



# The Weekly Spark

## Leaman Junior High School

Mike Semmler, Principal

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Issue 22



### Message from Leaman

**Basketball LCISD  
District CHAMPIONS**

**Congratulations to Leaman's  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys A & B Teams  
And  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls A & B Teams**

### Reminders

March 31st @ 3:40pm  
Leaman Cheer Packets Due  
Ms. Lippold's ~ 1515

March 31st  
Washington DC Trip meeting  
During D Advisory

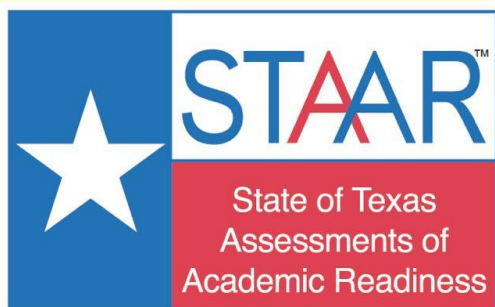
April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
School Holiday

April 2nd  
Instructional Modality Change  
Deadline – Students return 4/19

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

April - May  
STAAR – See flyers for  
additional information

### Information



Check Flyer for Information  
regarding STAAR

### Athletics

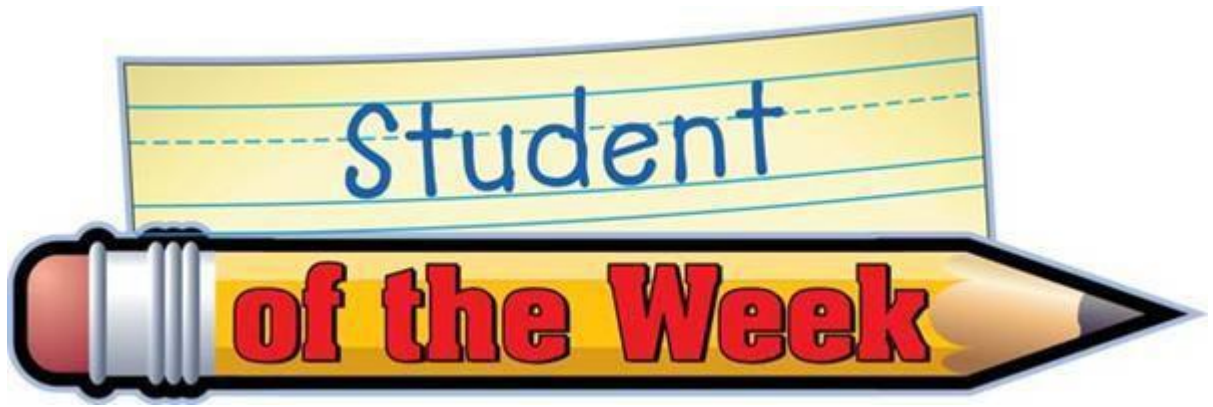
[Boys Away Games Streamed on  
Leaman's Boys Athletic FB Page](#)

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

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

**Track Schedule**  
posted on School's Website

**Tennis Tryouts -**  
April 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>  
See Flyer for details  
**Days of attending have  
changed for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**



## Week of February 15, 2021

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

Bryce Muller  
Nominated by: Mr. Chalhoub



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

Maria Villalobos  
Nominated by: Mrs. Mays



# Egg My Yard!



Support Your Award Winning Fulshear Charger Band and Color Guard!

Let the Charger Band and Color Guard “Egg Your Yard” so your kids can wake up Easter morning to your yard covered in candy filled plastic eggs!

Order your candy filled eggs to be delivered and “hidden” in your front/side yard for between 8pm and midnight on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We can also drop the eggs off to you for your Easter Bunny to hide.

The neighborhoods that are ‘EGG-ELIGIBLE’ are those within **Purple Track** Elementary Schools (Huggins, Lindsey, Hubenak, Bentley & Tamarron).

All proceeds go to support the Charger Band and Color Guard Program

\$15 per dozen  
\$28 for 2 dozen  
\$38 for 3 dozen  
\$46 for 4 dozen  
\$50 for 5 dozen

**Last date to order is Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

*\*mask & gloves used to prepare eggs\**

Place your order at [www.chargerband.org](http://www.chargerband.org)

*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).

Face/Face must check in with your teacher before coming to the meeting.

Virtual Students will attend via Zoom - email Coach Walter for the link

If you are unable to attend - please let Coach Walters know

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.

Virtual Students can receive a list of students going on the trip, by emailing Coach Walters

**See Coach Walters for questions**

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

**June 1st-5th**  
**Less than 66 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 Mrs. Lippold's room #1515 or by 3:40pm in the front office @ Roberts Middle School. NO LATE PACKETS ACCEPTED!!***

# 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.*

This is the final change for the 2020-2021 school year.

**LEAMAN JR  
HIGH**

**If signed up,  
Students will change  
on April 19, 2021**



**DEADLINE!!!**  
**FRIDAY, APR 2, 2021**

Instructional Modality Change

# TENNIS TRYOUTS

SCHEDULE CHANGE

April 5th - 9th @ 6:30a  
Mon - 7th & 8th Grade  
Tues - 8th ONLY  
Wed & Thurs- 7th & 8th Grade  
Fri - 7th ONLY



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



**Attention Parents**

**IMPORTANT**

**STAAR**

**INFORMATION**

**FOLLOWS**



## LCISD's Virtual Student Participation in the Texas Assessment Program Information for Parents

The Texas Education Agency requires these assessments to be administered in-person by certified and trained personnel. Therefore, these assessments cannot be administered remotely.

The Texas Assessment Program includes the following assessments:

- ★ STAAR Grades 3-8 & End Of Course
- ★ STAAR ALTERNATE 2 for Grades 3-8
  - ★ TELPAS for Grades K-12
- ★ TELPAS ALTERNATE for Grades K-12

LCISD highly recommends that virtual students participate in state testing as appropriate to the child's grade level and needs as outlined below. Tests will be given in the timeframes provided on the district testing calendars located at: <https://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/testing-information>.

### Elementary and Secondary

#### Virtual Students:

##### ★ STAAR

Virtual students in Grades 3-8 will be offered the opportunity to come to their home campus to take their STAAR tests. Campus personnel will reach out to parents about scheduling testing opportunities.

##### ★ STAAR Alternate 2 (Grades 3-8 & EOC)

STAAR Alternate 2 is administered to special education students with significant cognitive disabilities in a one-on-one setting with the student and the teacher – at the child's home campus. Campus personnel will reach out to the parents of eligible virtual students about scheduling testing opportunities.

##### ★ TELPAS & TELPAS Alternate (English Language Learners in Grades 2-12)

Eligible Bilingual and English as a Second Language virtual students will be offered the opportunity to come to campus to take their TELPAS tests. Campus personnel will reach out to the parents of eligible virtual students about scheduling testing opportunities.

### Secondary Virtual Students Only:

#### ★ STAAR End of Course

Virtual students currently taking English 1, English 2, Algebra 1, Biology, and/or US History will be offered the opportunity to come to their home campus to take their EOC assessments. Since EOCs are a graduation requirement, LCISD strongly recommends participation. Campus personnel will reach out to students and parents about scheduling testing opportunities.

### All Elementary and Secondary

#### Virtual Students:

##### ★ Transportation

Alternate transportation will **not** be offered for virtual students to come to campus for testing. The parent/guardian or student will need to provide their own transportation for testing.

##### ★ Make-Ups

If a student is quarantined on their assigned testing date, the campus will work directly with the student and parent to schedule a make-up -- if possible.

**Participación del estudiante de LCISD que recibe instrucción virtual en los “Programas de Evaluaciones de Texas”**  
**Información para padres**

La Agencia de Educación de Texas solicita que los exámenes del estado se realicen en forma presencial con personal capacitado y certificado; por tanto, los exámenes **no** serán de forma virtual. El programa de evaluación de Texas incluye los siguientes exámenes:

- ★ STAAR del 3<sup>er</sup> al 8<sup>o</sup> grado y de final del curso
- ★ STAAR ALTERNATE II del 3<sup>o</sup> al 8<sup>o</sup> grado
  - ★ TELPAS del Kínder al 12<sup>o</sup> grado
- ★ TELPAS ALTERNATE del Kínder al 12<sup>o</sup> grado

Lamar CISD recomienda firmemente que los estudiantes que reciben instrucción virtual se presenten a los exámenes de nivel y necesidades adecuados que marca el estado de acuerdo a lo siguiente: <https://www.lcisd.org/students-parents/testing-information>.

<p><b><u>Estudiantes de primaria/secundaria / preparatoria que reciben instrucción virtual:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ <b>STAAR</b> Los estudiantes que reciben instrucción virtual del 3<sup>er</sup> al 8<sup>o</sup> grado tendrán la oportunidad de tomar los exámenes de STARR en su escuela. El personal de la escuela se comunicará con los padres para programar dichos exámenes.</li> <li>★ <b>STAAR Alternate II (del 3<sup>o</sup> al 8<sup>o</sup> grado &amp; EOC)</b> El STAAR Alternate II se administrará individualmente (maestro-estudiante), en la escuela, a estudiantes de educación especial con discapacidades cognitivas significativas. El personal se comunicará con los padres de estudiantes que reciben instrucción virtual y son elegibles para programar los exámenes.</li> <li>★ <b>TELPAS &amp; TELPAS Alternate (Estudiantes que se encuentran aprendiendo el inglés del 2<sup>o</sup> al 12<sup>vo</sup> grado)</b> A los estudiantes bilingües y aquellos que se encuentran aprendiendo el inglés como segundo idioma de forma virtual y son elegibles, se les ofrecerá la oportunidad de presentarse a la escuela para tomar los exámenes TELPAS. El personal de la escuela se pondrá en contacto con los padres de estudiantes elegibles para programar los exámenes.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Únicamente para estudiantes de secundaria/preparatoria que reciben instrucción virtual:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ <b>STAAR de FIN DE CURSO</b> Los estudiantes que reciben instrucción virtual en Inglés I, Inglés II, Algebra I, Biología y/o Historia de EE.UU. deben tomar los exámenes de EOC en la escuela; Lamar CISD recomienda <b>enfáticamente su participación ya que los exámenes son requisito para poder graduarse</b>. El personal de la escuela se comunicará con los padres y estudiantes para programar los exámenes.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Todos los estudiantes de primaria, secundaria y preparatoria que reciben instrucción virtual:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ <b>Transporte</b> No se dispone de servicio de transporte para los estudiantes de instrucción virtual que se presenten a tomar los exámenes.</li> <li>★ <b>Examen (reprogramación)</b> Si el estudiante se encuentra en cuarentena el día del examen, la escuela trabajará directamente con el padre y el estudiante para reprogramar el examen (si es posible).</li> </ul>
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# 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

Be on the lookout for more communication regarding specific testing dates

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

For more information about TEA and STAAR Testing this year please see [TEA's STAAR FAQ Document](#).

## STAAR TESTING INFORMATION

Finalized dates will be distributed by March 30 for the 7<sup>th</sup> Writing STAAR and April 16<sup>th</sup> for remaining STAAR Tests

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



Writing

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



7th Math & Reading

Testing Window: May 11<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

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



Algebra I EOC

High school credit, required for graduation

Testing Window: May 4<sup>th</sup>-26<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>-26<sup>th</sup>

Dates are subject to change, please check back frequently.

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.**



# Virtual Learners & STAAR

- We strongly encourage all virtual testers to come to campus to take their STAAR tests.
- **ALL PARENTS OF VIRTUAL LEARNERS** must complete the Leaman STAAR Survey indicating if your student will be coming to campus to test.
- We will contact you about specific testing dates for the 7<sup>th</sup> Writing STAAR no later than March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- If you have any questions about testing, please contact your child's AP or the Campus Testing Coordinator.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade- Jimitra Granger
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade- Karl Carlton
  - CTC- Blair O'Connor

## Virtual Student LEAMAN 7<sup>TH</sup> WRITING STAAR SURVEY

\*This survey is not for students learning Face to Face. Face to face students will take the 7<sup>th</sup> Writing STAAR on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you have a school issued device and plan on coming to campus to test, please bring the device with you on your testing day.



# MAKE UP STAAR TESTING INFORMATION

- Testing will occur everyday within the window allowed per TEA.
  - For 7<sup>th</sup> writing that is every Tuesday from 04/06-05/04/2021
  - 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 05/06-05/26.
- If you are absent on the day of the test, but return to school within the window, you will still take the STAAR test that you missed.



## 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)**

## 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>

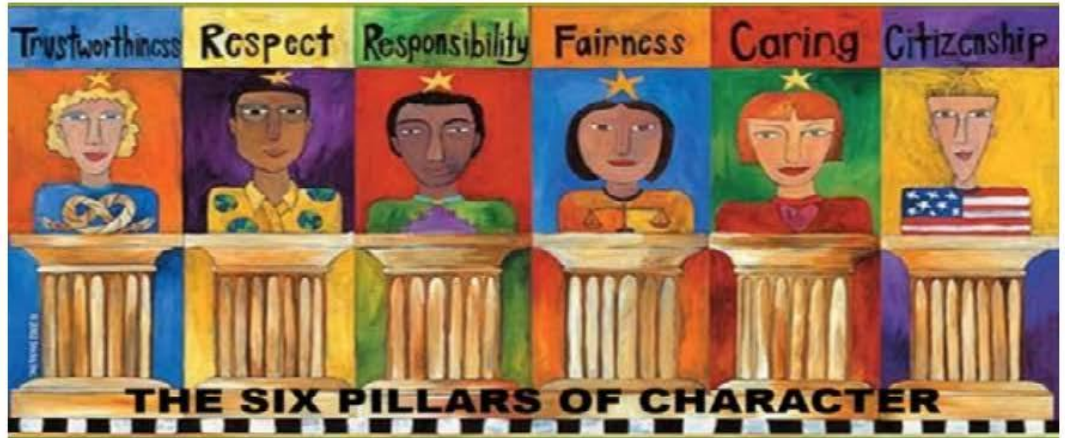
**OR** scan QR Code:



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 ♥

# 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.

