



The Weekly Spark

Leaman Junior High School

Mike Semmler, Principal

April 4, 2021

Issue 23

Message from Leaman

Hoping everyone enjoyed their
Easter Break

Spring Health Assessments will continue
for April (see flyer for details)

Track Tryouts - this week!!

STAAR begins this week!!

Cheerleading Tryouts – Next Week

Reminders

April 5th-9th

Tennis Tryouts
See Flyer for Info

April 6th

7th Grade – STAAR Writing

April - May

STAAR – See flyers for
additional information

April 2nd

Instructional Modality
Change
Students return 4/19

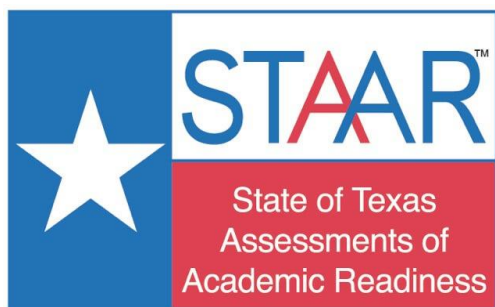
April 13

Cheerleading Tryouts
For incoming 7th & 8th Grade

April 28

Final Math Tutoring Zoom

Information



Check Flyer for Information
regarding STAAR

Athletics

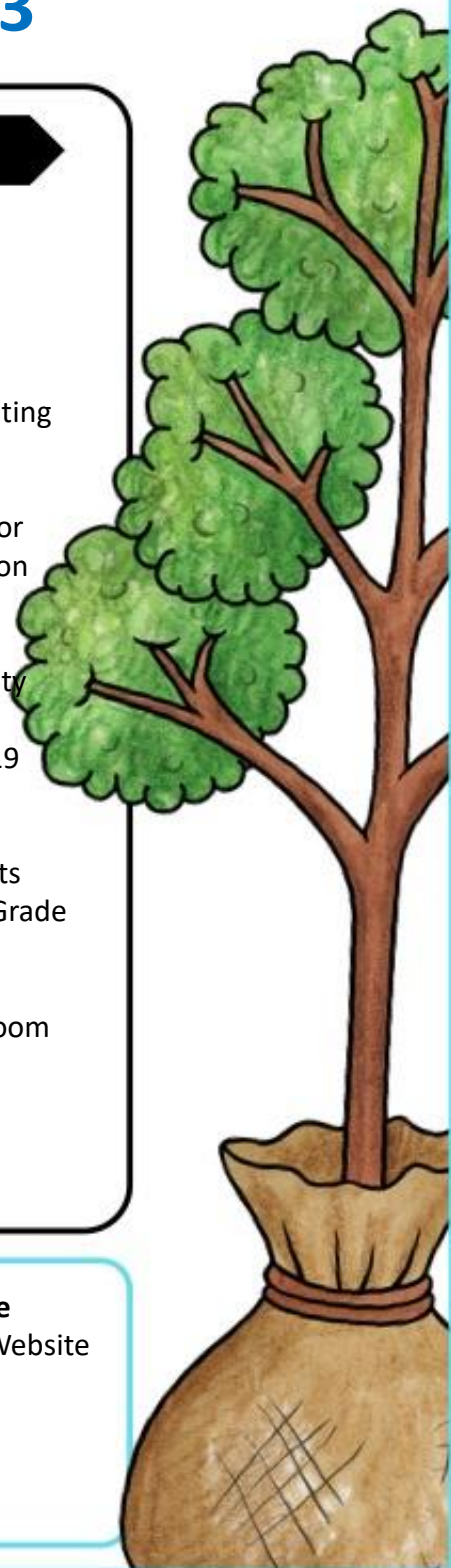
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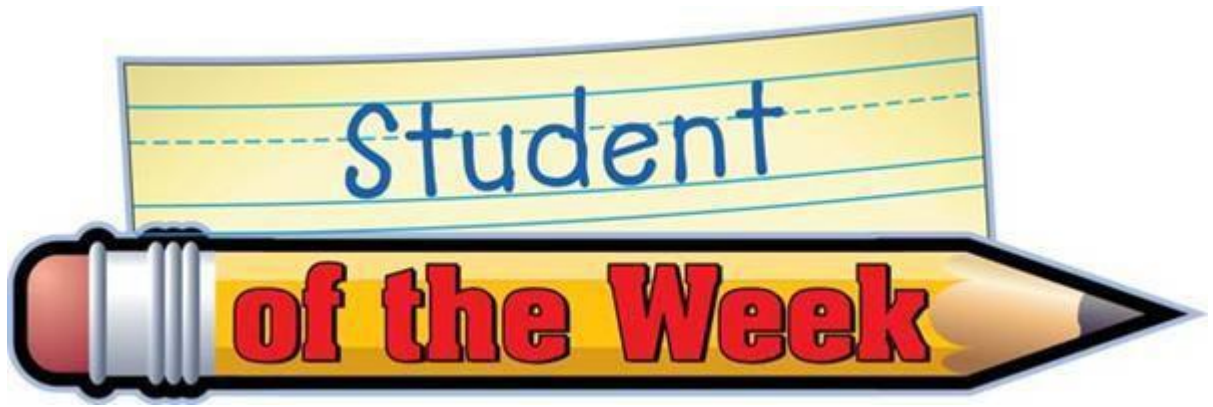
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Leaman's Girls Athletic FB Page](#)

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

Tennis Tryouts -
April 5th – 9th
See Flyer for details

Track Schedule
posted on School's Website





Week of February 15, 2021

7th *Grade*

Lawrence Wymola
Nominated by: Mrs. Pruitt

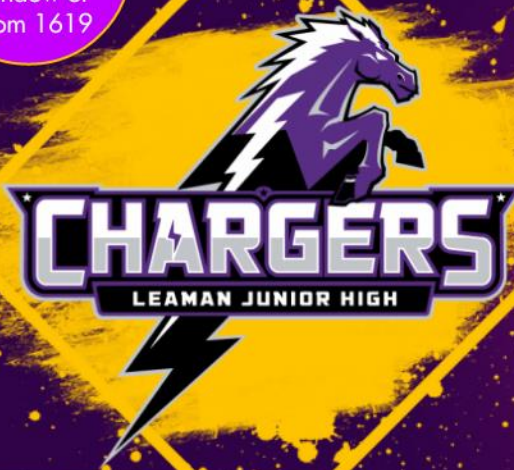


8th *Grade*

Victoria Madia
Nominated by: Mrs. Baker



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 6th & 7th 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 31st 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!!*~~

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 or (832) 223-5260



Progress Monitoring Assessments

- 7th grade Science and Social Studies students will take LCISD Progress Monitoring Assessments mid April.
 - Face to face students will test during the class period
 - Virtual students will test at home through Eduphoria Aware Online found in [Classlink](#)
 - Dates TBA by your student's teachers (check [Canvas](#) calendars for each course)
 - These are best when completed in one sitting.
- These will gauge student progress on standards covered by that point in the year.
- Must be done on a laptop, desktop computer, or iPad (no phones).
- Students will access the Eduphoria Aware App through [Classlink](#).
 - Log in is the same as Classlink ***without student initials***
 - Ex. Classlink log in: ao123456 Eduphoria log in: 123456
 - The password is the same used for Classlink
 - Student directions can be found [HERE](#).
- For more information about testing in LCISD visit the [Students & Parents](#) site.



Attention Parents

IMPORTANT

STAAR

INFORMATION

FOLLOWS



7th STAAR Writing

- The 7th STAAR Writing Test will be Tuesday, April 6th.
- Room assignments for Face to Face students will be posted in the gym, cafeteria, and outside the library on Monday, April 5th – be sure to check it to see where you are testing on Tuesday.

VIRTUAL STUDENT INFORMATION

- If you have opted in to test, you should have received an email from [Blair O'Connor](#). Please review the information in that email.
- If you still want your child to test, please complete the [7th STAAR Writing Survey](#) to be scheduled on a make up day (04/13/2021).
- You must indicate yes or no on the survey if you are a virtual student. Parents who did not respond should have, or will receive, a phone call from the school to determine if your student is coming to campus to test.
- If you have already filled out the survey for this test, you do not need to do so again.

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^{er} al 8^o grado y de final del curso
- ★ STAAR ALTERNATE II del 3^o al 8^o grado
 - ★ TELPAS del Kínder al 12^o grado
- ★ TELPAS ALTERNATE del Kínder al 12^o 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>.

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| <p><u>Estudiantes de primaria/secundaria / preparatoria que reciben instrucción virtual:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ STAAR Los estudiantes que reciben instrucción virtual del 3^{er} al 8^o grado tendrán la oportunidad de tomar los exámenes de STAAR en su escuela. El personal de la escuela se comunicará con los padres para programar dichos exámenes. ★ STAAR Alternate II (del 3^o al 8^o grado & EOC) 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. ★ TELPAS & TELPAS Alternate (Estudiantes que se encuentran aprendiendo el inglés del 2^o al 12^{vo} grado) 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. | <p><u>Únicamente para estudiantes de secundaria/preparatoria que reciben instrucción virtual:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ STAAR de FIN DE CURSO 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 enfáticamente su participación ya que los exámenes son requisito para poder graduarse. El personal de la escuela se comunicará con los padres y estudiantes para programar los exámenes. <p><u>Todos los estudiantes de primaria, secundaria y preparatoria que reciben instrucción virtual:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Transporte No se dispone de servicio de transporte para los estudiantes de instrucción virtual que se presenten a tomar los exámenes. ★ Examen (reprogramación) 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). |
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STAAR TESTING INFORMATION

- STAAR testing will occur in April (7th 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 7th Writing STAAR and April 16th for remaining STAAR Tests

7th Grade Tests



Writing

April 6th or 13th



7th Math & Reading

Testing Window: May 11th-26th

8th Grade Tests



Algebra I EOC

High school credit, required for graduation

Testing Window: May 4th-26th



Science, Social Studies, 7th Pre-AP & 8th Math, Reading

Testing Window : May 6th-26th

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 8th grader taking geometry, you will take the 8th 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 appropriate survey indicating if your student will be coming to campus to test.
- If you have any questions about testing, please contact your child's AP or the Campus Testing Coordinator.
 - 7th grade- [Jimitra Granger](#)
 - 8th grade- [Karl Carlton](#)
 - CTC- [Blair O'Connor](#)

[7th Grade Reading & Math](#)

[8th Grade Reading, Math, Science, & Social Studies](#)

[Algebra I EOC](#)

*These surveys are NOT for Face to Face students. Face to face students will take the STAAR tests/EOC in April/May.

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.

Personal devices cannot be used.



MAKE UP STAAR TESTING INFORMATION

- Testing will occur everyday within the window allowed per TEA.
 - For 7th 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 7th Math/Reading, 8th 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

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!

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 ♥

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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.

