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Principal's Corner



The State funds schools based on average daily attendance, not based on enrollment. So, what does that mean? Lamar has more than 3100 students enrolled which would result in base funding of approximately \$11,470,000. When average daily attendance is factored in, we lose a significant amount of funding. See below for the last few years of average daily attendance and the approximate loss of base funding.

School Year	Average Daily Attendance Rate	Approximate Loss of Base Funding
2022-23	Current YTD 93.49%	\$746,697
2021-22	92.93%	\$810,929
2020-21	97.33%	\$306,249
2019-20	96.45%	\$407,185
2018-19	94.49%	\$631,997
2017-18	94.23%	\$661,819

Note: Average Daily Attendance is based on actual attendance and does not take into account whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Please also note that school funding is far more complex than the illustration above.

I have studied the average daily attendance trends and have a few general thoughts:

- Average Daily Attendance just over 94% was a stable number for us before we moved into our new neighborhood model.
- Average Daily Attendance improved by 2% when we moved into our new building and neighborhood model before going home for the pandemic.
- We hit an all-time high during the 2020-21 school year when we operated under the hybrid model allowing students to be on campus some and remote some of the time.
- Since returning to a more regular school schedule since the pandemic we have dropped to the lowest average daily attendance rate in our recent history.

Upcoming Events:

Thu Mar 23rd:

- Rettes Leave for Nationals @ Dallas
- Theatre District Competition @ Berry Center
- Swim Awards Program 6:00-8:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Choir Concert 6:00-8:00PM (Performance Hall)
- Orchestra @ Klein Oaks 1:15-5:30PM
- Robotics @ MO Campbell Education Center

Fri Mar 24th:

- Varsity Track and Field @ Rockhold 1100-7:00
- JV Softball vs Bellaire 4:30PM (LHS)
- Tennis @ Cy Fair
- Life Skills Field Trip @ Zoo 9:30-3:00
- Varsity Baseball vs Westside (Delmar)
- Varsity Girls Soccer Playoffs 5:30PM (Butler)
- Varsity Boys Soccer Playoffs vs North Brook @ Spring Brook HS 7:30PM
- IB Science Field Trip @ Museum of Natural Science

Sat Mar 25th:

- We have seen an increase in absences due to mental health concerns, specifically related to anxiety and depression. This has resulted in needing more resources for families while at the same time reducing our funding across campus.
- During the pandemic, ESSER funding filled some of these gaps and allowed us to offer more supports for the greater needs. With the expiration of ESSER funding, this will be a greater burden to the school budget.
- We need to find a way to get back to our pre-pandemic attendance rates to give our students every opportunity for success.

Prom Sponsorship

Are you interested in underwriting the cost of prom for one of our seniors? Please consider making a donation through the PTO.

<https://lamarpto.wufoo.com/forms/prom-ticket-donations-2023>

Highlighted Events:


Fri Mar 31st: HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL

Fri Mar 31st: Credit Appeal 9:00-3:00 (LHS)

Fri Apr 7th: HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL

Sat Apr 8th: HOLIDAY- Building Closed

Shout Outs:

Congratulations to **Soumil Goyal**! He is a finalist in The "We  Veterans Pin Design Challenge," a joint effort of the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) and Future Engineers, today announced the 2023 challenge finalists. Students were tasked with crafting a 3D pin design that shows their appreciation for our veterans using their engineering skills and creativity.

See his entry: <https://www.futureengineers.org/weheartveterans2022/gallery/60862>

GALS- Law Week



Every week of Women Leaders in the Community Month we will have women leaders from different career pathways coming in to speak and answer questions. Last week was Law Week. Jennica Garcia an Associate at Porter Hedges LLP and Kim Fojtik a defense litigator with Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse LLC presented and answered questions about law careers.

FFA - HSLR Calf Scramble

- Sophomore Baseball vs Galena Park 10:00(LHS)
- JV Baseball vs Waltrip 2:00 (LHS)
- 85th Anniversary Open House 10:00-2:00 (LHS)
- Band Concert @ Clear Creek 7:15AM-4:30PM
- FFA @ College Station 6:00AM-3:00PM
- Robotics @ MO Campbell Education Center

Mon Mar 27th:

- Choir @ Katy 8:00-6:00
- Orchestra @ Butler in Austin
- Varsity Softball vs Bellaire 7:00PM (Delmar)

Tue Mar 28th:

- Choir @ Katy 8:00-6:00
- Orchestra @ Butler in Austin
- Color Guard @ Heights 5:30
- Varsity Baseball vs Westbury 5:00 (Butler)
- Varsity Tennis District

Wed Mar 29th:

- Big Brother and Big Sister 11:00-1:00 (away)
- JV Softball @ Westside 4:30

Thu Mar 30th:

- IB Showcase 1:30-3:30 (Grand Hall)
- Varsity Softball vs Heights 7:00PM (Delmar)

Fri Mar 31st:

- HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL
- Credit Appeal 9:00-3:00
- Varsity Baseball vs Westbury 5:00PM (Delmar)
- Theatre @ San Jacinto Central

Sat Apr 1st:

- JV Baseball @ Chavez 10:00-2:00
- FFA @ College Station 6:00-4:00



Kelly Saucedo- placed 4th in the calf scramble show at the Houston rodeo



D'Savion Henderson- placed 6th in the calf scramble show at the Houston rodeo



Kyarria Authorlee- participated and caught a calf in the calf scramble and received a \$1750 certificate to purchase a cattle project

Mon Apr 3rd:

- Debate @ Bellaire 7:00AM-6:00PM
- Track and Field District @ Barnett
- Theatre Auditions @ Black Box
- Varsity Softball vs Westside 4:30PM (Delmar)

Tue Apr 4th:

- SDMC 7:30AM (LHS)
- StuCo Blood Drive 8:00-4:00 (Athletic Lobby)
- Varsity Baseball vs Houston 5:00PM (Delmar)
- FFA Meeting 6:00-8:00PM
- Track and Field District @ Barnett
- Theatre Auditions @ Black Box

Wed Apr 5th:

- Big Brother Big Sister 11:00-1:00 (Away)
- JV Softball vs Houston 4:30 (LHS)
- FFA Meeting 6:00-8:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Theatre Auditions @ Black Box

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



Jadyn Francis - participated and caught a calf in the calf scramble and was the first catch of his scramble night earning a total of \$3250 certificate to purchase a cattle project.

Varsity Girls Golf



Congratulations to **Yana, Tara, Camilla, Francesca, and Delphine** for getting fifth place out of 18 teams. Yana also got second place shooting at 79! Way to go ladies!

Beginner Boys and Girls Golf



Great day and Texas City! Girls got first place and fourth place and the boys got first place and third place in the beginners tournament. Congratulations!

Mr. Bedford



Texans,

Please welcome the newest member of the Fine Arts staff at Lamar, Mr. Seth Bedford.

A multidisciplinary composer, conductor, performer and educator, Seth Bedford creates musical experiences for orchestras, bands, chamber musicians and children. His work often explores themes of mutual understanding, internationality, and community. He holds a degree in music composition from the University of Texas where he studied with Kevin Puts. He has studied and taught guitar, harp, violin, viola, cello, bass, piano and voice. His music is published by Carl Fischer Music and Vertical Music.

AP/AP Saturday Academy

AP/IB Saturday Academy #3
 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.

March 25, 2023
 Carnegie Vanguard High School
 1501 Taft St., Houston, TX 77019

FREE BREAKFAST
 (8:00am - 9:00am)
 Prizes
 Giveaways

Future Date
 April 15, 2023 - Westbury High School

Register online at:
<https://carnegie.com/2023/03/25/>

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 French, AP Spanish - Exam Only	Language Acquisition: IB Spanish

Sessions for All Students

College 101 - Informational session about preparing for college
 College Essay Writing Workshop - "Find Your Story"

***** Special AP/IB Teacher Only Session: Teacher Collaboration *****

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Lamar 85th Anniversary Open House

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LAMAR High School is celebrating 85 years creating Stars

Open House
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Performance Starts
 10:30 AM

Commemorative Picture
 11:30 AM

Food Trucks
 12:00 PM

Please join us on Saturday, March 25, 2023
FREE Parking in garage located on Eastside St

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.

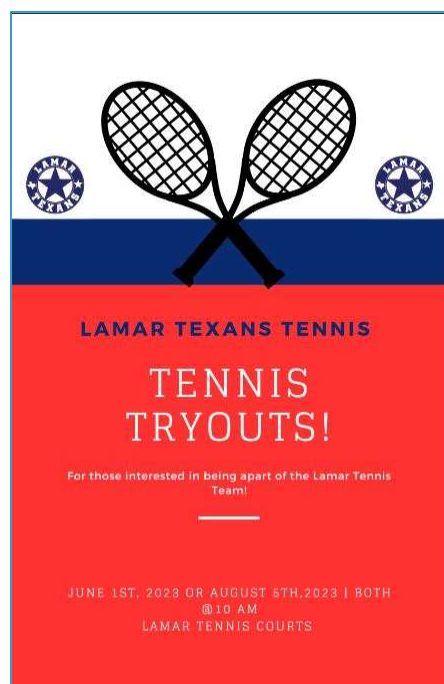
The annual fee of \$90 is past due.

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

Tennis Try Outs



Writing Lab



Attention Lamar! We are so excited to introduce the **STTA (Stories Through The Ages) Writing Competition** to Lamar. The competition categories include fiction, poems, and creative writing! There are **cash prizes** and participation counts as a CAS experience for our IB Diploma students. All are welcome to join!

Accepting submissions now through March 30!

Info, dates, submission categories, and more at <https://storiesthroughtheages.com/lamar-writing/>



The Writing Lab panel received a "Highly Attended Session" award for our virtual presentation at the 2023 Secondary School Writing Centers Association (SSWCA) annual conference over spring break! Please join us in congratulating students **Annie Frietsch, Jim Nestler, Parker Orsak, and Sydney Varner** on this academic and professional milestone.

Spring 2023 Testing Calendar

Mark your calendar for upcoming testing dates –

[Lamar HS Spring 2023 Testing Calendar](#)

StuCo

Our annual blood drive will be on April 4, 2023, from 8:45 AM until 1:45 PM in Lamar's Athletic Lobby.

The link to sign up is: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094da9ab29a2fbce9-4423?fbclid=PAAaYM7iewCqgMQFVtY0kkF3HBLnUUyGigT2h_4yNE3pPBE6SsazrZ9M6DE2s



[4/4/23 MD Anderson Blood Drive](#)

If you are 17 years old you need a signed permission slip by a parent/guardian. You need to bring a form of identification. This will count as a CAS experience and National Honor Society hours. We will come get you from your classroom so please do not leave your class until you are picked up! PLEASE EAT BREAKFAST!!! Please look at MD Anderson's Blood Donation page to see additional requirements and information about their Blood Drives. (April 4th is a B day)
www.signupgenius.com

. Walk-ins are welcome!

Students must be 17 years old to donate with a signed parent permission slip (students who are 18 do not need a permission slip). Permission slips will be located at the Student Center (front desk in the Grand Hall) and the neighborhood clerks' desks.

To donate, students must have a form of identification on them (PowerSchool is acceptable). To prepare, students must wear a short-sleeve shirt, eat a hearty breakfast, and stay hydrated (snacks and drinks will be provided at the donation station). Students may NOT fast before their donation, participate in any athletic activity for at least 24 hours after donating, or wear a long-sleeve jacket or shirt. Students will be escorted to and back from the donation station at their allotted time by a STUCO member.

Donors can use this as a CAS experience for IBDP, 2 inside hours for NHS, and other applicable organizations (GT Independent Studies, Key Club, etc.).

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:

*Financial Aid packages are being sent out to students. Please remind them to check their portals and let College Corner know of ANY aid they have received. (this applies to colleges/universities they applied to but will not attend)

* Free Practice and Proctored SAT test

*TSI Testing

*College Admission Appeals

Newsletter Link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:ec51e68a-cf0f-39ef-b9a1-0907117a1c40>

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 – price will increase on April 4th <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:

- **Tue. Apr 4th:** Senior Dues price increase
- **Tue. Apr 4th:** Last day to purchase prom tickets
- **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**
- **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.

*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

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IB Assessment Season February - May!

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