

Lamar High School AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Principal's Corner



Today we started our mock entry procedures. We rocked the laptop handoff! Tomorrow, remember to have your laptops and tablets out of your backpack before getting to the door.

This schedule should help you decide which entry to use. If you are coming early for practice or rehearsals, or are working out in the weight room, you must enter through Door 21 and arrive before 7:15 a.m. After that time, you will have to wait until 7:30 a.m. to enter through another door. We encourage our athletes with athletic bags to enter at Door 21.

You will note that Door 19 in the Transit Center is the only entrance after 8:30 a.m.

Entry Type	Entry Location	Opens At	Closes
Visitor	Welcome Center	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Student	Door 8 Red Table Patio	7:50 AM	8:30 AM
Student	Door 9 Red Table Patio	7:50 AM	8:30 AM
Student	Door 19C Transit Center	7:30 AM	8:45 AM
Student	Door 19B Transit Center	7:30 AM	9:00 AM
Student	Door 19A Transit Center	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
Student	Door 21 Gym - Early Entrance Athletes	6:20 AM	7:15 AM
	Door 21 Gym - Regular Entrance Athletes	7:50 AM	8:30 AM
Student	Door 27 Garage	7:30 AM	8:30 AM

Highlighted Events

Mon. Jan 20th: Holiday- No School

Upcoming Events:

Thu, Jan 16th:

- Softball Parents Meeting
 6:00PM (9B)
- Track Parent Meeting
 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Girls Soccer @ Lake
 Travis Tournament
- Tours 1:00 (LHS)

Fri. Jan 17th:

- Freshman Girls
 Basketball vs
 Wisdom 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs
 Wisdom 7:15PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
 Wisdom 7:15PM (Delmar)
- Freshman Boys
 Basketball @ Wisdom
 6:00PM
- JV Boys Basketball @
 Wisdom 7:15PM
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
 Wisdom 6:00PM (Delmar)
- Girls Soccer @ Lake
 Travis Tournament

Sat. Jan 18th:

- Swim JV Championship
 8:00-2:00 (Pool)
- GHAC Swim
 Championship 2:00 6:00PM (Pool)
- Wrestling Match 8:00AM
 (Gym)

Mon. Jan 20th:

Wed. Jan 29th: Texans Round Up 5:30PM (Gym, Grand Hall)

Sat. Feb 1st: Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (12th Grade Hall)

Testing Updates

Interim STAAR Testing – January 22nd – 24th

All students currently taking English 1, English 2, or Algebra 1 (9th and 10th graders) will take an Interim STAAR EOC exam next week to determine their current level of mastery before taking the STAAR EOC in April 2025. This interim test is required and will be used to determine what interventions are needed before testing in April. To learn more about STAAR tests. please

visit https://www.texasassessment.gov/staar.html

Interim STAAR EOC testing schedule - 8:30 AM

Algebra - Wednesday, January 22

English 1 - Thursday, January 23

English 2 - Friday, January 24

Students who are testing will find their testing location posted in their hallway on the day of the test. Each test will begin at 8:30 AM.

Attendance will be taken and students will be counted absent for 1st/5th period, if not present during their assigned test. Make-up tests will be given January 27 - 28. Students will need their fully charged laptop and charger for testing.

All other students, those who are not testing, will go to their regularly scheduled class with an altered bell schedule. Attendance will be taken, and students will be counted absent, if not present in class.

Altered Bell Schedule January 22, 23, 24				
8:30 - 10:30	1st/5th period			
10:37 - 11:43	2 nd / 6 th period			
11:43 - 12:48	Lunch			
12:54 - 2:24	3 rd /7 th period			
2:35 - 4:00	4 th /8 th period			

ASVAB - January 21st

Lamar is offering the ASVAB to all interested 11th and 12th graders on Tuesday, January 21st. The ASVAB is offered to high school and post-secondary students as part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program. This program provides tools to help students learn more about career exploration and planning post-high school. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program includes a validated aptitude test and interest assessment. Following the assessment, students will be provided with a score report that can be used to help them explore possible careers and post-secondary opportunities. To learn more about the program, please visit https://www.asvabprogram.com/. Students interested in taking the ASVAB at Lamar on January 21, 2025 must register using this link - Lamar 2025 ASVAB Registration.

Shout Outs

Vanna Truong



Vanna Truong participates in Teen Court, a monthly program hosted by the Houston Municipal Court Department. Teen Court is designed to give students interested in law the opportunity to take on real cases and participate in a mock court to provide them with experience. These high school students are responsible for deciding what happens to these defendants. Vanna works on real cases for teens, and juvenile cases such as theft and property destruction, and is assigned a role. Vanna has been defense, prosecution, and jury in the court,

- Holiday- No School
- Varsity Boys Golf @ Bays
 Oaks

Tue. Jan 21st:

- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
 Chavez 6:00PM (Pavilion)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
 Chavez 7:15PM (Pavilion)
- Wrestling @ Wheatley
 6:00PM
- ASVAB 8:30AM (LHS)

Wed. Jan 22nd:

- STAAR Interims
- MS Swim Pershing vs Rogers 5:00-8:30PM (Pool)
- Freshman Girls Basketball
 vs Chavez 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs
 Chavez 7:15PM (Gym)
- Freshman Boys
 Basketball @ Chavez
 6:00PM
- JV Boys Basketball @ Chavez 7:15PM
- Wrestling @ Atascocita
 6:00PM

Thu, Jan 23rd:

- Tours 1:00 (LHS)
- Musical 6:00PM (Black

 Box)

Fri. Jan 24th:

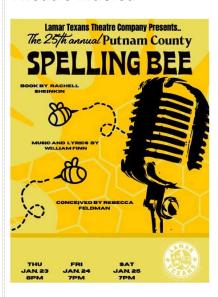
- Freshman Girls Basketball
 vs Heights 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs
 Heights 7:15PM (Gym)
- Freshman Boys
 Basketball @ Heights
 6:00PM
- JV Boys Basketball @ Heights 7:15PM
- Tennis @ Chancellors
 6:30AM- 4:00PM
- Band @ Waltrip
- Girls Soccer @ Galena
 Park 44:30PM
- Musical 6:00PM (Black
 Box)

Sat. Jan 25th:

- Swim vs Clear Brook 8:00 2:00 (Pool)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
 Heights 11:15AM

and learned what it means to participate in each role. Thank you **Nithya Ravi** for writing the story in The Buzz Magazine. Click here for the <u>Story</u>

Theatre Musical



We are thrilled to invite you to Lamar High School's production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee!* Join us for this heartwarming and hilarious musical as we follow the lives of quirky contestants and their journey through the unpredictable world of a spelling bee.

Performance Dates and Times:

- Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Location:

Lamar High School Black Box Theatre

Tickets:

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online using the following links:

Use This link or QR Code to purchase tickets for Thursday, January 23, 2025: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Texans-the-25t/Sep0DMB



Use this Link or QR Code to purchase tickets for: Friday January 24, 2025

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Texans-Theatre-Co-Presents-The-25t/Sf0Yt2



Use the below link to purchase tickets for **Saturday January 25**, 2025

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lamar-Texans-Theatre-Co-Presents-The-25t/SbwxtCr

(Pavilion)

- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Heights 10:00 AM (Pavilion)
- Band @ Waltrip
- Color Guard @ Contest
- Wrestling @ Houston
- Softball Tournament @ CE
 King 8:00-1:00
- Cheer Contest @ Pavilion
 9:15-12:30Musical
 7:00PM (Black Box)

Mon, Jan 27th:

Tue. Jan 28th:

- Football Banquet 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs
 Chavez 5:30PM (Field)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs
 Chavez 7:30PM (Field)

Wed, Jan 29th:

- Girls Soccer @ Memorial
 4:30PM
- JV Girls Golf (Battleground)
- Texans Round Up 5:30PM (Gym, Grand Hall)

Thu. Jan 30th:

Tours 1:00 (LHS)

Swim District 5A 4:30PM (Pool)

Fri Jan 31st:

- Swim District 4A 4:30PM

 (Pool)
- Freshman Girls Basketball
 @ Bellaire 6:00PM
- JV Girls Basketball @
 Bellaire 7:15PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
 Bellaire 7;15PM (Butler)
- Freshman Boys
 Basketball vs Bellaire
 6:00PM (gym)
- JV Boys Basketball vs
 Bellaire 7:15PM (gym)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
 Bellaire 6:00PM (Butler)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs
 Heights 5:30PM (field)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs
 Heights 7:30PM (field)

Sat, Feb 1st:



Credit Appeal



Summer 2026 Meeting



Learn about Health Science and where "modern medicine" all began in the UK and then hop over to Paris to enjoy an authentic croissant while seeing some of the most iconic art pieces in the world at the Louvre. Interested in this trip of a lifetime, please join us for our interest meeting in Feb. RSVP here: https://bit.ly/40am3bm

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.

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):

- Wrestling Meet @ Delmar
 7:00-7:00
- Band UIL East Zone
 Contest @ Heights
- Track Meet 10:00AM (Field)
- Orchestra @ UIL Contest
 (Katy)
- Swim District 6A Meet
 7:00-2:30 (Pool)
- Swim UIL Region 4A 2:30-8:30 (Pool)
- Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (
 12th Grade Hall)
- Dance 6:30-10:00PM (Grand Hall)

- 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.

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)

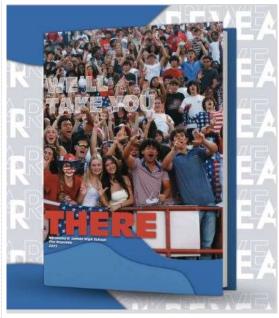
Last Chance - \$100 (April 1st - June 3rs)

** 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.



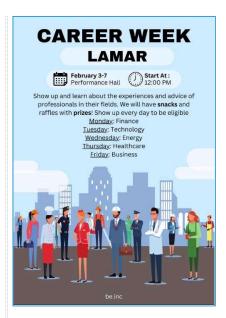
Sports/Event Pictures

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.

Career Week





Baseball Tryouts

2025 Lamar Baseball Tryouts



When: Tuesday, January 21st Time: 4:20PM (Right after school) Where: Baseball Field Bleachers

GENERAL INFO:

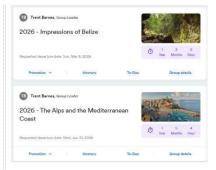
- MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL AND COMPLETED RMA TO TRYOUT
- Please bring any baseball equipment you currently have.
- Please do not purchase anything for tryouts. We can help provide you with equipment if needed.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AND FILL OUT THE INFO IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON TRYING OUT!



Summer 2026

We are traveling to Belize and the Mediterranean Coast in 2026! If you would like to find out more info on these trips, reach out to trent.barnes@houstonisd.org We still have a few spots left for each trip.



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

Class of 2025 Senior Information

Spring Senior Parent Meeting Presentation



Click $\underline{\text{here}}$ or the click the image

Panoramic Photo





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 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.

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







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



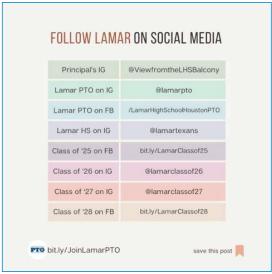


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QUICK LINKS

VIPS

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