self-confidence, provide accountability for your goals, discover your interests, and explore professional aspirations.

FOR MORE INFO SEE:
Teacher: Mr. Chano Vega
Room: 11 D Brussels (B412)

TO REGISTER GO TO:
app.rockthestreetwallstreet.com

RTSWS is for female or those who identify as female students only.



We will meet Thursdays 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm in 11D Brussels starting January 26, 2023.

Writing Lab

LAMAR WRITING LAB Winter Writing Contest

2023 Word of the Year
Perfect "validation that drives you insane!"
Shreya Thakekar

LAMAR WRITING LAB Winter Writing Contest

Flash Fiction
"Resolutions by the Decade"
Giovanni Victoria

LAMAR WRITING LAB Winter Writing Contest

Holiday Song
Parody version of "Frosty the Snowman"
Jim Nestler

LAMAR WRITING LAB Winter Writing Contest

Home Alone 2023
"Forgotten at Home"
Kaylen Esprit

LAMAR WRITING LAB Winter Writing Contest

Poetry
"Don't Wait!"
TJ Owers

LAMAR WRITING LAB Winter Writing Contest

Non-Fiction Personal Essay
"When I first met my grandpa"
Sandra Martinez

CURIOUS ABOUT COLLEGE ADMISSIONS APPEALS?



Scan QR Code or click the URL below this image for a Writing Lab x College Corner Admissions Appeals Resource

Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Test Results

Results from the December 2022 STAAR EOC are now available on the [Texas Assessment](https://www.texasassessment.com) website. If your child tested during the December 2022 STAAR EOC administration, please check your email for their Unique Access Code.

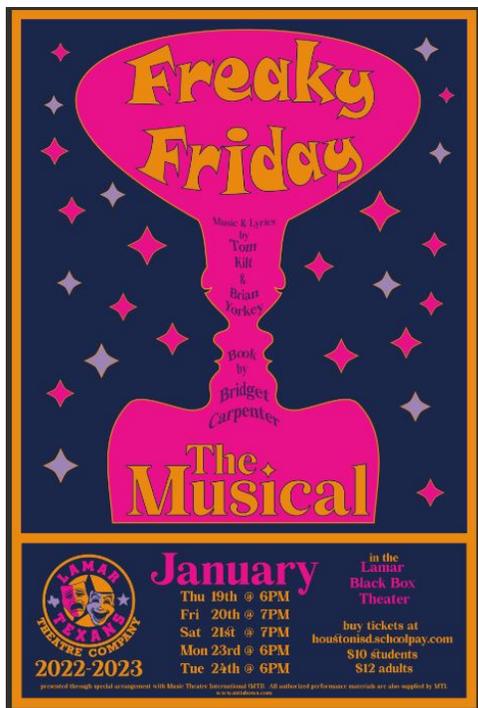
Spring STAAR EOC Testing Dates –

April 18 – English 1
April 19 – English 2
April 25 – US History
April 26 - Biology
May 2 – Algebra 1

SAT and PSAT

Score reports for the Fall 2022 PSAT and SAT are available on the [College Board website](https://collegeboard.org). **SAVE THE DATE** - All current Lamar 11th graders have been registered to take the school day SAT on **Wednesday, March 22, 2023**.

Lamar Theatre Company



Tickets: <https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/FREAKY-FRIDAY-THE-MISICAL/MexD>

Tuesday, January 24th show has been rescheduled for Monday, January 30th at 6:00PM

Title 1 Meeting

Please join us for our Title 1 meeting on **January 24th** in the Grand Hall. The speaker will be discussing "Managing Stress: A path to success". We will also do a brief introduction of Title 1 and also "Wraparound services".

Hello Lamar Community!

Lamar will be hosting a Speech and Debate tournament from **Jan 27-28**. This is an exciting event as Lamar has not hosted this famous in-person debate competitions for some time. To propel this prestigious endeavor, Lamar Debate is looking for parents, staff, etc. to be judges.

You do not need have any prior experience nor preparation. As a judge, you get the opportunity to weigh funny, insightful, and important speeches/arguments against one another to decide the winner in

a variety of events. You will get to learn about important world issues, get entertained by refined performances, and teach rising youth speakers.

To volunteer any amount of time you can, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/2vCRa8Yzfr7UHjvK9>.

If you have any queries, please contact Dr. David Munson (david.munson@houstonisd.org).

Parental Assistance for Testing Season

We need your help during IB assessment season. Please [review the available slots in our SignUp Genius](#) and click on the button to sign up. Your assistance last year allowed us to carry out our exams smoothly.

An online training will be provided prior to the start of exams.

All parents must be VIPS certified.

Tasks may involve:

Ensuring the rooms are silent.

Distributing exams/supplies.

Bathroom/hall duty

There may be some downtime between exams. Please feel free to bring a book or work to do.

Your help is appreciated! Please contact Dr. Acord if you have

questions: suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

IB Annual Fee 2022-2023 Due November 1, 2022

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 materials, digital resources, and teacher trainings for our IB programs. 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

IB Missed Exam Fee

11th and 12th grade students in IB courses participate in numerous IB assessments. These IB course names end in SL and HL. Success on these assessments can potentially earn a student extensive college credit. HISD pays the IB \$119 per course exam. When a student tests in five IB courses, HISD pays the IB \$595. Missing one IB course assessment prevents the student from earning IB credit. We do not receive a refund from the IB when a student misses an IB assessment. Students who do not submit and/or attend their IB assessments may be required to pay a \$25 non-use fee for each exam missed. This fee will need to be paid to complete senior check-out. If a family emergency or illness arises, parents must contact Dr. Acord prior to the exam. suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

63rd Annual Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation High School Summer Program

The application deadline for the **63rd Annual Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation High School Summer Program in Biomedical Sciences** has been extended to **Friday, Feb. 3** – this includes the application and all necessary documents. No applications or documents will be accepted after this date.

Information to pass on to your students interested in a career in Allied Health:

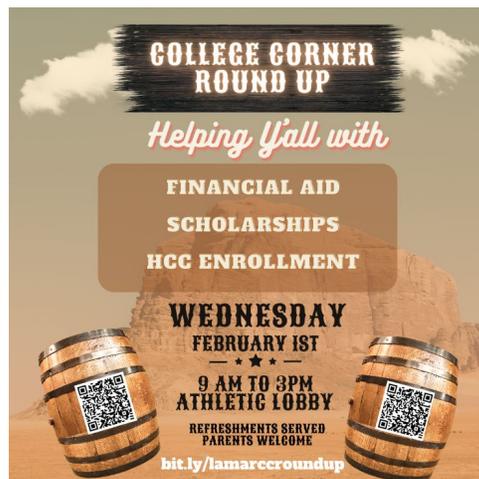
1. Eligibility: CURRENT SENIORS graduating Spring 2023 from a Texas public, private, or charter school or home school system.
2. We are seeking students interested in a career in ALLIED HEALTH, see example programs with MD Anderson's School of Health Professions (<https://bit.ly/SHP-Programs>).
3. Program information and link to the application (<http://bit.ly/SHP-HS-Summer>).
4. Student must attend the entirety of the program **June 6 – Aug. 11, 2023**; *students graduating during the first week of the program are eligible to apply and if selected will join on June 12 for 9 weeks.*
5. Students must submit the application and upload an essay, C.V. (resume), unofficial transcript indicating student is a current senior, and information for two professional references (who will separately submit a letter of recommendation. ALL MATERIALS MUST BE UPLOADED BY THE DEADLINE – NO EXCEPTIONS.
6. Students will receive a stipend to help defray expenses during the program. *The program does not provide for housing, parking, transportation, food, or otherwise.*

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

- FAFSA- The FAFSA application is open. Please fill out the application and notify college corner when you have done so.
- We are teaming up with **Revolution Prep for SAT/ACT Prep**. They will proctor a practice test for the SAT and ACT test. The first SAT prep test is on February 11. We will send the sign-up link as the date approaches.
- February 1, the College Corner is hosting a FAFSA Round Up. Students need to bring all required paperwork and we will assist them with submitting their FAFSA application.



Newsletter Link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:1755e29f-f68c-39f1-b82e-090f5b5880ce>

Senior Information

Senior Dues

Includes:

Senior Sunrise, Senior Sunset, Monthly Events, Graduation Package and Senior Gift

Early Bird Special Aug. 22nd- Dec 2nd \$90

Dec. 7th -Apr 3rd \$140

Apr. 4th-End of Year \$160

School Pay Link:

<https://schoolpay.com/link/LHSClassof-2023>



LHS FEST 2023 - SENIOR SNO DAY

February 4th

Lamar Fields

6:30-10:30pm

***STUDENT IDS REQUIRED AT ENTRY**

***NO ENTRY AFTER 8:30PM**

***RIDE WAIVER REQUIRED**

LHS SENIOR ONLY EVENT
FEBRUARY 4TH
WAIVER REQUIRED

20th ANNUAL
LHS Fest
2023

LAMAR FIELDS
6:30-10:30PM
STUDENT ID REQUIRED

Senior Sno Day!
\$10,000 PRIZE GIVEAWAYS

RIDES
FREESTYLE Super
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FESTIVITIES
SNOW CANNON HI STRIKER LIVE DJ PHOTO OPS PLINKO
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WARM COOKIES ROLLER BOWLER STRIKE ZONE DANCING
GIANT SNOW GLOBE HOLE-IN-ONE CHILL TENT
RAFFLE PRIZES SKEE BALL LED SEATING CARNIVAL GAMES
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Required! **RIDE WAIVER**

ALL SENIORS MUST FILL OUT THE EMERGENCY CONTACT
*UNDER 18 MUST BE SIGNED BY A LEGAL GUARDIAN

WANT TO RIDE?
BRING SIGNED WAIVER TO CHECK-IN
TO RECEIVE YOUR RIDE WRISTBAND.
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RIDE ATTENDANTS WILL CHECK
EVERY SENIOR FOR A WRISTBAND!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

IB Assessment Season February - May!

VIPS
Volunteers In Schools Application

JOIN THE PTO

BIG & BRIGHT CAMPAIGN

PTO UPCOMING EVENTS

LHS Fest 2023 - Senior Class Event

February 4th
6:30pm - 10:30pm

PTO General Meeting

March 8th
6pm - 7pm
Grand Hall

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