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Principal's Corner



Seniors – Here is what you need to know about final exams!

Final Examinations Regulations

- ☐ A student cannot retake a final exam to improve his/her grade.
- □ No final examination will be required in any course in which credit is not awarded. The final average in such courses will be computed from the cycle grades.
- ☐ In HISD, a final examination will be required in all state and local credit courses, including PE and electives, except second semester seniors who qualify for an exemption.

To be exempted from final examinations in second (spring) semester senior students must have:

- Senior (12th grade) classification;
- 85 average or better in course;
- S or E conduct average; and
- No more than three (3) total absences not including ADA exemptions.

Senior exam dates will be confirmed next week. Stay tuned!

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors - Excessive Absences

If you have more than four absences in any course for the spring semester, you should be banking hours for credit appeal. Each absence (excused or unexcused) above four, requires 90-minutes of credit appeal. Students will have only 5 days between the end of the semester and the deadline for resolving NGs due to excessive absences. Anything not resolved by the end of day on June 14th will automatically require summer school attendance to get credit for the course. Summer school begins June 17 and goes through July 19, 2024.

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Apr 11th:

- STAAR English 1
- IB Visual Arts Exhibit 6:008:00PM (away)

Fri. Apr 12th:

- Varsity Softball vs Chavez
 4:30PM (Barnett)
- Tennis @ Clear Creek 6:30AM
- Varsity Baseball vs Chavez
 5:00PM (Cowart)
- Military Ball 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Track @ Area
- Distinguished Alumni
 Luncheon

Sat. Apr 13th:

- Track @ Area
- STAAR Retester Bootcamp 8:00-12:00 (10th grade)
- Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (12th Grade Hall)
- Theatre 24 Hour Play 7:00PM (Black Box)
- AP Mock Exam 10:00-1:00 (10C)

Upcoming Credit Appeal Dates

Saturday, April 13 8:00A-2:00P Saturday, April 27 8:00A-2:00P Saturday, May 4 8:00A-2:00P

Highlighted Events

Thu. Apr 11th: STAAR English 1

Sat. Apr 13th: Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (12th Grade Hall)

Tue. Apr 16th: STAAR- English 2 8:30AM (LHS)

Thu. Apr 18th: STAAR - US History
Fri. Apr 19th: END OF CYCLE 5
Wed. Apr 24th: STAAR -Biology
Fri. Apr 26th: REPORT CARD DAY

Important Spring Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Exams

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 laptop. If your child's laptop or charger is missing or broken, it is critical that they go to the Lamar IT Office (N215) immediately. If your child's laptop charger is missing s/he will need to purchase a new charger through the Lamar Business Office or using SchoolPay at this link. Please note that all students are responsible for returning a laptop and charger at the end of the school year.

Practice Online STAAR EOC exams can be viewed here. 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 16, 2024 – STAAR EOC English 2 (10th graders and Retesters)

April 18, 2024 – STAAR EOC US History (11th grade and Retesters)

April 24, 2024 – STAAR EOC Biology (9th grade and Retesters)

May 1, 2024 – STAAR EOC Algebra 1 (9th grade and Retesters)

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Students taking an AP class during the fall semester have been registered to take the AP exam on the date listed below. Students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the corresponding AP exam as part of the course requirements. Houston ISD has paid the registration fee for our students to take these exams. As a result, any student not taking the required AP exam will be charged a \$40 non-use fee by the College Board. AP students should check their MyAP account for additional testing information.

AP Exam Dates

AP US Government Monday, May 6 @ 8:30

- Varsity Baseball vs Chavez
 1:00PM ((Delmar)
- Sophomore Baseball @
 Bellaire 10:00AM
- JV Baseball vs Heights
 10:00AM (Field)
- JV Baseball vs West Houston Home School 12:00PM (Fields)
- Varsity Softball vs Houston
 1:00PM (Butler)

Mon. Apr 15th:

- Varsity Boys and Girls Golf @ Regionals
- Rette's Tryouts 4:15-6:15(Gym)
- Band @ Meyerland MS 10:45-1:15

Tue. Apr 16th:

- STAAR- English 2 8:30AM (LHS)
- Lacrosse Game 6:30PM (Field)
- Boys and Girls Golf @
 Regionals
- Rette's Tryouts 4:15PM (Gym)

Wed. Apr 17th:

- Rette's Tryouts 4:15
 (Performance Hall)
- IB Showcase 1:30-3:00 (Grand Hall)
- Sophomore Baseball vs Milby
 5:00PM (Field)
- JV Baseball @ Galena Park
 5:00PM
- Cheer Tryouts 5:00-7:00PM (Gym)

Thu. Apr 18th:

- STAAR US History
- NHS Induction Ceremony
 6:00-8:00PM (Performance
 Hall)
- Prom Distribution 11:45
 (Athletic Lobby)

AP Pre-Calculus Monday, May 13 @ 12:30 PM
AP World History Wednesday, May 15 @ 8:30
AP Comp Science Prin Wednesday, May 15 @ 12:30

Testing Calendar

A calendar of all Spring 2024 testing (STAAR EOC, AP, IB) dates can be found here

STAAR Retesters Bootcamp



Credit Appeal



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.
- The NEW districts dates for summer school are June 17-July 19, Monday -Friday, *Monday-Friday*, so please plan to be in town for those dates! Students are usually only allowed one absence during

Fri. Apr 19th:

- END OF CYCLE 5
- Band @ Lanier 10:45-1:15
- JV Baseball @ Baseball USA
- Rette's Tryouts 4:15 (Classroom)
- Track @ Regionals (Turner)
- Prom Distribution 11:45
 (Athletic Lobby)
- Cheer Tryouts 5:00-7:00PM (Gym)
- Life Skills @ Zoo 9:00-1:30

Sat. Apr 20th:

- Track Regionals
- Varsity Softball vs Bellaire
 12:00PM (Delmar)
- Sophomore Baseball @
 Westside 10:00AM
- JV Baseball vs Waltrip
 10:00AM (Field)
- JV Baseball vs West Houston Home School 12:00PM (Fields)
- Debate @ Sterling
- Prom 8:00-12:00 (Bayou City
 Event Center)

Mon. Apr 22nd:

BEGINNING OF CYCLE 6

Tue. Apr 23rd:

Varsity Baseball vs Bellaire
 5:00PM (Butler)

Wed. Apr 24th:

- STAAR -Biology
- Sophomore Baseball @ Milby
 5:00PM
- JV Baseball vs Westside
 5:00PM (Field)
- Big Brother Big Sister 11:00-1:00 (away)
- STEM Research Club @
 NASA 7:30-2:00

Thu. Apr 25th:

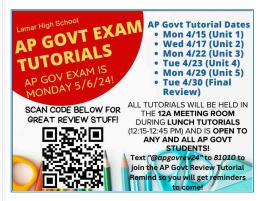
summer school.

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

9A and 9B: Ms. Lawrence <u>dlawren1@houstonisd.org</u>

9C and 9D: Mrs. Clark-Davis shante.clarkdavis@houstonisd.org

AP Government Exam Tutorials



Text "@lamgovrev2 to 81010 to get Remind messages about the tutorial sessions!

US Government is a REQUIRED class for all Texas colleges and passing this exam could earn you college credit (saving you time and money!) so please come out and review so you can do your best!

Shout Outs:

Theatre



Please give a hardy congratulations to our Lamar Texans Theatre Company for earning the honor of Being one 30 schools across the state of Texas to named as Gold Honor Thespian Troupe. Our Troupe members over the course of the year were charged with different tasks through out the year and attended several Leadership academies held by the Texas Thespians. It took a lot of work to complete the tasks and we were up to the challenge as we were named a 2023-24 Texas Thespian Gold Honor Troupe!

Boys Golf



- Ag Show (Front Lawn)
- IB Exams Begin 8:30AM (LHS)
- Voter Registration 11:45AM
 (12h Grade Hall)

Fri. Apr 26th:

- REPORT CARD DAY
- Ag Show (Front Lawn)
- Varsity Baseball vs Bellaire
 5:00PM (Delmar)
- Visual Arts @ State (San Marcos)
- Life Skills @ Aquarium 9:00-1:30
- LDT Spring Show 6:00PM (Performance Hall)

Sat. Apr 27th:

- JROTC @ Butler 6:45-12:00
- TSI Testing Bootcamp 8:00-12:00 (10B)
- Sophomore Baseball vs
 Bellaire 10:00AM (Field)
- Credit Appeal 8:00-12:00 (12th grade)
- MS Water Polo Clinic 10:00-12:00 (Pool)

Mon. Apr 29th:

Tue. Apr 30th:

StuCo Blood Drive 8:30-4:00
 (Athletic Lobby)

Wed. May 1st:

- STAAR- Algebra 1 8:30AM (LHS)
- Order Letterman Jackets
 11:45AM (Grand Hall)
- Field Hockey Game 6:00-8:00PM (Field)

Thu. May 2nd:

Track @ State (Mike Myers
 Stadium)

Congratulations to boys golf as repeating district champion!

First place team are **Stephen Hernandez**, **Evan Tsigos**, **Will Parker**, **Trotter Kinney**, **and Costa Andreatos**. **Costa Andreatos** is the individual district champion!

Second place team are Jack Baumgartner, Fio Melnikau, Cannon Andreatos, Robert Dunlap, and Alex Estrada. Oliver Zinn and Charlie Wirth also medaled and are advancing.

UIL allows each district 12 players to advance Regionals. Lamar's unstoppable energy radiated from our varsity boys golf team as they dominated the at the tournament and secured at spot at Regionals for all 12 players!! Congratulations on the clean sweep!! Go Texans!!

Good luck to Boys and Girls Golf teams as they play Regionals next week.

Journalism Students win at Nationals!





Mr. Barnes and his journalism students from Yearbook and Lamar Life Magazine attended a national convention this past weekend at Kansas City, Missouri. We competed in design, photography, and writing competitions, attended workshop and seminar classes, and entered our publications into contests. We walked away with Top Ten Finalists in the Journalism Quiz Bowl! Congratulations to **Mischa Wijesekera**, **Wesley Taaffe**, **Addison Treadway**, **Nithya Ravi!** Junior **Wesley Taaffe** won 2nd place in her News Magazine Design submission, and the Lamar Life class won 6th overall in a Best of Show National Competition on their News Magazine! Congrats to both our Yearbook and Magazine classes on two very successful publications. Be on the lookout for our Yearbook to arrive in mid-May and our final Lamar Life issue to come out the end of May.

Backpacking thru Barcelona





Mr. Barnes and students explored Barcelona over Spring Break as a part of EF's educational tours. We had a great time enjoying the scenery, culture, and all of the food! We were able to attend a Flamenco dance class, make our own glass art and pottery, and make a Spanish meal for ourselves. If you'd like more information on upcoming EF trips around the globe, reach out to Mr. Barnes at trent.barnes@houstonisd.org

IB Fees are Past Due

IB Fees are past due. All students who are currently taking an IB course (SL or HL) have been registered for testing. Current seniors must pay the fee to complete senior check out.

The actual cost of registering students for courses is \$119 per subject. HISD and Lamar HS take on the majority of costs associated with the registration and administration of exams. Students are asked to cover part of the fee. Whether you are taking one exam or are testing in five subjects, we ask that each student pay \$90 for the school year. Students who complete the Socio Economic form and qualify for additional benefits are asked to pay a reduced fee of \$30 for the school year.

Make payments through School Pay at:

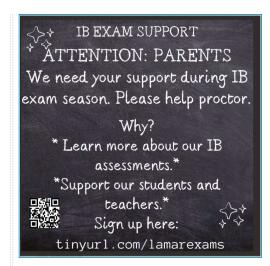
https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/IB-Registration-Fees/MdWo

To avoid convenience fees, payments may be made in the business office by cash, money order or cashier's check. IB Fees are non-refundable.

AP/IB Academic Saturday



IB Exam Assistance



Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you for your support! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848ADAB2EAAFD0-47355864-2024

Please contact Dr. Acord, our IB DP coordinator, if you have

questions: suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

Senior IB Art Exhibition



Please join us for the Senior IB Visual Arts Exhibition. We will have 7 students per day displaying their work at Hardy and Nance Studios – main gallery. Each group will have a 1 night exhibition: setting up & installing the show, exhibiting the work to the public, and deinstalling the show/clean-up will all happen on the same day. Each student will be curating 8 – 11 of their own works of art, in their own separate spaces at Hardy & Nance Studios.

Band



Get ready to celebrate an incredible year at The Lamar Band Banquet on Friday, April 19, 2024! Directors, Coaches, Band, and Guard members attend for FREE! For everyone else, tickets are \$15 per person via our prepay link. Secure your spot early and save - it's \$20 at the door. tinyurl.com/lhsbandbanquet2024 Don't miss out on this night of fun and recognition! Purchase your tickets at tinyurl.com/lhsbandbanquet2024. See you there!

Ag Show



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Scholarship Opportunities

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

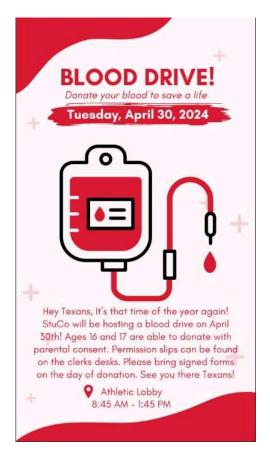




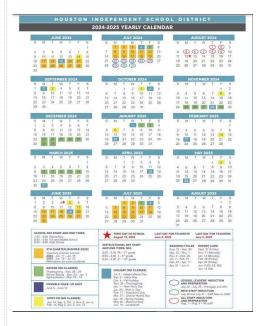




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2024-2025 District Calendar



Writing Lab



Peer Writing Consultant applications for the 2024-2025 school year are now open to current 10th- and 11th-grade students!

Access our app form at tinyurl.com/PWCapp2024

As a peer writing consultant, you will...

- · Receive training in writing process and strategies
- Become proficient communication consultants
- · Improve your own writing
- · Collaborate to lead and expand Writing Lab programming
- Participate in our partnership with Rice University's writing center
- · Add an impressive line to your academic resume
- · Gain experience for college writing center jobs

Athletic Physicals



Please create an RMA account, add your documentation

for your sport. https://www.registermyathlete.com/

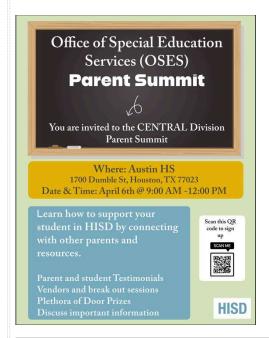
Note: Physicals taken before May 15th will not be accepted.

Speed Camp



School Pay: https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/2024-Lamar-Speed-Camp-50/SbZfPvu EMAIL philip.lindsey@houstonsid.org and kvessels@houstonisd.org to submit

Special Education Parent Summit



Lamar Summer Sports Camp



Junior Parent Meeting



Click the link below for the Junior Parent Meeting slides.

tinyurl.com/lamar2025

Class of 2024 Senior Information

Keep up with Senior events and news here, on Instagram and Twitter.

Remind app: Seniors 2024 code: @Texans2024

VIPS

We will need parent volunteers throughout the year - please make sure and get your VIPS approval. The VIPS process is quick and easy online. https://www.houstonisdpsd.org/dmol/VIPS/index.html#/

Lamar Life - Senior Addition

We are publishing a special Senior issue for our May Lamar Life magazine. We will feature seniors and their plans for next year. Please complete the goggle doc by Friday, April 19th. <u>Class of 2024</u>

Cady - Cap and Gown Photo Orders



Parents and Seniors, Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase online through CADY! New items include tassel frames, yard signs and face fans featuring your student's Cap & Gown images. Celebrate this special achievement during graduation season! Deadline to order your items to receive them by Graduation is **Thursday, April 4th**.

Click below to order now!

cady.com/capgown24

Prom



Tickets are on sale in the Business Office only. Tickets sales are open February 27th- April 16th. NO PROM TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR Please keep your receipt. You will need to show your receipt in the Athletic Lobby April 18th and 19th during lunch to receive your prom wristband and gift. ***ALL CLOTHING MUST BE ADEQUTELY COVER **CHEST, MIDRIFT AND THIGHS***** Lamar Seniors may invite non-Lamar students; however, they must be currently enrolled in a public or private high school. The Guest registration form must be completed and turned to the clerk's desk by Thursday, March 28th. 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. Small 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. 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 for leave for the night. Prom is not a lock-in. You may leave at any time, but you may not re-enter.

For additional information please contact Ms. van Ravenswaay, senior sponsor, rvan@houstonisd.org

Prom King and Queen nominations are now open through April 15th. The link is in Canvas.

Lamar Senior High School student may invite one guest to the dance. The following requirements must be met:

- Guests must be in grades 9 through 12.
- Lamar student host and their guest must complete the Guest Form, if guest is a non-Lamar student or Lamar underclassmen. Guest Forms are at the clerk's desk.

- This document must be returned to Senior Clerks by Thursday, March 28, 2024.
- Guest tickets may be purchased in the Business Office for \$100.
- Guests will be required to show a picture ID such as driver's license or school ID when entering the dance.
- Students will dress appropriately for the dance and meet all requirements outlined in the Lamar Senior High School handbook.

Graduation

The Lamar High School Class of 2024 will graduate Saturday, June 8th at 9:00AM at NRG Stadium.

- Graduates will enter thru designated graduate entrance (Amegy Gate) at 7:30AM
- Families and friends will reunite after the ceremony at the Ford Gate
- Graduates are not allowed to bring a cellphone, headphones, or other electronics devices into the venue.
- Balloons, flowers, noise makers, Fat Heads, etc. are not allowed in venue.
- Families and guests do not need a ticket to attend graduation.
- The ceremony should last no more than 2 hours.
- · NRG has a clear bag policy.
- Parking has a non-cash policy. Parking will cost \$25.00

Order Panoramic Pictures

If you missed Goldbeck on campus, you can still order panoramic pictures:

https://www.goldbeckcompany.com/online-order.php



2024 Senior Dues

Includes:

Senior Sunrise, Senior Breakfast, Senior T-shirt, Senior Rally Rag, 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 5th \$90 All the above <u>plus Prom Ticket</u>-Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 5th -\$170

OPTION 2:

Dec. 6th- End of Year - \$140 Prom Ticket NOT included

Dec. 6th- End of Year plus Prom Ticket- \$230

School Pay Link:

Class of 2024 Senior Dues After December 5th \$140.00

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2024-Senior-Dues-After-December/ScsFKF

Class of 2024 Senior Dues After December 5th Plus Prom Ticket \$230.00

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2024-Senior-Dues-After-December/Sc77PGc

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2024 DATES

August 28, 2023 Senior Sunrise

October 4, 2023 College Fair

October 21, 2023 HOCO Dance

November 16th, 2023 Herff Jones -Cap and Gown Orders

January 11, 2024 Senior Breakfast

January 11, 2024 Panoramic Photo

January 25, 2024 Herff Jones- Cap and Gown Orders

February 24,2024 LHS Fest

April 20, 2024 Prom-BCEC

June 3, 2024 Senior Day

June 3, 2034 Senior Sunset

June 4 & 5, 2024 Senior Checkout

June 8, 2024 Graduation

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

All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Herff Jones <u>mailto:https://highschool.herffjones.com/</u>
Price increase March 1st

** May not purchase Prom ticket until all fees and dues are paid.

Rugby



What is RUGBY?

We need you! Everyone gets a chance with the ball.

Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday after school 4:15-6:00PM - the back field by the greenhouse. Come out and give it a try! Contact the coach and other players at

https://chat.whatsapp.com/GIX184XcprSA2pLrDj6Ny or text 786-925-6416 for details



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VIPS

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