



Lamar High School

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Principal's Corner



Changes to the U.S. Government Course Offerings

In an effort to offer students the best opportunities for successful outcomes, we are reorganizing our course offerings for personal finance/economics and government as part of the graduation requirements.

Students entering 11th grade in 2024-25 school year be able to choose from the on-level recommended courses, or one of the sequences for the advanced level course work. All students will be scheduled for IB Diploma or IB Career-related Programme and will take the required core of Theory of Knowledge (TOK) or Personal and Professional Skills (PPS).

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Jan 11th:

- Senior
Breakfast
7:30AM (field)
- Senior
Panoramic
Picture
9:00AM (Front
Lawn)
- JRPTC -
Military Day @

AP Government will be offered as a two-semester course. The first semester will be identified on the schedule as Social Studies Special Topics and the second semester will be identified as AP Government. Students enrolled in the advanced level course sequence are required to complete both semesters for AP Government.

AP GOV/Special Topics Course Description:

This course will provide students with foundational knowledge of United States government that will help them better prepare for AP Government test (May of Senior Year) and participate effectively in civic life in the United States of America. Students will examine fundamental constitutional principles; the organization of government at the federal, state, and local level; the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; the policy-making process; and the American economic system. Students will also learn and practice analytical writing skills and incorporate project-based learning in order to prepare for Free Response Questions on the AP Exam.

Advanced Placement (AP) United States Government and Politics (often shortened to AP Gov and sometimes referred to as AP American Government or simply AP Government) is a college-level course and examination offered to high school students through the College Board's Advanced Placement Program. This course surveys the structure and function of American government and politics that begins with an analysis of the United States Constitution, the foundation of the American political system. Students study the three branches of government, administrative agencies that support each branch, the role of political behavior in the democratic process, rules governing elections, political culture, and the workings of political parties and interest groups.

Review the options below to help you as you make decisions during the 10th grade Student Led Conference.

Delmar	
• JV Boys Golf	
@ High	
Meadow	
• Swim vs	
Heights 5:00-	
8:30PM (Pool)	
• Club Picture	
Day 9:00-3:50	
(PH Steps)	
• Wrestling @	
Lamar	
Consolidated	
6:00-11:00PM	
• Varsity Girls	
Soccer @ I-10	
Shootout	
• JV Girls @ I-	
10 Shootout	
<u>Fri, Jan 12th:</u>	
REPORT CARD DAY	
• Varsity Boys	
Golf @ Strake	
• Varsity Girls	
Basketball vs	
Bellaire	
7:00PM	
(Butler)	
• Freshman	
Girls	
Basketball @	

Option 1: On-level Recommended Course Sequence (4.0)

	Fall	Spring
11th grade	Personal Finance/ Economics (1 sem)	TOK or PPS (A)
12th grade	TOK or PPS (B)	U.S. Government (1 sem)

Option 2: Advanced Course Sequence (5.0)

	Fall	Spring
11th grade	IB Economics HL 1	IB Economics HL 1
	AP GOVT (A)	TOK or PPS (A)
12th grade	IB Economics HL 2	IB Economics HL 2
	TOK or PPS (B)	AP GOVT (B)

Option 3: Advanced Course Sequence (5.0)

	Fall	Spring
11th grade	AP GOVT (A)	TOK or PPS (A)
12th grade	IB Economics SL 2	IB Economics SL 2
	TOK or PPS (B)	AP GOVT (B)

Highlighted Events

Fri, Jan 12th: REPORT CARD DAY

Mon. Jan 15th: MLK Holiday- School Closed

Tue. Jan 16th: STAAR Interim -English 1

Wed. Jan 17th: STAAR Interim -English 2

Thu. Jan 18th: STAAR Interim- Algebra 1

Sat. Jan 20th: Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00

Sat. Jan 27th: Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00

Testing Updates

Interim STAAR Testing – January 16th – 18th

All students currently taking English 1, English 2, or Algebra 1 (9th and 10th graders) will take an Interim STAAR EOC exam next week to determine their current level of mastery before taking the STAAR EOC in April 2024. This interim

Bellaire

6:00PM

- JV Girls

Basketball @

Bellaire

7:30PM

- Freshman

Boys vs

Bellaire

6:00PM (Gym)

- JV Boys vs

Bellaire

7:30PM (Gym)

- Debate Cy

Falls

- FFA @ Fort

Worth Rodeo

- Varsity Girls

Soccer @ I-10

Shootout

- JV Girls @ I-

10 Shootout

Sat. Jan 13th:

- Varsity Girls

Soccer @ I-10

Shootout

- JV Girls @ I-

10 Shootout

- Rugby vs

Kingwood

10:00AM

(Field)

test is required and will be used to determine what interventions are needed before testing in April. To learn more about STAAR tests. please visit <https://www.texasassessment.gov/staar.html>

Interim STAAR EOC testing schedule – 8:30 AM

English 1 – Tuesday, January 16

English 2 – Wednesday, January 17

Algebra 1 – Thursday, January 18

Students who are testing will find their testing location posted in their hallway on the day of the test. Each test will begin at 8:30 AM. Attendance will be taken and students will be counted absent for 1st/5th period, if not present during their assigned test. Make-up tests will be given January 22- 26. Students will need their fully charged laptop and charger for testing.

All other students, those who are not testing, will go to their regularly scheduled class with an altered bell schedule. Attendance will be taken, and students will be counted absent, if not present in class.

Altered Bell Schedule January 16, 17, 18	
8:30 – 10:30	1 st /5 th period
10:37 – 11:45	2 nd / 6 th period
11:45 – 12:48	Lunch
12:55 – 2:28	3 rd /7 th period
2:35 – 4:10	4 th /8 th period

ASVAB – January 24th

All 11th graders and interested 12th graders will take the ASVAB on Wednesday, January 24th. The ASVAB is offered to high school and post-secondary students as part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program. This program provides tools to help students learn more about career exploration and planning post-high school. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program includes a validated aptitude test and interest assessment. Following the assessment, students will be provided with a score report that can be used to help them explore possible careers and post-secondary opportunities. To learn more about the program, please visit <https://www.asvabprogram.com/>

NAEP – February 1st

Lamar High School Seniors have been chosen to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Thursday, February 1, 2024. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S.

- Wrestling vs
8:00-12:00
(Gym)
 - HISD Swim JV
Championship
8:00-3:00
(Pool)
- Mon. Jan 15th:**
- **MLK Holiday-
School
Closed**
 - JROTC @
MLK Parade
- Tue. Jan 16th:**
- Panoramic
Picture
Distribution
11:45AM (12th
Grade Hall)
 - STAAR Interim
-English 1
 - Freshman
Boys Soccer
@ Stratford
4:30PM
 - JV Boys
Soccer @
Stratford 5:45
PM
 - Boys Soccer
@ Stratford

Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents/guardians, policymakers, and the public. To learn more about NAEP, please watch the 5-minute video [Introducing NAEP to Students](#).

Credit Appeal



9th Grade Students and Parents

Students interested in participating in the IB Diploma Program or IB Math classes in 11th and 12th grades – this message is for YOU!

- In order to take the IB Math classes in 11th and 12th grades, students must have completed Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 before 11th grade.

7:30PM

- Varsity Girls

Soccer vs

Westbrook

6:00PM

- JV Girls

Soccer vs

Westbrook

4:30PM

- Wrestling vs

Private

Schools 5:00-

10:00PM

(Gym)

Wed. Jan 17th:

- STAAR Interim

-English 2

- Panoramic

Picture

Distribution

11:45AM (12th

Grade Hall)

- Big Brother

Big Sister

11:00

(downtown)

- MS Swim

Hogg vs

Black/Hamilton

5:00-8:30PM

(Pool)

- Students currently in Algebra 1 as 9th graders have the opportunity to take Geometry at Lamar HS in summer school, with a grade review and approval by their Academic Dean.
- There is a fee for the summer school class, which will be determined by the district late in the Spring semester.
- The current published dates for summer school are June 20 – July 26, so please plan to be in town for those dates! Students are usually only allowed one absence during summer school.

Questions? Contact the 9th Grade Academic Deans listed below:

9A and 9B: Ms. Lawrence dlawren1@houstonisd.org
9C and 9D: Mrs. Clark-Davis shante.clarkdavis@houstonisd.org

Shout Outs:

Lamar Officers



We thanked Officer McElmore, Officer Davis and Officer Esdaille for keeping us safe at school every day!

Early Football Signing

- Softball
Tryouts
4:30PM (Field)
- FFA Parent
Meeting
6:00PM
(Grand Hall)
- Varsity Boys
Basketball vs
Bellaire
6:00PM
(Butler)
- Varsity Girls
Basketball vs
Heights
7:30PM
(Delmar)
- Freshman
Girls
Basketball @
Heights
6:00PM
- JV Girls
Basketball @
Heights
7:30PM
- Freshman
Boys
Basketball vs
Heights
6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Boys
Basketball vs



Lamar senior football players Chris Boykins and Tristen Brown are on their way to representing Lamar in big time college football. These two student-athletes have achieved success in the classroom and on the field and will make us proud as Chris is taking his talents to Old Dominion University and Tristen to Vanderbilt in the SEC. They are both receiving full athletic scholarships!

Writing Lab

Lamar Writing Lab

Winter Writing Contest

tinyurl.com/WinterContest23-24

Prizes in every category

Word of the Year

Flash Fiction

Personal Narrative

"Twas the Night before..."

Poetry

Open Creative

Entries due January 12, 2024

Categories and Submission Form at tinyurl.com/WinterContest23-24

Baseball Tryouts

When: Monday January 22nd

Heights
7:30PM (Gym)

Thu. Jan 18th:

- STAAR
Interim-
Algebra 1
- Freshman
Boys Soccer
@ Deer Park
Tournament
- JV Boys
Soccer @
Deer Park
Tournament
- Varsity Boys
Soccer @
Deer Park
Tournament
- Softball Parent
Meeting
6:00PM (9B)
- Magnet Tour
1:00PM (LHS)

Fri. Jan 19th:

- Freshman
Girls
Basketball vs
Westside
6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls
Basketball vs

Time: 4:30PM (Afterschool)
Where: Lamar Baseball Field
What to Bring: All Baseball Equipment (Glove, Bat, Cleats, Etc.)

- Please do not purchase new equipment before making a team
- If you need to borrow any equipment to tryout we can accommodate

In order to tryout you MUST have the following completed BEFORE TRYOUTS:

- Register My Athlete information
- HISD Physical uploaded to Register My Athlete
- Insurance Information uploaded to Register My Athlete
- Google Form Questionnaire Completed <https://forms.gle/c33ZWAyzwwEkAWE69>

Where to Create your Register My Athlete Account:

<https://www.registermyathlete.com/login>

Instructions for the Register my athlete account:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4yze82k8bd4hht3/Parent%20Training%20Instruction%20Slides%20%28English%29.pdf?dl=0>

This is the form your physical needs to be on:

https://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/15304/PrePhysForm%20English%202020_21.pdf

COLLEGE CORNER

FAFSA will open December 31st

- Westside
7:30PM (Gym)
- Freshman
Boys
Basketball @
Westside
6:00PM
- JV Boys
Basketball @
Westside
6:00PM
- Band @
Jordan
- Varsity Girls
Basketball vs
Westside
7:00PM
(Delmar)
- Wrestling vs
Bellaire 6:00-
11:00PM
(Grand Hall)
- Varsity Girls
Soccer @
Foster 7:00PM
- JV Girls
Soccer @
Foster 5:00PM
- Freshman
Boys Soccer
@ Deer Park
Tournament
- JV Boys
Soccer @



Thursday, January 25th, we will host a FAFSA Roadshow to assist students with submitting their FAFSA application. Please scan the QR code in order to participate in the roadshow. The QR code is also posted on our Instagram page @thelamarcollegecorner. Please contact the college corner if you have any questions.

Boston College

Deer Park
Tournament
• Varsity Boys
Soccer @
Deer Park
Tournament

Sat. Jan 20th:

- **Credit Appeal**
8:00-2:00
(LHS)
- Freshman
Boys Soccer
@ Deer Park
Tournament
- JV Boys
Soccer @
Deer Park
Tournament
- Varsity Boys
Soccer @
Deer Park
Tournament
- Swim vs Clear
Creek 10:00-
2:00 (Pool)
- District Swim
Meet 2:00-
6:00PM (Pool)
- Band @
Jordan
- Debate @
Heights



It may not feel like it outside, but summer is just around the corner—and it's never too early to start planning. Please let your students know they can **apply now** for the 2024 Summer Term High School Programs at Boston University, online via our [website](#).

Next summer, we are offering five distinct pre-college programs, each of which provides rigorous and collaborative college life experiences that will enable students to gain a strong sense of their personal and academic potential and get a glimpse of their futures. Here is a brief overview of each of our programs:

- [High School Honors](#) is a six-week residential, commuter, or online program in which students take Boston University undergraduate courses and earn up to 8 transferable college credits. Students must be entering their junior or senior year of high school in fall 2024.
- [RISE Internship/Practicum](#) is a six-week, non-credit residential or commuter program in which domestic students conduct scientific research in a university lab under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Students must be entering their senior year of high school in fall 2024.
- [Academic Immersion \(AIM\)](#) is a three-week, non-credit residential or commuter program for students to focus intensively on a single academic topic while experiencing life on a college campus. This summer we are offering four AIM tracks: Introduction to Experimental Psychology; Introduction to Medicine; Creative Writing; and Business (new for summer 2024!). Each track combines classroom work in the subject area with hands-on experiential learning activities. Students must be entering their junior or senior year of high school in fall 2024.
- [Summer Challenge](#) is a two-week residential program in which students take two non-credit seminars of their choice and experience college life. Students must be entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school in fall 2024.
- [Summer Preview](#) is a one-week, non-credit residential or commuter program in which students explore one subject of interest while previewing the college experience. Students must be entering eighth grade or their

- Varsity Boys
Basketball vs
Heights
10:00AM
(Barnett)
- MS wrestling
8:00-10:00
(gym)
- HISD
Dance/Rettes
Montage
(Westside)
- JV Girls
Soccer @
Westbury
10:00AM

freshman or sophomore year of high school in fall 2024.

I hope you will share our [website](#) with your students and encourage them to apply. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at summerhs@bu.edu. We look forward to seeing your students on campus next summer!

Student Ambassador Leadership Opportunity

Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe School Institute (SSI) is launching a **Student Ambassador Leadership Opportunity**. This initiative is for High School students to work alongside Crime Stoppers of Houston to spread awareness and educate their peers on personal and school safety.

As an ambassador, students will be tasked to be proactive in their community as well as volunteer and create student-led prevention projects. Teachers, counselors, and parents - please let your students know about this opportunity!

Interested students can request an application by emailing Safe School Institute Education Specialist Teresa Salazar at tsalazar@crime-stoppers.org. We look forward to meeting our local student leaders!



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#/>

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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Senior Parent Meeting

SENIOR PARENT MEETING

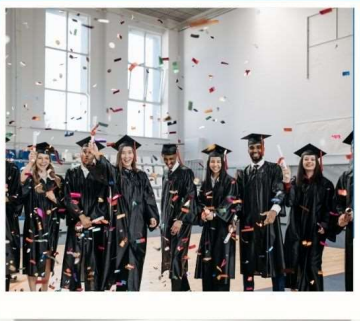
Join us for the upcoming Senior Parent Meeting! Stay informed and make sure your student is ready for graduation.

Wednesday, January 24th
6:00-8:00PM
Grand Hall



CAP AND GOWN ORDERS

Herff Jones will be on campus for the last time January 25th during lunch in the 12th grade hall.
(You can also order online.)



Space City Tech

I hope this email finds you well and excited about your upcoming graduation! I'm reaching out on behalf of Space City Tech, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the academic and technological advancement of students in the Houston area.

Today, I'm thrilled to announce an incredible opportunity exclusively for graduating high school seniors in Houston - the Space City Tech **Laptop Scholarship!**

Scholarship Overview: This scholarship is designed to provide a laptop to graduating seniors who are determined to continue their educational journey in higher education. We understand how crucial technology is in today's academic environment, and we want to ensure you have the tools necessary for success.

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible for this scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

1. **Be a Graduating High School Senior:** You must be in your final year of high school in Houston, Texas.

Proof of Higher Education Plans: You need to show proof of acceptance or application to a four-year university or community college.

Media Responsibilities: As part of receiving the scholarship, you must be willing to perform some media duties. This could include taking pictures for our social media platforms to help us showcase the impact of the scholarship.

Application Deadline: Your completed application must be submitted by March 30th. No late submissions will be considered.

Why Apply? This is more than just a scholarship; it's an investment in your future. A laptop can be a critical tool in your educational journey, helping you research, write, code, create, and connect. We believe that no student should be held back due to a lack of resources, and we are here to support you.

How to Apply: To apply, please visit our [website](#) or apply [here](#) now! You'll find the application form and detailed instructions on how to submit it.

Remember, the deadline is March 30th, so don't delay! This is your chance to take one step closer to your academic goals with a brand-new laptop.

If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to [email](#) (spacecitytech.org@gmail.com) or fill out a contact form on our [website](#). We're here to help!

We look forward to receiving your applications and are excited to support you in your academic journey.

Best regards,

Space City Tech



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 16th, 2023 Herff Jones -Cap and Gown Orders

January 11, 2024 Senior Breakfast

January 11, 2024 Panoramic Photo

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

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 in March

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



SAVE THE DATE FOR LHS FEST!

Saturday, February 24th at 6:30 pm.

FREE event for all Lamar Seniors.

GAMES RIDES, DANCING and PRIZES!!!

We will need lots of parent volunteers. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up, coming out soon.

This is a PTO sponsored event and we need sponsors to help us make this a very special event. Please consider making a donation or send the link to businesses that you think would like to be a sponsor. All sponsors will be recognized on signage at the event.

<http://bit.ly/LHSFestDonations>

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