

# Lamar High School AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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# **Principal's Corner**



# **Highlighted Events**

Thu. Apr 10th: STAAR- English 1 8:30 AM (LHS)

Thu. Apr 10th: NHS Induction 6:00PM (Performance Hall)

Tue. Apr 15th: STAAR English 2 8:30AM (LHS)

Tue. Apr 15th: Incoming 9th Grade Course Selection 6:00PM (Grand Hall)

Wed, Apr 16th: STAAR US History 8:30AM (LHS)

Fri. Apr 18th: HOLIDAY - No School

Wed. Apr 23rd: STAAR- Biology 8:30AM (LHS)

# **Testing Updates**

# 11<sup>th</sup> grade SAT

All current Lamar 11<sup>th</sup> graders took the SAT, for free, **Wednesday**, **April 2**, **2025**. Scores will be available through the students' College Board accounts about May 1<sup>st</sup>.

# STAAR EOC Exams - Save the Dates

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 using their HISD issued Chromebook. If your child's Chromebook or charger is missing or broken, it is critical that they go to the Lamar IT Office (N215) immediately.

Practice Online STAAR EOC exams can be viewed <a href="here">here</a>. All STAAR EOC tests will begin at 8:30 AM. Rosters will be posted in the hallway telling students where to report for testing. The STAAR test is not timed, so students have until the end of the school day to finish their test, if needed. All students not testing will follow a regular bell schedule.

#### **STAAR EOC Testing Dates**

April 10, 2025 – STAAR EOC English 1 (9<sup>th</sup> graders and Retesters)

April 15, 2025 – STAAR EOC English 2 (10<sup>th</sup> graders and Retesters)

April 16, 2025 – STAAR EOC US History (11<sup>th</sup> grade and Retesters)

April 23, 2025 – STAAR EOC Biology (9th grade and Retesters)

April 29, 2025 – STAAR EOC Algebra 1 (9<sup>th</sup> grade and Retesters)

For a listing of all Spring 2025 testing dates (IB, AP, STAAR EOC), please visit the Lamar HS Testing Calendar.

Upcoming Events:

#### Thu. Apr 10th:

- STAAR- English 1 8:30 AM
   (LHS)
- Dance Parent Meeting
   5:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Band Parent Meeting 6:30PM (Band Hall)
- NHS Induction 6:00PM
   (Performance Hall)

#### Fri. Apr 11th:

Yearbook @ Austin

#### Sat. Apr 12th:

- Algebra Bootcamp 8:00-12:00
   (LHS)
- Sophomore Baseball @

  Bellaire 10:00AM
- JV Baseball @ Westside
   12:00PM
- Girls Flag Football vs Washington 10:00AM (Delmar)

# Mon. Apr 14th:

Voter Registration 11:45AM
 (12 grade hall)

#### Tue, Apr 15th:

- STAAR English 2 8:30AM
  (LHS)
- Varsity Softball vs Bellaire
   5:30PM (Butler)
- Varsity Baseball vs Bellaire
   5:00PM (Butler)
- Lacrosse vs Clear Springs
   7:00PM (Field)
- Incoming 9th Grade Course
   Selection 6:00PM (Grand

# **Shout Outs**

**JROTC** 



Saturday March 29, 2025 these exemplary students were selected to compete against other HISD cadets for the honor of being named 2025 JROTC Outstanding Cadet. The competition was held at High School for Law and Justice. They are led by Major (RET) David McCormick and Sergeant First Class (RET) Maria Barrientos. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Portis, Cadet Command Sergeant Major Mariya Johnson, Cadet Staff Sergeant Amarie Gonzalez, and Cadet Private First Class Lorelai Nieves.

#### **Discobots**



We were thrilled to participate in the District Championship event at GRB Houston. The robot performed well with a consistent L4 autonomous. Our students were limited on FRC experience and learned quickly this year.

# Student Council

International Festival



Get ready to travel the world without leaving campus at our International Festival on Thurs, April 17th in the Athletic Lobby during lunch! Experience different cultures and celebrate diversity with us!

# Blood Drive

#### Wed, Apr 16th:

- STAAR US History 8:30AM
- Sophomore Baseball @
   Springwoods 5:00PM
- JV Softball @ Westside
   5:00PM
- Robotics @ Competition
- Field Hockey Game 6:00PM
   (Field)
- JV Baseball vs Houston
   5:00PM (Field)

#### Thu, Apr 17th:

- IB Showcase 1:30-3:30PM (Grand Hall)
- International Festival 11:45
   (Athletic Lobby)
- Varsity Softball vs Houston
   6:00PM (Delmar)
- Color Guard Show 6:00PM (Gym)
- Varsity Baseball vs Bellaire
   5:00PM (Delmar)
- Robotics @ Competition

#### Fri. Apr 18th:

- HOLIDAY No School
- Track @ Regionals
- Robotics @ Competition

#### Sat. Apr 19th:

- HOLIDAY No School
- Track @ Regionals
- Girls Flag Football vs Austin
   10:00AM (Dyer)
- Robotics @ Competition

#### Mon. Apr 21st:

Dance Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM
 (Gym)

#### Tue. Apr 22nd:

- SDMC 7:30AM (AC)
- JV Softball vs Heights 5:00PM (Field)
- Varsity Baseball vs Houston
   7:30PM (Delmar)
- Dance Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM(Gym)

#### Wed. Apr 23rd:

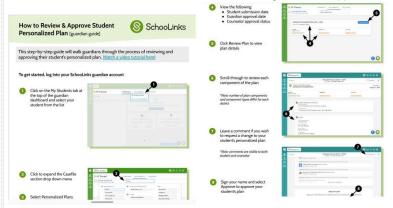
- STAAR- Biology 8:30AM
   (LHS)
- JV Baseball @ Bellaire
   5:00PM



# **Personal Graduation Plan**

All students in Texas Public Schools must have a Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) on file as a graduation requirement. This document is initiated in grade 9 and is used for course planning. All students have updated their student survey this fall. You should receive a district generated email when your student's PGP has been approved. Please follow the attached directions to acknowledge this document. You may have done this in the past; however, HISD has put the form in School Links this year.

Here are the instructions we received from the district for guardians to approve the PGPs:



# **SPRING 2025 Final Exam Exemptions**

#### Final-ly

Students in grades 9-11 will be able to earn exemptions from final exams – High School Course exemptions or College-level Course exemptions.

# Final Exam Exemptions – All High School Courses

To incentivize the daily attendance rate, eligible grade 9 students may be allowed one spring final exam exemption; two spring final exam exemptions may be allowed for eligible 10th and 11th graders. Eligible students are those with:

- no more than three (3) absences in any one course for the duration of the semester;
- an S or E in conduct; and
- must have an 85 or higher semester average in the specific course(s) where the final exam exemption is applied.

# Final Exam Exemptions for College-Level Courses

Schools may, under the following conditions, exempt students in grades 9 -12 from a final exam in college-level courses, defined as IB SL or HL or Advanced Placement (AP):

- if the student takes the AP or IB exam for the assigned course;
- an S or E in conduct; and
- a course average of 85 or better in the specific course(s) where the final exam exemption is applied.

- Sophomore Baseball vs Milby
   5:00PM (Field)
- Yearbook @ Conference
- Dance Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM
   (Gym)
- Field Hockey Game 6:00PM
   (Field)

#### Thu, Apr 24th

- Blood Drive 8:00AM (Athletic Lobby)
- Tennis @ District
- Yearbook @ Conference
- Dance Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM
   (Gym)
- Spring Band Concert 6:00PM (Performance Hall)

#### Fri. Apr 25th:

- IB Exams Begin
- Varsity Baseball vs Houston
   7:30PM (Delmar)
- Dance Tryouts 4:00-6:00PM
   (Gym)

#### Sat. Apr 26th:

- JV Baseball vs Galena Park
   10:00AM (Field)
- Sophomore Baseball @
  Westside 10:00AM
- Flag Football vs Heights
   9:00AM (Delmar)
- Prom 8:00PM-12:00AM
   (Bayou City Event Center)
- Yearbook @ Conference

#### Mon. Apr 28th:

#### Tue. Apr 29th:

- STAAR-Algebra 1 8:30AM (LHS)
- 9th Grade Course Selection
   Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)

#### Wed. Apr 30th:

 Letterman Jacket orders11:45AM (Grand Hall)

## Thu. May 1st:

#### Fri. May 2nd:

No School- Professional
 Development

#### Sat, May 3rd:

- Band Fundraiser (Grand Hall)
- Flag Football 11:00AM
   (Delmar)

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in IB courses must submit all IB assessments, sit for IB exams in May, and participate in all oral assessments. To be exempt from finals in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade IB courses, students must also have all IB assessments complete.

JROTC @ Houston Parade
 7:30AM

# **Dance Tryouts**

If you are interested in trying out for Lamar Dance Theatre the information meeting will be April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 pm at Grand Hall. A parent is mandatory to attend the meeting. For more information, please seek Coach K in room N300.

# Limitless





# **Incoming 9th Grade Course Selection Meeting**



# Yearbook

See below for information regarding the yearbook. Feel free to reach out with any questions. Enjoy your Winter Break!

## How to Order a Yearbook?

www.yearbookordercenter.com

School Code -25147

**Yearbook Price** 

Fall Price - \$75 (October 1st- December 31st)

Spring Price - \$85 (January 1st- March 31st)

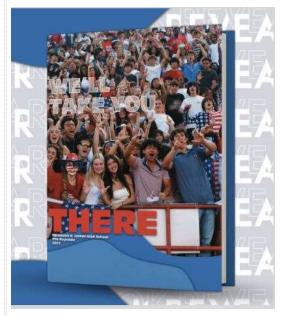
Last Chance - \$100 (April 1st - June 3rs)

\*\* We sold out the last two years., so do not delay. Lock in the cheapest price now.

## Yearbook 2025 Cover/Theme Reveal

## We'll Take you There!

The Yearbook staff is excited for you all to see our cover for this year's book and to take you there all across Lamar. Our book is bigger and better than ever! Buy it now at its cheapest price and before they are all sold out.



#### **Sports/Event Pictures**

Be sure to bookmark www.tinyurl.com/lamarphotos

We add photo galleries throughout the year of all Lamar sports games, concerts, theatre plays, and school activities.

Students and parents have free access to download and share these photos.

# **Gifted and Talented Expo**



# **IB** Testing

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
IMPORTANT	AM EXAMS START AT 8:30 PM EXAMS START AT 12:30	FAILURE TO SIT FOR LATE ARRIVALS OTH NOT ACCEPTED	I IB TEST - \$25 NO SIT FEE. IER THAN LATE BUS RIDERS	APRIL 25 PM ART HISTORY SL PAPER 1
APRIL 28 AM ART HISTORY PAPER 2	APRIL 29  PM PHYSICS HL/SL PAPER I PM SPORTS, EXERCISE, HEALTH SL PAPER I &5	APRIL 30  AM PHYSICS HL/SL PAPER 2  AM SPORTS, EXERCISE, HEALTH SL PAPER 2  PM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HL PAPER 1 & 5	MAY1 NO IB EXAMS!	MAY 2  AM BUSINESS MANAGEMEN HL PAPER 2 PM COMPUTER SCIENCE HL/SL PAPER 1 PM ENVIRONMENTAL SYS & SOC SL PAPER 1
MAY 5  AM COMPUTER SCIENCE HL/SL PAPER 2 & 3* (*HL ONLY) AM ENVIRONMENTAL SYS & SOC SL PAPER 2  PM HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS HL PAPERS 1 & 2	MAY 6  AM HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS HL PAPER 3  PM CHINESE & ARABIC B HL/SL PAPERS 1 & 2 (READING)	MAY 7  AM CHINESE & ARABIC B HL/SL PAPER 2 (LISTENING)  PM PSYCHOLOGY SL PAPER 1	MAY 8  AM PSYCHOLOGY SL PAPER 2  PM ENGLISH LANG AND LIT HL PAPER I	MAY 9 AM ENGLISH LANG AND LIT HL PAPER 2 PM PHILOSOPHY SL PAPER I
MAY 12 AM PHILOSOPHY SL PAPER 2 PM BIOLOGY HL/SL PAPER 14 & 18	MAY 13  AM BIOLOGY HL/SL PAPER 2  PM ECONOMICS HL/SL PAPER 2  PM WORLD RELIGIONS SL PAPER 1	MAY 14  AM ECONOMICS HL/SL PAPER 1 & 3* (*HL ONLY)  AM WORLD RELIGIONS SL PAPER 2  PM SPANISH B HL/SL PAPERS 1 & 2 (READING)	MAY 15 AM SPANISH B HL/SL PAPER 2 (LISTENING) PM MATHEMATICS AA HL PAPER 1 PM MATHEMATICS AI HL/SL PAPER 1	MAY 16 AM MATHEMATICS AA HU PAPER 2 AM MATHEMATICS AI HU/SI PAPER 2 PM CHEMISTRY SU PAPER 1A & 18
MAY 19 AM CHEMISTRY SL PAPER 2	MAY 20  PM FRENCH B HL/SL PAPERS 1 & 2 [READING]	MAY 21  AM FRENCH B HL/SL PAPER 2 (USTENING)  PM MATHEMATICS AA HL PAPER 5  PM MATHEMATICS AI HL PAPER 5  PAPER 5.	MAY 22	MAY 23



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# 9th Grade Students and Parents

Students interested in participating in the IB Diploma Program or IB Math classes in 11th and 12th grades - this message is for YOU!

- · In order to take the IB Math classes in 11th and 12th grades, students must have completed Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 before 11th grade.
- Students currently in Algebra 1 as 9th graders have the opportunity to take Geometry at Lamar HS in summer school, with a grade review and approval by their Academic Dean.
- · There is a fee for the summer school class, which will be determined by the district late in the Spring semester.

## **Summer School Schedule**

Program Dates: June 11 - July 18 (25 instructional days)

Holidays: June 19, July 3-4

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 2:40 PM

Students are usually only allowed one absence during summer school.

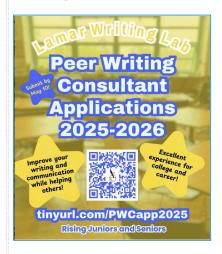
Questions? Contact the 9th Grade Academic Deans listed below:

9A and 9B: Ms. Lawrence <u>dlawren1@houstonisd.org</u> 9C and 9D: Dr. Khatri <u>safiakhatri@houstonisd.org</u>

# **Summer Speed Camp**



# **Writing Lab**



Peer Writing Consultant Applications for the 2025-2026 are now open! Interested students who will be juniors or seniors next year are encouraged to apply. Application linked in Writing Lab bio.

Direct questions to Writing Lab Director Dr. Lowe at Annie.Lowe@HoustonISD.org or stop by and see her in the Writing Lab, room N212!

# **COLLEGE CORNER**

# **Scholarship Opportunities**

https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/181035



NACAC National College Fair - Houston

Attention parents and students! The NACAC National College Fair is coming to Houston on Thursday, April 10th at the NRG Center (NRG Park, 1 Fannin St., Houston, TX 77054).

Join us for **Session 2 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** to explore a wide range of colleges and universities, meet admissions representatives, and gather important information about the college application process. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to ask questions, learn about different programs, and take a step closer to their future!

Visit <u>www.nacacfairs.org</u> for details and to register!

We encourage all families to take advantage of this valuable event. See you there!

# **Summer Enrichment Sports Camp**



# **Class of 2025 Senior Information**

## **Spring Senior Class Meeting**



Required meeting for all seniors. Attendance will be taken.

# **Order Cap and Pictures**



Cap & Gown portraits and exclusive products are now available to view and purchase through CADY! Celebrate this achievement with new offerings like tassel frames, yard signs, mugs, and more.

Deadline to order your items to receive them by Graduation is Thursday, April 3rd.

Click the link below to view & order now!

cady.com/capgown25

#### Prom





#### **Seniors with APEX Classes**



#### **Spring Senior Parent Meeting Presentation**



## **Panoramic Photo**



Pictures will be taken:
Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>
Senior Class at 9:00am

Price Packages: \$30.00 –Panoramic Picture \$35.00 –Panoramic & One Medium Panoramic

\$35.00 —Panoramic & One Medium Panoramic (<u>Best Deall</u>)
\$45.00 — (<u>3 Picture Formation Package</u>)
Large Laminated Panoramic, w/ One Medium Panoramic, & One Medium '25 Formation

Please be sure to bring your payment the very next day:

## Wednesday, November 13th **During Lunch**

To pick-up your panoramic picture



https://goldbeckcompany.com/

Senior Meeting PowerPoint



# **Graduation**



Get ready to toss those caps in the air! Mark your calendars and save the date for the biggest celebration of the year! Sunday, June 8th at 6:00PM at NRG Stadium!

## **Herff Jones- Cap and Gown Orders**

You may place your orders online. Scroll to the bottom of the page for the cap and gown.



#### 2025 Senior Dues

#### Includes:

Senior Sunrise, Senior Breakfast, Senior T-shirt, Senior water bottle, Senior Stampede Events, Graduation Package (Diploma Cover, Diploma, transcripts, etc.), Senior Sunset, Senior Gift and Other Surprises.

# OPTION 1:

Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 4th \$90

All the above <u>plus Prom Ticket</u>-Early Bird Special Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 4<sup>th</sup> -\$170

# OPTION 2: Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>- End of Year - \$140

Prom Ticket <u>NOT</u> included

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>- End of Year plus Prom Ticket- \$230

## **IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2025 DATES**

August 12, 2024 Senior Sunrise

September 13, 2024 Senior Treat Day

October 2, 2024 College Fair

September 27, 2024 HOCO Dance

November 12, 2024 Senior Breakfast

November 12, 2024 Panoramic Picture

February 22, 2025 LHS Fest

April 26, 2025 Prom

May 27-29, 2025 Field Trip

May 28, 2025 Senior Day

June 3, 2025 Senior Sunset

June 2-4, 2025 Senior Checkout June Graduation-NRG

## Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, Cap & Gown are NOT included in Senior Dues

All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Herff Jones

\*\* May not purchase a Prom ticket until all IB fees and Senior Dues are paid.

# VIPS:

There are several activities that we will need parents to help chaperone. Please make sure complete the VIPS training so you can be included

https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/188676#calendar347170/20240725/month

# We need parents for the Senior events in May/June!

#### Senior 2025 Fall Parent Meeting

Please scan the QR (or click the image) for the Fall 2025 Senior Parent Meeting slides.



# Men's Lacrosse

#### LAMAR MEN'S LACROSSE





#### MEETING FOR ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:00PM to 6:30PM

In the Grand Hall at Lamar

Meet the new Head Coach Find out more about the program

All students interested in playing lacrosse at Lamar are welcome NO LACROSSE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

Parents are invited to attend





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