



Lamar High School

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter
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Principal's Corner



Meet Your Parent Engagement Reps!

Parent Engagement Representatives are here to streamline your Lamar parent communication needs. Please contact your Parent Engagement Rep for assistance with:

- Parent check in contact

*Each grading cycle, Reps will send out communication to the Lamar Community to get a pulse on parent needs

- VIPS (Volunteers In Public Schools) Coordinator

*Interested in volunteering? Reps are here to help

- Power School Parent Connect Contact

*Need help logging into HISD Connect? Contact your Rep

- Maintain data on Parent Communication regarding absences

* Clerks and Reps contact parents when students are absent. Reps maintain data on this communication

- Parent communication regarding student tardies

*Tardy calls at 3 & 4 unexcused tardies recorded

Upcoming Events:

Wed, Aug 30th:

- Golf Tryouts
4:30PM (away)

Thu, Aug 31st:

- Water Polo
Hola! 4:00-
9:30PM (LHS)
- Freshman
Football vs
Woodlands
5:00PM &
7:00PM (LHS)
- JV Football @
Woodlands
6:00PM &
7:30PM
- Golf Tryouts
4:30PM (away)

Fri, Sep 1st:

- Pep Rally
7:50AM (Gym)
- Varsity Football
vs Woodlands

Parent Engagement Reps are the bridge between Lamar and our parents. Please reach out to meet your Rep!
We are happy to help!

- 9th Grade – Ms. Trevino Janet.Trevino@houstonisd.org 713-522-5960 ext 008386
- 10th Grade – Mr. White gwhite2@houstonisd.org 713-522-5960 ext 008385
- 11th Grade – Ms. Rapalo Ruby.Rapalo@houstonisd.org 713-522-5960 ext 008383
- 12th Grade - Ms. O'Banner tobanner@houstonisd.org 713-522-5960 ext 008380

Clear Bag Policy and Dress Code

Some of you may be applauding the move, while I imagine there are others who find this to be an overreach. I would like to provide you with the reasoning. Consistently we have students using their backpacks to bring contraband onto campus. Whether it is something seemingly harmless such as snacks to sell, or items strictly prohibited on school campuses, this becomes a multiplier for other issues such as thefts and fights. We have seen a significant decline in discipline issues over the last two weeks with a stricter policy around bags, and in light of the ever-growing concern for campus safety, we will implement the clear bag policy and strictly enforce the uniform policy. Students who bring items that are not in compliance with the dress code will be presumed to be donating the items to a local charity.

I am attaching a copy of the dress code policy and the clear bag guidelines. [Clear bags and Uniforms.pdf](#) As always, if you need support to ensure your child is in dress code and has an appropriate clear bag, please reach out to our Wrap Around Specialists for assistance - Monica Garcia Jacquett (monica.garciajacquett@houstonisd.org) or Mr. Lynch (Devon.Lynch@houstonisd.org).

FAQ

HISD Transportation -

- Families need to request transportation every year. The assignments do not roll over from the previous year.
- Once the request is made, it may take as long as 2-3 weeks from the date of the request for the transportation department to add a student to the roster if they qualify for the service. **Please note, not all zoned or transfer students are eligible for transportation.** Please arrange for an alternative form of transportation for your child until you are notified by HISD Transportation Services with your child’s route number and bus stop information.
- The HISD Transportation department creates the routes and assigns the bus stops based on the student demographic page and their primary address listed at Lamar. Lamar staff members do not have the ability to add a stop to a route or change your child’s route assignment. All bus stops are determined by the Transportation department and students are only permitted to ride their assigned routes.
- If you have questions and would like to know if your child has been assigned to a bus route, please reach out to your child’s neighborhood clerk by grade level.
- If you need to speak to someone in HISD Transportation Services, please call 713-613-3040.
- Should you experience a problem with your route, you may contact Ms. Lawrence at Mr. Goldman Alvin.Goldman@houstonisd.org

Garage Parking Permit -

7:30PM (Delmar)	
• Water Polo Hola! 4:00- 9:30PM (LHS)	
• Cross Country @ CyFalls 8:00AM	
• Volleyball @ Hastings 4:00- 9:00PM	
Sat. Sep 2nd:	
• Water Polo Hola! 7:30- 6:30PM (LHS)	
Mon. Sep 4th:	
• HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL	
Tue. Sep 5th:	
• Golf Tryouts 4:30PM (away)	
• Water Polo vs Brazoswood 4:30PM (LHS)	
• Water Polo vs Strake/St. Agnes 7:00PM (LHS)	
• Women on the Way Up 11:45AM (LHS)	
• FFA Meeting 6:00PM (Grand Hall)	
• Theatre Auditions 4:30- 6:30PM (Black Box)	
Wed. Sep 6th:	

If you missed the deadline to apply for a parking permit, you may still do so to be placed on the waitlist. We expect to begin calling from the waitlist late next week. You may do so at <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/194002>

Dress Code -

Students should be in dress code daily. Families who are experiencing financial hardship may request assistance through our Wrap Around Specialists. You may contact them at Devon.Lynch@houstonisd.org or Monica.GarciaJacquett@houstonisd.org.

To download a copy of our Dress Code please visit <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:f1efe10e-dd69-3b6f-8857-0db33ca8f5dd>

School Store Hours -

The school store will be open Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The store accepts cash, credit or debit.

Meal Service -

HISD Nutrition Services will continue to deliver free breakfast and lunch service at Lamar. Breakfast is served from carts throughout the building for easy access. Lunch will be available through the Neighborhood Food Distribution areas.

Laptops

The IT team has been working diligently to get students who did not pick up their laptops prior to the start of school their laptops. Laptops have been handed out during lunch in the Grand Hall and the IT team has been traveling to Neighborhoods to help get our students' laptops as quickly as possible. To pick up the laptop students must have the two forms signed by a guardian and have a copy of their receipt of the laptop insurance.

**** No personal laptops are allowed on campus. All students must have the HISD device.****

If a student's laptop gets lost or stolen the student needs to report the laptop to the IT team within 24 hours. If a laptop is lost on campus the student will report the laptop missing to the IT office and the IT team will work with our HISD police to get a report number. If the laptop is lost off campus then the student will need to get a police report from the police of that town. For example, if a student's laptop get stolen in the city of Austin the student would get a police report number from the Austin Police department and they would bring that report number to the IT office.

PowerSchool

If you are having trouble accessing or setting up your PowerSchool account please reach out to your Parent Engagement Rep they can assist you.

9th Grade –

Janet Trevino janet.trevino@houstonisd.org

10th Grade--

Gregory White gwhite2@houstonisd.org

11th Grade –

Ruby Rapalo ruby.rapalo@houstonisd.org

12th Grade –

Tamia O'Banner tobanner@houstonisd.org

Highlighted Events:

Mon. Sep 4th: HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL

Mon. Sep. 11th: Open House A-L 6:00-8:00PM (LHS)

Tue. Sep 12th: Open House M-Z 6:00-8:00PM (LHS)

- Freshman
Football @
Clear Falls 4:30-
& 7:00PM
- JV Football vs
Clear Falls 4:30-
& 7:00PM (LHS)
- Booster Parent
Meeting 6:00PM
(Grand Hall)
- FFA Practicum
Parent Meeting
6:00PM (J112)
- Tennis @
Heights 3:00PM
- Golf Tryouts
4:30PM (away)
- Theatre
Auditions 4:30-
6:30PM (Black
Box)

Thu. Sep 7th:

- Pep Rally
7:50AM (Gym)
- Varsity Football
@ Clear Falls
7:00PM
- Golf Parent
Meeting 6:00PM
(Grand Hall)

Fri. Sep 8th:

- Freshman
Volleyball vs
Heights 5:30PM
(LHS)
- JV Volleyball vs
Heights 7:00PM
(LHS)
- Varsity Volleyball
vs Heights

Shout Outs:



This summer we had 11 Lamar Water Polo players competed in the Junior Olympics! A big shout out to players making big waves:

- Rayce BAGLEY,
- Carson BANKS,
- Claire BROWNING,
- Hayden CALTAGIRONE,
- Carlos CAMARENA,
- John HAJDIK,
- Augie LOREDO,
- Evan REYNOLDS,
- Angie RODRIGUEZ,
- Avery WILLIAMS,
- Xavier WILLIAMS

Calendar

[2023-2024 A/B Calendar](#)

Regular Bell Schedule

1st period/5th period	8:30am-10:03am
2nd period/6th period	10:10am-11:45am
Lunch	11:45am-12:15pm
Tutorials/Clubs	12:15pm-12:48pm
3rd period/7th period	12:55pm-2:28pm
4th period/8th period	2:35pm-4:10pm

First Day Packets

Have you completed and returned the first day packet? If not, please do so immediately. 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.

Grade Level Contacts

7:00PM
(Delmar)

Sat, Sep 9th:

- Cross Country
@ Strake
8:00AM (Bear Creek)
- Water Polo @
Stratford
8:00AM
- JV Spikefest
TBA (away)

Mon, Sep 11th:

- Open House A-
L 6:00-8:00PM
(LHS)

Tue, Sep 12th:

- Open House M-
Z 6:00-8:00PM
(LHS)
- Water Polo @
Chavez 4:30PM
- Varsity Volleyball
vs Westbrook
7:30PM
(Delmar)
- Women on the
Way Up
11:45AM (LHS)

Wed, Sep 13th:

- FFA Livestock
Meeting 6:00PM
(J112)
- Order Letterman
Jackets
11:45AM
(Transit Center)
- Freshman
Football @

9A/9B		9C/9D	
Assistant Principal: Alvin Goldman	alvin.goldman@houstonisd.org	Assistant Principal: Keri King	kking8@houstonisd.org
Academic Dean: Dottie Lawrence	dlawren1@houstonisd.org	Academic Dean: Shante Davis-Clark	shante.clarkdavis@houstonisd.org
Clerk: Bria Whitfield	bria.whitfield@houstonisd.org	Clerk: Bria Whitfield	bria.whitfield@houstonisd.org
Parent Engagement Rep: Janet Trevino	janet.trevino@houstonisd.org	Parent Engagement Rep: Janet Trevino	janet.trevino@houstonisd.org
Neighborhoods		Neighborhoods	
9A Buenos Aires	A301	9C Houston	B300
9B Tokyo	A315	9D Dubai	B312
10A/10B		10B/10D	
Assistant Principal: Donna Mann	dmann1@houstonisd.org	Assistant Principal: Reesa Turner	rtturner@houstonisd.org
Academic Dean: Joyce Ballard	jballard@houstonisd.org	Academic Dean: Rebecca Ryan	rryan@houstonisd.org
Clerk: Melissa McCourt	melissa.mccourt@houstonisd.org	Clerk: Melissa McCourt	melissa.mccourt@houstonisd.org
Parent Engagement Rep: Greg White	gwhite2@houstonisd.org	Parent Engagement Rep: Greg White	gwhite2@houstonisd.org
Neighborhoods		Neighborhoods	
10A Beijing	C301	10C New York	D307
10B Cairo	C313	10D Moscow	D320
11A/11B		11C/11D	
Assistant Principal: Kareene Harris	kharris1@houstonisd.org	Assistant Principal: Raymond Cain	rcain@houstonisd.org
Academic Dean: Jenelle Kamla	jkamla@houstonisd.org	Academic Dean: Astrea Coleman	astraea.coleman@houstonisd.org
Clerk: Kevin Guzman	kevin.aguzman@houstonisd.org	Clerk: Kevin Guzman	kevin.aguzman@houstonisd.org
Parent Engagement Rep: Ruby Rapalo	ruby.rapalo@houstonisd.org	Parent Engagement Rep: Ruby Rapalo	ruby.rapalo@houstonisd.org
Neighborhoods		Neighborhoods	
11A Sydney	A401	11C Chicago	B400
11B Seoul	A415	11D Brussels	B412
12A/12B		12C/12D	
Assistant Principal: Monica Pizana	mpizana@houstonisd.org	Assistant Principal: Kevin Thompson	kthompson@houstonisd.org
Academic Dean: Michelle Davis	michelle.davis3@houstonisd.org	Academic Dean: Frances Brooks	fbrooks1@houstonisd.org
Clerk: Liza Allred	lallred@houstonisd.org	Clerk: Liza Allred	lallred@houstonisd.org
Parent Engagement Rep: Tamina Obanner	tobanner@houstonisd.org	Parent Engagement Rep: Tamina Obanner	tobanner@houstonisd.org
Neighborhoods		Neighborhoods	
12A Athens	C401	12C Washington	D407
12B Paris	C413	12D Manila	D420

Theatre Auditions

Lamar Texans Theatre Company Presents

Clue

AUDITIONS FOR CLUE

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

4:45 PM - 6:30 PM

IN THE LAMAR BLACK BOX THEATRE

PLEASE STOP BY THE BLACKBOX TO PICK UP AN AUDITION PACKET IF INTERESTED.

SCAN BELOW FOR SIGN UP!

AUDITION SIGN UP

TECH INTEREST FORM

Open House

Please join us for Lamar Open House on either September 11 OR September 12, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. We are recommending families with last names beginning with A-L attend on September 11th and families with last names M-Z attend on September 12th. We believe this will help us make it a more personal experience for parents. If your assigned alpha day does not work for your family, please come the other day. As your student to provide you with a screenshot of their schedule so that you know which sessions to attend. We will begin the evening at 6:00 p.m. in your student's assigned Neighborhood. Use the classroom number assigned to your student's English teacher for this session. The entire Neighborhood team will be on hand to discuss the learning goals for the year.

- Dobie 4:30 & 7:00PM
- JV Football vs Dobie 4:30 & 7:00PM (LHS)
- Freshman Volleyball @ Westside 6:00PM
 - JV Volleyball @ Westside 6:00PM
- Thu. Sep 14th:**
 - Pep Rally 7:50AM (Gym)
 - SDMC 7:30AM (Alumni Center)
 - Varsity Football vs Dobie 7:00PM (PISD)
- Fri. Sep 15th:**
 - Tennis @ Jordan HS 2:00PM
 - Freshman Volleyball vs Westbury 5:30PM (Gym)
 - JV Volleyball vs Westbury 7:00PM (Gym)
 - Varsity Volleyball vs Westbury 6:00PM (Delmar)
- Sat. Sep 16th:**
 - Water Polo vs Waltrip 7:00AM (LHS)

At 6:45 p.m. you will be able to go to the sessions that are most important to you in the order you wish. Use the image below to help you make a plan.

Parking will be available in the garage. Enter on the 2nd Floor into the Athletic Lobby and follow the signs. We look forward to seeing you September 6th or September 7th at 6:00 p.m.

FFA Parent Meeting



Club Fair

Interested in Starting or Joining a Club?

To propose a New Club/Organization

- Students should go to the Lamar website at Lamarhs.org
- Click on the Activities Tab
- Click on the Clubs Link
- Under the letter “N” click on the New Club/Organization Proposal Form
- Enter the required information and click submit

To update an existing Club/Organization

- Students should go to the Lamar website at Lamarhs.org
- Click on the Activities Tab
- Click on the Clubs Link
- Under the letter “U” click on the Update Existing Club/Organization Link
- Enter the required information and click submit

Writing Lab

- Cross Country
@ Spring
Branch 7:30AM
- Theatre
Workshop
10:00-2:00
(Black Box)



VIPS

We are planning to have several field trips this year. We 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.

COLLEGE CORNER

College Hot Topics

College Night- October 4th @ 6pm

Introducing Schoolinks

Upcoming College Rep Visits

Newsletter Link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:a8f35bda-b48a-3885-acf4-51e067ea2f36>

Class of 2024 Senior Information

Keep up with Senior event 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#/>

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

Dec. 22, 2023 Senior Event

January 9 & 10, 2024 Herff Jones

February 24, 2024 LHS Fest

March , 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 <mailto:https://highschool.herffjones.com/>-

Price increase after MLK Day

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



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And it's Free!

WHAT DOES THE LHS PTO DO?

Parent Socials * Teacher Wish Lists * Big & Bright Fundraising Campaign * The Alamo -
Wraparound 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

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