



Lamar High School

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Principal's Corner



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.

Highlighted Events

Thu. Apr 18th: STAAR - US History

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Apr 18th:

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

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

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 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

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| AP US Government | Monday, May 6 @ 8:30 |
| 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](#)

Interested in Foundations of Artificial Intelligence?

Your junior or senior student is invited to enroll in Foundations of Artificial Intelligence launching in HISD this fall. Your student could be among the first in the District to learn basic concepts and techniques for using generative AI. Students will build their AI knowledge and skills and explore how to engage with the technology in responsible ways that can accelerate their learning and productivity. This interactive class is open to all eligible juniors and seniors—regardless of whether they

- 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:

- 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

have a background in computer science—and is designed to inspire an ongoing interest in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects.

Sign up here! <https://forms.gle/miiNhrKGLayxwato8>

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 summer school.

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

9A and 9B: Ms. Lawrence dlawren1@houstonisd.org

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

AP Government Exam Tutorials

A poster for AP Government Exam Tutorials at Lamar High School. The poster is red and white. It features a QR code and a list of tutorial dates: Mon 4/15 (Unit 1), Wed 4/17 (Unit 2), Mon 4/22 (Unit 3), Tue 4/23 (Unit 4), Mon 4/29 (Unit 5), and Tue 4/30 (Final Review). It also mentions that the tutorials will be held in the 12A Meeting Room during lunch (12:15-12:45 PM) and is open to any and all AP Govt students. A QR code is provided for scanning, and a text message number 81010 is listed for reminders.

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

- 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)

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:

Choir



Lamar Treble Choir received the highest ratings possible at UIL this year - Sweepstakes. This is the second consecutive year they achieved "Superior" ratings in performance and sight reading.

Lamar's Mixed Choir also competed and improved on their scores from last year with "Excellent" ratings.

Sample of the choirs' performances.



Boys Soccer

Our boys have earned some of the district's top awards again this year:

Offensive Player of the Year- Camille Llorca

Goal Keeper of the Year- Diego Compean

Co- Coach of the Year- Jeremy Davison(3x in row)

(we led the district again this year)

1st Team All District

Camille Llorca #1, Soph.

Diego Compean #99, Soph.

Ian Vuong #13, Jr.

Cash Reese #6, Jr.

Diego Montelongo #4, Jr.

2nd Team All District

Dashiell Thurmond #8, Jr.

Christopher Quintero #10, Sr.

Jose Segura #20, Soph.

Honorable Mention

Samuel Casallas #21, Soph.

Gael Portillo #23, Sr.

Bryan Noriega #7, Sr.

Track and Field

Congratulations to the Lamar Track Team for winning the 17-6A/18-6A Area Championships. The Lamar track team will now compete at the Regional Championships held in Humble on April 19th and 20th.

Area Champions and automatic regional qualifiers included:

Boys 4x100 of

- Caleb Thomas
- Chris Boykins
- Dylan Joshua
- Jayden House

Boys 4x200 of

- Chris Boykins
- Dylan Joshua
- Jayden House
- Bailey Hashmi

Kaleb Goodly - High Jump

Bailey Hashmi- 100 meters

Cam Vandible- 110 hurdles

Devin Carpenter- 400 meters

Regional qualifiers also include:

Taylor Morrison

Tatiana Nwosu

Imari Dean

Paris Powers

Diara Overton-Bivins

Alil Akbar

Marian Rutherford

Stacey Guerrero

Edward Jones

Zack Hurd

Juelz Wilson

Bryson Williams

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.

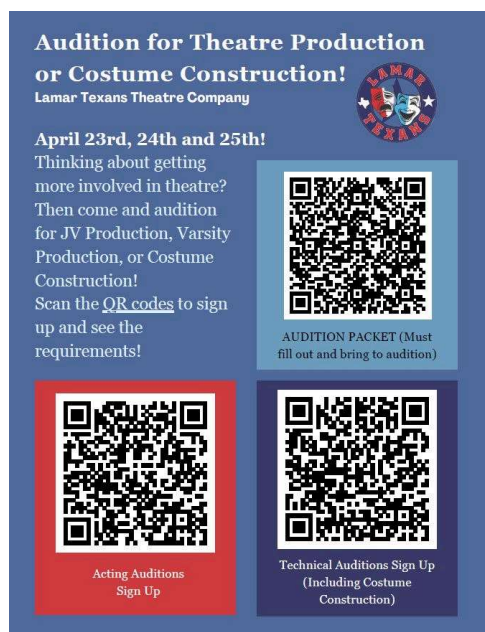
Earth Day

During Earth Week, from April 15 to April 19, Environmental Club organized Earth Week challenges that students could take part in to help our home planet, namely Meatless Monday, No Plastics Tuesday, No Waste Wednesday, Save Energy Thursday, or I Heart Nature Friday.

At the end of Earth Week, on Friday, April 19, there will be an Earth Day Celebration during the 2nd half of lunch outside in the athletic field. Environmental Club and Ms. Lee's IB Environmental Systems and Aquatic Science classes will have fun and free activities, such as:

- planting flowers
- Earth-themed face painting
- making eco-friendship bracelets, flower crowns, and origami butterflies
- writing ecopoems, in collaboration with Lamar's Writing Lab
- and eco-thrifting.

Theatre



**Audition for Theatre Production
or Costume Construction!**
Lamar Texans Theatre Company

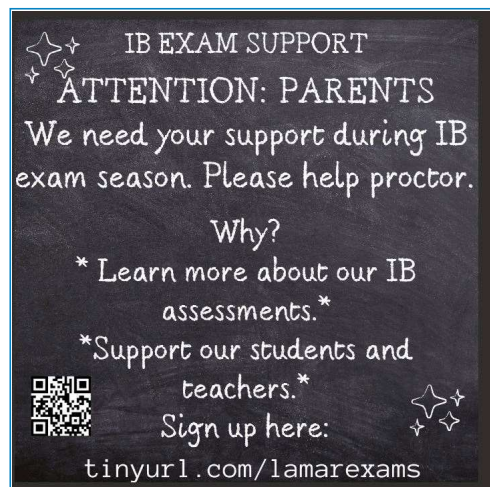
April 23rd, 24th and 25th!
Thinking about getting more involved in theatre? Then come and audition for JV Production, Varsity Production, or Costume Construction! Scan the QR codes to sign up and see the requirements!

AUDITION PACKET (Must fill out and bring to audition)

Acting Auditions Sign Up

Technical Auditions Sign Up
(Including Costume Construction)

IB Exam Assistance



IB EXAM SUPPORT
ATTENTION: PARENTS
We need your support during IB exam season. Please help proctor.

Why?

- * Learn more about our IB assessments.*
- * Support our students and teachers.*

Sign up here:
tinyurl.com/lamarexams

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

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



Voter's Registration



REGISTER TO VOTE

BECAUSE YOUR VOTE MATTERS

Thursday, April 25, 2024
Lamar High School Front Lawn
from 11:45am - 12:45pm

EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITY!

You can do the following things:

- Register to Vote
- Update Voter Record
- Check Voter Status
- Request a Vote-by-Mail
- Find Election Information
- Get Your Questions Answered

•Must be at least 17 & 10 months to register

For more information: [Contact your History/Economics teacher](#)

COLLEGE CORNER



College Corner <https://bit.ly/lamarcollegecorner>

Newsletter

FAFSA Submission

FAFSA submission is a graduation requirement.

If you are experiencing any issues with the application, please contact the college corner.

If you are choosing to opt out of submitting the FAFSA. Please submit an OPT OUT form to the college corner. The opt-out form will satisfy the graduation requirement. You can access the FAFSA form at studentaid.gov

Scholarship Opportunities

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

ATTENTION!

Saturday, April 27th at 8am
we will proctor the TSIA exam

If you would like to register,
please email
Ms.Gould at
brigid.gould@houstonisd.org

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SIGN UP TODAY!



TSI BOOTCAMP

Houston Community College & HISD are partnering for a day of learning and TSI Prep dedicated to High School Students, 9th-12th grade!

The TSI Bootcamp will include 8 instructional sessions, with students rotating through 50-minute classes in Math, Reading, & Writing based on the TSI exam subsections.

Free Event • Free Breakfast • Raffles • Prize Giveaways!

Saturday, April 27, 2024
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

South Early College High School
1930 Airport Blvd.
Houston, TX 77051



Scan QR Code to Register for this Event by Tuesday, April 23rd !

For questions please contact CaNetra Wilson Bonds, cwilson7@houstonisd.org



COLLEGE CORNER HOURS

Monday : 7:30am - 5:30pm
Tuesday : 7:30am - 5:30pm
Wednesday : 7:30am - 5:30pm
Thursday : 7:30am - 5:30 pm
Friday : 7:30am - 5:30pm

StuCo

HEY TEXANS!
 CONGRATULATIONS ON
 MAKING IT TO THE END OF
 CYCLE 5! THE CYCLE
 OFFICIALLY ENDS THIS FRIDAY,
 APRIL 19. MAKE SURE TO
 SUBMIT ALL WORK BY THE
 END OF THE WEEK AND LET'S
 START CYCLE 6 OFF STRONG!
 HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND
 TEXANS!



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








SPEED CAMP

MONDAY - THURSDAY | JUNE 10th - JULY 31st
 OFF JULY 3rd & 4th
 ALL CURRENT LAMAR STUDENTS, INCOMING
 9th-12th GRADERS & ZONED, 7th & 8th GRADERS
 RETURNING BOYS SESSION 7:30 - 9:00 AM
 ALL GIRLS SESSION 8:30 - 10:00 AM
 NEWCOMER BOYS SESSION 9:30 - 11:00 AM
COST = \$50
<https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/2024-Lamar-Speed-Camp-50/SbZfPvu>
****MUST HAVE CURRENT PHYSICAL ON FILE WITH LAMAR TO ATTEND****
 EMAIL philip.lindsey@houstonisd.org and kvessels@houstonisd.org to submit
 physicals and for questions.
 CAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE ON SPORTSYOU
 DOWNLOAD THE APP AND USE THE CODE = JQCPGPHV

School Pay QR Code



School Pay: <https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/2024-Lamar-Speed-Camp-50/SbZfPvu>

EMAIL philip.lindsey@houstonisd.org and kvessels@houstonisd.org to submit

Special Education Parent Summit

Office of Special Education Services (OSES) **Parent Summit**

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You are invited to the CENTRAL Division
Parent Summit


Where: Austin HS
 1700 Dumble St, Houston, TX 77023
 Date & Time: April 6th @ 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Learn how to support your student in HISD by connecting with other parents and resources.

Parent and student Testimonials
 Vendors and break out sessions
 Plethora of Door Prizes
 Discuss important information

Scan this QR code to sign up

SCAN ME



HISD

Lamar Summer Sports Camp

LAMAR SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Age group: 5yrs to 11yrs old
 8:30am-4:00pm
**REGISTRATION OPENS
 MARCH 1ST**

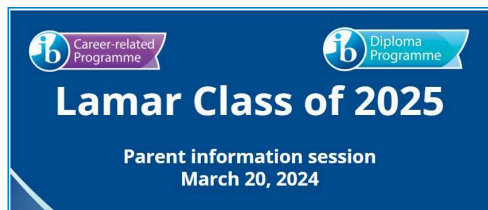
Session 1 : June 10th-June 21st
 Session 2: June 24th- July 3rd
 Session 3: July 8th- July 19th
 Session 4: July 22nd-July 26th







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. [Class of 2024](#)

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 ADEQUATELY 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 voting is 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 plus Prom Ticket-

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, 2024 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 [mailto:https://highschool.herffjones.com/-](mailto:https://highschool.herffjones.com/)

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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