



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

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Principal's Corner



Hot Tip: The District's last chance opportunity for credit appeal from previous semesters closes next week. We are offering our last credit appeal on Saturday from 8:00 am – 2:00 p.m. Please note that any credits withheld with an NG from previous semesters that are not recovered on Saturday will not be eligible for any type of recovery process moving forward. Students with NGs will be required to retake the class to graduate.

Concerns from Our Neighbors

Over the last two weeks I have received an uptick in complaints from our neighbors – residential and commercial. It is important to me that we are good neighbors, and that we are representing Lamar with the highest levels of character.

I would like to ask for your help with these few things:

- Please use the carpool lane in the Transit Center for drop-off and pick-up. The line queues in the right lane of Westheimer headed East from Buffalo Speedway and then turns South on Eastside Drive.
- Please do not park along the neighborhood streets or in the shopping strip parking lot across the street to pick-up in the afternoon.
- Students should stay on the sidewalks and cross at the crosswalks when walking to and from school. It is extremely dangerous to cross Westheimer at Eastside. It is not designated as a crossing zone by the city.
- Students should not enter the residential properties (front yards, courtyards, backyards) in the neighborhood.
- Students should remain on campus throughout the school day. We are advising businesses not to allow Lamar students on the premises during school hours unless they are with a parent or guardian.
- When visiting local merchants after school, remember that you represent Lamar. Please show them our best!

Final Exams and Early Pick-up

Many parents have expressed an interest in having their student released early next week. Our school day will end at 4:10 p.m. as usual. If you have schedule an appointment for your student and need to pick up early, please plan to

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Dec 14th:

- Baseball Parent Meeting 6:00-8:00PM (9B)
- Swim vs Bellaire 5:00-8:30PM (Pool)
- Wrestling Tournament @ George Ranch
- MS Wrestling 6:00-8:00PM (Gym)

Fri. Dec 15th:

- Freshman Boys Soccer vs Wisdom 4:30PM (Field)
- JV Boys Soccer vs Wisdom 5:45PM (Field)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Wisdom 7:30PM (Field)
- JV Girls Soccer @ Klein Oak 5:30PM

park in the West Lot and enter at the Welcome Center near the flagpole. We cannot release students without a parent arriving to check out at the Welcome Center.

Students who have a designated off campus period should plan to leave at lunch on the day of their designated off campus period. They will need to show their student id and their schedule with the designated off campus period.

Highlighted Events

- Thu. Dec 14th:** Baseball Parent Meeting (9B)
- Fri. Dec 15th:** Dance Winter Show 7:00PM Performance Hall)
- Fri. Dec 15th:** Theatre- It's A Wonderful Life" Radio Show 7:00 PM (Black Box)
- Sat. Dec 16th:** Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (LHS)
- Sat. Dec 16th:** Movie Night "Elf" 5:30-8:00PM (Field)
- Mon. Dec 18th:** Finals Periods 6 and 5
- Tue. Dec 19th:** Finals period 2 and 1
- Wed. Dec 20th:** Finals Periods 7 and 8
- Thu. Dec 21st:** Finals Periods 3 and 4
- Thu. Dec 21st:**End of Cycle 3
- Fri. Dec 22nd- Fri. Jan 5th:** Holiday -No School
- Mon. Jan 8th:** Students Return to School

Final Exam Schedule

Dead Days 12/12- 12/15	Adjusted Bell Schedule	B Monday, 12/18	A Tuesday, 12/19	B Wednesday, 12/20	A Thursday, 12/21
No new content – structured review with a regular bell schedule	8:30 – 9:00	P6 Review	P2 Review	P7 Review	P3 Review
	9:00 – 11:00	P6 Final	P2 Final	P7 Final	P3 Final
	11:00 – 12:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
	12:00 - 12:30	P5 Review	P1 Review	P8 Review	P4 Review
	12:30 – 2:30	P5 Final	P1 Final	P8 Final	P4 Final
	2:30 – 4:10	Support	Support	Support	Support

December 12-15

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday we will use as review days. Students will be provided a structured review during their regular class periods.

December 18-21

At the end of each day, from 2:30-4:10, students will remain with the teacher from their last final and we will use the time for support and independent work time.

We will use that time for the following:

- 9th grade – Electronic Portfolios, study for upcoming final exams, get help from teachers on content you do not understand from the review, APEX courses
- 10th grade – Electronic Portfolios, MYP Personal Projects, study for upcoming final exams, get help from teachers on content you do not understand from the review, APEX courses.
- 11th grade – Electronic Portfolios, study for upcoming final exams, get help from teachers on content you do not understand from the review, APEX courses.

- Varsity Girls
Soccer @ Klein
Oak 7:00PM
- Wrestling @
Bryan 1:00-
11:00PM
- Freshman Girls
Basketball @
Houston
4:30PM
- JV Girls
Basketball @
Houston
5:45PM
- Freshman Boys
Basketball vs
Houston
6:00PM
- JV Boys
Basketball vs
Houston
6:00PM
- Dance Winter
Show 7:00PM
Performance
Hall)
- Theatre- It's A
Wonderful Life"
Radio Show
7:00 PM (Black
Box)

Sat. Dec 16th:

- Credit Appeal
8:00-2:00 (LHS)
- Swim Jingle
Bell 9:00-2:00
- Theatre- It's A
Wonderful Life"
Radio Show
7:00 PM (Black
Box)
- Wrestling @
Bryan 6:00AM-
11:00PM
- Movie Night
"Elf" 5:30-
8:00PM (Field)
- Varsity Girls
Basketball vs
Westbury

12th grade – College applications or college essay assistance, Texas College Bridge for math and/or English, APEX courses, study for upcoming final exams, get help from teachers on content you do not understand from the review.

Credit Appeal



Shout Outs:

Congratulations Debate Team!

Owen Nesbit finished in the top 5 competitors in the Lincoln-Douglas JV division at the Houston Urban Debate League tournament. Currently, Owen is preparing to compete in the Houston city championship qualifier.

Rowan de Los Reyes was a finalist in extemporaneous speaking at the Cy-Fair HS debate tournament. Rowan, also, earned a portion of his state tournament qualifications.

In our final tournament of the semester, Lamar attended the Jersey Village debate tournament with 34 schools and over 1000 competitors.

AArav Mehendru finished in top 16 Lincoln-Douglas debaters in the tournament and earned a portion of his state qualification

Mischa Wijesekera won the student congress division at the Jersey Village debate tournament. Mischa also completed her qualifications to the state tournament.

Soumil Gouyal placed in the top 3 in extemporaneous speaking at the Jersey Village debate tournament. Soumil is nearly qualified to the state tournament.

Water Polo



Congratulations to **John Hajdik** to making the Texas Water Polo All-State Honorable Mention Team! A well-deserved honor for our goalie and our team captain!

Theatre

10:00AM
(Delmar)
• Varsity Boys
Basketball vs
Westbury
11:30AM
(Delmar)

Mon. Dec 18th:

- **Finals Periods 6 and 5**
- Varsity Girls
Basketball vs
Houston
6:00PM
(Pavilion)
- Varsity Boys
Basketball vs
Houston
7:30PM
(Pavilion)

Tue. Dec 19th:

- **Finals period 2 and 1**
- Freshman Boys
Soccer @
Spring Woods
4:30PM
- JV Boys Soccer
@ Spring
Woods 5:45PM
- Varsity Boys
Soccer @
Spring Woods
7:30PM
- MS Wrestling
6:00-8:00PM
(Gym)
- Varsity Girls
Soccer vs S
Rayburn
6:00PM (Fields)
- JV Girls Soccer
vs S Rayburn
6:00PM (Fields)

Wed. Dec 20th:

- **Finals Periods 7 and 8**



Winter Spectacular



JROTC

- Freshman Girls
Basketball vs
Chavez 6:00
(Gym)
- JV Girls
Basketball vs
Chavez 7:30
(Gym)
- Freshman
Boys Basketball
@ Chavez
6:00PM (Gym)
- JV
Boys Basketball
@ Chavez
7:30PM (Gym)
- Wrestling @ CY
Springs 6:00-
11:00PM
- IB Banquet
6:00PM (Grand
Hall)

Thu, Dec 21st:

- Finals Periods
3 and 4
- End of Cycle 3
- Varsity Boys
Basketball @
HISD
Tournament
- Swim vs St.
Agnes/St.
Thomas 4:30-
7:30PM (Pool)

Fri, Dec 22nd:

- HOLIDAY
- Wrestling Tri-
Meet 9:00-2:00
(Gym)
- JV Boys Soccer
vs Clear Falls
4:30PM (Fields)
- Varsity Boys
Soccer vs
Clear Falls
6:00PM (Fields)
- Varsity Girls
Basketball vs

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MILITARY CAREER DAY JUNIORS

HISD Military Career Day will serve to guide students who are interested in the military services. Students can ask questions, discover career pathways within the service branches and learn how to get started!

THURSDAY JANUARY 11 10AM - 1PM

Delmar Fieldhouse 2020 Mungum Rd. Houston, 77092

Learn more about:

★ Educational Benefits

★ Financial Incentives

★ STEM Opportunities

★ Diverse College & Career opportunities

★ The wide range of experiences and roles offered within the Armed Forces

JOIN US!

Scan QR code to register: <https://bit.ly/CCMRMCDJuniors>

Limited space available

Save your spot by registering

For questions, please contact:

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE HOUSTON

CARRERAS MILITARES DÍA PARA JUNIORS

En el Día de la Carrera Militar, los estudiantes de HISD interesados en el servicio militar podrán hacer preguntas, descubrir trayectorias profesionales de las ramas de servicio y aprender cómo comenzar.

JUEVES 11 DE ENERO 10AM - 1PM

Delmar Fieldhouse 2020 Mungum Rd. Houston, 77092

Información sobre:

★ Beneficios educativos

★ Incentivos financieros

★ Oportunidades de STEM

★ Diversas oportunidades universitarias y profesionales

★ La amplia gama de experiencias y funciones ofrecidas en las Fuerzas Armadas

¡NO FALTES!

Escanea el Código QR para registrarte: <https://bit.ly/CCMRMCDJuniors>

El espacio es limitado

Reserva tu lugar registrándote

Si tienes preguntas, contacta con:

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Writing Lab

Lamar Writing Lab

Winter Writing Contest

tinyurl.com/WinterContest23-24

Prizes in every category

Word of the Year

Flash Fiction

Personal Narrative

"Twas the Night before..."

Poetry

Open Creative

Entries due January 12, 2024

Categories and Submission Form at tinyurl.com/WinterContest23-24

Congratulations!

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CENTER FOR INNOVATION RESEARCH & COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

High School Essay Contest for Houston Area Sophomores & Juniors

Congratulations!

Second Place Winner

Katherine Cherington

Qualifying Entrants

Manuela Giraldo

Xavier Williams

Shreya Thakekar

Kate Wubbenhorst

Baseball Tryouts

When: Monday January 22nd

Time: 4:30PM (Afterschool)

Where: Lamar Baseball Field

Chavez

12:00PM

(Barnett)

Sat. Dec 23rd:

- Holiday
- Building Closed

Mon. Dec 24th:

- Holiday
- Building Closed

Tue. Dec 25th

- Holiday
- Building Closed

Wed. Dec 26th:

- Holiday
- Building Closed

Thu. Dec 27th:

- Holiday
- Building Closed

Fri. Dec 28th:

- Varsity Boys
- Basketball @ Sharpstown Tournament (TBA)
- Freshman Girls
- Basketball vs Cy Park 10:00AM (Gym)
- JV Girls
- Basketball vs Cy Park 11:30AM (Gym)
- Varsity Girls
- Basketball vs Cy Park 1:00PM (Gym)

Sat. Dec 30th:

- Closed

Mon. Jan 1st:

- Closed

What to Bring: All Baseball Equipment (Glove, Bat, Cleats, Etc.)

- Please do not purchase new equipment before making a team
- If you need to borrow any equipment to tryout we can accommodate

In order to tryout you MUST have the following completed BEFORE TRYOUTS:

- Register My Athlete information
- HISD Physical uploaded to Register My Athlete
- Insurance Information uploaded to Register My Athlete
- Google Form Questionnaire Completed <https://forms.gle/c33ZWAYzwwEkAWE69>

Where to Create your Register My Athlete Account:

<https://www.registermyschool.com/login>

Instructions for the Register my athlete account:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4yze82k8bd4hht3/Parent%20Training%20Instruction%20Slides%20%28English%29.pdf?dl=0>

This is the form your physical needs to be on:

https://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/15304/PrePhysForm%20English%202020_21.pdf

COLLEGE CORNER

FAFSA will open December 31st



Thursday, January 25th, we will host a FAFSA Roadshow to assist students with submitting their FAFSA application. Please scan the QR code in order to participate in the roadshow. The QR code is also posted on our Instagram page

Tue Jan 2nd:

- Freshman Boys
Soccer @ Klein
Cain 4:30PM
- JV Boys Soccer
@ Klein Cain
5:45PM
- Varsity Boys
Soccer @Klein
Cain 7:30PM
- JV Girls Soccer
vs Waltrip
10:00AM
(Fields)
- Varsity Girls
Soccer vs
Waltrip
12:00PM
(Fields)

Wed. Jan 3rd:

Thu Jan 4th:

- JV Boys Soccer
@ Kemper
12:00PM
- Varsity Boys
Soccer @ Katy
Tournament

Fri. Jan 5th:

- Teachers return
to school
- Varsity Boys
Soccer @ Katy
Tournament
- Wrestling @
Humble 1:00-
11:00PM
- Varsity Girls
Soccer @
Tompkins
6:00PM
- JV Girls Soccer
@ Tompkins
4:30PM

Sat. Jan 6th:

- Varsity Boys
Soccer @

Student Ambassador Leadership Opportunity

Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe School Institute (SSI) is launching a **Student Ambassador Leadership Opportunity**. This initiative is for High School students to work alongside Crime Stoppers of Houston to spread awareness and educate their peers on personal and school safety.

As an ambassador, students will be tasked to be proactive in their community as well as volunteer and create student-led prevention projects. Teachers, counselors, and parents - please let your students know about this opportunity!

Interested students can request an application by emailing Safe School Institute Education Specialist Teresa Salazar at tsalazar@crime-stoppers.org. We look forward to meeting our local student leaders!



Teacher and Staff Holiday Market



Lamar High School invites local vendors to join us at our 2nd annual Holiday Market, December 19th 3325 Westheimer Rd Houston, Tx 77098.

Indoor event for **teachers and staff**.

We will provide as many 6' tables as you need.

If you have friends that would be interested in showing, please invite them.

No deposit or fee to participate, all proceeds are yours!

[Please complete the form](#) so we know you are coming!

Thank you for help making the holidays more enjoyable for our teachers and staff!

Class of 2024 Senior Information

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

Remind app: Seniors 2024

code: @Texans2024

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#/>

Senior Breakfast

New date January 11th

Panoramic Photo



Goldbeck Co.



Panoramic Pictures Of:
LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

Pictures will be taken:
Thursday, January 11th
Senior Class at 9:00am

Price Packages:

\$30.00 –Panoramic Picture

\$35.00 –Panoramic & One Medium Panoramic

(Best Deal!)

\$45.00 – (3 Picture Formation Package)

Large Laminated Panoramic, w/ One Medium
Panoramic, & One Medium '24 Formation

Bring your payment **The Very Next Day:**

Friday, January 12th and
Tuesday, January 16th
During Lunch

To pick-up your panoramic picture

We Accept Cash, Check, or Debit/Credit Cards
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Goldbeck Company"
(Please include phone number on all checks)

Goldbeck Company • 4407 Center Gate • San Antonio • TX • 78217
1-800-656-9289 • www.goldbeckcompany.com
(orders placed online will be mailed)

Senior Parent Meeting Slides

Click [here](#)



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:

<https://schoolpay.com/link/LHSCO2024>

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
June 3, 2024 Senior Day
June 3, 2024 Senior Sunset
June 4 & 5, 2024 Senior Checkout
June 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/>-
Price increase in March

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



Movie Night



RSVP: <https://bit.ly/LamarMovieNightRSVP>

QUICK LINKS

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[PTO](#)

- [Lamar High School](#)
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