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Principal's Corner



One of the great joys of my role at Lamar is that I have the pleasure of reading the performance review documents for our students who participate in a job-based practicum. Let me tell you more. During a student's senior year, they may choose to take a classroom-based 4th-year course for their career strand, or they may choose to engage in the job-based practicum. Most of our practicum options are paid internships, giving out students an opportunity to earn why gaining work experience in their chosen field of studies. Students graduate from Lamar with not just job experience, but also a solid reference to list on their resume.

I want to shout-out a few things I read about our students this morning -

"Li******'s work ethic is one that can't be taught. Her ability to find something to do and to stay busy is amazing. When I first met her, she was very shy and to herself. Over the time of her working, she has opened up and become a leader. Customers love her also. They always give a compliment about her when she done helping them."

"EI*** has shown a dedication unusual for her age. She is punctual and always ready to work."

"Ta*** You've been bringing you're a game to work this quarter. Your efforts don't go unnoticed; they're inspiring!"

"Al**** has won partner of the quarter. She exemplifies what it means to be a team player while also maintaining quality standards. I feel that I am truly lucky to have her on my team."

We are fortunate to have so many partners in this work. When you visit some of these locations, take a moment to say "thank you for hiring Lamar students".

SMART Financial Credit Union

Chick-fil-A

H.E.B.

Starbucks

Chipotle

Target

Kids Footlocker

Footlocker

The McDonald's Corporation

Great American Cookie Company

YMCA

Pappa's Restaurant's

Landry's Restaurant's

Upcoming Events:

Thu, Dec 5th:

- STAAR English 2 8:30AM
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ HISD Tournament TBA
 (TBA)
- Varsity Boys Basketball @
 Katy Tournament TBA
- Wrestling @ Heights
 6:00PM
- Fall Dance Show 6:00PM

 (Performance Hall)

Fri. Dec 6th:

- STAAR Algebra 1
- Freshman Boys
 Basketball vs Chavez
 6:00PM (gym)
- JV Boys Basketball vs
 Chavez 7:15PM (gym)
- Wrestling @ Morton
 Ranch 12:00PM
- Varsity Boys Basketball @
 Katy Tournament TBA

Sat. Dec 7th:

- Varsity Boys Basketball @
 Katy Tournament TBA
- Freshman Boys
 Basketball @ Aldine
 Tournament TBA
- Wrestling @ Morton

 Ranch 12:00PM
- Women on the Way Up field trip

Mon. Dec 9th:

Wolfies Swim School

City of Houston

Men's Warehouse

Party City

Salt & Sugar

Vineyard Vines

NAACP - Houston Chapter

Shoe Palace

Kroger

The Home Depot

Buffalo Wild Wings

Taco Bell

City Gear

Minute Maid Park

Love to Loc

Mamala Bowls

Moxies

Suzies Pastry Shoppe

Cloud 10

Chuck E. Cheese

Lamar High School

Raising Cane's

Spires Towers

Walmart

Smoothie King

Your business or workplace, large or small, may join this team too! Contact Mr. T.J. Chambers at tchambe4@houstonisd.org

Highlighted Events

Wed. Dec 11th- Mon. Dec 16th: Dead Week

Tue. Dec 17th-Fri. Dec 20th: Finals

Mon, Dec 23rd- Mon, Jan 6th: No School - HOLIDAY

Tue. Jan 7th: 1st Day Spring Semester

Welcome New Team Members

Dr. Safia Khatri, Academic Dean 9C & 9D Safia.Khatri@houstonisd.org

My name is Dr. Khatri, and I am excited to serve as the Academic Dean at Lamar High School. I have a wonderful family with four children—one in college, two in high school, and one in elementary. My husband is a science teacher at a high school, and we recently adopted a one-month-old puppy named Nyx, after the Greek goddess of the night.

My career began as a researcher, focused on developing novel techniques to reprogram stem cells in order to help patients with genetic disorders. After publishing five papers and achieving success in this field, I transitioned into education, driven by a passion for serving the community and making a meaningful impact on students' lives.

Since 2013, I have worked in education, starting as a substitute teacher in Fort Bend ISD and later teaching in Houston ISD. During this time, I quickly recognized the need to motivate and support students facing academic challenges. My approach centers on understanding the unique needs of each student, from cognitive and emotional challenges to motivational issues. I am dedicated to helping all students, especially those in need of extra support, thrive academically.

In my new role at Lamar High School, I will continue my commitment to fostering student success through personalized support for both students and teachers. I am excited to be part of the Lamar community and look forward to making positive contributions to our school.

Timothy Nguyen, 9C Mathematics Teacher <u>Timothy.Nguyen@houstonisd.org</u>

Howdy! My name is Timothy Nguyen. I graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.A. in Mathematics. I completed my student teaching in Bryan, TX and chose Lamar High School in Houston ISD as my first teaching position! I'm in neighborhood 9C.

I love Aggie football. I ran Track and Field in High School with the 110m and 300m hurdles! I was also a cadet officer in my school's Navy JROTC program. In college, I served as Vice President for the Vietnamese Students Association. I still have a lot to learn and will work to grow in wisdom. Thank you all for welcoming me to my first week here at Lamar.

STAAR- Biology

Tue. Dec 10th:

- PTO Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Wrestling vs College Park
 6:00PM (Gym)
- JROTC Field Trip @ Flight
 Museum
- Winter Choir Show
 6:00PM (Performance
 Hall)

Wed. Dec 11th:

- Dead Week
- Swim Lanier vs Rogers
 5:00PM (Pool)
- Wrestling vs Katy/Clear
 Springs
- Big Brother Big Sister
 11:00 (Downtown)
- Jazz Combo @ NRG

Thu, Dec 12th:

- Dead Week
- Choir Field Trip 5:00PM
- Swim vs Bellaire 5:00PM (Pool)
- Tour 1:00PM (LHS)
- Wrestling @ Chavez
 6:00PM
- Club Picture Day 8:00AM (Performance Hall Stairs)
- Winter Orchestra Show
 6:00PM (Performance
 Hall)

Fri. Dec 13th:

- DEAD WEEK
- FASFA Roadshow 9:00 3:00 (Athletic Lobby)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
 Heights 6:00PM (Delmar)
- Freshman Girls Basketball
 @ Heights 6:00PM
- JV Girls Basketball @ Heights 7:15PM
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
 Heights (Delmar) 7:15PM
- Freshman Boys
 Basketball vs Heights
 (avm) 6:00PM
- JV Boys Basketball vs Heights (gym) 7:15PM
- Wrestling @ Woodlands
 Tournament
- Freshman Boys Soccer vs
 Eisenhower 4:30PM (field)

Heather Clary, CTE Teacher, Business

I hold a Master of Education in Educational Administration and certifications in K-12 leadership, social studies, business education, and ESL, with additional training in cybersecurity and bilingual education. My teaching career spans multiple school districts, where I've developed curricula, supported educational programs, and guided students in academic and career development. With international experience living in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, I bring a global perspective that enriches my teaching approach.

Beyond my instructional roles, I've contributed to program development, fiscal management, and staff professional development. I am committed to fostering inclusive, innovative learning environments that support the success of every student. Outside of work, I enjoy rowing, ice-skating, and quilting.

Ma Santamaria,9A Mathematics Teacher Ma.Santamaria@houstonisd.org

Qasim Brown, 11B English Teacher Qasim.Brown@houstonisd.org

Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Retests - Begin December 3

Identified students are scheduled to take the STAAR EOC (End of Course) exam December 3rd – 9th. Students who previously failed an EOC or who were absent during testing last year, will have an opportunity to take the needed EOC. Students and parents were emailed testing reminders last week. Students must pass all five STAAR EOC tests to meet graduation requirements. The next opportunity to retake these tests will be in April 2025. All STAAR EOC tests are administered on the computer. Students must bring their fully charged Chromebook and charging cable to their assigned testing room at 8:30 AM on the day listed below. If you have any questions, please email your child's Academic Dean or Ms. Walton, the Campus Test Coordinator, at swalton@houstonisd.org.

December 6 - Algebra 1 December 9 - Biology

October 2024 PSAT/SAT Results

Results from the October 2024 PSAT and SAT are posted in the College Board system at https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/ To see your child's scores, please have them log into the College Board website using their College Board account credentials. If your child has never created an account before, s/he will need to Create a College Board account first.

AP Exam Registration

All students taking AP classes (AP World History, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Precalculus) have been registered to take the corresponding AP exam in May 2025. HISD pays the registration fee for these AP exams. Any AP student who does not take their AP exam will be charged and have to pay the \$40 non-use fee charged by the College Board.

Shout Outs

Alani Simmons



Alani Simmons, senior, visited The White House this past Tuesday in Celebration of National Entrepreneur Day and International Kidpreneur Day. They meet White House staff members to discuss their businesses.

- JV Boys Soccer vs
 Eisenhower 5:30PM (field)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs
 Eisenhower 7:00PM (field)
- Varsity Boys Golf @ Eagle
 Point
- JV Girls Soccer @
 Pasadena Memorial
 5:00PM
- Varsity Girls Soccer @ Pasadena Memorial
 7:00PM
- Theatre Holiday Show
 7:00PM (Black Box)

Sat. Dec 14th:

- Middle School Swim Invite
 9:00-2:00 (Pool)
- Quiz Bowl Tournament @
 Taylor HS 7:00AM
- Wrestling @ Woodlands
 Tournament
- Theatre Holiday Show
 7:00PM (Black Box)

Mon, Dec 16th:

- DEAD WEEK
- Letterman Jackets
 11:45AM (Grand Hall)

Tue, Dec 17th:

• FINALS 6 & 5

Wed. Dec 18th:

- FINALS 2 & 1
- IB Banquet 6:00PM
 (Grand Hall)

Thu. Dec 19th:

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

Fri. Dec 20th

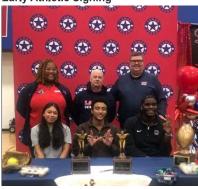
- FINALS 3 & 4
- Swim vs St. Agnes/St
 Thomas 4:30PM (Pool)
- Freshman Girls Basketball
 vs Chavez 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs
 Chavez 7:15PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Soccer @ Foster
 5:00PM
- Varsity Girls Soccer @
 Foster 7:00PM
- JVB Boys Soccer @ Clear
 Falls 4:30PM

Theatre Tech Class



Tech I students this week were studying Ancient Greek Theatre and created Masks for Characters in Oedipus Rex!

Early Athletic Signing



Congratulation to our Early Athletic Signees! Katie Perez (Softball) will be attending Seward County Community College, Tsubasa Rhoe (Diving) will be attending University of Wyoming, and Drammond Odoms (Football) will be attending Southern Methodist University.

Texas High school Coaches Association Academic All-State Recipients

Congratulations to our Texan football players! The Texas High School Coaches Association is proud to recognize the 2024-2025 Academic All-State Recipients.

Cole Mansour -ELITE

William Rosenfeld -1st Team

Deshawn Fisher -2nd Team

Dominic Amador -2nd Team

Antonio Mendieta -2nd Team

Danny Stein -Honorable Mention

Duro Dina -Honorable Mention

Jayden House -Honorable Mention

We understand that students' performance in the classroom can sometimes be difficult to manage while participating in athletics, but their hard work has not gone unnoticed. The THSCA Academic All-State Teams recognize SENIOR high school athletes, trainers and managers who excel in the following categories: GPA, class rank and ACT/SAT score. We applied them for their commitment and dedication to perform with the highest of excellence academically and on the field.

The best team a player can make is the Elite Team which requires a near perfect score in all categories.

Swim and Diving Team



- 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:

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



Lamar swim and dive team competed in the TISCA championship before break. The 200-medley relay set a Lamar school record, and the swimmers were:

Tsubasa Rhoe Paul Nuval Lucas Wooldridge Grayson Shippy

Tsubasa also broke the school record in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

Rebeca Arrechedera placed 3rd in 3-meter diving and 4th in 1 meter diving. She now qualifies to compete in the 3 meter and 1 meter at the state TISCA diving competition in San Antonio on December 21.

Congratulations to the Lamar swim and dive team!

JV Boys Golf

Attachment thumbnail

Congratulations to the boys JV Golf team winning first place at Northgate Country Club Tournament. Sunil Vadapalli, Luca La Neve, Spencer Shultz, and Benjamin Johnston!

Phoenix Sneed



Our very own **Phoenix Sneed** was nominated for Player of The Week, along with several other girls through out the dDuro Dina and Aleena Khan, graciously shared their experiences with The Health Museum. Through their stories, we see how the museum significantly impacted their lives and their pursuit of a path in medical science.istrict. Fans voted and she had the most votes, so she won. As a result, her accolades were posted in the Houston Chronicle.

She's a Senior Power Forward on the Lady Texans Basketball team, a very hard worker and great student. She's a leader on and off the court.

Duro Dina

- 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:

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



Duro Dina graciously shared his experiences about The Health Museum at the 2024 Mysterious Worlds Gala. Through his stories, we see how the museum significantly impacted his life and his pursuit of a path in medical science.

HISD Saturday Academy



Winter Dance Showcase



School Pay Link

December Credit Appeal



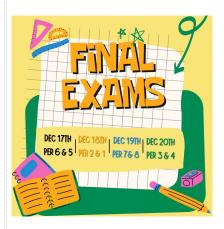
Last credit appeal for 2024

Best Buddies



Buy tickets: here

Finals Schedule



Dead Week: Wed, December 11th-Mon, December 16th

Regular school hours 8:30-4:00.

School uniforms required.

No early exams.

Winter Holidays









Writing Lab



Link is https://bit.ly/m/writinglab

COLLEGE CORNER

Scholarship Opportunities

https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?

url=https://www.houstonisd.org//cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/27541/Hot+Scholarships SeptemberOctober+2024.pdf

Senior Fall Survey



This is a reminder to complete your Fall Senior Survey on SchooLinks as soon as possible. This survey is an HISD <u>requirement</u> and must be completed before the College Corner can send out any fee waivers or transcripts. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to your college advisors!

Class of 2025 Senior Information

Panoramic Photo



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



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!

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

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

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2025-Senior-Fees-Early-Bird-PLU/SeChylH

OPTION 2:

Dec. 5th- End of Year - \$140 Prom Ticket <u>NOT</u> 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 2-4, 2025 Senior Checkout June Graduation-NRG 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





As we celebrate this season of giving and thanks, the Lamar PTO would like to say "thank you" to everyone who has contributed their time, money, and energy to support the students, faculty, and staff at Lamar High School. While we are truly thankful for every dollar donated to the PTO, we still have a long way to go to reach our revenue goals, allowing the PTO to continue to support the programs that we have historically funded each year. As you probably know, Lamar HS has had significant budget cuts this year, making your donation dollars critical for funding all the learning tools your student's teacher relies on every day! Currently, we need an additional \$40,000 to ensure we reach our \$75,000 fundraising goal.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the PTO is launching the Fourth Annual "Big & Bright Fall Giving Campaign" from Tuesday, November 19 to Thursday, November 21 to help raise enough revenue to fully fund the following programs:

- Teacher wish list and instructional tools including IB curriculum support software, classroom supply needs, science lab instruction materials, writing support programs, fine arts supplies/instruments and athletic equipment.
- · Teacher appreciation projects and staff meals which help motivate and thank our hard-working teachers.
- Senior class activities such as LHS Fest and senior treat day.
- · Campus improvements and beautification projects which help provide an optimal learning environment for our students.
- · Technology in the classroom cameras, iPads, printers and audio/visual equipment which help to ensure that our teachers have the most up-to-date technology to serve our students.

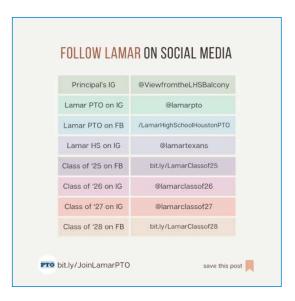
Please consider donating to the <u>Big & Bright Fall Giving Campaign</u> (click the link to donate). No amount is too big or too small, and all donations will be used to directly support the programs listed above. If your student is an alumni, please consider donating to support your local school! If you have already donated, consider matching your donation through our corporate matching program here: <u>Match Your Donation</u>

Own or know a business that would like to partner with our PTO and assist with helping us fund these programs? Become a sponsor of Lamar Texans by donating to our <u>Corporate Giving Campaign</u>. All donations are tax deductible through the Lamar High School PTO tax ID 76-0500049. Thank you for your donations!









QUICK LINKS

VIPS

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