Principal's Corner

ProTip
As we approach the end of the first grading cycle tomorrow, students should make sure they have submitted ALL of their assignments and turned in any notes for absences. Send all notes for absences to the Parent Engagement Rep for your child’s grade level.

Introducing Ms. Williams

Lamar is hosting a Principal Intern this school year. Ms. Carrie Williams has joined the team, and is packing her tool kit with new learning as she prepares to become a principal in Houston ISD.

Highlighted Events

**Fri. Sep 29th:** END OF CYCLE 1
Shout Outs!

** Courtesy Cart

Lamar  Students are taking the initiative to pamper our faculty and staff while learning functional life skills that will help them in their daily lives! It's amazing to see them taking advantage of real-life opportunities to take on new challenges and grow as individuals.

The Lamar Band placed 4th in their class at this past weekend's Baytown Marching Showcase. This placement shows both an improvement from last year's level of performance and reason to push harder for next week's competition in Webster. The hosts of the competition at Baytown encouraged bands to not wear their full uniforms due to the unprecedented heat. Go Band!

Pictured:
- **Drexler Bercovich**, trumpet soloist
- Members of the woodwind section: (L to R) **Hermosa Casas, Claire King (in back), Nevaeh Brown, Cameron Hicks, Sofia Carpio, Abrasjah Mitchell, Michael Rodriguez, Ameera Machado, Ashley Lewis, Maci Flood, Harriet Bateman**
- **Jonathan Molina**, alto saxophone

Robotics

- **Freshman A**
  - Football vs.
  - Highower 5:00PM (Fields)
- **Freshman B**
  - Football vs Humble
  - B 6:30PM (Fields)
Lamar DiscoBots competed Saturday and Sunday at College Park High School in the Woodlands for the annual Robot Remix Tournament. The tournament is an invitational boasting 36 of the highest ranked FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) teams from Texas and Northern Mexico. Lamar Ranked 6th in Qualifying Matches and went on to captain an alliance of robots through the semi-finals. This is the final post-season event for one of the most decorated robots and celebrated teams in recent Lamar history. The new FRC Robotics season will commence in January so please stay tuned for more FRC milestones in the Spring Semester.

Wraparound Contest

Congratulations to Ms. Zoe Villalobos (11) on winning the Wraparound art contest for the Metro Bus Shelter. Houston Metro will be having a reveal in October to showcase the finish artwork so please check it out once completed. We will keep you posted.

Boys Beginning Golf
Boys won third place today and their was first tournament of the year. Tristan Barrios, Ryan Finlay, John Holcomb, Tanon Sutitum, and Stone Hoover

First Day Packets
Have you completed and returned the first day packet? If not, please do so by OCTOBER 4th. If you lost the paperwork, you can get a new set from the neighborhood clerk. These are important document that allow us to garner additional funding and allow us to keep your emergency information up to date.

Testing Updates
SAT – October 11, 2023 for eligible Seniors
PSAT – October 12, 2023 for all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders
Lamar Testing Calendar 2023-2024

Are you curious about the new digital PSAT and SAT? Check out the latest information from the College Board about the adaptive features of the digital PSAT and SAT tests here.

SAT for eligible 12th graders - October 11th
Seniors who have never taken the SAT before have been registered to take the SAT, free of charge, on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. These students have been notified through their HISD email. All students taking the SAT must arrive on campus by 8:30 AM. It is important that students are on time. Students arriving late will
not be allowed to test. For more information about the SAT, please visit the [College Board website](https://www.collegeboard.org). This will be a paper-based test and calculators will be provided for the SAT.

**PSAT for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders – October 12th**

Our 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will take the PSAT (8/9 or NMSQT) on Thursday, October 12, 2023. All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students have been registered to take this test free of charge. All students who are testing must arrive on campus by 8:30 AM. It is important that students are on time. Students arriving late will not be allowed to test. This will be the only opportunity to test this school year. There will be no make-up exams. For helpful hints about taking the PSAT, please visit the College Board [here](https://www.collegeboard.org). Beginning this fall, the PSAT is moving to a digital format. Students will use their HISD laptop to take the PSAT using the Bluebook app. For more information about the new digital format, please view [What to Expect with the New Digital PSAT](https://www.collegeboard.org).

### Outbound Sponsored Programs

**U.S. Department of State Sponsored Programs**

(Overseen by AFS and a consortium of other organizations)

- The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYE) Program provides scholarships for eligible American high school students to graduate or non-graduate students to study and culture immersively in Germany. Scholarship recipients will serve as “youth ambassadors” as they join a new generation of young Americans to learn German, improve public speaking skills, gain a greater understanding of Germany, and develop a global perspective. They will attend a German high school, live with a host family, and take part in cultural and social activities. The program will immerse students in day-to-day life in the culture, attending a local high school, and living with a host family. Additional activities include excursions and meetings with government officials in the U.S. and Germany.
  - Learn more and start an application on our website: [AFS Germany](https://www.afsgermany.org)
  - The deadline to apply is December 2, 2022 at 4:00 pm Eastern
  - Contact: AFS Germany at 800-735-2111 with questions.

- The Kennedy-Jerney Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program provides scholarships for eligible American high school students and recent graduates to live with host families and attend a local high school for an academic year in Ecuador and Paraguay, India, China, India, Jordan, Mongolia, Morocco, Peru, Thailand, or Turkey. Through the YES Abroad program, students develop leadership skills, emotional competence, and an understanding of global interests and values shared across cultures. Students also promote mutual understanding between the U.S. and the host country by forming lasting relationships with the host community.
  - Learn more and start an application on our [website](https://www.dhs.gov/yes-abroad)
  - The deadline to apply is December 7, 2022 at 4:00 pm Eastern
  - Contact: YES Abroad at 877-765-0411 with questions.

- The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) provides need-based scholarships for American high school students and recent graduates to learn critical languages in summer (6-weeks) and academic-year overseas programs. The program focuses on language instruction while providing participants with cultural experiences in the host community and sparking a lifetime interest in languages and cultures. Summer and academic-year programs are available for Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, and Russian.
  - Learn more and start an application on our website: [NSLI-Y Youth](https://www.dhs.gov/yes-abroad)
  - The deadline to apply is December 2, 2022 at 4:00 pm Eastern
  - Contact: NSLI Y Abroad at 800-735-2111 with questions.

CBYE, YES Abroad, and NSLI-Y are programs of the U.S. Department of State

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**StuCo**

Happy fifth week of School Texans! STUCO hopes the first grading cycle treated you well. Next week is the start of October. You know what that means HOCOOOO! We hope you guys are as excited as we are!

**Homecoming Court**
IB Fee for 11th and 12th Grade Families

All 11th and 12th grade students taking at least one SL or HL class are asked to pay the $90 annual IB fee. Students who are identified as economically disadvantaged can pay a reduced $30 fee. Not sure if your child is in an IB course? IB course names end in SL or HL. Please pay on SchoolPay or in the Business Office by October 15th. Contact suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org if you have questions.

Homecoming Mums

TO ORDER STOP BY THE BOOTH IN THE GRAND HALL
SALES START SEPT. 18 - OCT. 13

MUMS CAN BE PURCHASED ON SCHOOLPAY, ORDER FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MS. SKROBARCZYK

Questions? Email mrs@skrobarczyk@houstonisd.org

Writing Lab
VIPS
We are planning several field trips this year. We need parents to complete the Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) application. The background check process takes 3-5 business days to be processed. You will receive an automated response from donoreply@raptortech.com.
Click here to register as a volunteer.

Yearbook Special

We are running a Yearbook special price of $65 for September. The price will increase starting October 1st, so I highly recommend that you pre-order your book. We did sell out last year, so keep that in mind.

To order, visit: www.yearbookordercenter.com

School code - 25147

Tutorials

TUTORIALS
AVAILABLE IN PARIS, 4TH FLOOR, ROOM 128

ALL CONTENT CORE AREAS:
MATHEMATICS
ENGLISH / TOK
SCIENCE
HISTORY / SOCIAL STUDIES
CTE

ALL AVAILABLE TIMES:
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY
7:15 AM - 8:15 AM
4:15 PM - 5:45 PM
FRIDAY
7:15 AM - 8:15 AM
NO TUTORIALS AFTER SCHOOL
Welcome back students! Need help with school assignments? Lamar Tutorials may be the place for you! Come and join us in Neighborhood 12 B (Paris) in the mornings from 7:15-8:15 Monday through Friday and afternoons from 4:15-5:45 Monday through Thursday. Hope to see you there!

Girls Basketball Tryouts

Lamar High School

GIRLS BASKETBALL
TRYOUT

Make sure you have an updated physical and have all forms completed in RegisterMyAthlete.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR TRYOUTS

JOIN NOW registermyathlete.com

COLLEGE CORNER

Newsletter Link:


Class of 2024 Senior Information
Keep up with Senior events and news here, on Instagram, Twitter and Remind. 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](https://www.houstonisdpsd.org/dmol/VIPS/index.html)

Senior Parent Meeting Slides
Click [here](https://www.houstonisdpsd.org/dmol/VIPS/index.html)

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**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](https://www.houstonisdpsd.org/dmol/VIPS/index.html).
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/LHSCQ2024](https://schoolpay.com/link/LHSCQ2024)

**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
- Dec. 22, 2023 Senior Event
- January 9 & 10, 2024 Herff Jones
February 24, 2024 LHS Fest
March 18, 2024 Herff Jones
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 [link]

Price increase after MLK Day

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

Join the PTO!
Get Connected * Support Lamar
And it’s Free!

WHAT DOES THE LHS PTO DO?
Parent Socials * Teacher Wish Lists * Big & Bright Fundraising Campaign * The Alamo - Wrapparound Services Donations * Fill the Gap - Corporate Giving * Lamar HS Yard Signs * Class T-Shirts * Teacher Appreciation * Texan Connection - PTO Newsletter * College Night * Parent Resources
* Senior Class Activities * Campus Improvements & Beautification * Alumni Outreach

PTO Meeting 9/26 in the Grand Hall. All are welcome!

QUICK LINKS

VIPS

PTO

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