



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Principal's Corner



Last night we celebrated with our class of 2024 IB Diploma Recipients and IB Career-related Certificate Recipients. Each year we invite a student to speak. I wanted to share with you her words.

Good evening my fellow classmates, parents, and teachers.

It is an honor to stand here tonight as a proud graduate of the International Baccalaureate program. My name is Alinka Frankovska, and I completed the IB Diploma last year here at Lamar High School. As we celebrate this incredible journey, I want us to reflect on what makes IB truly special.

When the sophomore year came to an end, many of us found ourselves questioning our future paths. Should we pursue IB or AP courses? Should we avoid college-level courses altogether? I mean, we are all here tonight so the answer is evident; we chose to pursue IB. We knew it would be a challenge, but we were all here for it.

Personally, I chose the IB Diploma Programme because I had no idea what I wanted to do in college. What I did know was that I wanted to challenge myself and explore something new. IB offered me a broader perspective while allowing me to dive deeper into various subjects, from mathematics to art.

Finishing my first year of IB in Europe during my junior year, my family chose to relocate and finish my senior year in the United States. Lamar High School was the perfect choice for me because of its extensive and rigorous range of IB courses, which allowed me to complete my diploma.

Entering Lamar as a senior, I was overwhelmed with emotions. Moving across the continent, to another school, quickly adjusting, transferring all my work, and making friends felt difficult. However, at Lamar, I realized that the IB program was not just about the rigorous coursework. It was about building a community. Whether it was staying up late at night to finish group projects, collectively panicking over TOK essays, or celebrating after finally submitting our Extended Essays, we always had each other's backs. IB turned our classmates into a second family—because let's be real, no one else can truly understand what it is like to meet all internal assessment deadlines and memorize HL content all in the same week. We bonded over struggles and found humor in the chaos.

However, what truly makes IB worthwhile is its strong preparation for not only college but for life. While the challenge pushed us to our limits, it developed our resiliency and showed us that challenges are an opportunity for growth. IB goes beyond diplomas and certificates; it creates connections, ignites curiosity, and opens doors to the future.

As I began my first semester at the University of Texas at Austin, I was surprised to realize that I had a solid foundation. When my classmates in my math class at UT continued asking "How do I apply the quotient rule to find the derivative of this function?" I could easily answer any of the math questions, all thanks to Mr.

Upcoming Events:

Thu, Dec 19th:

- **FINALS 7 & 8**
- Wrestling @ Cy Falls
6:00PM

Fri, Dec 20th

- **FINALS 3 & 4**
- Swim vs St. Agnes/St Thomas 4:30PM (Pool)
- Freshman Girls Basketball vs Chavez 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs Chavez 7:15PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Soccer @ Foster 5:00PM
- Varsity Girls Soccer @ Foster 7:00PM
- JVB Boys Soccer @ Clear Falls 4:30PM
- JVA Boys Soccer @ Clear Falls 6:00PM
- Varsity Boys Soccer @ Clear Falls 7:30PM

Sat, Dec 21st:

- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Chavez 10:00AM (Barnett)
- Wrestling @ Bryan 7:00PM

Mon, Dec 23rd:

- No School - HOLIDAY

Tue, Dec 24th

- No School - HOLIDAY

Wed, Dec 25th:

Sarabia and his IB Math Analysis and Approaches class. Moreover, I was able to transfer numerous hours worth of credits and be ahead of my peers.

Hence, I want to say a huge thank you to all our families, teachers, and staff for supporting us even when we doubted ourselves. I am beyond grateful to my teachers; to Dr. Guru, who taught us the significance of analyzing literature devices and writing concise essays, to Mr. Jump who ignited my interest in Economics to the point I decided to pursue it as my college major; to Dr. Dang who dedicated countless hours to teaching us about DNA, to Dr. Ynostrosa who made Spanish classes so interactive, and to Mr. Stiles who supported our artistic processes even when we were staring at the blank canvas not knowing what to paint.

To my fellow IB graduates, I want to say that when we opened our scores on July 6th, we realized we made it. We made it. Our determination, perseverance, and curiosity for knowledge brought us where we are today and we should be proud of ourselves.

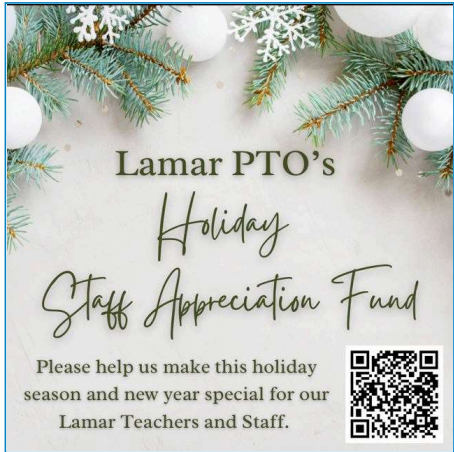
IB wasn't easy, but nothing worth achieving is. As we move forward, I am confident that the skills, friendships, and memories we've gained from this program will continue to guide us.

Thank you, and congratulations to the IB class of 2024!

Highlighted Events

Tue. Dec 17th-Fri. Dec 20th: Finals
Mon. Dec 23rd- Mon. Jan 6th: No School - HOLIDAY
Tue. Jan 7th: 1st Day Spring Semester

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Shout Outs

JV Boys Golf

- No School - HOLIDAY

Thu. Dec 26th:

- No School - HOLIDAY

Fri. Dec 27th:

- No School - HOLIDAY
- Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament @ Conroe

Sat. Dec 28th:

- No School - HOLIDAY
- Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament @ Conroe

Mon. Dec 30th:

- No School - HOLIDAY

Tue. Dec 31st:

- No School - HOLIDAY
- Freshman Girls Basketball @ Cy Park 9:00AM
- JV Girls Basketball @ Cy Park 10:30AM
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ Cy Park 12:00PM

Wed. Jan 1st:

- No School - HOLIDAY

Thu. Jan 2nd:

- No School - HOLIDAY
- Varsity Boys Soccer @ Cy Woods 4:00PM

Fri. Jan 3rd:

- No School - HOLIDAY
- Freshman Boys Basketball vs Manvel 10:30AM
- JV Boys Basketball vs Manvel 11:30AM
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Manvel 1:00PM
- Varsity Boys Soccer @ Lamar Consolidated 4:00PM

Sat. Jan 4th:

- Wrestling vs Huntsville 8:00AM (Gym)
- Varsity Boys Soccer @ Taylor 3:00PM

Mon. Jan 6th:



Congratulations to the boys JV Golf team getting first place at Northgate country club today. **Sunil Vadapalli, Luca La Neve, Spencer Shultz, and Benjamin Johnston!**

Math Club



A true mathematical genius! Math Club President **William Louis** secures 1st place at last Saturday's Math UIL competition. If you are interested in competing in any UIL math event, talk to Mr. Li in 12A.

Writing Lab Contest



Congratulations Lamar junior **Julia Beech** who won Rice's annual High School Essay Contest! The prompt was about AI in education and Jules's essay, "Transforming Education: AI's Role in Equality," took first place \$1,000 prize!

Finals Schedule

- No School- Professional Development

Tue, Jan 7th:

- 1st Day Spring Semester
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Bellaire 7:15PM (Delmar)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Bellaire 6:00PM (Delmar)
- Freshman Boys Soccer @ CE King 4:30PM
- JV Boys Soccer @ CE King 6:00PM
- Varsity Boys Soccer @ CE King 7:30PM

Wed, Jan 8th:

- MS Swim 5:00PM (Pool)
- Freshman Girls Basketball vs Bellaire 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs Bellaire 7:15PM (Gym)
- Freshman Boys Basketball @ Bellaire 6:00PM
- JV Boys Basketball @ Bellaire 7:15PM
- JV Wrestling @ Atascocita 6:00PM

Thu, Jan 9th:

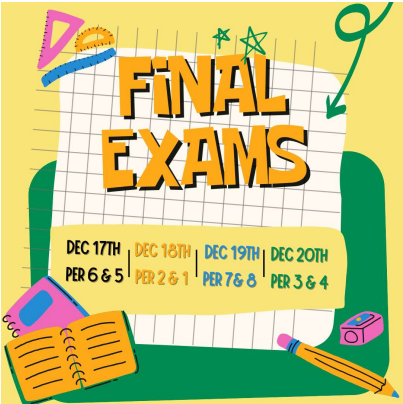
- Cap and Gown orders 11:45AM (12th Grade Hall)
- Wrestling vs Clear Creek/Cy Lakes 6:00PM (Gym)

Fri, Jan 10th:

- Freshman Boys Basketball vs Houston 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Boys Basketball vs Houston 7:15PM (Gym)

Sat, Jan 11th:

- Choir Area Auditions 8:00AM (Deer Park)
- MS Swim Round Up 9:00AM (Pool)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Houston 11:15AM (TJ Ingram)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Houston 10:00AM (TJ Ingram)



Regular school hours 8:30-4:00.
School uniforms required.
No early exams.

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SENIORS!! Please check your Canvas to vote for the 2025 Prom Theme!

Winter Holidays



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.

- Wrestling vs Scarborough, Furr, Yates 8:00AM (Gym)
- All American Football Game 12:00PM (San Antonio)

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.

11th and 12th 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 11th and 12th grade IB courses, students must also have all IB assessments complete.

Boxing Club



Interested in joining the Box Club? Contact Coach Couty andrew.couty@houstonisd.org

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)

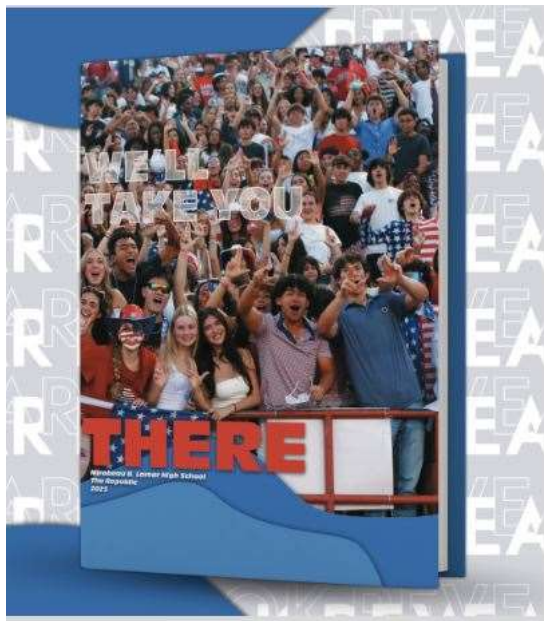
Last Chance - \$100 (April 1st - June 3rs)

*** 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.

Writing Lab



Submissions are open for the Winter Writing Contest!

The SIX entry categories are:

- Word of the Year [#woy](#)
- Flash Fiction New Year's Resolutions
- "The 12 Days of [fill-in-the-blank]"
- Winter Seasonal Poetry
- Holiday Traditions Creative Nonfiction
- Open Creative

Details and submission at tinyurl.com/WinterContest24-25

COLLEGE CORNER

Scholarship Opportunities

[https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?](https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/27541/Hot+Scholarships_SeptemberOctober+2024.pdf)

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Class of 2025 Senior Information


Spring Senior Parent Meeting

SPRING
SENIOR
PARENT
MEETING


January 15th
6:00-8:00PM
Grand Hall

Topics include:
graduation requirements, deadlines
and expectations.

Panoramic Photo



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Panoramic Pictures Of:
LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL
Pictures will be taken:
Tuesday, November 12th
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 '25 Formation

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

Wednesday, November 13th
During Lunch

To pick-up your panoramic picture

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Senior Meeting PowerPoint

**12TH GRADE
AP'S & DEANS**

**MS. PIZANA, MS.
BOCAGE-PAGE,
MS. BROOKS,
MR. THOMPSON**

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!

Cap and Gown Orders

**LAMAR
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CLASS OF 2025

IN-SCHOOL ORDER DATES
Thursday, October 24th
Friday, October 25th
During Lunches in Cafeteria

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your achievements with custom
graduation announcements and
graduation regalia.
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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

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2025-Senior-Fees-Early-Bird-Spe/Sd3S0wK>

All the above **plus Prom Ticket-**

Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 4th - \$170

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OPTION 2:

Dec. 5th- End of Year - \$140

Prom Ticket **NOT** included

Dec. 5th- 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.**

Seniors Yearbook Photos

Bookings are now OPEN for senior photo sessions for the class of 2025. You must be photographed by CADY to be in the yearbook. Get photos for grad announcements, senior yearbook ads, and flawless Insta posts. Book now at cady.com/schedule.

All photos are due back to the school by November 29th.

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>

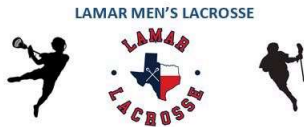
We need parents for the Senior Breakfast on November 12th!

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 19th, 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

Rugby

Rugby at Lamar High School



All players, all levels welcome

Practice 415pm-6pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

At Lamar High School
3325 Westheimer Rd

More information is shared on WhatsApp to join just text:
786-925-6416 & we will share the link

Any questions join WhatsApp
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GIX184XcprSA2pLrDj6Ny1>



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Lamar HS PTO Fall Giving Campaign
November 19-21

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BIG BRIGHT
Fundraising Campaign



Lamar High School PTO

- ★ Lone Star \$5000 +
- ★ Yellow Rose \$2000-\$4999
- ★ Ranger \$1000-\$1999
- ★ Partner \$500-\$999
- ★ Pioneer \$200-\$499
- ★ Friend \$10-\$199

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BIG BRIGHT Fundraising Campaign

2024-25

\$75,000

\$60,000
\$50,000
\$40,000
\$30,000
\$20,000
\$10,000



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