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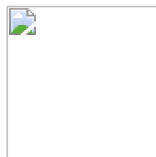
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Principal's Corner



Independent Review Teams

After the holidays, beginning November 27, 2023, Independent Review Teams will begin visiting campuses to evaluate the quality of instruction. These teams will be comprised of District Leadership from other areas. They will visit classrooms in small groups and will be looking for strong instructional practices. I am confident they will see exceptional classrooms.

Change to Final Exam Schedule

We were notified this week that we will need to change the final exam schedule for the week of December 18-21. We will no longer be able to run a final exam schedule with early dismissal. Please plan for full school days all week with dismissal at 4:10 p.m.

We will have a revised schedule for final exams right after Thanksgiving. I would like to get input from teachers and students before that is finalized.

Safety Tip for New Drivers

We have had several accidents in the garage in the last couple of weeks. I want to remind drivers that you must leave a note or report the accident to an officer or administrator. Failure to do so is a violation of the law.

Highlighted Events

Fri. Nov 17th: REPORT CARD DAY

Mon. Nov 20th-Fri. Nov 24th: Thanksgiving Holiday- No School

Shout Outs!

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Nov 16th:

- Magnet Tour 1:00
(Performance Hall)
- Cap and Gown Sales
11:45AM (12th Grade Hall)

Fri. Nov 17th:

- REPORT CARD DAY
- Debate @ Cy Creek
- Freshman Boys Basketball @Klein Forest
4:30PM
- JV Boys Basketball @Klein Forest 6:00PM
- Varsity Boys Basketball @Klein Forest 7:30PM
- Varsity Swim @ TISCA
- Wrestling @ Cy Ridge
1:00-11:00PM

Sat. Nov 18th:

- Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (LHS)
- Freshman Boys Basketball vs Worthing 10:00AM (gym)

HISD Holiday Card Finalist

Congratulations to **Zoe Villalobos** who was a finalist for the HISD Holiday Card competition- Out of thousands of High School students Zoe made the top 7 entries to be selected!
“G” double “O” “D” “J” “O” “B” Zoe!!!!

Theatre



Lamar Texans Theatre Company is on the way to Grapevine, Texas and the Gaylord Texas Convention Center for three days of intensive Theatre Workshops and Competitions!

Football Playoffs!

Tickets: <https://gofan.co/event/1238310>

Football Playoffs Shirts

- JV Boys Basketball vs
Worthing 11:30 AM (gym)
- Varsity Boys Basketball
vs Worthing
1:00PM (gym)
- Wrestling @ Cy Ridge
1:00-11:00PM

Mon. Nov 20th:

- **Thanksgiving Holiday-
No School**
- Freshman Boys
Basketball @ Clear
Springs 11:30AM
- JV Boys Basketball @
Clear Springs 1:30PM
- Varsity Boys Basketball
@ Clear Springs 2:30PM

Tue. Nov 21st:

- Freshman Girls
Basketball vs Klein Oak
10:00am (gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs
Klein Oak 11:30am (gym)
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
Klein Oak 1:00pm (gym)

Wed. Nov 23rd:

- Building Closed

Thu. Nov 24th:

- Building Closed

Fri. Nov 24th:

- Building Closed
- JV Boys Basketball @
Robert Shaw Tournament
- Varsity Boys Basketball
@ Episcopal 7:00PM

Sat. Nov 25th:

- Building Closed
- JV Boys Basketball @
Robert Shaw Tournament
- Varsity Boys Basketball
@ Episcopal 8:30AM



Playoff Shirts \$20 - Dry Fit

<https://one.bidpal.net/2023footballplayoffshirts/browse/featured>

Available for pick up in athletic office once purchased.

Diving



Congratulations to our Lamar Dive Team as they head to the 2023 TISCA GULF CHAMPIONSHIPS - DIVING Shenendoah, Texas Finals Start at 4:00 PM

Best of luck to divers that qualified :

Matias, Slade, Rebecca, and Sadie

Testing Updates

AP Exam Registration

All students taking AP classes (AP Government, AP World History, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Precalculus) are required to take the corresponding AP exam in May 2024. HISD pays the registration fee for these AP exams, but all AP students must register for the exam by joining their teacher's AP

Classroom. All AP students should have registered in their AP class by October 6th. If your child is taking an AP class, please ensure they have connected to their teacher's digital AP Classroom. All students must complete this process to be registered for their AP exam.

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 – Date Change

Mon. Nov 27th:

- JV Boys Golf @ Pecan Grove
- JV Girls Golf @ Kingwood

Tue. Nov 28th:

- Women on the Up 11:45AM
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Heights 6:00PM (Delmar)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Heights 7:30PM (Engram)
- JV Boys Golf @ Bayou Golf Course

Wed. Nov. 29th:

- Swim Meyerland vs Hogg 5:00-8:30PM (pool)
- Beginning Golf @ FM Law
- Freshman Girls Basketball vs Heights 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs Heights 7:30PM (Gym)

Thu. Nov 30th:

- Swim @ Westside 5:30-8:30PM
- Magnet Tour 1:00 (Performance Hall)
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Katy Tournament
- Freshman Boys Basketball @ Strake Tournament
- JV Boys Basketball @ Strake Tournament
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ HISD Tournament

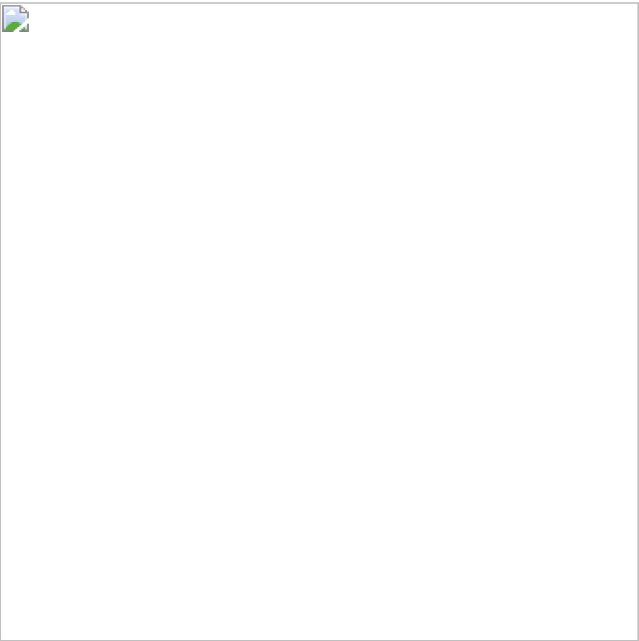
Fri. Dec 1st:

- Wrestling @ Morton Ranch
- Band Contest @ Katy
- Freshman Boys Basketball @ Strake

Identified students are scheduled to take the STAAR EOC (End of Course) exam **December 5th – 11th**. Students who previously failed an EOC or who were absent during testing last year, will have an opportunity to take the needed EOC at Lamar this December. Students will be reminded through their HISD school email the last week in November, if they need to test. Students must pass all five STAAR EOC tests to meet graduation requirements. The next opportunity to retake these tests will be in April/May 2024. All STAAR EOC tests are administered on the computer. Students must bring their fully charged laptop and charging cable to their assigned testing room at 8:30 AM on the day listed below. If you have any questions, please email your child’s Academic Dean or Ms. Walton, the Campus Test Coordinator, at swalton@houstonisd.org.

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

Lost and Found



FFA Poinsettia Sales

Tournament

- JV Boys Basketball @ Strake Tournament
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ HISD Tournament
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Katy Tournament

Sat. Dec 2nd:

- Swim Texans Roundup 9:00-2:00 (Pool)
- Band Contest @ Katy
- Freshman Boys Basketball @ Strake Tournament
- JV Boys Basketball @ Strake Tournament
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ HISD Tournament
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Katy Tournament
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Heights 11:30AM (Barnett)

Mon. Dec. 4th:

- Varsity Girls Golf @ Bay Oaks
- Debate @ Clear Lake
- Band Contest @ Katy

Tue. Dec 5th:

- STAAR Restest EOC English I (LHS)
- Order Letterman Jackets 11:45 (Grand Hall)
- Choir Concert 6:00PM (Performance Hall)
- Women on the Way Up 11:45AM (LHS)
- Debate @ Clear Lake
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Eisenhower 7:30PM (Gym)
- JV Boys Basketball vs Eisenhower 6:30PM (Gym)



Juniors and Seniors in SL and HL Courses

[Please complete this form](#) by November 1st at 4 pm to request accommodations on your IB exams that will take place in the spring semester. These are official IB exams, not class exams or final exams. You may only request accommodations that you currently have through your 504 or IEP. Sometimes the IB requests additional documentation to determine accommodations. If requested, you will need to email the documents to Dr. Acord by Nov. 1st at 4 pm. Contact Dr. Acord if you have questions. suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org. Form must be completed by the student.

IB Fee for 11th and 12th Grade Families

All 11th and 12th graders taking one or more IB classes are required to pay an annual \$90 IB fee. 11th and 12th grade IB course names end in SL and HL. If you see SL or HL on your child's schedule, your child is in an IB course. This fee supports IB materials, digital resources, and teacher trainings for our IB programs. The actual fee that HISD pays to the IB is \$119 per course. When a student tests in five IB courses, HISD pays the IB \$595. The annual fee of \$90 is due by **October 13th, 2023**.

Students who have submitted a socio-economic form and are identified as economically disadvantaged may pay \$30. You can make your annual payment through School Pay or in person at the Lamar business office. Students who do not pay their annual IB fee will not be able to complete senior check out in May. Contact Dr. Acord if you have questions. suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

- Freshman Boys
Basketball vs Eisenhower
4:30PM (Gym)

Wed. Dec 6th:

- STAAR Restest - US
History
- Swim Lanier Intra Pup
5:00-8:30PM (Pool)
- Orchestra Concert
6:00PM (Performance Hall)
- FFA Parent Meeting
6:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Wrestling @ Waltrip
5:00PM
- Freshman Girls
Basketball @ Westside
6:00PM
- JV Girls Basketball @
Westside 7:30PM
- Freshman Boys
Basketball vs Westside
6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Boys Basketball vs
Westside 7:30PM (Gym)

Thu. Dec 7th:

- Magnet Tour 1:00
(Performance Hall)
- Band Performance @
Levy Park 6:30Pm
- Wrestling vs Chavez
6:00-10:00PM (Gym)



10th Grade Families

Hello, 10th Grade Families! Thank you to everyone who came to our IB Informational Meeting last night. We wanted to provide the slides from the meeting to everyone, as well as include some other helpful information.

Slideshow from the meeting can be found [here](#). To help students gain a better understanding of our Career-Related Program and Diploma Program choices, click [here](#). You can find more information on the courses we offer in the [Student Resource Guide](#).

Student Led Conferences will begin after Thanksgiving break. Ms. Ryan and Ms. Ballard will schedule the meetings and send the calendar invitations to both the student and the parent email address on file. If the date/time does not work for you, please let us know. Students will attend the conference in person, while parents will attend virtually on Microsoft Teams. Students should be prepared with a digital portfolio, which they will present during the conference. The digital portfolio should include the following: 2 academic goals, one personal goal, and IB Learner Profile attributes. Students should also include one artifact from each of their core classes and one elective. Students with portfolios from 9th grade should just add to it. Students without a portfolio from last year will be creating a new one. Use this [link](#) to make a copy of the portfolio if you do not have one from last year. Watch this [video](#) for more information on the Student Led Conference format.

We look forward to meeting with all of our students and helping them to select the path and plan that best suits them. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Joyce Ballard – jballard@houstonisd.org – 10 AB Academic Dean

Rebecca Ryan – rryan@houstonisd.org - 10 CD Academic Dean

Credit Appeal



COLLEGE CORNER

College Corner Hot Topics:

FAFSA will open December 31st

Hot Scholarship List

Career Specialist starting in January

Newsletter Link:

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 11th

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 12th and

Tuesday, January 16th

During Lunch

To pick-up your panoramic picture

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Yearbook

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

Senior Quotes - <https://forms.gle/Dc4qxncepmUvcgMa6>

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 School code is 25147. Discounted price currently active until November 15th.

Buy your Yearbook – current price is \$75.

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. 1st - Dec 5th \$90

All the above plus Prom Ticket-

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:

<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 14, 2023 Panoramic Photo
November 14, 2023 Senior Breakfast
November 16th, 2023 Herff Jones Cap and Gown Orders
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.



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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