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Principal's Corner



Highlighted Events

Sat. May 11th: Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (12th Hall) Mon. May 11th- Fri. May 10th: Teacher Appreciation Week Tue. May 14th: PTO Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)

Important Spring Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Exams

Results from the Spring STAAR EOC exams should be available on the <u>Texas Assessment Family</u> <u>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)

AP and IB exams continue through May 17

Students enrolled in AP and/or IB SL2/IB HL2 courses are required to take the corresponding exam as part of the course requirements. Students must arrive on time for all AP and IB exams. Per the College

Upcoming Events:

<u>Thu May 9th</u>

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- IB Testing (LHS)
- GT Expo 5:00-8:00PM (Gym and Grand Hall)

Fri. May 10th:

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- IB Testing (LHS)
- Choir Pop Show 7:00PM
 (Performance Hall)
- Rangerette Show 7:00PM (Gym)

Sat. May 11th:

- Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (12th Hall)
- MS Hackathon 9:20-2:00 (Woolweaver's room)

Mon. May 13th:

- IB Testing (LHS)
- Senior Yearbook pickup 11:45-12:45 (N309)

Tue. May 14th:

IB Testing (LHS)

Board and IB, students may not enter the exam once it has begun. Students missing the required AP or IB exam will be charged a \$40 non-use fee.

Testing Calendar

A calendar of all Spring 2024 testing (STAAR EOC, AP, IB) dates can be found here

Credit Appeal



Parent and Family Engagement Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete the 2023–2024, HISD Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement Survey. The purpose of this yearly survey is to see how well your child's school partners with you and encourages your family's engagement in your child's education. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Your feedback is anonymous. For your voice to be heard, please submit this survey on or before June 7, 2024 for your child's school. If you need assistance in completing this survey, please reach out to staff at your child(ren)'s school. Please remember: If all your children attend the same school, you only have to complete one survey. For each school that your child(ren) attend, a survey must be completed.

To complete the survey, you can access it online at:



English Version: https://houstonisd.research.net/r/PFE2023_English

OR

Take a picture with your smartphone or tablet of the following QR Code and you will be directed to the online survey:

Spanish Version:

https://houstonisd.research.net/r/PFE2023_Spanish

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Tome una foto con su teléfono o tableta inteligente de este Código QR y lo llevará a la encuesta en línea:

Vietnamese Version:

https://houstonisd.research.net/r/PFE2023_Vietnamese

- PTO Meeting 6:00-7:00PM
 (Grand Hall)
- Junior Yearbook pickup 11:45-12:45 (N309)

Wed. May 15th:

- IB Testing (LHS)
- Sophomore Yearbook pickup 11:45-12:45 (N309)

Thu. May 16th:

- Orchestra Concert 6:00PM
 (Performance Hall)
- Freshman Yearbook pickup
 11:45-12:45 (N309)

Fri. May 17th:

- Senior Finals Period 2/3
- IB Testing (LHS)
- Theatre SDOAP 7:00PM (Black Box)
- Makeup Day Yearbook pickup
 11:45-12:45 (N309)

Sat. May 18th:

Mon. May 20th:

- Senior Laptop Pick Up
- Senior Finals Period 6 & 7

Tue, May 21th:

- Virtual Course Selection 6:00-7:00PM
- IB Exhibition 8:30-4:00PM
- Senior Finals Period 1 & 4
- Wrestling Parent Meeting 6:00-8:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Cheer Clinic 4:30-7:00PM (Gym)

Wed. May 22nd:

- Senior Final Period 5 & 8
- 9th Grade Laptop Pickup
- Piano Show 6:00 & 7:30PM (Performance Hall)

Thu. May 23rd:

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Chụp hình với máy điện thoại đa năng tấm hình QR Code sau đây và quý vị sẽ được chuyển đến bản thăm dò trực tuyến:

Arabic Version:

https://houstonisd.research.net/r/PFE2023_Arabic

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Mandarin Chinese version:

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或者使用智能手机或平板电脑拍下以下二维码,扫描后即可进入在线调查:

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 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 <u>dlawren1@houstonisd.org</u>

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

Shout Outs:

Varsity Baseball



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BASEBALL TEAM for making it to the playoffs. Sorry we were not able bring home the victory, but the valiant effort of our baseball team made us proud!

Art - Teacher Advisory Group

Please join art teacher, **Ms. Attar and Edward Sanchez Andrade, Stevie Jost, Sofia Lorino, Zoe Villalobos, and alumni, Sadie Burlton.** We hope that you as well as family and friends will join us this Friday, May 10th from 6-8 PM at POST X-Atrium, 401 Franklin Street.

Join Contemporary Arts Museum Houston (CAMH) to celebrate the opening of the Teacher Advisory Group (TAG) Pop-Up Exhibition State of Disruption, confronting the challenges and complexities of the nation's current education system. Teachers from TAG and their students channel their creativity and

- 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)
- 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)

insights into thought-provoking works that reflect their classroom experiences and perspectives. Contemporary Arts Museum Houston's Teacher Advisory Group exhibition and proud of the students who will be showing their work.

Water Polo



A big congratulations to **Rayce Bagley** who qualified for the Water Polo Junior Olympics in California this summer! Rayce and his water polo team will complete in August against the top water polo teams from around the country. Lamar Water Polo wishes him good luck and congratulations!

Diving

CONGRATULATIONS to Lamar Diver **Rebeca Arrechedera**! Rebeca competed in the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics this past weekend in San Antonio. She finished 1st on the 3 meter diving platform and 2nd in the 1 meter diving platform. She has qualified to compete in the national championships in Florida this July. Good luck Rebeca!

Computer Science



Congratulations to **Ellery McDaniel** who was offered a IUCRC Brain REM summer internship at U of H! She will work with a U of H Computer Engineering professor on nanobots & designing them to

Wed. Jun 5th:

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- Underclassman Finals Period
- 5th & 8th
- Senior Check Out

Thu. Jun 6th:

Teachers Last Day

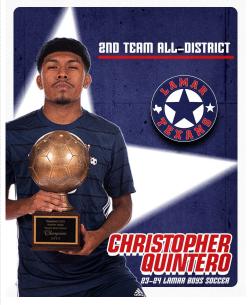
Fri. Jun 7th:

Sat. Jun 8th:

• Graduation 9:00AM (NRG)

navigate arteries semi-autonomously. In addition to a stiped, she will also participate in conferences in Houston and Washington D.C. as well as publish her research from the project. Congrats Ellery!

Boys Soccer



Congratulations to **Christopher Quintero**, Sr. - 4x District Champion, 2x First Team All District, 2nd Team All District as a Freshman, 2024 Captain! Christopher will play at the All Star Senior Game of Greater Houston. This game will showcase the great talent and level of play the Houston area has to offer while also giving our kids one last opportunity to represent their school! Join us to cheer him on at 6:30PM on Friday June 7th at Atascocita High School.

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:

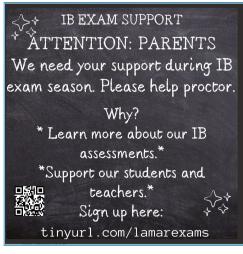
https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/IB-Registration-Fees/MdWo

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.

Rangerettes Spring Show



IB Exam Assistance



Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you for your support! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848ADAB2EAAFD0-47355864-2024 Please contact Dr. Acord, our IB DP coordinator, if you have questions: suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

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. <u>Click here</u>.

Laptop Pick Collection



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.

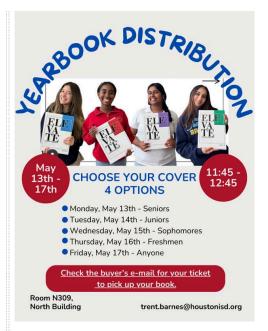
July 30, from 9:00am -12:00pm or 1:00pm - 4:00pm July 31, from 9:00am - 12:00pm or 1:00pm - 4:00pm Only one session is allowed.

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 <u>https://forms.gle/dYcYAzUNa9GPjk668</u>

Yearbook Distribution



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

Scholarship Opportunities

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





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THANK YOU TEACHERS

Hey Texanal We hope you're all having a great week. We wanted to remind everyone that it's Teacher Appreciation Week which is a perfect time to show our gratitude to the incredible educators who make such a difference in our lives. Let's take a moment to thank our teachers for their hard work, dedication, and the positive impact they have ou us every day. Whether you send a quick email, a handwritten note, or simply say thank you in person, your words mean a lot. Let's make this week special for our teachers and let them know how much we value everything they do. Wishing you all a fantastic Teacher Appreciation Week

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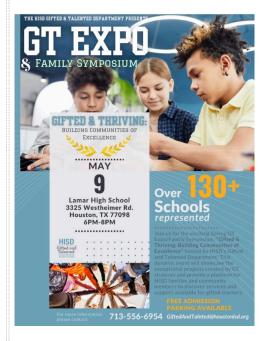


We are thrilled to invite you to an exhilarating event where our teachers will face off against our students in not one, but two inner tube water polo games! Mark your calendars for an afternoon of spirited competition and community fun.

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!

GT Expo



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 <u>tinyurl.com/PWCapp2024</u>

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 <u>Rice University's writing center</u>
- · 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. <u>https://www.registermyathlete.com/</u> Note: Physicals taken before May 15th will <u>not</u> be accepted.

Speed Camp



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

Lamar Summer Sports Camp



Junior Parent Meeting



Click the link below for the Junior Parent Meeting slides.

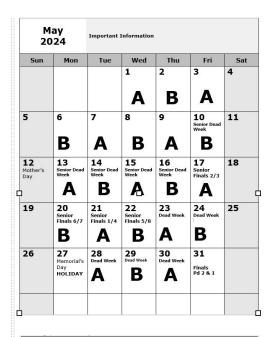
tinyurl.com/lamar2025

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 <u>cady.com/schedule</u>.

May and June A-B Calendar





Class of 2024 Senior Information

Mark Twain Reunion



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.

Roberts Reunion

Roberts Elementary Reunion



2024 Graduating Seniors who attended Roberts are invited to a Reunion!

Sunday May 19th 3-5pm at the 5th grade deck. Snacks & Beverages will be provided – Parents Welcome Too *Wear your college Tshirt*

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

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. <u>https://www.houstonisdpsd.org/dmol/VIPS/index.html#/</u>

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 www.houstonisd.org/graduation 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 (accepting only credit cards) \$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: <u>https://www.goldbeckcompany.com/online-order.php</u>



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.

> <u>OPTION 1:</u> 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 <u>NOT</u> 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 <u>https://chat.whatsapp.com/GIX184XcprSA2pLrDj6Ny</u> or text 786-925-6416 for details



QUICK LINKS

<u>VIPS</u>

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