



# The Weekly Spark

## Leaman Junior High School

Mike Semmler, Principal

March 21, 2021

Issue 21

Final Day for School Store! Get your Charger Gear now!



### 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 hotspots 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.

### Reminders

March 19

Zoom Contest Entries Due

March 22

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

March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Basketball Championship  
See Flyer for Schedule

March 26<sup>th</sup>

Progress Reports Due

March 31<sup>th</sup> @ 3:40pm

Leaman Cheer Packets Due

March 31<sup>th</sup>

Washington DC Trip meeting  
During D Advisory

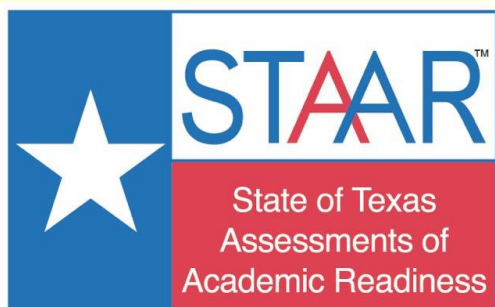
April 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Tennis Tryouts  
See Flyer for Info

April 6<sup>th</sup> & April 13<sup>th</sup>

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

### Information



Check Flyer for Information regarding STAAR

### Athletics

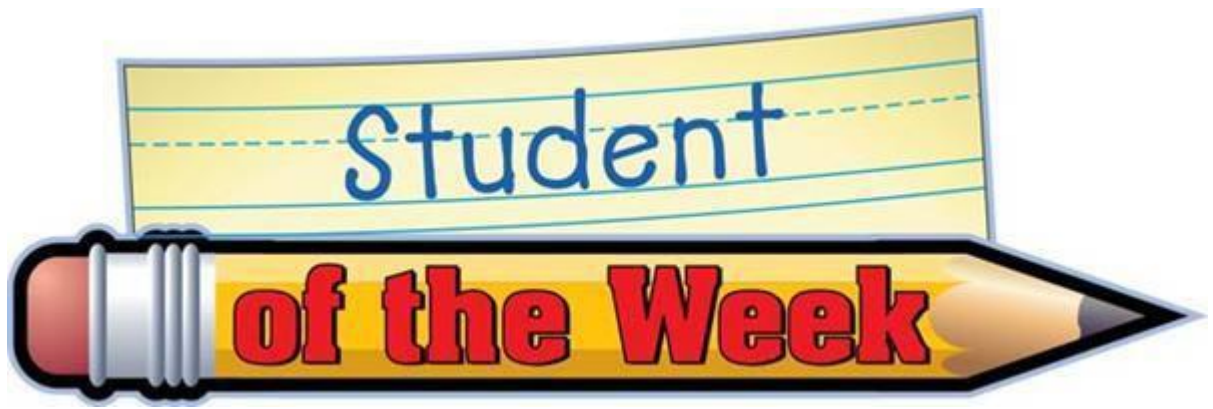
Track Tryouts - Day 1 – March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
See Flyer for details

[Boys Away Games Streamed on Leaman's Boys Athletic FB Page](#)

[Girls Away Games Streamed on Leaman's Girls Athletic FB Page](#)

Tennis Tryouts -  
April 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>  
See Flyer for details

[Leaman Athletics - www.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics](http://www.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics)



## Week of February 15, 2021

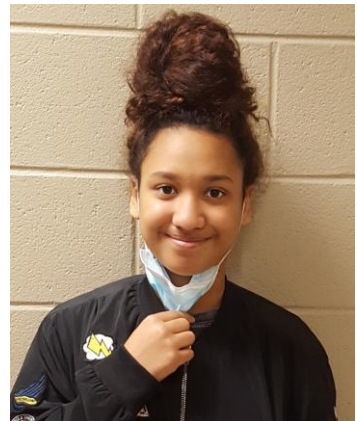
### **7<sup>th</sup>** *Grade*

Kaleb Workcuff  
Nominated by: Ms. Pruitt



### **8<sup>th</sup>** *Grade*

Courtney Banks  
Nominated by: Mrs. Slavinski







# LCISD BASKETBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

**MARCH 24**  
**BOYS**

7B vs Reading  
5pm @ George Ranch

8B vs Reading  
5pm @ Fulshear

8A vs Reading  
6:30pm @ Fulshear

**MARCH 25**  
**GIRLS**

8B vs Reading  
5pm @ Foster

8A vs Reading  
6:30pm @ Foster





*Don't miss this trip of a lifetime!*

# 4th Annual 8th Grade Trip 2021 Leaman Washington DC and Colonial Virginia Trip



On Wednesday, March 31 there will be a roommate selection meeting in Coach Walters' room (1606). Meeting during D Advisory (12:27-12:57 pm).  
Be sure to check in with your teacher before coming to the meeting.

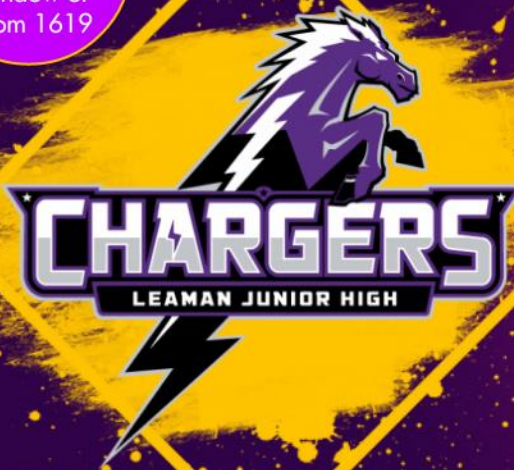
A roster of all students going on the trip will be posted outside Coach Walters' room. Please check that list before the meeting to get an idea of who you want to room with.

See Coach Walters for questions

[twalters@lcisd.org](mailto:twalters@lcisd.org)

**June 1st-5th**  
Less than 75 days  
away  
How Exciting!!!

Pick up  
TryOut Packets  
at Attendance  
Window or  
Room 1619



See Coach Tyler for more Info  
Room 1619  
megan.tyler@lcisd.org

# CHEER

# TRYOUTS

GOT THE SPIRIT? LET'S HEAR IT

## APRIL 13, 2021

March 9th - MANDATORY Parent Zoom  
March 31st - ALL Tryout packets due to Coach Tyler in  
Room 1619 \*\*NO EXCEPTIONS\*\*

April 8th - Tryout Clinic 4-5:30pm @ Leaman Gym  
April 12th - Mock Tryouts 4-5:30pm @ Leaman Gym

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

\*Cheer packets available at DLJH attendance window/Roberts front office on 3/3 OR 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 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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> - **ALL** 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!!***



Learnman Jr High Needs you!



# ZOOM BACKDROP CONTEST

We are having a contest for all students!

Use your create talents and create a ZOOM

background for ALL Learnman staff!!

Upload your submissions on Canvas

(assignment under Dean 2020).

Must be at least 16.9 Ratio

(1920px x 1080px) Max file size: 5MB

and in JPEG, PNG and MP4 formats



Example

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



LEAMAN JR HIGH SCHOOL  
TRACK TRYOUTS

GIRLS

BOYS



★ **TRACK** ★

**TRYOUTS**

**MARCH 22nd - 26th**

**6:30AM - Do NOT Arrive before 6:15AM**

**MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL & ALL RANK ONE FORMS COMPLETE**

Coach Alvarez  
7th & 8th Grade Girls  
laura.alvarez@lcisd.org

Coach Haynes  
8th Grade Boys  
lekenwic.haynes@lcisd.org

Coach Soehnge  
7th Grade Boys  
esoehnge@lcisd.org

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, virtual students must leave campus by 8:00am  
Track tryouts are subject to change  
Please fill out the link below and complete the Track and Field Survey

Girls Link: <http://bit.ly/3bw4BVA>

Boys Link: <http://bit.ly/2ZFUJTH>



# TENNIS TRYOUTS

APRIL 5th  
thru 9th  
@6:30am



We will meet in the foyer of the gym at 6:25 a.m. and walk to the courts together.

All participants MUST have a complete physical packet on file prior to the first day of practice. Physical and Rank One athletic form information is below

Please contact Coach Baker for more information or questions  
[mackenzie.baker@lcisd.org](mailto:mackenzie.baker@lcisd.org) or (832) 223-5260





# 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 **ONLINE**
  - 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**

**ALL STUDENTS MUST COME TO LEAMAN TO TAKE THEIR STAAR/EOC TESTS**



## STAAR TESTING INFORMATION

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Tests



#### Writing

April 6<sup>th</sup>  
• Alpha Split A-Le.  
April 13<sup>th</sup>  
• Alpha split Li-Z



#### 7<sup>th</sup> Math & Reading

Testing Window:  
May 11<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tests



Algebra I EOC  
High school credit,  
required for graduation

May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>



Science, Social Studies,  
7<sup>th</sup> Pre-AP & 8<sup>th</sup> Math,  
Reading

Testing Window:  
May 6<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

Per TEA, students must take the STAAR test for their grade level. Therefore, if you are an 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

PSAT 8/9 scores are available. Your students can access the scores by going to the [College Board site](#). Use the email your student provided the day of the test or create an account.

*If your student logs in and does not see their score, please use this access code to view: **YLP3DG***

Watch this [video](#) to understand what information is in your score report.

Visit [Student Score Reports](#) 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. **You will get another opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 next year in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.**

To learn more about how to use your score report to help make decisions about your schedule for next year, watch this [video](#).

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 ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) to see how to link your College Board Account and your Khan Academy Account (provided by the district)

For more information about the PSAT 8/9, please visit the [College Board site](#).

For more information about testing in LCISD visit the [Students & Parents site](#).

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](mailto:kboddie@lcisd.org)**



Order by  
March 19th

# LERMAN JUNIOR HIGH LERMAN SPRING STORE 2021



**\$42.00** Nike Dry Franchise Polo  
Available in 2 other colors.



**\$66.00** Nike Element Dry Half-Zip Top



**\$56.00** Nike Therma LS 1/4 Zip Top  
Available in 1 other color.



**\$66.00** Nike Women's Dry Element 1/2 Zip Top



**\$42.00** Nike Women's Dry Franchise Polo  
Available in 1 other color.



**\$42.00** UA Locker 1/4 Zip



**\$59.00** UA M's Qualifier Hybrid 1/4 Zip



**\$42.00** UA Rival Polo  
Available in 2 other colors.



**\$42.00** UA Women's Locker 1/2 Zip  
Available in 1 other color.



**\$66.00** UA Women's Qualifier Fleece Blocked Hoody

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LEARMAN JUNIOR HIGH  
LEARMAN SPRING STORE 2021



**\$42.00** UA Women's Rival Polo



**\$50.00** Nike Club Pullover Fleece Hoodie



**\$38.00** Nike Legend Long Sleeve T-Shirt  
Available in 2 other colors.



**\$30.00** Nike Legend Short Sleeve T-Shirt  
Available in 2 other colors.



**\$29.00** Nike Women's Dry Balance 2.0 Tank  
Available in 1 other color.



**\$37.00** Nike Women's Legend LIS Tee  
Available in 2 other colors.



**\$30.00** Nike Women's Legend S/S Tee  
Available in 2 other colors.



**\$32.00** Nike Women's Legend Veneer Crew Tee



**\$48.00** Nike Youth Club Pullover Fleece Hoodie  
Youth



**\$27.00** Nike Youth Legend T-Shirt  
Youth  
Available in 2 other colors.

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# LEARMAN JUNIOR HIGH LEARMAN SPRING STORE 2021



**\$50.00** UA Hustle Fleece Hoodie



**\$38.00** UA Locker Tee 2.0 Long Sleeve  
Available in 2 other colors.



**\$30.00** UA Locker Tee 2.0 Short Sleeve  
Available in 2 other colors.



**\$32.00** UA Women's Game Time Tank  
Available in 1 other color.



**\$50.00** UA Women's Hustle Fleece Hoodie



**\$38.00** UA Women's Longsleeve Locker Tee  
Available in 2 other colors.



**\$30.00** UA Women's Shortsleeve Locker Tee  
Available in 2 other colors.



**\$55.00** Patented Stadium Chair

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## 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://lcsd.zoom.us/j/94332735527>

**OR** scan QR Code:

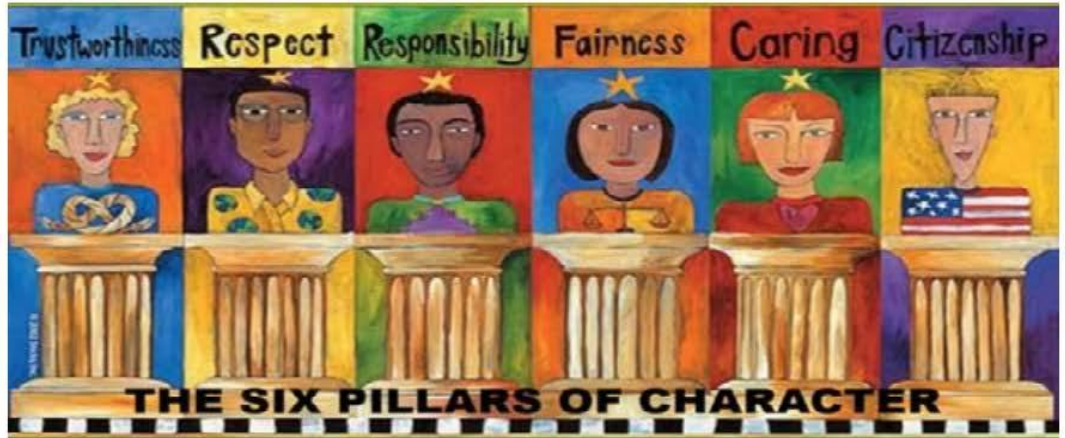


Please use your real name and bring questions!





# The Counselor's Corner



## Pillar of the Month: **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.

**CHARACTER  
COUNTS!**

### 7th and 8th Grade Counselors

Anita Oliphant- 7th Grade

Contact information: [Anita.oliphant@lcisd.org](mailto:Anita.oliphant@lcisd.org)  
832-223-5209

Office Hours M-F 7:15-3:15

Latoya Session— 8th Grade

Contact information: [lsession@lcisd.org](mailto:lsession@lcisd.org)  
832-223-5269

Office Hours M-F 8:15-4:00

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# BE THE ONE

*Leaman Junior High*

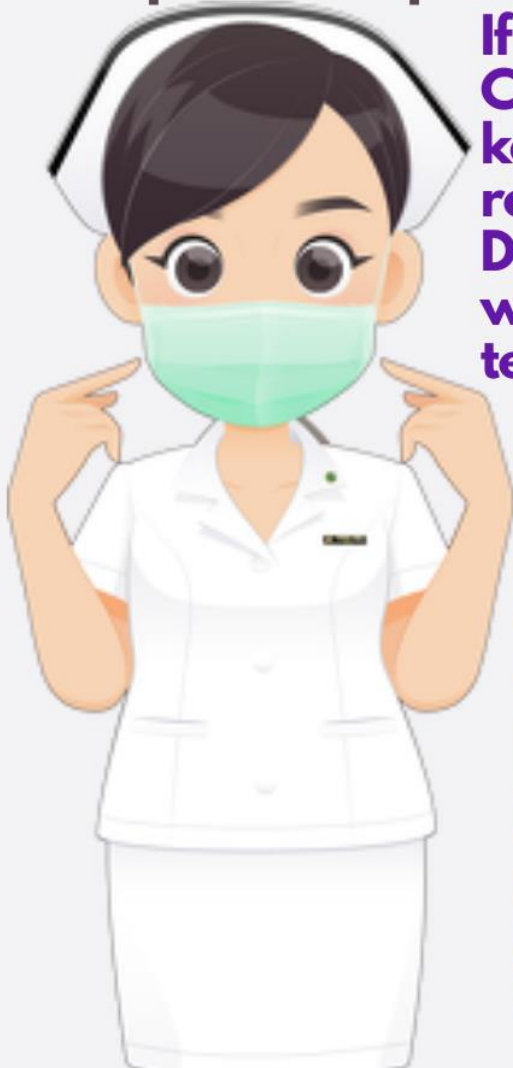
## Who is going the extra mile for you?

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

