### The Weekly Spark Leaman Junior High School

Mike Semmler, Principal

### March 7, 2021

### Issue 20

#### Message from Leaman

#### HOT SPOTS AVAILABLE

Do you need internet service for virtual learning? LCISD received a grant awards and can now offer Free hotspots and service for all LCISD students and families. For pickup information, contact the school at 832.223.5200.

All hotpots are Children's Internet Privacy Act (CIPA) compliant. CIPA filtering means students will not have access to social networking sites or any site with adult content. There is a form in Skyward that parents need to fill out before a hotspot is sent home.

#### Information

Did you know we have a Facebook page?

We will often post important ongoings at Leaman via our Facebook Page!

Facebook.com/LeamanJuniorHighSchool

#### Reminders

March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball Playoffs See Flyer for Schedule

March 9th 5p-9pm Spirit Night – Freddy's

March 9th 5:30p Mandatory Cheerleading Zoom for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

> March 15-18th Spring Break

March 19 Zoom Contest Entries Due

March 22 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Track Tryouts

March 26th Progress Reports Due

April 6<sup>th</sup> & April 13<sup>th</sup> STAAR - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing See Flyer for FULL testing schedule



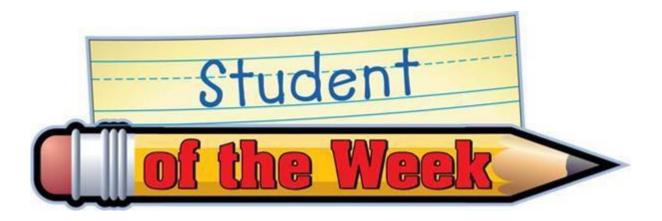
#### **Athletics**

Home Games Streamed on Leaman's FB Page. Boys Away Games Streamed on Leaman's Boys Athletic FB Page

**Track Tryouts** - Day 1 – March 22<sup>nd</sup> See Flyer for details

> Girls Away Games Streamed on Leaman's Girls Athletic FB Page

Leaman Athletics - www.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics



### Week of February 15, 2021



Stephen Gerschefski Nominated by: Ms. Mays





Aidan Greaves Nominated by: Mr. Walters



Each group will get a photo with Mr. Semmler and the story will be put on the Leaman Facebook page.

### Basketball Playoffs!

# P L A Y O F F S

LEAMAN JR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 8th 7B vs BRISCOE - 5PM at LEAMAN

8B vs BRISCOE - 5PM

at **READING** 

Tuesday, March 9th 7A vs BRISCOE - 5PM at BRISCOE

at BRISCOE 8A vs LAMAR - 6:30PM

at LAMAR\_

# CIRLS PLAYOFFS

LEAMAN JR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 8th 7B vs READING - 5PM at GEORGE JH 8B vs GEORGE - 6:30PM

at LAMAR

Tuesday, March 9th 7A vs BRISCOE - 5PM at GEORGE JH 8A vs GEORGE - 6:30PM at READING \*All dates are subject to change\*



2020-2021 Course Selection Schedule Dean Leaman Junior High **CURRENT GRADE:** 

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE

7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Grade Level(s)	Dates/Activity
8 <sup>th</sup> -Grade (current)	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> -Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Programs of Study Informational Zooms
8 <sup>th</sup> -Grade (current)	Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup> -Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>
	Choose Endorsement in Skyward
	<del>(Math Classes)</del>
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (current)	J <del>an. 26</del> <sup>th</sup>
	Parent and House Bill 5 Night for Incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> graders
	6-7pm Via Zoom
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (current)	Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>
	High school counselors present to incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> graders @ Leaman JH (ELA
	<del>classes)</del>
8 <sup>th</sup> -Grade (current)	Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>
	Skyward open for student/parent access for high school course selection
8 <sup>th</sup> -Grade (current)	<del>Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Feb 10<sup>th</sup></del>
	Counselors help students complete course selection for 9 <sup>th</sup> -grade (Science
	<del>classes)</del>
7 <sup>th</sup> -Grade (current)	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
	Counselors present info to students for 8 <sup>th</sup> grade course selection (PE Classes)
	Rescheduled to after the weather delay passes
7 <sup>th</sup> -Grade (current)	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>
	Parent Night and Elective Fair for Incoming 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
	6-7pm Via Zoom
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (current)	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>
	Parent Night and Elective Fair for Incoming 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
	6-7pm Via Zoom
8 <sup>th</sup> -grade (current)	<del>Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 19<sup>th</sup></del>
	Course verification by high school counselors (ELA classes)
7 <sup>th</sup> Grades (current)	Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>
	Skyward open for student/parent access for 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade course selection
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade (current)	Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>
	Counselors help students complete course selection for 8 <sup>th</sup> grade (History
	classes)
6 <sup>th</sup> -Grade (current)	Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>
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6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (current)	Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup> - Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>
	Roberts MS Counselor helps 6 <sup>th</sup> graders complete course selection for 7 <sup>th</sup>
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8 <sup>th</sup> Grades (current)	Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> – Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>
	Course verification completed by JH and HS counselors



### \*Cheer packets available at DLJH attendance window/Roberts front office on 3/3 <u>OR</u> online at

https://www.lcisd.org/departments/athletics/cheer

\*Make sure you read ALL information carefully and complete packet in FULL. Physical needed for all 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders that do not have one on file with the district.

March 9th @ 5:30pm-MANDATORY Parent Webinar

#### Please click the link below to join the webinar:

https://lcisd.zoom.us/j/85388001120

#### **Other important dates:**

\*March 31<sup>st</sup>-<mark>ALL</mark> Tryout Packets DUE by 3:40pm in Coach Tyler's room #1619 or by 3:40pm in the front office @ Roberts Middle School. NO LATE PACKETS ACCEPTED!!

Leaman Jr High Needs You! Use your create talents and create a ZOOM We are having a contest for all students! ZOOM BACKDROP CONTEST Example

Shine

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Upload your submissions on Canvas background for ALL Leaman staff! [assignment under Dean 2020].

(1920px x 1080px) Max file size: 5MB and in JPEC, PNC and MP4 formats Must be at least 16.9 Ratio

> Download the Charger Staff logo from Canvas Logo must be placed in at least one corner Design needs to be clean, not overly busy

Winner will receive \$50 gift card

### STAAR TESTING INFORMATION

- STAAR testing will occur in April (7<sup>th</sup> writing) and May (EOC, all other tests)
  - Schedule follows
- All STAAR testing will be done <u>ONLINE</u>
  - Benefits of online testing:
    - More flexibility in scheduling
    - Results will come in faster
  - Due to device availability, each subject's test will occur over two+ days.
  - Students will be assigned a specific date to test per grade/subject

Be on the lookout for more communication regarding specific testing dates <u>ALL</u> STUDENTS MUST COME TO LEAMAN TO TAKE THEIR STAAR/EOC TESTS

### CHARGERS

### STAAR TESTING INFORMATION

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Tests

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tests



Per TEA, students must take the STAAR test for their grade level. Therefore, if you are n 8<sup>th</sup> grader taking geometry, you will take the 8<sup>th</sup> grade math STAAR this year.





### STAAR TESTING INFORMATION

- Testing will occur everyday within the window allowed per TEA.
- For 7<sup>th</sup> writing that is every Tuesday from April 6<sup>th</sup>- May 4<sup>th</sup>
- For the Algebra I EOC that will be everyday from 05/04-05/26/2021.
- For 7<sup>th</sup> Math/Reading, 8<sup>th</sup> Math/Reading/Science/Social Studies that will be everyday from 05/11-05/26.
- If you are absent on the day of the test, but return to school in the window, you will still take the STAAR test that you missed.

#### PSAT 8/9 January Administration Score Reports

<ul> <li>PSAT 8/9 scores are available. Your students can access the scores by going to the <u>College Board site</u>. Use the email your student provided the day of the test or create an account.</li> <li>If your student logs in and does not see their score, please use this access code to view: <b>YLP3DG</b></li> <li>Watch this <u>video</u> to understand what information is in your score report.</li> </ul>	Visit <u>Student Score Reports</u> on the College Board site to learn more about how to use your report to determine next steps before the PSAT/NMSQT taken during 10 <sup>th</sup> and/or 11 <sup>th</sup> grade. <b>You will get another opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 next year in 9<sup>th</sup></b> grade. To learn more about how to use your score report to help make decisions about your schedule for next year, watch this <u>video</u> .
Your ELAR Teacher will be talking with you about linking your College Board Account to Khan Academy. Research has shown using Khan Academy can help boost your PSAT and SAT scores. You these directions <u>(English)</u> <u>(Spanish)</u> to see how to link your College Board Account and your Khan Academy Account (provided	For more information about the PSAT 8/9, please visit the <u>College</u> <u>Board site</u> . For more information about testing in LCISD visit the <u>Students &amp; Parents</u> site.

by the district)

If your student was unable to take the PSAT 8/9 this year, but would like a test booklet to review questions and practice, we have extras available. Please see Mrs Crawford in the front office if you are interested.



Leaman Jr High Nurses Corner

## SPRING HEALTH SCREENING

During the Spring Semester Nurse Boddie will begin screening for the following

All 7th Grade Acanthosis Nigricans Risk Assessment for Type 2 Diabetes

> 7th Grade Girls 8th Grade Boys Scoliosis

Contact Kathleen Boddie with any questions kboddie@lcisd.org





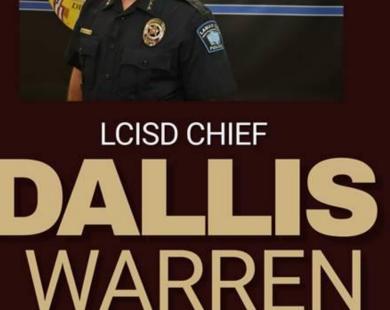






Government Affairs Committee

Present



### Thursday, March 11, 2021 @ 1pm

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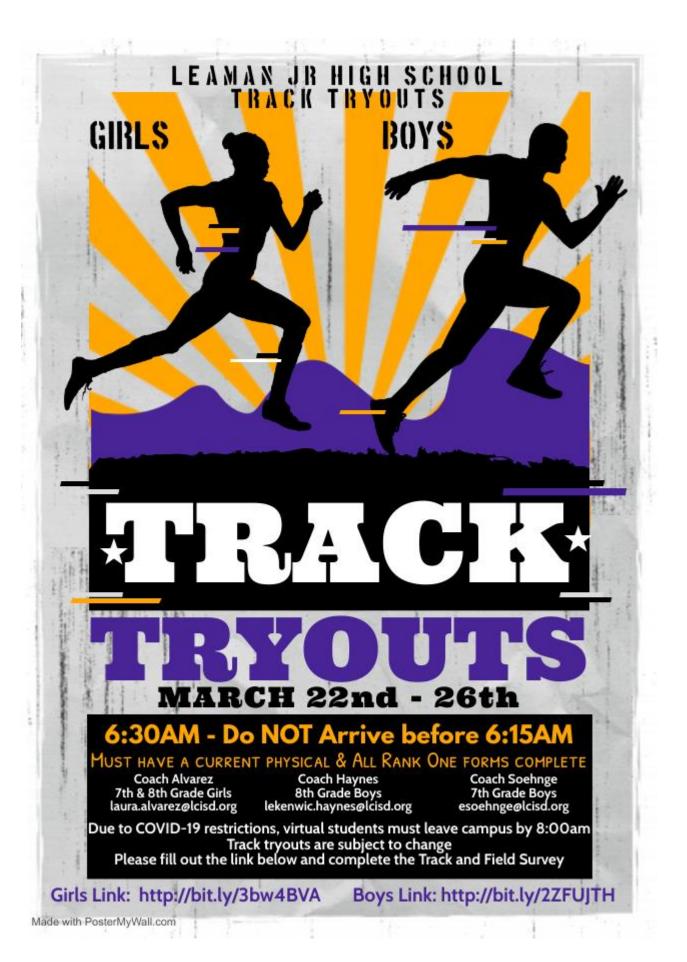
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#### www.FulshearKaty.com

(832) 688-3221

You can view this live on our Facebook Page March 11, 2021 at 1pm just join us at Facebook.com/FulshearKaty or you can tune in on ZOOM Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86509613546?pwd=eW1qdDJ4dkttaFFueEpUWnMzNkRiQ</u> <u>T09</u>

Meeting ID: 865 0961 3546 Passcode: LCISD



#### **NHS Spring Tutorials**

Join on Zoom with questions and an NHS student will help!

When: Each Wednesday (Except March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>) until the end of April

Time: 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

How to find help:

Log into Zoom and use the ID: 943 3273 5527

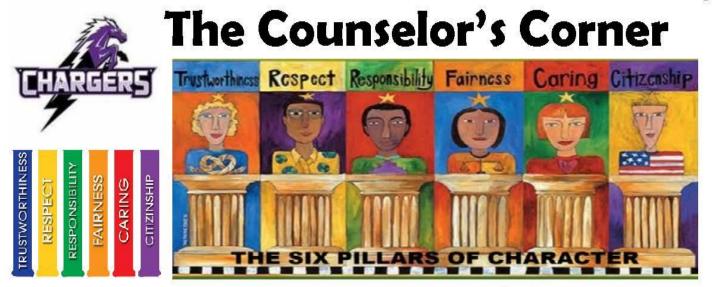
OR go to: https://lcisd.zoom.us/j/94332735527

OR scan QR Code:



Please use your real name and bring questions!

March 2021-Character Focus Caring





• Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude and Forgive others • Help people in need • Be charitable and altruistic.

### Quote of the Month

"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves."

- Amelia Earhart

Caring: Building Character at Home

Demonstrate love and affection.
Give time, attention, and praise.
Encourage the awareness of and expression of feelings.

• Teach children to think of the impact their conduct will have on others.

• Encourage and model caring, empathy, charity, and service to others.



#### 7th and 8th Grade Counselors

Anita Oliphant– 7th Grade Contact information: Anita.oliphant@lcisd.org 832-223-5209 Office Hours M-F 7:15-3:15

Latoya Session— 8th Grade Contact information: lsession@lcisd.org 832-223-5269 Office Hours M-F 8:15-4:00 Dean Leaman Junior High School



#### Who is going the extra mile for you?

- Think for a moment about the amazing staff at Leaman. Who is working hard for students? Nominate a teacher or staff member that you would like to recognize for their hard work in the <u>Be the One survey</u>. If you agree, we will post the shout out on Facebook to share what a great a place Leaman is. You can fill this survey out for as many staff members as you'd like.
- Each Monday the results will be gathered. They will then be shared with staff members during Tuesday department meetings or Wednesday staff meetings.

Thanks for sharing the love

#### **Important Updates from Nurse Boddie**

If a student is waiting for COVID test results - please keep student home, until results are received. Do not send students to school, who are waiting on COVID test results.

ALL students must bring two (2) masks to school. Students must be wearing one mask, as they enter school or bus. And keep a second in their backpack, incase the 1st one breaks, lost or otherwise misplaced. Masks are worn, covering Mouth AND Nose

Contact Nurse Boddie with any questions kboddie@lcisd.org

### Welcome to Leaman! Welcome to Leaman! Frequently Asked Questions

#### Attendance

Excuses for absences must be submitted within 10 days of the absence. These can be e-mailed, faxed, or dropped off in the attendance office.

Michelle O'Brien <u>april.obrien@lcisd.org</u> Fax: (832) 223-5201

#### **Behavior Expectations**

Students follow the P.R.I.D.E. matrix for expected behaviors. The LCISD student code of conduct can be found in the LCISD Secondary handbook at this link: <u>http://www.lcisd.org/students-</u> <u>parents/general-information</u>

#### P.E. Uniforms

All P.E. and Dance students must dress out every day. P.E. uniforms are available for purchase from the coaches for \$25.00 (shirt and shorts). Lockers are available to store items in the dressing rooms.

#### **Extracurricular/Clubs**

Leaman has a variety of fun organizations. Check out our website for more information at this link: <u>http://www.lcisd.org/campuses/leaman j\_h/extracurricular</u>

#### Homework

Each teacher's Canvas page will include homework information for their course.

#### **Uniform/Dress Code**

Leaman Junior High follows the dress code policy in the LCISD Secondary handbook at this link: <u>http://www.lcisd.org/studentsparents/general-information</u> When a student is out of dress code, he or she will be required to change.

#### **Birthdays**

Gifts, cakes, cupcakes, balloons, treat bags, and flowers are not to be sent to school. Invitations to individual parties are not to be distributed at school, during class time.

#### Lockers

Lockers are optional. There is a mass check out at the beginning of each year. At any other time, if your student wants a locker, they will contact Jennifer Leslie jleslie@lcisd.org

#### **Transportation changes**

Submit all changes by 3:00 each day. Students cannot ride the bus home with other students due to limited seating.

#### Lunchtime

A parent can only provide lunch for his/her child. Students are not allowed to pop popcorn for lunch. Drinks must be in a clear see-through bottle.

#### Communication

A weekly newsletter will be sent out each Friday. This newsletter contains important information about our upcoming events and current programs. You will receive a phone reminder about this e-mail each Friday as well.

#### **Cell Phones**

Students can only use their phones when permitted by a staff member. If a phone is taken, there will be a \$15.00 fee.

#### **Textbooks**

Consumable workbooks and textbooks will be provided in the classroom. Textbooks (for home usage) can be checked out from Jennifer Leslie <u>jleslie@lcisd.org</u> (if available)

#### Conferences

To set up a conference with a teacher, counselor, or principal, please contact them directly via e-mail or phone.

