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Lamar Weekly Newsletter
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Principal's Corner



Closing Out the Texan Way

First, I want to thank you for the flexibility this week. The end of the school year always brings challenges, but these are a bit different than what we usual expect.

By the end of day Friday (tomorrow)

- Students should have turned in all laptops, chargers and laptop bags provided by Lamar High School.
- Students who ordered a yearbook should have picked them up from Mr. Barnes.

Beginning Tuesday

- We will be back in dress code for the remainder of the school year. If you are still struggling
 without power and need help with dress code, remember that our Student Support Team
 can help with dress code appropriate shirts.
- Students should no longer bring a backpack or other bag to school. Small purses and pencil bags, under 8x8x2 will be allowed.
- Students with any type of bag will be required to check the bag in upon entry. All bags are subject to search.
- Students who disrupt the school environment will be suspended.
- As always, students may not have silly string, confetti eggs, water guns, water balloons, stink bombs, or other items that are disruptive to the school environment.

Upcoming Events:

Thu. May 23rd:

- 10th Grade Laptop Pickup
- Cheer Tryouts 44:30-10:00PM (Gym)
- Piano Show 6:00 & 7:30PM
 (Performance Hall)

Fri, May 24th:

- 11th Grade Laptop Pickup
- Band @ State 5:15-8:00 PM
- Water Polo Staff vs Students
 4:30-7:00PM (Pool)
- Underclassman Dead Week

Sat. May 25th:

Band @ State 6:45AM-11:30
 PM (Pflugerville)

Mon. May 27th

HOLIDAY - No School

Tue, May 28th:

• Underclassman Dead Week

Wed. May 29th:

Athletic Physicals 2:30-5:00PM (training Room)

Highlighted Events

Fri. May 24th: 11th Grade Laptop Pickup

Important Spring Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Exams

Results from the Spring STAAR EOC exams should be available on the <u>Texas Assessment</u> <u>Family Portal</u> on June 8, 2024. All students who did not pass or take a STAAR EOC will be notified by school email on June 11, 2024 that they should retest during the summer administration.

Summer STAAR EOC Testing Dates

June 18, 2024 – STAAR EOC English 1 (Retesters)

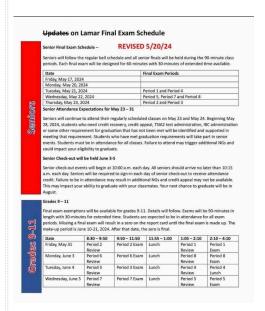
June 20, 2024 - STAAR EOC English 2 (Retesters)

June 21, 2024 – STAAR EOC Algebra 1 (Retesters)

June 24, 2024 – STAAR EOC Biology (Retesters)

June 25, 2024 - STAAR EOC US History (Retesters)

Finals Schedule



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.

Underclassman Dead Week

Thu. May 30th:

Underclassman Dead Week

Fri. May 31st:

Underclassman Finals Period
 2nd & 3rd

Sat. Jun 1st:

Mon. Jun 3rd:

- Underclassman Finals Period
 6th & 7th
- Senior Check Out

Tue. Jun 4th:

- Underclassman Finals Period
 1st & 4th
- Senior Check Out
- Senior Sunset- Aloha 7:30 9:30PM (Garage Roof)

Wed. Jun 5th:

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- Underclassman Finals Period5th & 8th
- Senior Check Out

Thu. Jun 6th:

Teachers Last Day

Fri. Jun 7th:

Sat. Jun 8th:

Graduation 9:00AM (NRG)

Mon. Jun 17th:

Summer School Begins (LHS)

• The NEW district dates for summer school are June 17-July 19, Monday -Friday, 8:00AM-2:45PM 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 dlawren1@houstonisd.org

9C and 9D: Mrs. Clark-Davis shante.clarkdavis@houstonisd.org

Shout Outs:

Athletic Signees



STEM Scholarships



On Thursday, March 22, three Lamar Seniors were awarded scholarships by John Collier, Executive Director of Caring Friends Inc. The scholarship is named in honor of the late Mrs. Polly Collier. A former Math Chair at Pershing Middle School, Mrs. Collier had a strong passion for education and a love of teaching STEM subjects. The Polly Collier awards were presented to three deserving young woman at Lamar HS who plan to major in STEM fields. This years aware recipients are Kaylee Williams, Isabella Gallardo, and Tara Suttitum.

IB Fees are Past Due

IB Fees are past due. All students who are currently taking an IB course (SL or HL) have been registered for testing. Current seniors must pay the fee to complete senior check out. The actual cost of registering students for courses is \$119 per subject. HISD and Lamar HS take on the majority of costs associated with the registration and administration of exams. Students are asked to cover part of the fee. Whether you are taking one exam or are testing in five subjects, we ask that each student pay \$90 for the school year. Students who complete the Socio Economic form and qualify for additional benefits are asked to pay a reduced fee of \$30 for the school year.

Make payments through School Pay at:

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/IB-Registration-Fees/MdWo

To avoid convenience fees, payments may be made in the business office by cash, money order or cashier's check. IB Fees are non-refundable.

Parking Garage Application

2024-2025 Student Parking Applications Open Thursday May 9^{th,} 2024

Apply for your parking permit for 2024-2025 School Year using the link below or scanning the QR code.

Parking Permit Link https://bit.ly/24-25parking



Students must be classified as a 12th or 11th grader by the registrar for the 2024-20245school year.

- Online application must be completed.
- Applicant must have a Current Texas Driver License or Valid Texas Learners Permit to apply.
- If applications exceed the number of parking permits available a lottery will be held
 to distribute parking spots with incoming 12th graders given first priority over
 incoming 11th graders if students apply before the deadline of midnight on June
 10th.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MIDNIGHT MONDAY JUNE 10TH 2024.

Once approved you must submit all required paperwork by Midnight June 30 to secure your parking permit.

After the deadline apply to the Parking Waitlist.

Parent Survey

One of the Lamar teachers, Nansi Swartwout, is completing her principal certification. One of her final assignments is conducting a family survey of the school culture. The survey is completely anonymous

no names or emails will be collected. Thank you. Click here.

Laptop Pick Collection



Don't risk losing important data - Protect your digital assets by storing everything on your personal device or flash drive for easy access anytime, anywhere.

Incoming Freshman

Attention Incoming Lamar Class of 2028

Accepted Incoming Freshmen: Please sign up for a summer orientation. Come to Lamar for an opportunity to meet new classmates from the Class of 2028, tour the building, get ID badges, obtain laptops and have some of your general questions answered about becoming a Lamar Texan! You will have four opportunities to choose from. See below.

July 30, from 9:00am -12:00pm or 1:00pm - 4:00pm July 31, from 9:00am - 12:00pm or 1:00pm - 4:00pm Only one session is allowed.

Submit the survey below by July 20, 2024.

Availability is limited, first come first serve.

Each session will be capped at 200 students.

If you filled out the survey, consider yourself registered for that session. If that session is full, you will need to fill out the survey for the remaining options.

Summer Academy Website Link

https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/63084

Summer Academy Registration Survey Link

https://forms.gle/dYcYAzUNa9GPjk668

StuCo



Hey Texans! As we wrap up the school year, Student Council extends a heartfelt congratulations to everyone for completing another challenging year. To our Seniors a special shoutout, congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone! You've made it, and we couldn't be prouder. Keep striving for greatness and have an amazing summer ahead!

COLLEGE CORNER



FAFSA submission is a graduation requirement.

If you are experiencing any issues with the application, please contact the college corner.
If you are choosing to opt out of submitting the FAFSA.
Please submit an OPT OUT form to the college corner. The opt-out form will satisfy the graduation requirement.
You can access the FAFSA form at studentaid.gov

Senior Survey WITHOUT FAFSA



Senior Survey WITH FAFSA



Scholarship Opportunities

https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/181035



Innertube Teacher vs Student



We are thrilled to invite you to an exhilarating event where our teachers will face off against our students in not one, but two inner tube water polo games! Mark your calendars for an afternoon of spirited competition and community fun.

Date: Thursday, May 24th Time: Starting at 4:30 PM Location: Lamar Pool

Tickets: \$5 or \$20 for t-shirt/ticket combo (purchase on schoolpay)

Come support the teachers or rally behind the students—either way, expect an afternoon full of excitement and entertainment. Who will dominate the pool? Join us to find out!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Writing Lab



Peer Writing Consultant applications for the 2024-2025 school year are now open to current 10th- and 11th-grade students!

Access our app form at tinyurl.com/PWCapp2024

As a peer writing consultant, you will...

- · Receive training in writing process and strategies
- · Become proficient communication consultants
- Improve your own writing
- Collaborate to lead and expand Writing Lab programming
- Participate in our partnership with Rice University's writing center
- · Add an impressive line to your academic resume
- Gain experience for college writing center jobs

Athletic Physicals



Please create an RMA account, add your documentation

for your sport. https://www.registermyathlete.com/

Note: Physicals taken before May 15th will not be accepted.

Speed Camp



School Pay: https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/2024-Lamar-Speed-Camp-50/SbZfPvu EMAIL philip.lindsey@houstonsid.org and kvessels@houstonisd.org to submit

Lamar Summer Sports Camp



Junior Parent Meeting



Click the link below for the Junior Parent Meeting slides.

tinyurl.com/lamar2025

Juniors - Rising 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.

Class of 2024 Senior Information

Poe Reunion

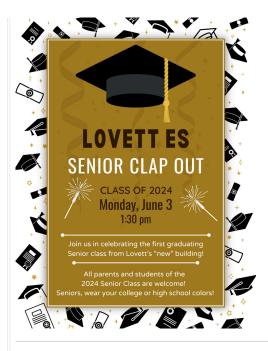


It's time for our Poe Ravens to fly! Join us on the Poe Playground to reconnect with old friends and celebrate our 2024 seniors.

Sunday, June 2 at 5:00pm at Poe

All parents and students of the 2024 senior class are welcome! Seniors, wear your college colors.

Lovett Reunion



End of Year Events

Attention parents: Your volunteer support is crucial for our upcoming senior events. Kindly consider chaperoning and complete the VIPS background check. Your support is invaluable!

Signup here

More Events to Volunteer

VIPS

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 Check List



Ready to graduate? Scan the QR codes in the senior hall to make sure you've checked off all necessary payments for a smooth checkout process. Let's make this moment memorable and stress-free.

Senior Check-Out

Monday, June 3rd - 9:30AM

Tuesday, June 4th - 9:30AM

Wednesday, June 5th- 9:30AM

All students attend each day!

You will not be allowed to check out early.

Do NOT bring any bags or purses, except purses under 8x8x2 will be allowed.

Senior Checkout sheets* will be distributed in the Band Hall, Athletic Lobby or Performance Hall on the first day. Seniors must take care of any remaining fines and fees before check-out.

Settle all outstanding balances Pay on School Pay or at the Business Office.

No senior will be allowed to participate in commencement without going through the checkout process.

*If students lose their check out sheet, they will need to start again with a new check out sheet.

Senior Check Out- Day 1- June 3rd 9:30AM

Last Name A-H Last Name I-N Last Name O-Z

Athletic Lobby Performance Hall Band Hall

Line up by the Blue Tables Line up in front of North Building Line up in the Grand Hall

Senior Check Out- Day 2- June 4th 9:30AM

Last Name I-N Last Name O-Z Last Name A- H

Athletic Lobby Performance Hall Band Hall

Line up by the Blue Tables Line up in front of North Building Line up in the Grand Hall

Senior Check Out- Day 2- June 4th 9:30AM

Last Name O-Z Last Name A-H Last Name I-N

Athletic Lobby Performance Hall Band Hall

Line up by the Blue Tables Line up in front of North Building Line up in the Grand Hall

Powderpuff Game



Cady - Cap and Gown Photo Orders



Parents and Seniors, Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase online through CADY! New items include tassel frames, yard signs and face fans featuring your student's Cap & Gown images. Celebrate this special achievement during graduation season! Deadline to order your items to receive them by Graduation is **Thursday, April 4th**.

Click below to order now!

cady.com/capgown24

Graduation

The Lamar High School Class of 2024 will graduate Saturday, June 8th at 9:00AM at NRG Stadium.

- The graduation ceremony will not be livestreamed (a recording of ceremony will be made available at <u>www.houstonisd.org/graduation</u> at a later date)
- The ceremony should be less than 2 hours

Graduate Entrance and check-in

- · Graduates should arrive at 7:45AM
- Graduates will enter thru designated graduate entrance (Amegy Gate)
- Staging for graduates prior to the ceremony will occur in the Service Level.
- Graduates are not allowed to bring a cellphone, headphones, or other electronics devices into the venue. No bags will be allowed.
- HERFF Jones will be on-site (Service Level) to support graduates as needed.

Security/Bag Checks

- · All guests will be scanned prior to entry into the Stadium.
- · HISD Police will be onsite to ensure safety of all guests and graduates.
- Balloons, flowers, noise makers, signs, Fat Heads, etc. are not allowed in Stadium.
- NRG has a clear bag policy

Appropriate Dress

- Gentleman must wear collared shirts, with a tie, dark slacks and dress shoes. Dark shoes
 are best.
- Young ladies should wear dresses, skirts or dress slacks. Flat shoes or wedges are recommended as graduates will be walking across the NRG stadium floor and up stairs.
- Only allowed to wear the school approved stoles and cords.

Cap and Gown

- Cap and gowns will be distributed during senior check out on June 4th and 5th from 9:00-11:00AM in the 12th grade hall.
- The gown should be hung on a hanger to help remove wrinkles.

Pictures

- There will be a professional photographer on stage to take a picture as the diploma is presented to each graduate.
- Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase a copy of the picture. Family members are
 not allowed to be on the floor to take personal pictures. Seniors provided contact
 information to the photographer, Flash Photography.
- If you have questions about pictures please contact Flash Photography, 3001 South University. Fort Worth. Texas 79109. Their phone number is 1-800-4410-8070.
- A proof will be sent by the company after graduation to the graduate provided home address. You may order your photos directly from Flash Photography.

Behavior of Seniors

- Seniors are asked to enter NRG carrying their cap and gown (and car keys if applicable).
- NO electronic devices will be allowed including cell phone, cameras, or earbuds. You will be told to take these items back to your car, so do not try to bring them in. HISD security will be screening all seniors as they enter the stadium.
- Do not bring in any prohibited items that you would not be allowed to have at school such
 as pocketknives, tobacco products, or e cigs etc. Being in possession of any prohibited
 items may result in losing your opportunity to participate in this graduation exercise. We
 are expecting that all members of the senior class will show appropriate behavior during the
 ceremony.
- Students who interrupt the graduation exercises may be asked to leave and/or their
 diplomas may be withheld until a parent conference can be held at a later date. All
 graduates are expected to stay for the entire ceremony.
- NRG will wand guests/students and conduct bag checks.

Parking/Bus Drop-off

 Enter NRG complex off Kirby through Entrance 9. Traffic control will route you to parking assigned for graduation. (Lots 22, 23, 17)

NRG Park is now cashless (only credit cards accepting) \$25.00

- Parking for individuals with disabilities will be available in Lot 18. Traffic control at the stadium will route vehicles with permits to this lot. NRG Stadium is ADA Complaint and will meet the access and seating needs of our families and their guests.
- NRG will wand guests/students and conduct bag checks.



After the Ceremony Ends

Families and guest are invited to meet and to congratulate the new graduates outside NRG
by the Ford Gate. We recommend looking at the parking and facility maps and selecting a

meeting place outside the stadium. Remember seniors will not have cell phones in their possession.

Audience Expectations

- This is a solemn and dignified event, and we ask that all families be respectful and attentive as each student graduates.
- Horns, balloons, banners, Fat Heads or items that distract from the ceremony will not be
 allowed or other items that interrupt the graduation are not all owed into NRG. Security will
 confiscate these items. All students deserve to have their friends and family members hear
 their name as it is read. Students who are performing or delivering a speech deserve to be
 heard by everyone in the audience.

Tickets

• Tickets will not be used for entry into the Stadium. You may have unlimited guests.

Order Panoramic Pictures

If you missed Goldbeck on campus, you can still order panoramic pictures: https://www.goldbeckcompany.com/online-order.php



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. 1st - Dec 5th \$90 All the above <u>plus Prom Ticket</u>-Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 5th -\$170

OPTION 2:

Dec. 6th- End of Year - \$140 Prom Ticket NOT included

Dec. 6th- End of Year plus Prom Ticket- \$230

School Pay Link:

Class of 2024 Senior Dues After December 5th \$140.00

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2024-Senior-Dues-After-December/ScsFKF

Class of 2024 Senior Dues After December 5th Plus Prom Ticket \$230.00 https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2024-Senior-Dues-After-December/Sc77PGc

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-BCEC
June 3, 2024 Senior Day
June 3, 2034 Senior Sunset
June 4 & 5, 2024 Senior Checkout
June 8, 2024 Graduation

Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, Cap & Gown are NOT included in Senior Dues

All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Herff Jones <u>mailto:https://highschool.herffjones.com/-</u>
Price increase March 1st

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

Rugby



What is RUGBY?

We need you! Everyone gets a chance with the ball.

Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday after school 4:15-6:00PM - the back field by the greenhouse. Come out and give it a try! Contact the coach and other players at

https://chat.whatsapp.com/GIX184XcprSA2pLrDj6Ny or text 786-925-6416 for details



During Senior checkout on June 3, 4 & 5 PTO will have a station for collecting gently used uniforms.

This includes Lamar Polos, Lamar T-Shirts, Khaki shorts, skirts & pants. PLEASE be sure the uniforms are in good condition to be worn again.

Volunteers Needed will be needed to Collect & Sort and Wash Donated Uniforms.

Sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BAEA829A1F58-49715957-senior#/

QUICK LINKS

VIPS

PTO