



# Lamar High School

## AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

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Students' Instagram: viewfromthelhsbalcony

## Principal's Corner



## Highlighted Events

**Thu. Dec 7th: STAAR Retest-English II**

**Thu. Dec 7th:** Girls Soccer Parent Meeting 6:30PM

**Fri. Dec 8th: STAAR Retest-Algebra**

**Sat. Dec 9th: Credit Appeal 9:00-2:00**

**Mon. Dec 11th: STAAR Retest- Biology**

**Tue. Dec 12th:** Underclassmen Make-up Yearbook Picture Day

**Tue. Dec 12th:** PTO Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)

**Thu. Dec 14th:** Baseball Parent Meeting (9B)

## 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

## Upcoming Events:

### Thu. Dec 7th:

- STAAR Retest-  
English II
- Magnet Tour  
1:00  
(Performance  
Hall)
- Band  
Performance @  
Levy Park  
6:30PM
- Wrestling vs  
Chavez 6:00-  
10:00PM (Gym)
- Girls Soccer  
Parent Meeting  
6:30PM (9B)

### Fri. Dec 8th:

- STAAR Retest-  
Algebra
- Freshman Boys  
Basketball @  
Westbury  
6:00PM
- JV Boys  
Basketball @

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:

9<sup>th</sup> grade – Electronic Portfolios, study for upcoming final exams, get help from teachers on content you do not understand from the review, APEX courses

10<sup>th</sup> 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.

11<sup>th</sup> grade – Electronic Portfolios, study for upcoming final exams, get help from teachers on content you do not understand from the review, APEX courses.

12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Testing Updates

October 20223 PSAT/SAT Results

All results from the October 2023 PSAT and SAT are now available at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/>

STAAR EOC Retests

Identified students are scheduled to take the STAAR EOC (End of Course) exam **December 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**. Students who previously failed an EOC or who were absent during testing previously, will have an opportunity to take the needed EOC at Lamar next week. These students and their parents were emailed reminders this week. Students must pass all five STAAR EOC tests to meet graduation requirements. The next opportunity to retake these tests will be in April 2024. All STAAR EOC tests are administered on the computer. Students must bring their fully charged laptop and charging cable to Testing Check-in on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Academic Building on their testing days. If you have any questions, please email your child’s Academic Dean or Ms. Walton, the Campus Test Coordinator, at [swalton@houstonisd.org](mailto:swalton@houstonisd.org).

- December 5 – English 1
- December 6 – US History
- December 7 – English 2
- December 8 – Algebra
- December 11 - Biology

Credit Appeal

- Westbury
- 7:30PM
- Freshman Girls
- Basketball vs
- Westbury
- 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV
- Girls Basketball
- vs Westbury
- 7:30PM (Gym)
- Freshman Boys
- Soccer vs Deer
- Park 4:30PM
- (Field)
- JV Boys Soccer
- vs Deer Park
- 5:45PM (Field)
- Varsity Boys
- Soccer vs Deer
- Park 7:30PM
- (Field)
- JV Girls Soccer
- @ George
- Ranch 5:30PM
- Varsity Girls
- Soccer @
- George Ranch
- 7:15PM
- Band
- Performance @
- Levy Park
- 6:30PM
- Debate @ Cy
- Ranch
- Wrestling @
- Woodlands 1:00-
- 10:00PM
- Varsity Boys Golf
- @ Eagle Point

Sat. Dec 9th:

- Debate @ Cy
- Ranch
- Wrestling @
- Houston
- 7:00AM-7:00PM
- Varsity Boys
- Basketball vs
- Westside

All Grades

Credit Appeal

8:00AM-2:00PM

Nov 11th

Nov 18th

Dec 2nd

Dec 9th

Dec 16th



Theatre

Lamar Texans Theatre Company Presents

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

A LIVE RADIO PLAY

By Joe Landry

December 15 and 16

7 PM

Lamar Black Box Theatre

Tickets on Schoolpay! Scan the QR code below!



- 11:30AM
- (Delmar)
- Varsity Girls

Basketball vs

Westside
- 10:30AM
- (Delmar)
- Lamar Swim

Open House

12:30-4:400PM

(Pool)
- Dance @ Levy

Park 10:00-5:00
- Band

Performance @

Levy Park

6:30PM
- Middle School

Swim 10:00-2:00

Mon. Dec 11th:

- Freshman Boys

Soccer @ Klein

Collins 4:30PM
- JV Boys Soccer

@ Klein Collins

5:45 PM
- Varsity Boys

Soccer @ Klein

Collins 7:30PM

Tue. Dec 12th:

- JVB Girls Soccer

@

Clements5:30PM
- Varsity Girls

Soccer @

Clements

5:30PM
- Underclass

Photo Make Up

Day (Athletic

Lobby)
- PTO Meeting

6:00-7:00PM

(Grand Hall)

Wed. Dec 13th:

JROTC

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 Mangum 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 Mangum 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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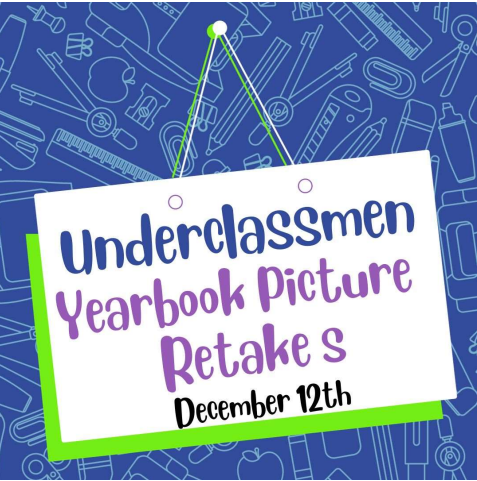




# Band



# Underclassmen Yearbook Photo Make-Up Day



Attention all fabulous 9th, 10th and 11th graders! Did you miss out on your close-up on yearbook picture day? No worries, because Dec 12th is your official makeup day!

# COLLEGE CORNER

FAFSA will open December 31st

- MS Swim Lanier vs Rogers 5:00-8:30PM (Pool)
- Wrestling vs Heights 6:00-10:00PM (Gym)
- Volleyball Banquet 6:00-8:00PM (Grand Hall)

## 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 5:445PM (Field)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Wisdom 7:30PM (Field)
- JV Girls Soccer @ Klein Oak 5:30PM
- Varsity Girls Soccer @ Klein Oak 7:00PM
- Wrestling @ Bryan 1:00-11:00PM
- Freshman Girls Basketball @ Houston 4:30PM



LAMAR

College Corner

https://bit.ly/lamarcollegecorner

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FAFSA will open DECEMBER 31ST!

FAFSA® Checklist

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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W-2 TAX DOCUMENT

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ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER

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FSA ID NUMBER

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PARENT FSA ID NUMBER

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PARENT TAX DOCUMENTS

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Career Specialist starting in January

We've got a new Career Specialist!

Meet Wendy R. Tilford


Education Consultant Wendy R. Tilford is proud to return to her high school alma mater Lamar High School (Class of 1995) to serve as our new Career Specialist. She will be providing career and resume development guidance, internship opportunities, and individual assistance to students with college essays, personal statements and college appeals.

For nearly twenty years, Wendy has dedicated her life to helping families and students achieve academic success. As an advisor, speaker and franchise owner of a Huntington Learning Center, Wendy is one of the most highly sought after consultants and college counselors in Texas.

Wendy is the author of the book "Power to the Parent: 7 Insider Secrets to Unlocking Your Child's Educational Potential". She is an Associate member of the Independent Educational Consultants Association, a member of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling and the Texas Association for College Admissions Counseling. Wendy is also a proud member of the Texas Advisory Board of Devereaux Advanced Behavioral Health and serves as the Business Member Representative for eight schools in the Houston Independent School District (HISD), including Lamar High School, as a member of HISD's Shared Decision-Making Committee. She is pursuing College Counseling certification from the University of California, Los Angeles has also served on the board of directors for Write Literacy Organization and the Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation - Ladies of Literacy Guild.

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WENDY R TILFORD



Movie Night

- 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  
9:00-2:00 (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  
10:00AM  
(Delmar)
- Varsity Boys  
Basketball vs  
Westbury  
11:30AM  
(Delmar)



## 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Holiday Market, December 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## **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 11<sup>th</sup>**

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 12<sup>th</sup> and**

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**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)***

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(orders placed online will be mailed)

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## Yearbook

Deadline is **November 30<sup>th</sup>** for the following. Must use school e-mail to access forms.

Senior Quotes - <https://forms.gle/Dc4qxnccpmUvcgMa6>

Senior Superlative Voting - <https://forms.gle/SrvHFT6DPgFbgqBJ9>

Senior pictures – Google Cady Studios to book your appointment. Log in to your Cady Studios account to choose your yearbook photo and to order pictures

Senior Ads – [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) School code is 25147. Discounted price currently active until November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Buy your Yearbook – current price is \$75.

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## 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. 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 5th \$90**

**All the above plus Prom Ticket-**

**Early Bird Special Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - \$170**

#### **OPTION 2:**

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>- End of Year - \$140**



Prom Ticket NOT included

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>- 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 after MLK Day

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



JOIN US!

# LAMAR PTO MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

JOIN US AFTER THE  
MEETING AT KIRBY  
ICE HOUSE!  
3333 EASTSIDE ST. ↓

6:00 PM  
IN THE GRAND  
HALL



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**Join Us**



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## Join the PTO!

Get Connected \* Support Lamar  
Volunteer \* Socialize

**Next PTO Meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6pm, Grand Hall**  
Meet and Greet afterwards, Kirby Ice House

# Big Bright

Give back to Lamar HS and support your teachers and students. Help the Lamar PTO reach our \$70,000 fundraising goal. Donate to the Lamar PTO in support of your teacher's classroom wishlist, professional development, teacher appreciation, and senior activities.



<https://bit.ly/LamarBigandBright>

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## QUICK LINKS

[VIPS](#)

[PTO](#)

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