

Lamar High School

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Principal's Corner



Last week the District released school ratings based on the TEA Accountability formula, normally released in the early fall. Lamar's score was a 79 – we missed it by just one point. Many of our accountability areas are very high, but the area that has been most challenging is closing the gaps in algebraic reasoning since COVID. Last summer we identified that as an area for focus this year in our School Improvement Plan, and created an additional class for students who need more support as they prepare to retest for Algebra I STAAR EOC. We were able to increase our passing rate for the December retest by 8-percentage points. This is promising.

Yesterday, Mr. Miles shared the supports the District will provide to help C-rated schools in the new school year. We will use these supports to target students who need the additional help, specifically in 9th and 10th grade. The following was provided by the District:

Supports for HISD's C and non-NES D schools next year include:

- The District will work with these campuses to ensure they use high-quality instructional
 materials—texts, lessons, assignments, and other content. This will ensure all students
 have access to grade-level instruction every day.
- Campuses will have to provide a minimum amount of instructional time in math and reading-language arts. Principals will have flexibility to design their schedule for other subjects (e.g., fine arts, science, social studies, etc.).
- Magnet programming will continue, though there may be minor scheduling changes.
- This spring, HISD's Division Superintendents and representatives from the divisions will
 visit campuses to talk with principals about their education programs, how the campus is
 measuring the impact of those programs, and how well the programs are working.
- Principals will not be required to replace staff in the coming school year and will continue to make their own staffing decisions.

So what does that mean for Lamar Texans?

-Students who do not pass STAAR Reading or Math in 8th grade (or there are other indications a student may need more support) will be provided with additional time for the targeted subject for 9th grade. This may mean another course may need to be deferred or elective may not be available.

Upcoming Events:

Thu. Feb 1st:

- Tennis @ Strake
- Musical 6:00PM (Performance Hall)
- Track vs Alvin 2:00-8:00PM
- Magnet Tour 1:00PM (LHS)
- FFA @ Fort Worth Rodeo
- Varsity Boys Golf @ Canyon
 Spring

Fri. Feb 2nd:

- UIL Swim 5:00-10:30PM (Pool)
- Musical 7:00PM (Performance Hall)
- Wrestling @ Delmar 9:00AM-8:00PM
- Tennis @ Strake 3:00-7:00PM
- Softball @ Jersey Village 2:30-7:45
- Varsity Boys Golf @ Canyon
 Spring
- FFA @ Fort Worth Rodeo

Sat. Feb 3rd:

- Women on the Way Up @ MFA
 10:00-4:00
- Varsity Baseball vs Seven
 Lakes 11:00 (Field)

- -Students who do not pass STAAR English 1 or STAAR Algebra 1 in 9th grade (or there are other indications a student may need more support) will be provided with additional time for the targeted subject for 10th grade. This may mean another course may need to be deferred or elective may not be available
- -Students who pass the requisite STAAR exam will continue with the course path they select.
- -IB Middle Years Programme will still be part of the instructional model for grades 9 and 10.
- -IB Programming will stay in place with all students taking part in the IB Diploma Programme or IB Career-related Programme in grades 11 and 12th.
- -All students will be advised to stay on the Distinguished Diploma to ensure the most options after high school.
- -Our students served through Special Education will continue to receive the services they need most and we will continue to work with our ARD committees to make the best programming decisions for each child.
- -We will be adding four new CTE pathways to increase opportunities and reduce overcrowding in some of our most popular pathways.
- -Our SDMC will continue to be informed and asked for feedback as decisions around programming are made.
- -We will continue to treasure our faculty and staff and work to maintain the most qualified team.

SAFETY ALERT

Permits are required to park in the garage during the school day. With the permit system we can ensure all drivers meet the requirements of having a driver's license, a registered and inspected vehicle and the required insurance. Students who do not have a permit to park in the garage should not be attempting to access the garage. Students who have a permit to park in the garage should not be aiding and abetting those without a permit to enter the garage. Students who are parking without a permit may have their car towed, and may be found in violation of campus safety guidelines and receive disciplinary consequences. Students with a permit who are found to be sharing their access card, assisting others by allowing them to follow through the entry gate or are assisting others with accessing the garage through the exit will have their parking permit revoked. Please report any violations to the Business Office or the campus police officers.

Highlighted Events

<u>Sat. Feb 3rd:</u> Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (LHS) <u>Sat. Feb 10th:</u> Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (LHS)

Tue. Feb 13th: PTO Meeting 6:00-7:00PM (Grand Hall)

Sat, Feb 17th: Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (LHS)

Testing Updates

STAAR EOC Test Results

Results from the December 2023 STAAR EOC are now available on the <u>Texas Assessment</u> website. If your child tested during the December 2023 administration, please check your email for more information and their access code..

11th grade SAT - Save the Date

All current Lamar 11th graders have been registered to take the SAT, for free, on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**.

For a listing of all Spring 2024 testing dates (IB, AP, STAAR EOC), please visit the <u>Lamar HS Testing</u> <u>Calendar</u>.

Credit Appeal

- Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (LHS)
- UIL Swim 8:00AM-11:30PM
 (Pool)
- Musical 7:00PM (Performance Hall)
- Band Solo & Ensemble@Heights 7:00AM-8:00PM
- GHAC Swimming Championship 3:00-7:00PM (Pool)
- Debate @ Langham Creek
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
 Chavez 11:00 (Pavilion)
- Varsity Boys Golf @ Canyon
 Spring
- · Wrestling @ Delmar

Mon. Feb 5th:

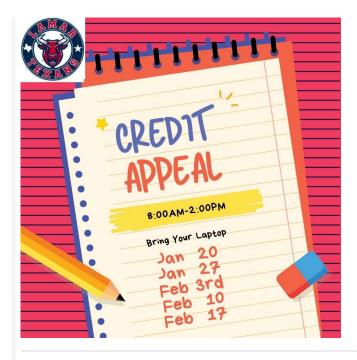
- Varsity Baseball @ Spring
 Woods 4:30PM
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs
 Bellaire 6;00PM (Pavilion)
- Varsity Boys Golf @
 Sweetwater
- Varsity Girls @ Sweetwater
- Varsity Girls Soccer Houston
 8;00PM (Dyer)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs
 Houston 8;00PM (Delmar)

Tue. Feb 6th:

 Wrestling vs Chavez 5:00-10:00PM

Wed. Feb 7th:

- Disco Bots UIL Competition
 8:00-7:00
- Track @ Dawson 3:30PM
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Chavez
 (Delmar)
- JV Girls Soccer @ Galena
 Park 4:30PM
- National Signing Day 9:00AM
 (Gym)
- Big Brother Big Sister 11:00
 (away)
- JV Boys Golf @ Jersey
 Meadow



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.
- 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 <u>dlawren1@houstonisd.org</u>

9C and 9D: Mrs. Clark-Davis shante.clarkdavis@houstonisd.org

Shout Outs:

- Freshman Girls Basketball vs
 Bellaire 6:00PM (Gym)
- JV Girls Basketball vs Bellaire
 7:30PM (Gym)
- Freshman Boys Basketball @
 Bellaire 6:00PM
- JV Boys Basketball @ Bellaire
 7:30PM
- FFA Meeting 6;00PM (9B)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Chavez
 7:45PM (Dyer)
- JV Girls Golf @ Gleannloch)

Thu. Feb 8th:

- Developing Girls Golf @ FM
 Law
- SDMC 7:30AM (Alumni Center)
- Magnet Tour 1:00PM (LHS)
- JV Tennis @ Pearland 6:30AM
- Track @ Huffman Lake 8:00

Fri. Feb 9th:

- Wrestling @ Regionals7:00AM-9:00PM
- Varsity Baseball vs Cy Falls
 8:00AM @ Constellation Field
- Swim @ UIL (Conroe)
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs
 Bellaire 5:30PM (Pavilion)
- JV Boys Basketball @ Heights7:30PM
- Freshman Boys Basketball @ Heights 6:00PM
- Debate @ Cy Park
- Track @ Huffman Hargrave
 9:00AM
- Tennis @ Cy Fair 6:30AM
- JV Softball @ George Ranch
 4:30PM
- Varsity Softball @ George
 Ranch 6:00PM

Sat. Feb 10th:

- Wrestling @ Regionals7:00AM-9:00PM
- Debate @ Cy Park
- Tennis @ Cy Fair 6:30AM



Math UIL

Our math club student William Louis placed 1st again in the UIL math event last Saturday! If you are interested in competing in any UIL math events talk to Mr. Li in 11A or Mr. Toscano in 12D.



Theatre

The Fine Arts Department was proud to host TH Rodger's Middle School at our final dress rehearsal for Mamma Mia! We open Feb 1! Tickets available via School Pay!

Athletics- Steve Mackey 2 Words Scholar Athlete of the Year

We have 2 student-athletes up for the Steve Mackey 2 Words Scholar Athlete of the Year! These scholarships will be won by a vote! Please vote for Khouri White and Jadon Garza-Pender!

https://www.surveyhero.com/c/6A?msID=0d49b527-33b8-4311-aeaf-2b1aaae53f9d

Theatre Musical

- AP/IB Saturday Academy 9:00-12:00 (Milby HS)
- FACE PTO Expo 8:00-2:00
- Credit Appeal 8:00-2:00 (LHS)
- Swim @ UIL

Mon. Feb 12th:

- Varsity Baseball @ Montgomery
- Varsity Boys Golf @ Sugar
 Creek

Tue. Feb 13th:

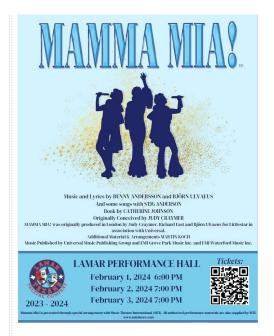
- PTO Meeting 6:00-7:00PM (Grand Hall)
- Varsity Boys Soccer vs Bellaire
 6:00PM (Butler)
- Varsity Girls Soccer vs Bellaire
 7:45PM (Butler)
- Wrestling vs Heights 5:00-10:00PM (Gym)
- JV Softball @ St Agnes
 4:30PM

Wed. Feb 14th:

- Fun Food Day 11:45AM (LHS)
- Track @ Manvel 3:30PM
- Varsity Girls Golf @
 Blackhorse

Thu. Feb 15th:

- Tennis @ Missouri City7:00AM
- Softball @ Baytown
 Tournament 12:00-6:00PM
- Magnet Tour 1:00 (LHS)
- Track @ North Shore
- Softball @ Goose Creek
 Tournament



Thursday's Tickets

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Mamma-Mia--Tickets-for-Thursday-Feb-1-20/SbdIL9A Friday's Tickets

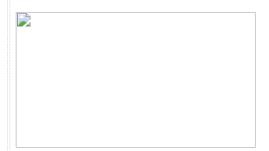
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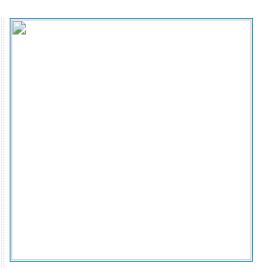
StuCo

Happy Friday Texans! We hope you guys had an amazing week. Stuco is hosting an exciting event this upcoming month. An International Club Festival February 29th during lunch. Further details will be released later but we hope to see you all there. Please check our Instagram for updates HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

Hackathon for Middle Schoolers



IB Exam Assistance



Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you for your support! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848ADAB2EAAFD0-47355864-2024

Please contact Dr. Acord, our IB DP coordinator, if you have

questions: suzanne.acord@houstonisd.org

AP/IB Saturday Academy



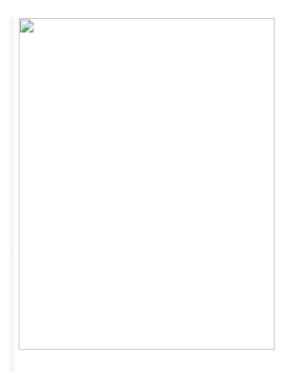
COLLEGE CORNER

Upcoming College and Career Planning Lunch and Learns for 9th and 10th-grade parents via Zoom starting February 7th 21^{st,} and 28th 2024 at noon

College and Career Planning: 9th/10th Grade

There are some steps that your ninth- and a 10th-grader can take to make sure that they are on the right track for college. Join me starting in February at noon via zoom for Lunch & Learns on how to navigate the college planning process.

If interested, click here to sign up https://forms.gle/M1RyoZacYCsUKetd6



Writing Lab



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#/

Order Panoramic Pictures

If you missed Goldbeck on campus, you can still order panoramic pictures:

https://www.goldbeckcompany.com/online-order.php



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 <u>plus Prom Ticket</u>-Early Bird Special Aug. 1st - Dec 5th -\$170

OPTION 2:

Dec. 6th- End of Year - \$140 Prom Ticket <u>NOT</u> included

Dec. 6th- End of Year plus Prom Ticket- \$230

School Pay Link:

Class of 2024 Senior Dues After December 5th \$140.00

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2024-Senior-Dues-After-December/ScsFKF

Class of 2024 Senior Dues After December 5th Plus Prom Ticket \$230.00

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2024-Senior-Dues-After-December/Sc77PGc

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, 2034 Senior Sunset

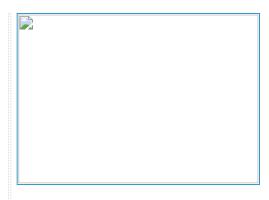
June 4 & 5, 2024 Senior Checkout

June Graduation

Yearbook, Panoramic Photo, Cap & Gown are NOT included in Senior Dues

All Cap & Gowns are ordered through Herff Jones <u>mailto:https://highschool.herffjones.com/-</u>
Price increase March 1st

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



Did you know that Lamar has a Rugby Team? Rugby is an international sport and everyone gets a chance with the ball. It's a club and all are welcome. Never played? We'll teach you. Everyone is welcome.

Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday after school till 6 pm usually on the back field by the greenhouse. Come out and give it a try! Contact the coach and other players at

https://chat.whatsapp.com/GIX184XcprSA2pLrDj6Ny or text 786-925-6416 for details





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

VOLUNTEERS Needed for LHS Fest 2024! This is your chance to help with biggest PTO event of the year. This event is super fun and the kids are so appreciative. We need lots of help to make this event a success. All Lamar parents welcome - You don't have to be a Senior parent! PLEASE sign up now https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADA62EA7F49-47464200-lhsfest#/



