



The Weekly Spark

Leaman Junior High School

Mike Semmler, Principal

February 1, 2020

Issue 18

Message from Counselors

**All Incoming
7th & 8th Graders!!**
Parent Night & Elective Fair
Feb 15th 6-7pm Via Zoom

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

Notices & Information

Don't forget – Learning Model Form is OPEN
Virtual to Face/Face Or
Face/Face to Virtual?
Form is Open in Skyward Closes on 2/5

Did You Know?

Abbott, TEA offers \$1,500 grants for students with cognitive disabilities impacted by COVID-19
<http://bit.ly/39xGFRV>

Reminders

Feb 1-5th
National School Counseling Week

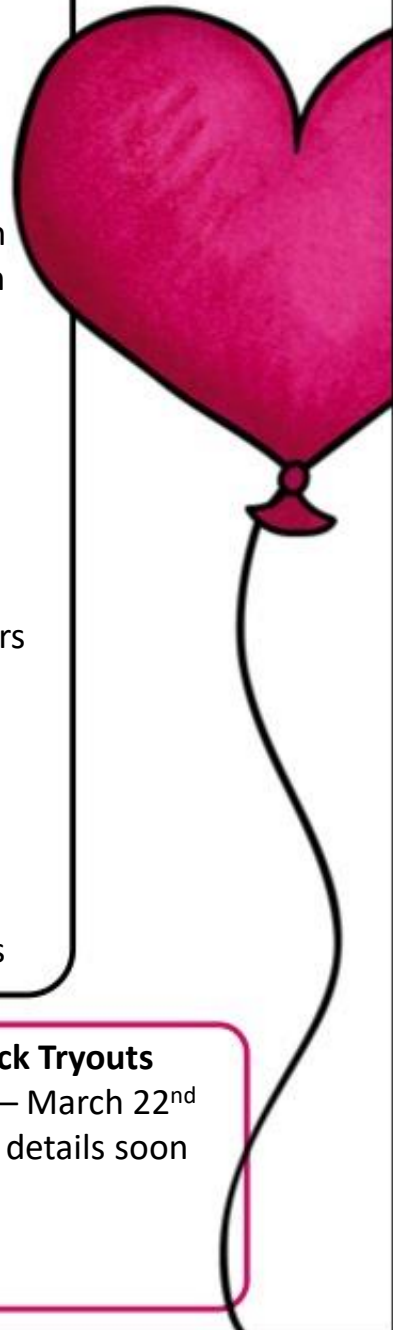
Feb 2-10th
Skyward opens for high school course selection

February 5th
Learning Commitment Form Closes (Skyward)

February 15th
Parent Zoom call for incoming 7th & 8th graders

February 19
End of 4th six Weeks
Early Dismissal 12:15p

March 22
1st Day of Track Tryouts



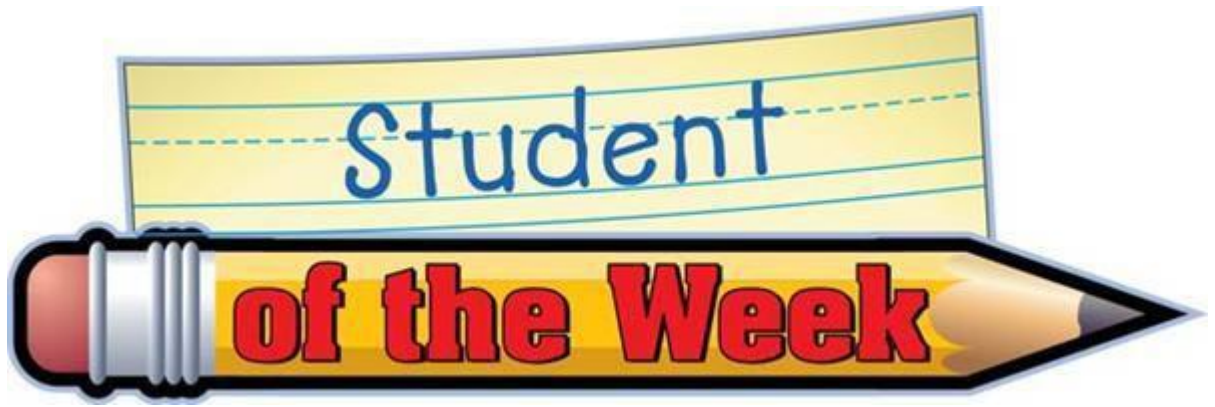
At-Home Practice

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.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics](http://www.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics)

Track Tryouts
Day 1 – March 22nd
More details soon



7th *Grade*

Jose Barreno
Nominated by: Ms. Peterson



8th *Grade*

Amelia Gutierrez
Nominated by: Ms. Longoria



Fulshear Storm Dance Team

2021 - 2022 Team Try-outs

What will the Fulshear Storm do?

- Perform at football games, pep rallies, and various community events
- Compete at the regional and state level
- Promote school spirit, gain valuable leadership, and organizational skills

Who is eligible to try-out?

- All dancers in grades 9th – 12th in the 2021-2022 school year

What are the requirements to try-out?

- Attend the mandatory ZOOM try-out meeting on **Tuesday, February 16, 2021**
- Turn in your try-out packet on Friday, February 19, 2021
(Packet will be available for download to turn in electronically)
- **Must have a cumulative grade point average of no less than 70.0**
- **No more than 2 discipline referrals for the current year**
- **No assignment to ALC, suspension, or more than 5 lunch detentions for the school year**
- Attend all the try-out clinic dates on **March 9-11, 2021** from 4-6 PM

Important Dates

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Mandatory Zoom meeting

for all hopefuls and parents

SCAN the QR Code for Zoom Link



Friday, February 19, 2021, 4:00 PM

Tryout Packet due to Coach Sury or Coach Galvan Room

1534 or front office @ CFHS

Room 2107 or front office @ DLJH

Electronic return to email below

For Questions: 832-223-5169 or esury@lcisd.org

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
Invites you to attend

FEB 15

Parent Night & Elective Fair

DISCUSSION ON

Presenting information about course selection
and extracirricular activities available to all
incoming 7th and 8th grade students for
2021-2022 school year

SPEAKERS:

Counselors and
Administrators

February 15, 2021
6:00pm – 7:00pm
via Zoom

(link will be sent at a later date)



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. 26th 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



THANK YOU

to our School Counselors

Ms. Session &
Mrs. Oliphant

**National School
Counseling Week
2021 (Feb. 1-5)**

Sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), highlights the essential contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and the tremendous impact they have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Take a moment to thank your local school counselor(s).

School counselors help students in more ways than you realize.

This week we celebrate them as a part of National School Counseling Week 2021.

Learn more about the role of this essential profession: <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/Role>

LEAMAN JUNIOR HIGH



TEA Interim Assessments

- Math, Reading, Science (8th only), and Social Studies (8th only) will be giving TEA Interim Assessments this spring starting in February.
 - Face to face students will test during the class period
 - Virtual students will test at home
 - Dates TBA by your student's teachers (check [Canvas](#) calendars)
 - The Math and Reading Assessments are two parts, and may take up to two days
- These assessments benchmark student progress at key points in the year.
- These assessments must be done on a laptop or desktop computer – **phones or iPads cannot be used.**
- Students will access the TEA Interim Assessment App through [Classlink](#).
 - Log in information for each assessment can be found on [Skyward Family Access](#) using these [directions](#).
 - Directions for accessing the Interim Assessment App in Classlink can be found [HERE](#) or in your teacher's [Canvas](#) course.
 - **Algebra students will take the Algebra Interim Assessment**
 - **7th Grade PAP Math Students will take the 8th Math Interim Assessment**
- For more information about testing in LCISD visit the [Students & Parents](#) site.

TEA Interim Assessments must be completed online. This puts strain on our school WiFi network. Therefore, during Interim Testing, all student devices will be turned off or switched to airplane mode. Please call our front office to give messages to, or make contact with, your student, 832-223-5200.

**Dean Leaman Junior High
8th Grade Boys Basketball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Venue	Time
01/20/21	Briscoe (S)	Leaman	5:00 / 6:45
01/25/21	George	George	5:00 / 6:45
02/01/21	BYE		
02/08/21	Briscoe	Leaman	5:00 / 6:45
02/15/21	Lamar	Lamar	5:00 / 6:45
02/22/21	Reading	Leaman	5:00 / 6:45
03/03/21	(B) Playoffs	Reading	5:00 3 VS. 2 6:45 4 VS. 1
03/04/21	(A) Playoffs	Lamar	5:00 3 VS. 2 6:45 4 VS. 1
03/10/21	Championship	Fulshear HS	5:30 / 6:45

***B-Team Game starts @ 5:00**

***A-Team Game starts @ 6:45**

Principal: Michael Semmler

8th Grade Basketball Head Coach: Lenhurst O'Brien

8th Grade Assistant Basketball Coach: Terry Walters

**Dean Leaman Junior High
7th Grade Boys Basketball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Venue	Time
01/20/21	Briscoe (S)	Briscoe	5:00 / 6:45
01/25/21	George	Leaman	5:00 / 6:45
02/01/21	BYE		
02/08/21	Briscoe	Briscoe	5:00 / 6:45
02/15/21	Lamar	Leaman	5:00 / 6:45
02/22/21	Reading	Reading	5:00 / 6:45
03/03/21	(B) Playoffs	Leaman	5:00 3 VS. 2 6:45 4 VS. 1
03/04/21	(A) Playoffs	Briscoe	5:00 3 VS. 2 6:45 4 VS. 1
03/10/21	Championship	George Ranch HS	5:30 / 6:45

***B-Team Game starts @ 5:00**

***A-Team Game starts @ 6:45**

Principal: Michael Semmler

7th Grade Basketball Head Coach: David Perez

7th Grade Assistant Basketball Coach: Guy Chaloub

**Dean Leaman Junior High
8th Grade Girls Basketball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Venue	Time
01/21/21	Reading (S)	Reading	5:00 / 6:45
01/28/21	George	Leaman	5:00 / 6:45
02/04/21	BYE		
02/11/21	Briscoe	Briscoe	5:00 / 6:45
02/18/21	Lamar	Leaman	5:00 / 6:45
02/25/21	Reading	Reading	5:00 / 6:45
03/03/21	(B) Playoffs	Lamar	5:00 3 VS. 2 6:45 4 VS. 1
03/04/21	(A) Playoffs	Reading	5:00 3 VS. 2 6:45 4 VS. 1
03/11/21	Championship	Foster HS	5:30 / 6:45

***B-Team Game starts @ 5:00**

***A-Team Game starts @ 6:45**

Principal: Michael Semmler

8th Grade Basketball Head Coach: Terri Mathews

8th Grade Assistant Basketball Coach: Katie Reyna

**Dean Leaman Junior High
7th Grade Girls Basketball Schedule**

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01/21/21	Reading (S)	Leaman	5:00 / 6:45
01/28/21	George	George	5:00 / 6:45
02/04/21	BYE		
02/11/21	Briscoe	Leman	5:00 / 6:45
02/18/21	Lamar	Lamar	5:00 / 6:45
02/25/21	Reading	Leaman	5:00 / 6:45
03/03/21	(B) Playoffs	George	5:00 3 VS. 2 6:45 4 VS. 1
03/04/21	(A) Playoffs	George	5:00 3 VS. 2 6:45 4 VS. 1
03/11/21	Championship	BF Terry HS	5:30 / 6:45

***B-Team Game starts @ 5:00**

***A-Team Game starts @ 6:45**

Principal: Michael Semmler

7th Grade Basketball Head Coach: Becky Green

7th Grade Assistant Basketball Coach: Ermon Moore

Looking for Charger Gear?

Purchase your Lady Charger Basketball Playoff shirts here:

<https://gogearonline.com/fulshear-lcpl21>



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

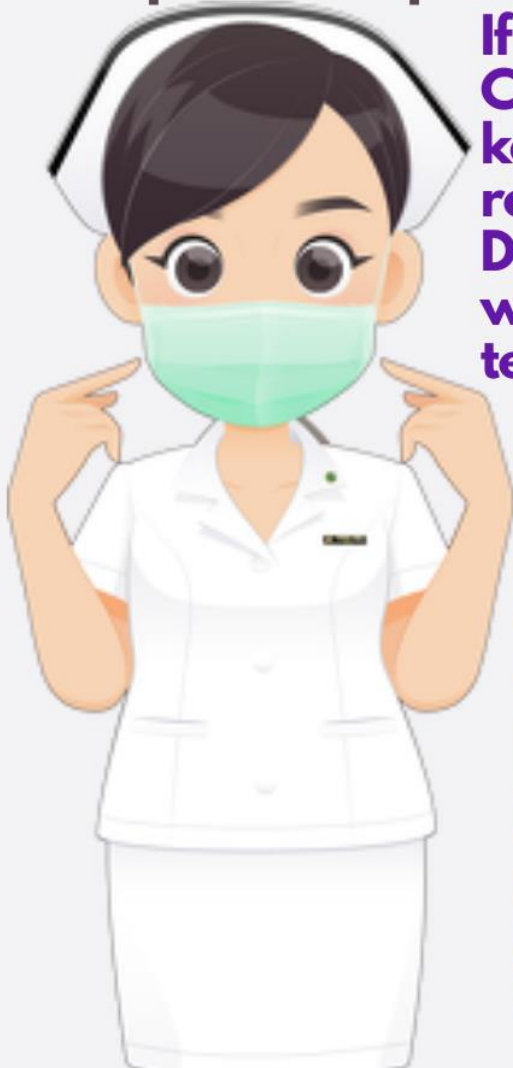
Leaman Junior High

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@lcisd.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.

