

The Weekly Spark

Leaman Junior High School

Mike Semmler, Principal

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Issue 17



Counselor's Corner

8th Graders!!

Parent & House Bill 5 Night

Jan 26th 6-7pm Via Zoom

<https://lcsd.zoom.us/j/86955872649>

Course selection dates are posted on attached pages below. Mark these deadlines in your calendar

Reminders

January 25

Learning Commitment Form Opens

January 25-29

Great Kindness Challenge Week

January 26

Zoom Call for Incoming 9th graders

Feb 2-10th

Skyward opens for high school course selection

February 5th

Learning Commitment Form Closes

February 15th

Zoom call for incoming 7th & 8th graders

February 19

End of 4th six Weeks
Early Dismissal 12:15p

Notices & Information

Need to make a change in your students learning?

Virtual to Face/Face

Or

Face/Face to Virtual?

Form opens in Skyward on 1/25
and Closes on 2/5

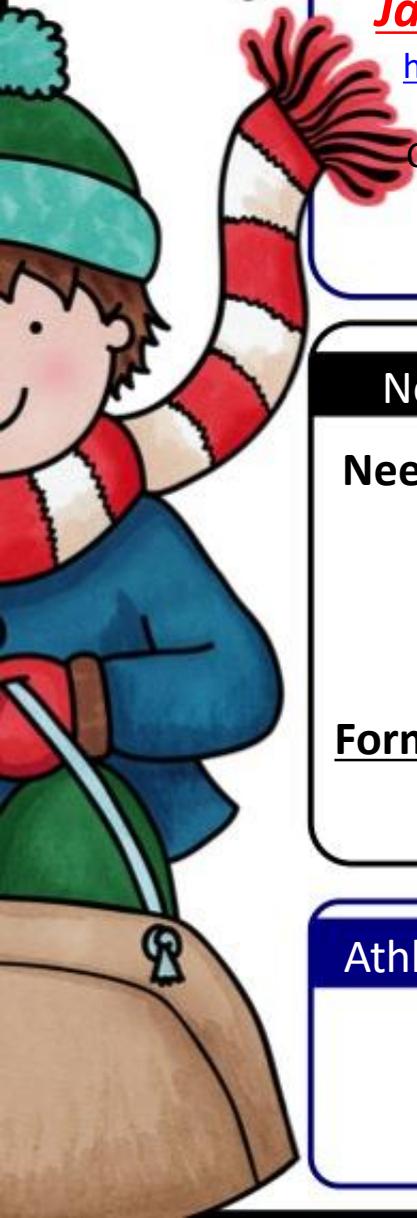
Athletics

Home Games Streamed
on Leaman's FB Page.

Away Games
Streamed on
Leaman's Athletic
FB Page

Basketball – check website for game times/locations

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

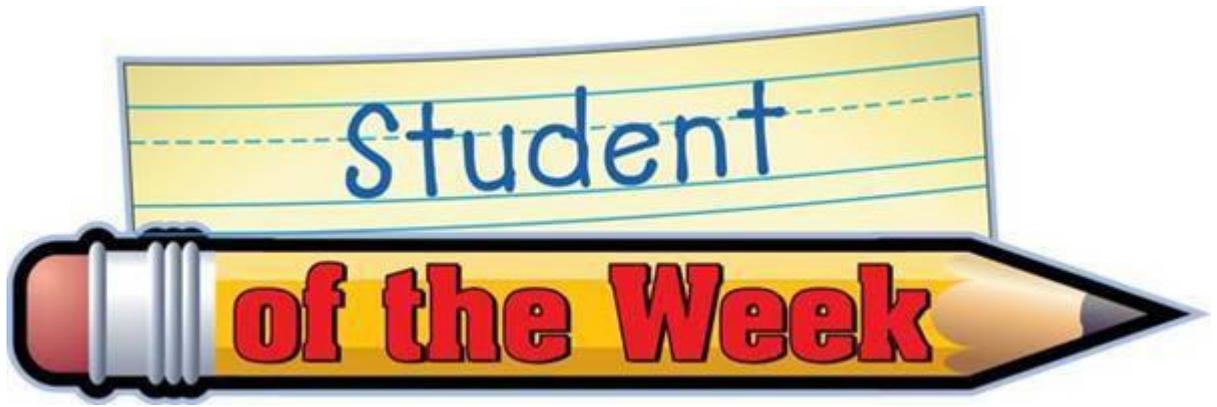


New

Information

This Week

NEW!



7th *Grade*

Keegan Ognoskie
Nominated by: Mr. Moore



8th *Grade*

Hayden Tocci
Nominated by: Ms. Stricker



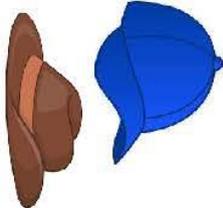
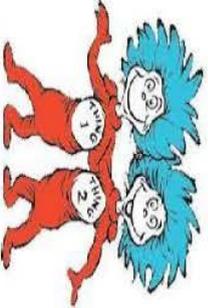


The Great Kindness Challenge[®]

Each day of the Great Kindness Challenge be sure to dress up to show school spirit and your commitment to being a kind Citizen!

January 25-29, 2021

The happiest week of the year!

<p>Monday 1/25/2021</p>	 <p>Being Kind is Cool through the decades: Dress 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's</p>	<p>Tuesday 1/26/2021</p>	 <p>Hats Off to Kindness: Wear you're a hat and show kindness</p>	<p>Wednesday 1/27/2021</p>	 <p>Be a Buddy, Not a Bully: Friends don't allow friends to bully- Dress like your friend to be their twin!</p>	<p>Thursday 1/28/2021</p>	 <p>Crazy for Kindness: Crazy Hair Day</p>	<p>Friday 1/29/2021</p>	 <p>Powered by Kindness: Wear your Superhero Shirt to show your kindness Superpowers</p>
<p>Challenge: Say "Hi" or cheer someone up who looks sad</p>	<p>Challenge: Compliment 5 People or Give at least 5 People a smile</p>	<p>Challenge: Write a special thank you note to give to our school nurse for supporting us during this difficult time</p>	<p>Challenge: Tell someone THANK YOU today! (Cafeteria workers, bus drivers, teachers, friends...anyone)</p>	<p>Challenge: Pick up any trash you see on the ground.</p>	<p>"No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted." (Aesop)</p>	<p>"Treat everyone with kindness and respect." (Unknown)</p>	<p>"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing." (Mother Teresa)</p>	<p>"Choose to be kind over being right and you'll be right every time." (Richard Carlson)</p>	<p>"Just one act of kindness that you perform, may turn the tide of another person's life." (Unknown)</p>

FACE2FACE OR VIRTUAL?

TIME TO ACT IS NOW!!

The window is open for changing your student from either F2F to Virtual or Virtual to F2F.

Log Into Skyward Family Access and complete the form by the deadline.

If you miss the deadline, next window for sign up is after Spring Break.



DEADLINE!!!
FRIDAY, FEB 5, 2021

**LEAMAN JR
HIGH**

If signed up,
Students will return
on February 22, 2021



Instructional Modality Change



LEAMAN JUNIOR HIGH

BASKETBALL GAMES

★ **GAMES STREAMED ON FACEBOOK** ★

HOME GAMES

FACEBOOK.COM/

LEAMANJUNIORHIGHSCHOOL

AWAY GAMES

FACEBOOK.COM/

DLJHATHLETICS



All dates are subject to change

**2020-2021 Course Selection Schedule
Dean Leaman Junior High**

CURRENT GRADE:

8th GRADE

7th GRADE

6th GRADE

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

CFHS Course Selection Night

JANUARY 26, 2021

<https://lcsd.zoom.us/j/86955872649>

Students and families are invited to attend the CFHS Course Selection Night on **January 26, 2021 from 6:00-7:00 pm via Zoom (Zoom link to come!)**. This is a great opportunity to come and learn about the different endorsements and programs that are offered. We will also go over upcoming course selection dates. Following the course selection presentation, there will be a Dual Credit presentation for Junior and Senior families **ONLY** (Lone Star only allows juniors and seniors to take Dual Credit) from 7-7:45 pm. We look forward to providing you with important information regarding your child's upcoming course selection process.



FULSHEAR HIGH SCHOOL
9302 Charger Way
Fulshear, TX 77441

LEARN ABOUT
ENDORSEMENTS
CFHS OFFERS

FIND OUT DATES
FOR 21-22
COURSE
SELECTION

LEARN ABOUT
GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS

DUAL CREDIT
SESSION IS FROM
7-7:45 FOR
JUNIOR AND
SENIOR PARENTS
ONLY

STEM

Business & Industry

Arts & Humanities

Public Services

Multi-Disciplinary

January 26th
6:00 - 7:00 pm

NHS Spring Tutorials

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

When: Each Wednesday (Except March 3rd and March 17th) 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://lcsd.zoom.us/j/94332735527>

OR scan QR Code:



Please use your real name and bring questions!



The Counselor's Corner



Character Trait for January / February

FAIRNESS

Take turns and share | Be open-minded | Treat all people fairly

What does Fairness mean?

- Play by the rules
- Take turns and share
- Be open-minded; listen to others
- Don't take advantage of others
- Don't blame others carelessly
- Treat all people fairly

TIPS for Students:



Treat others fairly
regardless of
your differences.

Character Building at Home:

How Parents Can Promote Fairness:

- Create a family environment that provides opportunities for each family member to express participates in decisions.
- Embrace the uniqueness of each family member, avoiding comparisons with siblings and friends.
- Clearly state and consistently apply rules and procedures.
- Teach open-minded as well as consistency.
- Talk frequently about fairness and fair play.
- Treat others, both inside and outside the family, equitably.

Affirmations

Practice affirmations daily! Please encourage your students to say positive affirmations everyday!

Examples: I am Smart, I am Kind, I am Awesome.....

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

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BE THE ONE

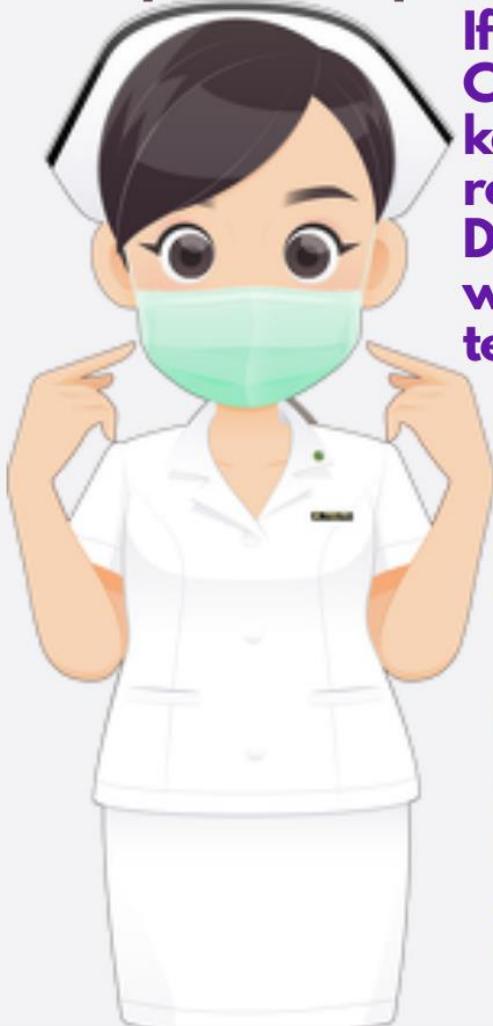
Leaman Junior High

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 [Be the One survey](#). 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@lcsd.org

Welcome to Leaman!

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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 april.obrien@lcisd.org
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:

<http://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/general-information>

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:

http://www.lcisd.org/campuses/leaman_j_h/extracurricular



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: <http://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/general-information>

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 jleslie@lcisd.org (if available)

Conferences

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

