



# Lamar High School

## AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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Lamar Weekly Newsletter

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## 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

## Upcoming Events:

### **Thu. Sep 28th:**

- Pep Rally 7:50AM  
(Gym)
- Varsity Football vs  
Westside 7:00PM  
(Delmar)
- Senior Yearbook  
Photo Makeup Day  
9:00-3:30 (Athletic  
Lobby)
- Order Cap and  
Gown 11:45AM  
(12th Grade Hall)
- Beginning Boys and  
Girls Golf (Sienna  
Plantation)

### **Fri. Sep 29th:**

- **END OF CYCLE 1**
- Theatre Newcomers  
Night 7:00PM  
(Black Box)
- Cross Country @  
Woodlands
- Tennis @  
Bridgeland
- Freshman Volleyball  
@ Bellaire 6:00PM

**Wed. Oct 4th:** College Fair 6:30-8:30PM (Gym)

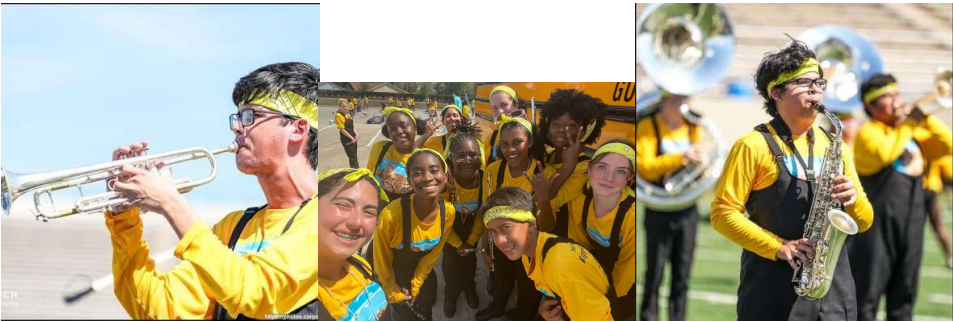
**Fri. Oct 6th:** REPORT CARD DAY

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

- JV Volleyball @  
Bellaire 7:00PM
- Varsity Volleyball vs  
Bellaire (Butler)  
6:00PM
- Varsity Field  
Hockey vs  
Duchesne 5:30PM  
(LHS)
- Water Polo @  
Dawson 5:00PM

### Sat. Sep 30th:

- Water Polo vs Milby  
8:00AM (pool)
- Water Polo vs  
Bellaire 10:30AM  
(pool)
- Band Contest  
8:00AM (away)

### Mon. Oct 2nd:

- **CYCLE 2 Begins**
- Lacrosse Parent  
Meeting 6:00PM  
(Grand Hall)
- Varsity Volleyball vs  
Heights 7:30PM  
(Delmar)

### Tue. Oct 3rd:

- Water Polo vs  
Strake 6:00PM  
(TBA)
- FFA Parent Meeting  
6:00PM (Grand  
Hall)
- Tennis District  
8:00AM (away)

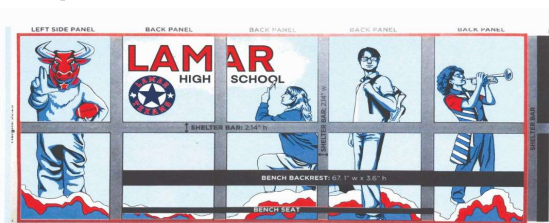
### Wed. Oct 4th:

- Freshman A  
Football vs  
Hightower 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Suttitum , 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> graders - October 11<sup>th</sup>

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

- JV Football B @  
Westbury 5:00PM
- JV Football A @  
Tompkins 5:00PM
- Freshman Volleyball  
@ Heights 6:00PM
- JV Volleyball @  
Heights 7:00PM
- Cap and Gown  
Orders 11:45 (12th  
Grade Hall)
- **College Fair 6:30-  
8:30PM (Gym)**
- Tennis District  
8:00AM (away)

### Thu. Oct 5th:

- Pep Rally 7:50AM  
(Gym)
- Water Polo District  
4:30PM (Pool)
- Varsity Football vs  
Westbury 7:00PM  
(Delmar)
- Cap and Gown  
Orders 11:45 (12th  
Grade Hall)
- Tennis District  
8:00AM (away)

### Fri. Oct 6th:

- **REPORT CARD  
DAY**
- Water Polo District  
4:30PM (Pool)
- Varsity Volleyball vs  
Westside 7:30PM  
(Delmar)
- Freshman Volleyball  
vs Westside  
6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Volleyball vs  
Westside 7:00PM  
(LHS)
- JV Field Hockey vs  
MHS 5:00PM  
(Fields)
- Debate @ Bellaire

### Sat. Oct 7th:

not be allowed to test. For more information about the SAT, please visit the [College Board website](#). This will be a paper-based test and calculators will be provided for the SAT.

## PSAT for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders – October 12<sup>th</sup>

Our 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT (8/9 or NMSQT) on Thursday, October 12, 2023. All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> 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](#). 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](#).

## Outbound Sponsored Programs

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

(Overseen by AFS and a consortium of other organizations)

**The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) Program** provides scholarships for eligible American high school students and recent graduates to spend an academic year of study and cultural immersion in Germany. Scholarship recipients will serve as "youth ambassadors" as they gain a new perspective on global current affairs and German social, economic, and political life, all while learning the German language through language lessons, day-to-day life in the culture, attending a local high school, and living with a host family. Additional activities include receptions and meetings with government officials in the U.S. and Germany.



- Learn more and start an application on our website: [USAGermanyScholarship.org](#)
- The deadline to apply is **November 2, 2023 at 4:00 pm Eastern**
- Contact [CBYX@afsususa.org](mailto:CBYX@afsususa.org) or 646-751-2161 with questions.

**The Kennedy-Lugar 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, North Macedonia, Malaysia, Morocco, Senegal, Thailand, or Türkiye. Through the YES Abroad program, students develop leadership skills, international 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 local community.



- Learn more and start an application on our website: [YES-Abroad.org](#)
- The deadline to apply is **December 6, 2023 at 4:00 pm Eastern**
- Contact [YESAbroad@afsususa.org](mailto:YESAbroad@afsususa.org) or 646-751-2151 with questions.

**The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)** provides merit-based scholarships for American high school students and recent graduates to learn critical languages in summer (6-8 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 Hindi, Indonesian, Persian (Tajiki), Turkish, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, and Russian.



- Learn more and start an application on our website: [NSLIforYouth.org](#)
- The deadline to apply is **November 2, 2023 at 4:00 pm Eastern**
- Contact [NSLIforYouth@afsususa.org](mailto:NSLIforYouth@afsususa.org) or 646-751-2238 with questions.

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

- Water Polo District  
4:30PM (Pool)
- Debate @ Bellaire
- Cross Country  
9:00AM (North Forest)

## 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





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## IB Fee for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Families

All 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact [suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org](mailto:suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org) if you have questions.

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## Homecoming Mums



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## Writing Lab

UNAPWRITING LAB PRESENTS **OCTOBER COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY WORKSHOPS**

Register for one or both workshops at [tinyurl.com/OctCollegeApps](https://tinyurl.com/OctCollegeApps)

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](mailto:donoreply@raptortech.com). [Click here](#) to register as a volunteer.

Yearbook Special

Personalize your front cover with your name engraved and fun icons of your choosing.

**SEPT. SPECIAL \$65**

Sale ends September 30th

We did sell out last year, so don't delay. Buy Now!

**YEARBOOK 2024**

[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT [TRENT.BARNES@HOUSTONISD.ORG](mailto:TRENT.BARNES@HOUSTONISD.ORG)

We are running a Yearbook special price of \$65 for September. The price will increase starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)

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Tutorials

# TUTORIALS

AVAILABLE IN PARIS, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, ROOM 12B

**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

A poster for Girls Basketball Tryouts at Lamar High School. The top half features a basketball hoop and a blue graduation cap. Below this, the text 'Lamar High School' is followed by 'GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUT' in large, bold letters. A yellow banner indicates the dates 'Thurs/Fri OCT. 19-20' and the time '6:30 AM - 8:00 AM'. A QR code is provided for registration. A note states: 'Make sure you have an updated physical and have all forms completed in RegisterMyAthlete.' At the bottom, a red button says 'JOIN NOW' and a yellow button says 'registermyathlete.com'. A small text at the bottom left says 'SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR TRYOUTS'.

## COLLEGE CORNER

Newsletter Link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:f767e817-bbd0-36dc-acbd-988d1426dab5>

A colorful poster for Lamar High School's College Fair. The top text says 'LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL IS HOSTING'. The main title is 'College Fair' in large, stylized letters. Below the title, it says 'WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4'. A yellow banner reads 'FREE TO ATTEND!'. The location is 'LOCATED IN THE GYM' with the time '6PM-8PM'. A green circular icon with a graduation cap is next to the text 'Your chance to speak to the representatives from 65+ participating colleges.' At the bottom, it says 'For more information CONTACT COLLEGE CORNER'. The background features stylized figures of students and a graduation cap.

## 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#/>

## 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. 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 5<sup>th</sup> \$90**

**All the above plus Prom Ticket-**

**Early Bird Special Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 5<sup>th</sup> -\$170**

#### OPTION 2:

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>- End of Year - \$140**

**Prom Ticket NOT included**

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>- 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 24,2024LHS Fest

March , 2024 Herff Jones

April 20, 2024 Prom

June 3, 2024 Senior Day

June 3, 2034 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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**PTO**  
TEXANS CONNECTED

## 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 -  
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

[VIPS](#)

[PTO](#)

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