Mustangs,

**This is an informational resource email.** The following information is for you to use as reference to resources that you will need over the coming months as we begin the career exploration and college application process.

**Lamar CISD is excited to be transitioning to SchooLinks as our College, Career, and Military Readiness platform.** This will take the place of Naviance for the 2020-2021 school year and beyond. With the transition to the new platform, especially during the preparations for the new school year, we understand that this can cause some confusion and frustration for specific activities that students and families are attempting to complete. With that said, if you have any questions about Transcripts, CommonApp, or service hours, please contact your College and Career Facilitators for follow up information. We want to ensure that our staff and students feel comfortable with the new system before completing the transition. LCISD will be providing parent nights to go over SchooLinks, so be on the lookout for upcoming dates for these sessions for each high school.

**Please be aware that all data that was housed in Naviance, including X2Vol (service hours) will be transferred to the SchooLinks platform for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Also, please see [reference](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lamarconsolidated-2Dmy.sharepoint.com_-3Aw-3A_g_personal_lindsey-5Ftroutman-5Flcisd-5Forg_ERXRomapjIRLoq8ndXWI-2DcEB3b9frDrrOZ63llC961DUlg-3Fe-3DeOf0ly&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=PvJ_BwNWOG7H55RsQOjw0y3rbwl-HKKGLyN1-JL2Rxw&e=)  document for additional details.

**College application websites** you need to know about are **Apply Texas** ([www.applytexas.org](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.applytexas.org&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=v4UKW4XG1RAgtD3bdCUcQ_SX0woI4T-3Vy_Oegz7zTw&e=) ) to apply to Texas Colleges and universities; **Common App** ([www.commonapp.org](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.commonapp.org&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=DaWopIQ5okYWFBz5iDqHpS_OCbxW8vYwdtCKt2VQnQY&e=) ) for many private and out of state colleges and universities as well as some in state public colleges and universities; and the new **Coalition Application** ([www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=USkg8RZDU6XBw8XidfTwjAsaz6EfaDDGAVLxnsoYK-w&e=) ) for bot in state and out of state colleges and universities. See your preferred colleges to see which application maybe used to apply. Some colleges also have their own application available on their admissions page.

Here is the link to **request transcripts** until SchooLinks comes online: <https://webapp.lcisd.org/transcriptrequests/TranscriptRequest>

Information regarding how to request **letters of recommendation** will be posted in Canvas next week.

We will be hosting our **College Career Military Nights October 5th and 12th** virtually. Information to pre-register and get the link for those nights will be posted in Canvas later in September.

**Students turning 18 by November 3**need to **register to vote by October 5th** to be able to vote in the November 3 election. We will have voter registration cards available for face to face students to complete in English classes and Social Studies classes. For our virtual students here is a link to register to vote in the State of Texas: [https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/where-to-get-an-application-2.html](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.votetexas.gov_register-2Dto-2Dvote_where-2Dto-2Dget-2Dan-2Dapplication-2D2.html&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=jBVsuLsWpE70RREEmMnCDG2XQW6ixPByc-tF80w6KXI&e=)

**The Financial Aid application for the Class of 2021** will open on October 1st. I am attaching information on what you will need to start and complete that application. Here is a helpful video to get you ready: [**https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/fafsasimplification/**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.finaid.ucsb.edu_fafsasimplification_&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=Ri2BOG1q5D8OF5RGLNMDKL9kGO2bYMXS5lZEwiGlnVw&e=)

Here is the link to create you FSA ID#: [**https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__fsaid.ed.gov_npas_index.htm&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=RnjSGg6f-BJZ1mLkAeb3A0mPc37n84Y-s2nKP9NNL5g&e=)

**Here is the link to complete your FAFSA:**[**https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa**](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__studentaid.ed.gov_sa_fafsa&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=1QiUdNcmkk_pwKkk9XgIuQjrfMGsodyaEH7lozRPavc&e=)

**Testing information:** the college application process is evolving and changing this year. I have attached a recent article regarding some of these changes. Testing has been deemed not required for many colleges this year due to the COVID-19 situation. Some are making test submission optional for admissions, but some are still requiring scores for scholarships. All colleges still require that students demonstrate college readiness through testing before enrolling into classes in the fall. **College readiness** can be shown through **SAT scores (480 on Reading & 530 on Math)**; **ACT scores (composite of 23 and 19 reading & 19 on Math)** or by taking the TSIA. I encourage all seniors to check their SAT test scores from the spring and make a plan on which test they will take to meet the criteria for course enrollment.  We will be giving the TSIA test throughout the school year, dates will be posted in Canvas.

Most **scholarships**during this time of year are accessed by going to your prospective college websites and applying to the universities by their **priority/ scholarship deadlines**. There are a few scholarships that have September deadlines.

The Gates scholarship:  [https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.thegatesscholarship.org_scholarship&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=MlcRhyCkuKBnDxbXQDxNKzEbML6Xfccq5a1lMdr0fRs&e=)

Quest Bridge Scholars: [https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match/scholarship-details](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.questbridge.org_high-2Dschool-2Dstudents_national-2Dcollege-2Dmatch_scholarship-2Ddetails&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=cMHBB10lCqj3OEXhuPVGmmtE1RFFzTbjmalm987AWL8&e=)

**Senior picture information:** Attention Class of 2021, don't forget to take your senior portraits with **Prestige Portraits in Sugar Land**. These photos will not only appear in the yearbook, but on the jumbotron at graduation too! The studio is following strict safety guidelines, so all you have to do is show up and smile. Call **(281) 277-3900 to schedule.**

**Pro Grad information:** Our first ProGrad 2021 meeting will be held via Zoom, Thursday, September 3rd, from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. All Lamar 2021 Seniors and their parents are urged to attend.  This is going to be a challenging year to raise funds and plan events so we need AS MUCH PARTICIPATION AS POSSIBLE!!  It will take all of us to assure our SENIORS  have a safe, fun and memorable ProGrad party to celebrate and reward their hard work and success of graduating high school!

Seniors will receive their first ProGrad ticket for attending the Zoom meeting AND they get a second ticket when their parents attend.

We are determined to make this a great year for our 2021 SENIORS!!!  Please join us. Lynne Richey, ProGrad 2021 President Join Zoom Meeting [https://zoom.us/j/96467207327?pwd=VWVVVGdWa1V1RVJzbVlCSHp3TUZFdz09](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__zoom.us_j_96467207327-3Fpwd-3DVWVVVGdWa1V1RVJzbVlCSHp3TUZFdz09&d=DwMFaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=88jVqZU-EMn-zNHzjXV3oUsvkv1DD7v01gG-Jq1Uj_I&m=T2_AOG9uPf1Ga9EybBSDf75oXETIqwRwkLGVe5mIqmM&s=AJAHmL35fwHrSeUAoFEKmB9Ezkou2iBrg0vNbwjCoyo&e=) Attached is more detailed information for the meeting.

***Mrs. Buffamante will be hosting a*weekly ZOOM meeting on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM**. I will have special guests such as college reps and military recruiters. I will let everyone know ahead of time when we will have a guest so that you can plan accordingly. Zoom meetings will be an opportunity to get updates, information and ask questions. Zoom meeting link: [https://lcisd.zoom.us/j/97132431097](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lcisd.zoom.us_j_97132431097&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=iDnQ5FK2asBeTYB27auTCBTkHkCk4bJ_24xPOARhZag&e=) **students and parents are welcome!!**I have begun meeting with our senior English classes this week. I will begin meeting with seniors individually later this week. I will be meeting with students both virtually and face to face.

I would also like to introduce a **new member of my College Career team, Abbey Vreeland** her information is attached. She is working with Advise Texas and will be working with me to assist our seniors with the college application process and financial aid applications as well. I will post her contact information in Canvas when she begins with us next week.

I hope that I have covered everything y'all need to know for now. For the next month I will be posting information into Canvas. Senior English teachers will have the module published starting next week as College & Career and I will publish my information as a Canvas Course next week to be a thumb nail on your Canvas dash board.

If you have any questions or need assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

My email is jbuffamante@lcisd.org and my Google Voice number is 832-521-8486 you can call or text (please include student name and ID#)

Attachments:
[Naviance and SchooLinks Information.pdf](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__succeed.naviance.com_download.php-3Fid-3DWDdsMHAwRWFLczVmU0lLaFA4RGNTZz09&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=EVrXRpF0HfdhaXm4WvbFbgsKcHoTG3bAzra1royE8G8&e=)
[Advise TX Welcome Letter.docx](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__succeed.naviance.com_download.php-3Fid-3DcWpENU80ZlFRNWtNSHVPYUlHTWdRZz09&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=Nop7ZWRRhIXmXFNvIa_BvTnghJQrvu9Bp50ZDWayZAU&e=)
[ProGrad93.pdf](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__succeed.naviance.com_download.php-3Fid-3Db0o0d2dpOXk1UDJXRTF4akxIZnB0dz09&d=DwMGaQ&c=_8oypQh28C77abpr9vXEzQ&r=6vG1bDrVGIH3OueRvHRMe4vrwiTvFEITMpecZtGHLrs&m=3rNPuL5KK6NvlkGJlmOVG5JeACorpMlGfvDLi_9OoFA&s=cmGtxwyO4THWlslXMDM_XZ2rILPBJA5dV6Si4zM27Rw&e=)