

## ****Principal's Corner****



**Final Exams**

As a reminder, students may take their final exams in-person or remotely from home.  The exams are synchronous, so pay attention to the schedule below for start and end times on the exams.  Students will be asked to turn on their camera if they are testing from home, but are allowed to turn off the microphone and may use a Teams background to ensure privacy.  Students may only use one device during testing, the HISD provided laptop.  If your student is having trouble with the laptop, this is the time to contact our Tech Support for assistance.  Students should turn off their phone for the testing period and place it in another room.

**Spring Semester**

The Spring Semester begins on Monday, February 1, 2021 with a Blue A-Day.  Students will be able to access a copy of their schedule through HISD Connect Student Portal.  There are a few changes for the spring semester so please take time to check your schedule.

**Spring Semester Final Exam Exemptions**

Join me to learn more about your opportunity to be exempt from your Spring Final Exams, on Tuesday, January 26 at 1:00 p.m.  The link for this meeting will be on our website at @viewfromthelhsbalcony on Instagram.  All students will have the opportunity to be exempt.  Do the work along the way and don’t endure the stress of final exams for every class.

**Principal’s Cabinet**

I have asked all sponsors for clubs, teams and organizations on campus to identify two students to serve as representatives on the Principal’s Cabinet.  I will use this group to serve as an advisory board as we begin to make plans for next school year, and will also ask them to help us establish guidelines for our Hall of Honor.  I would like an area of the school designated to alumni who have been groundbreaking in their fields and would serve as models of excellence for our students.  We will begin this work in the coming weeks.  If you were selected as a representative for the Principal’s Cabinet, watch for an email from me with information on our first meeting.  If your club, team or organization has not selected representation yet, please remind your sponsor to submit the name(s) of representatives.

## ****Highlighted Events****

* **Mon. Jan. 25th - 2nd & 1st Period Final Exams**
* **Tues. Jan. 26th-  6th & 5th Period Final Exams**
* **Tues. Jan. 26th- Underclassmen Photo Retakes (LHS) 1 - 6 pm**
* **Tues. Jan. 26th- Dilly Lettermen Jackets (Transit Center) 1 pm**
* **Wed. Jan. 27th-  3rd & 4th Period Final Exams**
* **Thurs. Jan. 28th - Sat. Jan. 30th- Debate Tournament (Online)**
* **Thurs. Jan. 28th- 7th & 8th Period Final Exams**
* **Fri. Jan. 29th- Teacher Prep Day (NO STUDENTS)**
* **Wed. Feb. 10th- PTO Meeting (Online) 6 pm**
* **Wed. Feb. 10th- College Corner Workshop Wednesdays (Online) 7 pm**

## ****Mid Term Exams Bell Schedule****

Monday, January 25, 2021:           Period 2- (8:30 - 10:35 am) (ADA=10:30)

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Tuesday, January 26, 2021:           Period 6- (8:30 - 10:35 am) (ADA=10:30)

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                                                          Lunch 12:40 - 12:50 pm

Wednesday, January 27, 2021:    Period 3- (8:30 - 10:35 am) (ADA=10:30)

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Thursday, January 28, 2021:        Period 7- (8:30 - 10:35 am) (ADA=10:30)

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                                                          Lunch 12:40 - 12:50 pm

## ****Testing Information****

Dates:

February 23 – PSAT 10 – 10th grade

March 3 – SAT – 11th grade

STAAR EOC Results

Results from the December 2020 administration are now available at [www.TexasAssessment.com](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/xSRyvjgn10fW5U-81peswg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0QeaHR0cDovL3d3dy5UZXhhc0Fzc2Vzc21lbnQuY29tVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgCCwPCmBwh2xQUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~) for all students who take a STAAR test in December. Access Codes can be found at the bottom of all previous STAAR student reports or you can click on Find My Access Code, if you do not have it.

## ****Lights, Camera, LAST CHANCE PHOTOS!****

**UNDERCLASSMEN ONLY:**If you missed picture day, or want a retake, you have another opportunity to get your photo in the yearbook!

**Set your calendar for after finals on Tuesday, January 26th from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Sign-ups**for your timeslot via the following link: [**bit.ly/LHSyearbookphotos**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/wcwJjmbnRijScByaSZ6qOA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0QfaHR0cDovL2JpdC5seS9MSFN5ZWFyYm9va3Bob3Rvc1cHc2Nob29sbUIKYAgsDwpgcIdsUFIXREpPTkVTMTNAaG91c3RvbmlzZC5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

**Please contact Kadee Harper,**[**kadee.harper@houstonisd.org**](mailto:kadee.harper@houstonisd.org)**, with questions regarding pictures.**

## ****Dilly Lettermen Jackets****

Dilly will be on campus Tuesday, January 26, at 1:00pm in the transit center to take letter jacket orders for approved varsity lettermen for the following sports: cross country, football, volleyball, basketball, swimming, team tennis and wrestling.  Check with your coach or sponsor for further information.

## ****Student Success Center: A New Teams Group****

This Public LHS Teams group was created as a space to share information with students about opportunities including, but not limited to, the following:

* job fairs
* career-technology-education forums
* job-training
* student-specific available job opportunities
* mentorships
* internships
* workshops, presentations, and more!

ANY Lamar student can join to take control of their opportunities to find SUCCESS!

**JOIN THE TEAM via the following cap-sensitive link:**[**bit.ly/LHSstudentsuccess**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/zqou9fA3K4IBiMWgdYGP0w~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0QgaHR0cHM6Ly9iaXQubHkvTEhTc3R1ZGVudHN1Y2Nlc3NXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmAILA8KYHCHbFBSF0RKT05FUzEzQGhvdXN0b25pc2Qub3JnWAQAAAAB)

Please contact Kadee Harper, [kadee.harper@houstonisd.org](mailto:kadee.harper@houstonisd.org), with questions. 

## ****Lamar's Debate Tournament****

Lamar High School Debate is hosting a virtual state qualifying speech and debate tournament January 28th to the 30th.



For this event to be successful, we are in need of judges. No experience necessary. Come be entertained in the comfort of your own home.

Please go to this link to register. [https://forms.gle/aZqKuDK6DTbE8Tb97](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/37ZZdtsiR9eAkZq3jVGBnQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0QjaHR0cHM6Ly9mb3Jtcy5nbGUvYVpxS3VESzZEVGJFOFRiOTdXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmAILA8KYHCHbFBSF0RKT05FUzEzQGhvdXN0b25pc2Qub3JnWAQAAAAB)

You may also contact

Mr. Greg Mayo at [tmayo@houstonisd.org](mailto:tmayo@houstonisd.org)

Mr. Stephen Jump at [stephen.jump@houstonisd.org](mailto:stephen.jump@houstonisd.org)

## PTO Meeting

Please JOIN Lamar's PTO meeting and learn  what is being done to support the teachers and students. The agenda will include a report from Principal Rita Graves and reports from many PTO committees. PTO meetings are good time to ask questions and offer suggestions.  
  
**When:  February 10, 2021  
Time:   6PM**  
  
**Followed by**  
**College Workshop Wednesday 7PM**  
  
**Click**[**HERE**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/ZhqNIe3jeqwTdPcJngFbeA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0TqaHR0cHM6Ly90ZWFtcy5taWNyb3NvZnQuY29tL2wvbWVldHVwLWpvaW4vMTklM2E0NDRjMDg1M2I4NDc0NmE1ODQ0YTUxMmFmMDhlZjUxOCU0MHRocmVhZC50YWN2Mi8xNjExMjQ1NTg0NzA5P2NvbnRleHQ9JTdiJTIyVGlkJTIyJTNhJTIyZjVlYjk5NjYtOTMzNi00YjMzLTg4OTUtOTk4MjQyNWIxM2VkJTIyJTJjJTIyT2lkJTIyJTNhJTIyMDJjOTJhZDMtMWFiZC00Njk5LWExMjMtMGMwYjI0NTYwYWIyJTIyJTdkVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgCCwPCmBwh2xQUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)**to join the PTO Meeting and CWW**  
**or Click the link below**  
[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3a444c0853b84746a5844a512af08ef518%40thread.tacv2/1611245584709?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f5eb9966-9336-4b33-8895-9982425b13ed%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2202c92ad3-1abd-4699-a123-0c0b24560ab2%22%7d](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/3wDiFGVzrMoZ4wiJ17Gu9w~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0RoaHR0cHM6Ly9sYW1hcnB0by51czIwLmxpc3QtbWFuYWdlLmNvbS90cmFjay9jbGljaz91PTg2NzUxY2NhNGUzMmFkMjFiZmU2MDUyYzYmaWQ9N2JiMGQ1YjM4MiZlPWMwYzI3MjQ1ZWFXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmAILA8KYHCHbFBSF0RKT05FUzEzQGhvdXN0b25pc2Qub3JnWAQAAAAB)

## College Corner Workshop Wednesdays ****Lamar PTO and College Corner have scheduled FOUR new CWW presentations that you will not want to miss.**** ****Mark you calendars and plan to attend!****

**Click**[HERE](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/ZhqNIe3jeqwTdPcJngFbeA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0TqaHR0cHM6Ly90ZWFtcy5taWNyb3NvZnQuY29tL2wvbWVldHVwLWpvaW4vMTklM2E0NDRjMDg1M2I4NDc0NmE1ODQ0YTUxMmFmMDhlZjUxOCU0MHRocmVhZC50YWN2Mi8xNjExMjQ1NTg0NzA5P2NvbnRleHQ9JTdiJTIyVGlkJTIyJTNhJTIyZjVlYjk5NjYtOTMzNi00YjMzLTg4OTUtOTk4MjQyNWIxM2VkJTIyJTJjJTIyT2lkJTIyJTNhJTIyMDJjOTJhZDMtMWFiZC00Njk5LWExMjMtMGMwYjI0NTYwYWIyJTIyJTdkVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgCCwPCmBwh2xQUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)**to join CWW**  
**or Click the link below**  
  
[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3a444c0853b84746a5844a512af08ef518%40thread.tacv2/1611245584709?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f5eb9966-9336-4b33-8895-9982425b13ed%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2202c92ad3-1abd-4699-a123-0c0b24560ab2%22%7d](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/ZhqNIe3jeqwTdPcJngFbeA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0TqaHR0cHM6Ly90ZWFtcy5taWNyb3NvZnQuY29tL2wvbWVldHVwLWpvaW4vMTklM2E0NDRjMDg1M2I4NDc0NmE1ODQ0YTUxMmFmMDhlZjUxOCU0MHRocmVhZC50YWN2Mi8xNjExMjQ1NTg0NzA5P2NvbnRleHQ9JTdiJTIyVGlkJTIyJTNhJTIyZjVlYjk5NjYtOTMzNi00YjMzLTg4OTUtOTk4MjQyNWIxM2VkJTIyJTJjJTIyT2lkJTIyJTNhJTIyMDJjOTJhZDMtMWFiZC00Njk5LWExMjMtMGMwYjI0NTYwYWIyJTIyJTdkVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgCCwPCmBwh2xQUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

**Date: *February 3***

* **Topic: *College Essays and Resumes***
* **Hosted By:** Great Expectations, Maryann Monroe

**Date: *February 10***

* **Topic: *Making a College List***
* **Hosted By:** Bright Futures - Claire Mangrum

**Date: *February 17***

* **Topic: *ACT, SAT, and CLEP - How To Chose and When To Take Them***
* **Hosted By:** Huntington Learning Center, Wendy Tilford

**Date: *February 24***

* **Topic: *What To Do Once You Are Accepted/How to Choose***

**Hosted By:** College Dreams, Penny Linsenmayer

## APEX Course Deadline

The deadline to finish APEX U.S. GOVT is Friday, January 22, 2021.  If you do not finish the course so that it can be credited before the end of the semester, you will likely be placed in a face-to-face section for the spring semester and will lose access to any off campus periods.

Please get busy and finish up this online course.

If you are having trouble with APEX, please contact Ms. Forbes at [sforbes1@houstonisd.org](mailto:sforbes1@houstonisd.org)

## Communities in Schools

Communities In Schools would like to invite Lamar High School students to attend their annual Virtual Job Readiness Seminar. Please see the attachment [Communities in School. Raffle GiveawaysJPG.png](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/_ovMPM-jNNIi6j6P-BwYWw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPXlkekpURldodnhrJm1hbD04NDhmYmEwYTllNjhiMGZjZTVlYzZlMTU0MTk4MDFhOTgxNDU5NGQ2YWMxNGUzNTRhZDJlNmM0ZjZlZjcxM2Q5VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgCCwPCmBwh2xQUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)  for more information on the event, and sign up by scanning the QR code or clicking this link: [www.surveymonkey.com/R/9R5J6C3](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/S3wEuV8qv4BpvD6McAfmCw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0QmaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc3VydmV5bW9ua2V5LmNvbS9SLzlSNUo2QzNXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmAILA8KYHCHbFBSF0RKT05FUzEzQGhvdXN0b25pc2Qub3JnWAQAAAAB)

If you would like to learn more, please contact Ms. Klak with CIS through teams or by email at [Kelly.klak@houstonisd.org](mailto:Kelly.klak@houstonisd.org)

## ****Wraparound Services****

Our Wraparound Resource Specialist can help you with the following:

* Food & Nutrition
* Clothing/Uniforms Assistance
* Rental Assistance
* Homeless Assistance
* School Supplies Assistance
* Mental Health/Counseling Referrals
* Adult Education
* Crisis Support
* Healthcare
* Immigration Services
* Job Assistance
* Out of School Activities & More...

Click:   for additional information.

## ****SENIOR ADS - RUNNING OUT OF TIME!****

**Time is running out to purchase a yearbook ad or shoutout for your senior/student!**

**The deadline has been extended to January 29th and ad prices start at just $40!**

You can create the meaningful and personalized ad yourself (like Shutterfly) or we can create it with photos you supply.

It’s quick, it’s easy, and it’ll last forever!

**To purchase a yearbook or yearbook ad, follow the steps below:**

--> Go to [www.balfour.com](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/e_rW-jpIb-VlfNoqM6XTgw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0QWaHR0cDovL3d3dy5iYWxmb3VyLmNvbVcHc2Nob29sbUIKYAgsDwpgcIdsUFIXREpPTkVTMTNAaG91c3RvbmlzZC5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

--> Click yearbooks and enter your student's information

--> Once entered, click SHOP FOR THIS STUDENT

--> You will see all yearbook ad sizes and prices as well as all items available to purchase, such as the yearbook itself!

-->Once you purchase the ad space you can personalize it yourself! If you wish to have a yearbook staff member create the ad for you, please contact our Adviser after you purchase the ad for further direction.

**Follow us on Instagram, Tic Tok, and Twitter @lamarlifeonline and @lamarlifeyearbook for more updates!**

Please contact Kadee Harper, [kadee.harper@houstonisd.org](mailto:kadee.harper@houstonisd.org), with questions.

## Balfour Graduation Invitations



**GRADUATION DATE:  TBA**

Hello Texans! Its is 2nd Semester and Graduation is around the corner. Below we have attached links with all information needed for placing your Graduation Order. Orders can easily be placed online at balfour.com, placed at our office or placed at school on designated days. Balfour will be on campus during lunch for questions and orders on:

**Tuesday, Feb. 2**

and

**Wednesday, Mar. 3**

Packets have been left at the front reception area if you would like a hard copy of either brochure.

Lamar High Schools Custom Balfour Page

[https://www.balfour.com/texas/houston/lamar-high-school](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/fSl8RuXjCPNLcM0zK22I5A~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0Q3aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYmFsZm91ci5jb20vdGV4YXMvaG91c3Rvbi9sYW1hci1oaWdoLXNjaG9vbFcHc2Nob29sbUIKYAgsDwpgcIdsUFIXREpPTkVTMTNAaG91c3RvbmlzZC5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

Class Jewelry Catalog

[https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1018756/](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/E5j3VnvRB-H7ddlbSNzWVw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0QtaHR0cHM6Ly9vbmxpbmUuZmxpcHBpbmdib29rLmNvbS92aWV3LzEwMTg3NTYvVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgCCwPCmBwh2xQUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

Graduation Catalog

[https://online.flippingbook.com/view/673253/](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/TMNQwTiGDAbQhc3Jsgrf6Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh60KsP0QsaHR0cHM6Ly9vbmxpbmUuZmxpcHBpbmdib29rLmNvbS92aWV3LzY3MzI1My9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCmAILA8KYHCHbFBSF0RKT05FUzEzQGhvdXN0b25pc2Qub3JnWAQAAAAB)

All products except Cap and Gowns and Diploma Frames will be mailed directly to the students home. Cap and Gowns and Diplomas Frames will be delivered to the Senior Class at a later date in the Spring.

Please be aware that an individual processing fee will be included after March 3, 2021.

## Baseball Tryouts

Baseball tryouts will begin Friday Jan 22 at 4:30 PM at the baseball field. All required paperwork needs to be submitted PRIOR to trying out. Please email Coach Munoz at [Dmunoz@houstonisd.org](mailto:Dmunoz@houstonisd.org) for more information.

## Interested in Wrestling

Contact Coach Wingard immediately  at [Justin.Wingard@houstonisd.org](mailto:Justin.Wingard@houstonisd.org)  if you are interested.

## ****Appointments****

Please try to schedule all appointments for days when students are virtual to help us limit the number of people on campus during the day.  This is an important part of our Communicable Diseases Plan and is important in maintaining in-person as an option for students.

In the event of a true emergency, please call in advance to let the Welcome Center know you are coming to campus.  **Please remember that we cannot check out students during the lunch period 11:45-12:45 p.m., or during the last 30 minutes of the school day (3:40-4:10 p.m.)**

## ****Need Help with Something Else?****

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| If your Advocacy Teacher is … | Your Academic Dean is …  Your Assistant Principal is...  Your Neighborhood Clerk is... |
| Mr. Arjon or Mr. A. Ryan  9A & 9B | Mr. Jefferson  [pjeffer2@houstonisd.org](mailto:pjeffer2@houstonisd.org)  Dr. Cain  [rcain@houstonisd.org](mailto:rcain@houstonisd.org)   Ms. Guzman   [Mguzman5@houstonisd.org](mailto:Mguzman5@houstonisd.org) |
| Ms. Argueta or Ms. Valle  9C & 9D | Ms. Lawrence [dlawren1@houstonisd.org](mailto:dlawren1@houstonisd.org)  Ms. King [kking8@houstonisd.org](mailto:kking8@houstonisd.org)   Ms. Chavez    [chavez7@houstonisd.org](mailto:chavez7@houstonisd.org) |
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| Mr. Mahendran or Ms. Wu 12C &12D | Mr. Braham  [abrahm@houstonisd.org](mailto:abrahm@houstonisd.org)  Mr. Alaniz  [jalaniz1@houstonisd.org](mailto:jalaniz1@houstonisd.org)  Mr. Osborne     [SOSBORNE@houstonisd.org](mailto:SOSBORNE@houstonisd.org) |

## ****An Inspirational Moment****

"Live to shed joys on others.  Thus best shall your own happiness be secured."

Author:  Henry Ward Beecher

