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Lamar Weekly Newsletter
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Principal's Corner



Highlighted Events

Mon. Mar 10th- Fri. Mar 14th: Spring Break- No School Sat. Mar 22nd: Credit Appeal 8:00AM (12th Grade Hall)

Mon. Mar 31st: NO SCHOOL

Testing Updates

11th grade SAT

All current Lamar 11th graders have been registered to take the SAT, for free, on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. Testing will begin at 8:30 AM and complete about 12:00 PM. All 11th graders are required to take the SAT, even if they do not want to use their scores post-high school. It is important that all students are on time as no late students will be able to test. The SAT is a digital test using the Bluebook app on the students' HISD laptop. For more information and SAT practice information, please visit the <u>College Board website</u>. For a listing of all Spring 2025 testing dates (IB, AP, STAAR EOC), please visit the <u>Lamar HS Testing Calendar</u>.

Shout Outs

Varsity Girls Soccer



Hard work, dedication, and a whole lot of heart - that's what makes champions! Congratulations Girl's Soccer! District Champs!

Cole Mansour

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Mar 6th:

- Drum Major Auditions 4:00PM
 (Band Hall)
- Tennis @ Chancellors
- Band UIL Contest @ Bellaire
- Varsity Baseball @ Brenham
 Tournament
- JV Baseball @ Katy

 Tournament
- Life Skills @ Rodeo

Fri. Mar 7th:

- Varsity Girls Soccer vs
 Houston 6:00PM (Fields)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs
 Houston 7:45PM (Fields)
- College Corner @ Texas
 Southern
- Varsity Baseball @ Brenham
 Tournament
- JV Baseball @ Katy

 Tournament
- Varsity Softball vs Heights
 5:30PM (Delmar)

Sat, Mar 8th:

- Color Guard @ Langham
 Creek & Cy Falls
- Varsity Baseball @ Brenham
 Tournament
- JV Baseball @ Katy

 Tournament
- JV A Boys Soccer vs Chavez
 12:00PM (Fields)
- JV B Boys Soccer @ Houston
 10:00AM

Mon. Mar 10th:

Spring Break- No School



Cole Mansour was interviewed by Greg Baily of Chanel 13 news.

https://abc13.com/post/lamar-hs-student-athlete-cole-mansour-reflects-journey-discovery/15981506/

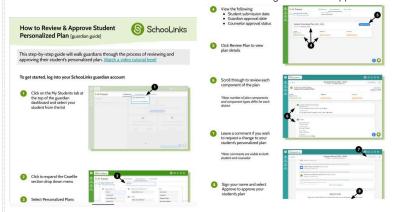
Boys Golf

Congratulations to the boys golf team who came in first and third place as a team and three players tied for first place at the Eagle Pointe this week. The winning team was Luca La Neve, Benjamin Johnston, Sunil Vadapalli, Angus Lipski, and Robert Dunlap. Tying for a first place in the entire tournament was John Holcomb, Benjamin Johnston, and Luca La Neve won first place shooting a 75. Congrats!

Personal Graduation Plan

All students in Texas Public Schools must have a Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) on file as a graduation requirement. This document is initiated in grade 9 and is used for course planning. All students have updated their student survey this fall. You should receive a district generated email when your student's PGP has been approved. Please follow the attached directions to acknowledge this document. You may have done this in the past; however, HISD has put the form in School Links this year.

Here are the instructions we received from the district for guardians to approve the PGPs:



FACE Meet and Greet





- Varsity Girls @ Bay Oaks
- Sophomore Baseball @
 Spring Woods 10:00AM
- Varsity Baseball vs
 Westside10:00AM (Delmar)
- JV Baseball @ Milby 10:00AM

Tue. Mar 11th:

- Spring Break- No School
- Varsity Baseball vs
 Westside10:00AM (Delmar)
- JV Baseball vs Heights
 12:00AM
- Sophomore Baseball vs Milby 10:00AM (Fields)

Wed. Mar 12th:

- Spring Break- No School
- JV Boys Golf @ Pasadena
- Lamar Dual track Meet
 12:00PM (Fields)

Thur. Mar 13th:

Spring Break- No School

Fri. Mar 14th:

Spring Break- No School

Sat, Mar 15th:

- Color Guard Contest @ Klein
 Oak
- Robotics Contest @ Victoria,
 Tx

Mon. Mar 17th:

- Robotics Contest @ Victoria,
 Tx
- JV/Freshman Track District
 Meet 6:30PM (Barnett)

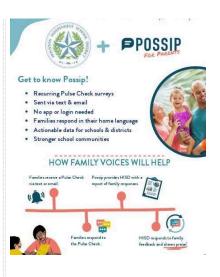
Tue. Mar 18th:

- Varsity Baseball vs Wisdom
 7:30PM (Butler)
- JV/Freshman Track District
 Meet 6:30PM (Barnett)

Wed. Mar 19th:

- JV/Freshman Track District
 Meet 6:30PM (Barnett)
- JV Baseball vs Westside
 5:00PM (Field)
- Sophomore Baseball @
 Westside 5:00PM
- Big Brother/Big Sister 11:00

 (away)
- Choir Show 6:00PM
 (Performance Hall)
- FFA @ Rodeo



https://www.weeklypossip.com/schools/2589/school_parents/new

AP/IB Saturday Academy



The Saturday Academy is back on March 22nd! Attend these informative workshops to improve your scores and increase your chances for more college credit.

March 22nd:Sam Houston MSTC High School 9400 Irvington Blvd, Houston, TX 77076 April 26: Sharpstown HS

National Honor Society

Invitations to apply to the National Honor Society at Lamar High School were emailed to eligible students this week (please see below for requirements to join NHS). Students who are invited to apply for membership must complete and submit the application and essay by Thursday, March 6th, to be considered for membership.

Please check your email for updates from the NHS Faculty Sponsors, Mr. Toscano and Ms. Watson. Additional information about the National Honor Society at Lamar can be found below and on the Lamar Website.

What are the requirements of being a member of the National Honor Society?

Members with grade point averages equal to or above 3.7 will undergo holistic review and be admitted based on outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, and character, which is exemplified by your application essay, extracurricular participation, and community service. You must also not have any conduct grades of a "P" or lower.

As an NHS member, what will I be expected to do?

Members of Lamar's National Honor Society include some of Lamar's finest scholars, leaders, and role models. In order to remain eligible as a member, you will be expected to complete 12 hours of community service each semester and attend bimonthly meetings, held before, during, or after school. In addition, members must maintain a consistent GPA of 3.7 or above and receive a conduct grade no lower than satisfactory.

- Varsity Girls Golf @ Jersey
 Meadow
- Softball @ Spring Woods
 5:00PM

Thu, Mar 20th:

- FFA Floral @ Rodeo
- Track @ Clear Falls 9:00AM
- Varsity Soccer @ Bi District
 (TBA)
- Art History @ MFAH 10:30AM

Fri. Mar 21st:

- Varsity Boys Golf @ Eagle
 Pointe
- Rugby vs Katy 6:00PM (Field)
- Varsity Baseball vs Wisdom
 7:30PM (Delmar)
- Band Pre UIL Concert
 7:00PM (Performance Hall)

Sat, Mar 22nd:

- Credit Appeal 8:00AM (12th Grade Hall)
- Algebra Bootcamp 8:00AM
- JV Baseball vs Houston
 12:00PM (Field)
- Sophomore Baseball vs
 Houston 10:00AM (Field)
- Theatre OAP @ Bellaire
- Varsity Softball vs Bellaire
 12:00PM (Delmar)
- Visual Arts @ UIL Contest
- Environmental Club @ East
 End Lagoon

Mon. Mar 24th:

- Choir @ UIL NV
- Theatre In School 6:00PM
 (Black Box)

Tue, Mar25th:

- Varsity Baseball vs Chavez
 5:00PM (Cowart)
- Varsity Softball vs Houston
 7:30PM (Butler)
- Choir @ UIL NV

Wed, Mar 26th:

- JV Baseball @ Bellaire
 5:00PM
- Sophomore Baseball vs
 Bellaire 5:00PM (Field)
- Boys and Girls Golf Parent
 Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Big Brother/Big Sister
 11:30AM (Away)
- Cheer Clinic 5:00PM (gym)

We are excited to welcome a new class of students to the National Honor Society!

The application is due Thursday, March 6th at 11:59 PM. For any questions contact Mr. Toscano in 11B or Ms. Watson in 11A.

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):

- 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.

- JV Softball vs Galena Park
 5:00PM (Field)
- Orchestra Concert 6:00PM
 Performance Hall)

Thu, Mar 27th:

- Swim/Dive Banquet 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Rangerettes @ Contest
- Robotic @ Contest (Iowa)
- Band @ UIL Contest (Tompkins)
- Track @ Rice

Fri, Mar 28th:

- Varsity Baseball vs Chavez
 5:00PM (Delmar)
- Robotic @ Contest (Iowa)
- Band @ UIL Contest

 (Tompkins)
- Track @ Rice
- Military Ball 6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Tennis @ Chancellors
- · Rangerettes @ Contest
- Cheer Tryouts 5:00PM (Gym)
- Rugby vs Memorial 6:00PM
 (Field)
- StuCo Field Tri (Arlington, Tx)
- Varsity Softball vs Westside
 5:30PM (Delmar)

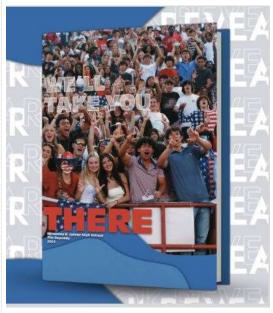
Sat, Mar 29th:

- Computer Science Middle
 School Hackathon 10:00AM
 (LHS)
- Robotic @ Contest (Iowa)
- StuCo Field Tri (Arlington, Tx)
- Rangerettes @ Contest
- Theatre @ Bi District
- MS Water Polo Clinic 8:00AM
 (Pool)
- Track @ Rice
- Water Polo Scrimmage
 10:00AM (Pool)
- Sophomore Baseball vs
 Spring Woods 10:00AM
 (Field)
- JV Baseball @ Galena Park
 10:00AM
- Algebra Bootcamp 8:00AM

Mon. Mar 31st:

- NO SCHOOL
- Developing Girls Golf @

 Timber Creek GC
- Varsity Girls Golf @ District
- StuCo Field Tri (Arlington, Tx)



Sports/Event Pictures

Be sure to bookmark <u>www.tinyurl.com/lamarphotos</u>

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.

IB Testing



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9th Grade Students and Parents

Students interested in participating in the IB Diploma Program or IB Math classes in 11th and 12th grades - this message is for YOU!

- In order to take the IB Math classes in 11th and 12th grades, students must have completed Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 before 11th grade.
- Students currently in Algebra 1 as 9th graders have the opportunity to take Geometry at Lamar HS in summer school, with a grade review and approval by their Academic Dean.
- · There is a fee for the summer school class, which will be determined by the district late in the Spring semester.
- The *tentative* districts dates for summer school are June 16-July 23, Monday -Friday, so please plan to be in town for those dates! Students are usually only allowed one absence during summer school.

Questions? Contact the 9th Grade Academic Deans listed below:

9A and 9B: Ms. Lawrence <u>dlawren1@houstonisd.org</u> 9C and 9D: Dr. Khatri <u>safiakhatri@houstonisd.org</u>

Writing Lab

Writing Lab Peer Consultants Presenting at National Conference



Seniors in the Writing Lab class will present FIVE panels virtually at the Secondary School Writing Centers Association (SSWCA) conference for a national audience of writing center consultants and tutors on March 21st and 22nd! The theme for the 2025 conference is "Views from the Trails." In order to present their original scholarship at this selective conference, student panelists submitted successful proposals, conducted their own research, developed insights and materials, and designed engaging multimodal presentations. Congratulations, presenters, on your impactful work at Lamar and the opportunity to share it on a national stage!

The Writing Lab's SSWCA membership is sponsored by Lamar's PTO and our conference participation is sponsored by the Lamar Alumni Association. Thank you for supporting this academic milestone!

COLLEGE CORNER

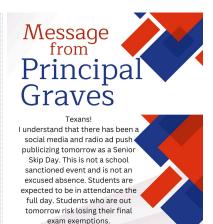
Conversation

Scholarship Opportunities

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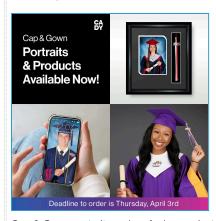
Class of 2025 Senior Information

Message from Principal Graves



Order Cap and Pictures

Thank you in advance for making school attendance a priority.



Cap & Gown portraits and exclusive products are now available to view and purchase through CADY! Celebrate this achievement with new offerings like tassel frames, yard signs, mugs, and more.

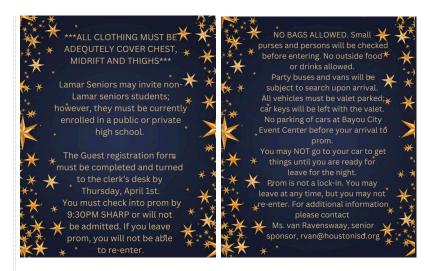
Deadline to order your items to receive them by Graduation is Thursday, April 3rd.

Click the link below to view & order now!

cady.com/capgown25

Prom





Seniors with APEX Classes



Spring Senior Parent Meeting Presentation



Click here or the click the image

Panoramic Photo



Pictures will be taken:
Tuesday, November 12th
Senior Class at 9:00am

Price Packages: \$30.00 –Panoramic Picture

\$35.00 —Panoramic Picture
\$35.00 —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



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

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

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

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

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

Any questions join WhatsApp

https://chat.whatsapp.com/GIX184XcprSA2pLrDj6Ny1





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VIPS

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