

The Weekly Spark

LEAMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mike Semmler, Principal

October 23, 2020

Issue 7

Important Information

**Character Trait for
October
Respect**

Don't forget:

**Wear Blue every
Monday in October**

October 5, 12, 19, 26 Bully Prevention

Reminders:

October 26-30
Red Ribbon Week

October 28
Photo Retakes

November 9
Beginning of 3rd 6 Weeks

Yearbooks!!

Purchase your 2020-2021 Yearbook
www.balfour.com

Contact the front office if you purchased a
2019-2020 Yearbook and need to pick up
(all current virtual 7th & 8th graders)

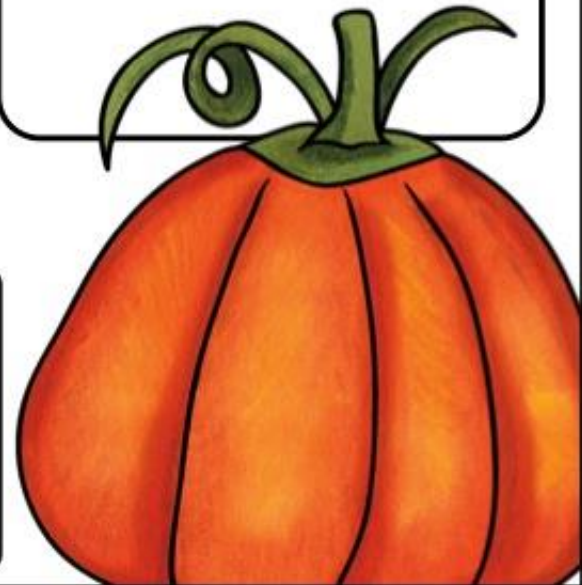
Athletics

Football Schedules:

Visit DLJH's athletics website for game schedule

[Leaman Athletics](http://www.leamanathletics.com)

www.lcisd.org/campuses/leamanjh/athletics



New

Information

This Week



Student
of the Week

7th *Grade*

William (Tom) Reiser
Nominated by: Ms. Slavinski



8th *Grade*

Ruth Ojigho
Nominated by: Coach O'Brien

No Photo
Available

School ReTake Photos

Wednesday, October 28th ~ for ALL Students

Face to Face Learners

- (1) Go to the link on the form and order the package you want
- (2) “Face to Face” learners will show their paperwork to their 6th period teacher and come down to the Library to take their photo. After finishing, they will return to 6th period. (Or 7th period if the line is long)

Virtual Learners

- 1) Go to the link on the form and order the package you want
- 2) “Virtual” learners must sign up for their pictures after school using the Sign Up Genius link provided:
 - 1) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea4a92cabff2-dljh12>
 - 2) 2 slots will be provided every minute between 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM. (Because we have 2 picture stations.
 - 3) Administrators will be at the front doors of the school to meet the child and let them in.
 - 4) No parents are allowed to enter the building.
 - 5) Students must wear masks and socially distance prior to entering the building.
 - 6) Please come at least 5 minutes before your timeslot. If you are late and miss your timeslot, we cannot guarantee that we can work you in.



School ReTake Photos



Visual Services
of Texas

281.341.1031
vst-hou.com

customerservice.vst@comcast.net

Fall Portraits

A fundraiser for
your school!

Retratos de otoño ¡Un recaudador de fondos para tu escuela!

Your picture date is:

La fecha de tu foto es:

Wednesday, October 28th * Please return photo packages to exchange for retake photos *

Backgrounds

antecedentes

If no background is chosen, you will receive background 1. All have current year. Backgrounds and product designs may vary. Products not shown to scale. Photo styles only apply to packages & à-la-carte items.



1. Traditional



2. Red Lights



3. Autumn Woods



4. Golden Glow

PACKAGES Paquetes de fotos

ADD-ON BONUSES Bonificaciones * - Personalized Personalizado

À-LA-CARTE & UPGRADES A la carta y ascensos de categoría

A 2 - 8x10s
2 - 5x7s
2 - 3x5s
4 - 2x3 Wallets \$51

DIGITAL WALLET

B 1 - 8x10
1 - 5x7
2 - 3x5s
4 - 2x3s \$41

DIGITAL WALLET

C 1 - 5x7
2 - 3x5s
4 - 2x3 Wallets
8 - Mini Wallets \$31

D 2 - 3x5s
4 - 2x3 Wallets
8 - Mini Wallets \$19



G 5x7 Mini Statuette
Personalized 5" x 7" wood-backed photo and acrylic base, display ready. \$30



H 5x10 Framed Keepsake
With a wooden frame, name, and year. \$21



K Phone Socket
Attaches to the back of any phone as a stand or grip. \$14

L Acrylic Key Chains
Set of 2. Image size is 1.25"x1.5". \$15

M Magnets
Set of 2 - 4"x5" with magnetic backing. \$12

J JUMBO BONUS \$65

4 - 8x10s (1 of each style)
4 - 5x7s (1 of each style)
4 - 3x5s (1 of each style)
32 - 2x3s (8 of each style)

Includes Free:
High Resolution Digital Download (of all 4 styles) & Metallic Keepsake

HIGH RES DOWNLOAD

O Combo Item: 1-8x10 & 2-5x7s \$24

Q 1 - 8x10 \$15

R 2 - 5x7s \$15

S 4 - 3x5s \$15

U 8 - 2x3 Wallets \$15

V 8 Mini Wallets \$10

W High Resolution Digital Download \$29

Your image with all available styles/backgrounds with a copyright-release. Available after you receive your picture package. No refund.

X Personalized Upgrade \$5

Add student's first name to packages & a-la-carte items.

Y Metallic Upgrade \$10

Converts your entire package and à-la-carte to our highest-brightest quality metallic paper! Your photos will last longer than ordinary paper.

Z Retouching Upgrade \$10

Removes facial blemishes and enhances skin tone. Does not remove braces, glass glare, or moles.

The digital wallet is a web sized, downloadable image suitable for sharing via text message and social media. It comes in the style chosen for your package. No refund on download packages. No style/background substitutions on the Jumbo Bonus. Add-on bonuses are only available with the purchase of a picture package or à-la-carte item except for the Jumbo bonus, which may be purchased individually. No hay sustituciones de estilo / fondo en el Bono Jumbo. Los bonos adicionales solo están disponibles con la compra de un paquete de fotos o un artículo a la carta, excepto el bono Jumbo, que se puede comprar individualmente.

School ReTake Photos

CHECK ACCEPTANCE POLICY. By paying for your purchase with your check, you are accepting our check acceptance policy. In the unlikely event your check is returned unpaid, you understand and agree that your check may be electronically redeposited or if necessary redeposited by paper draft. You understand and agree that we may collect a return check processing charge of \$25.00 or any amount allowable by state law by the same means. If you have any questions regarding our check acceptance policy, please call 318-442-8988 or e-mail us.capitalsolutions@yahoo.com. Our data processing center will be happy to answer your questions.

Haga los cheques pagaderos a: Province School Pictures. Incluya el número de teléfono, la dirección y el nombre de la escuela en su cheque. El impuesto a las ventas está incluido en el precio de todos los paquetes / artículos.

ORDER ONLINE *Comprar online*

VISIT: **WWW.PREPAYORDERS.COM**

ENTER FLYER CODE:

If you pay online, please fill out your selections and return this envelope portion to the school by the picture date. Write your online order number in the space provided below:

ONLINE ORDER #:

STUDENT INFO *Información del estudiante*

NAME
Nombre

TEACHER GRADE
Profesor Leaman JH - Retakes & Absentees

SCHOOL
Colegio

When ordering an item with name OR personalization, please print the student's first name here: (indicated by " * ")

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YOUR ORDER *Su pedido*

Item	Price	Qty	Total
Package A.....	\$51		
Package B.....	\$41		
Package C.....	\$31		
Package D.....	\$19		
G. 5x7 Mini Statuette.....	* \$30		
H. 5x10 Framed Keepsake..	* \$21		
J. Jumbo Bonus.....	* \$65		
K. Phone Socket.....	\$14		
L. Acrylic Key Chains.....	\$15		
M. Magnets.....	\$12		
O. Combo Item.....	\$24		
Q. 1-8x10.....	\$15		
R. 2-5x7s.....	\$15		
S. 4-3x5s.....	\$15		
U. 8-2x3 Wallets.....	\$15		
V. 8 Mini Wallets.....	\$10		
W. High Res. Download.....	\$29		
X. Personalization.....	* \$5		
Y. Metallic.....	\$10		
Z. Retouching.....	\$10		

Choose a background for your order:

Total:

Make checks payable to: Visual Services of Texas. Please include phone number, address, and school name on your check. Sales tax is included in the price of all packages/items. Enclose exact amount, no change will be given.

LEAMAN

JUNIOR HIGH



Face to Face students took the PSAT 8/9 on October 14, 2020.
Your student will be notified by email when the scores come in.

PSAT 8/9

Virtual students who opt-in for the PSAT 8/9 will test in January - date TBD.
If you missed the October 2nd deadline, and would like your student to take the PSAT 8/9, please complete the following [survey](#) by **DECEMBER 7th, 2020 @ 8 AM.**

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

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

TEA Interim Assessments

- Math and English Language Arts will be giving TEA Interim Assessments this fall.
 - Face to face students will test during the class period over two days (if needed)
 - Virtual students will test at home
 - Dates TBA by your student's ELAR & Math Teachers (check Canvas calendars)
- These assessments benchmark student progress at key points in the year.
- These assessments 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 will come from your student's Math and ELAR teachers.
- All core subjects will test in the spring.
 - Math, ELAR, Science (8th), U.S. History (8th)
- For more information about testing in LCISD visit the [Students & Parents](#) site.

Progress Monitoring Assessments

- Writing, Social Studies, and Science students will take LCISD Progress Monitoring Assessments throughout the year (fall, winter, spring).
 - 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)
 - These need to be completed in one sitting (you cannot save and come back to it later).
- 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
- For more information about testing in LCISD visit the [Students & Parents](#) site.



- 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 ♡



LCISD SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENTS

Virtual Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lcisd.zoom.us/j/5241613045>

Monday, November 2, 2020

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Special Education Staff will be in attendance for introductions, discussion, and to answer questions.

Topics:

The Power of the ARD

Hosted by LCISD SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee)

Congratulations!!

Leaman Jr High



2020-2021

Champions

LEAMAN CHARGERS

2020-2021 PTO Board

Kristopher Gilbert President



Kristopher is married to Diane Gilbert who works at Huggins Elementary currently pursuing a Masters in Clinical Psychology from U of H, they have four children, Katherine (13) who attends Leaman Jr. High in 8th grade, Edward (11) who attends Huggins Elementary in 4th grade, Jacklyn (6) also attends Huggins, and Luke (3) keeps dad in line at home during the day.

Kristopher received his associate's degree in Computer Science from HCC and is graduating magna cum laude this December from the University of Houston: College of Technology, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Digital Media with a minor in Technical Leadership in Management. Kristopher is currently an Agile Scrum Master for Halliburton Energy, with over 15 years of oil & gas experience in software development.

Kristopher has volunteered at many school functions within LCISD including Thomas Elementary, Navarro, and Huggins Elementary. Kristopher also enjoys content creation, gaming, and shopping on Amazon. Kristopher is looking forward to working with staff and parents of Leaman Jr. High to make this an exciting school year, as we navigate through this challenging time together.

Lizette Zeren Vice-President



Lizette is excited to have the opportunity to represent the Leaman JH community as PTO Board VP. She and her husband David moved to Fulshear with their children Avonlea (Fulshear HS c/o 2020), Avery (13) and Austin (11) in December of 2018. They also have four furbabies Oliver, Coco, Roxie and Fiyero.

While her oldest, Avonlea, was at Fulshear HS, Lizette served as Secretary of the Fulshear Storm Dance Team Inaugural Board as well as a member of the Fulshear HS Theatre Booster Club.

Lizette is a strong advocate for fine arts programs in public education and has been an educator for the past 21 years. She currently works for Alief ISD as an Assistant Principal at the intermediate level (5th/6th).

When not at school or running the kids to their extra curricular activities, Lizette enjoys traveling and believes in the power of experiences over material things. In 2017 Lizette wanted to share her love of travel with other families becoming a Travel Agent with Magical Vacation Planner. In this capacity she has been able to make travel possible for families of all sizes and budgets.

Her Motto: Never stop dreaming- with a little Faith, Love and Pixie Dust anything is possible!

LEAMAN CHARGERS

2020-2021 PTO Board



Courtney Moses – Secretary

I'm originally from Colorado and moved with my family to Texas a little over a year ago. My husband and I have three daughters. Our oldest is a 7th grader here at LJHS and our youngest girls are at Huggins. I'm a Registered Nurse, but currently happy to be a stay at home mom. I'm excited to be the secretary on the PTO and to become more involved with the school!



Angelica Wright – Treasurer (Co-Chair)

My name is Angelica Wright married to Matt Wright. We are proud parents of four, Rebekah 18, Jordan 13, Mason 10 and Ava 8. Our family recently relocated to Katy, originally from Tucson Arizona. My greatest joy is watching my children plays sports. I enjoy listening to music, sports, cooking, and decorating. I'm excited to join the PTO board for Leaman Junior High.



Tracy Locke – Treasurer (Co-Chair)

Tracy has been a resident of Katy since 2015 with her husband and 2 kids (Ava-12 at Leaman JH, Brie-9 at Tamarron Elem.). She currently is the Treasurer for the Tamarron Swim Team and is a Mortgage Broker serving Katy and the Greater Houston area.

Kristopher Gilbert – President - kristopher_gilbert@yahoo.com

Lizette Zeren – Vice President - lmzeren@gmail.com

Courtney Moses – Secretary - courtneymoses@gmail.com

Tracy Locke – Treasurer (Co-Chair) - tracy@keymortgagetx.com

Angelica Wright – Treasurer (Co-Chair) - matthewpdwright@yahoo.com

Character Counts and Red Ribbon Week Dress Up Days

Character Counts Week
Oct. 19-23

“Be Happy Be Brave and Be Drug Free”

Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 26-30

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Oct. 19	<p>Respect Day</p>  <p>Wear Blue to Show RESPECT for others and Stomp Out Bullying.</p>	Oct. 20	<p>College Apparel</p>  <p>Wear your college gear . A Successful Future Starts with Good Character.</p>	Oct. 21	<p>Wear PINK</p>  <p>Show Character and support those fighting against Breast Cancer.</p>	Oct. 22	<p>Wear Tie-Dye</p>  <p>Wear tie-dye today to support peace in our schools, homes, and communities.</p>	Oct. 23	<p>Team Shirt/Jersey</p>  <p>Wear your favorite Team Jersey to show that you know how to work as a trust-worthy team!</p>
Oct. 26	<p>Wear Red!</p>  <p>Help us kick off RED Ribbon Week!</p>	Oct. 27	<p>Camo Day</p>  <p>Wear Camouflage today, and be all that you can be... BE DRUG FREE!</p>	Oct. 28	<p>Hawaiian Day</p>  <p>Wear your Hawaiian apparel to help send a message to Lei Off Drugs!</p>	Oct. 29	<p>Wear Boots</p>  <p>Give Drugs the Boot and Say NO to Drugs!</p>	Oct. 30	<p>Twin Day</p>  <p>Twin with a friend or two. Friends don't let friends use drugs!</p>

Ongoing Information/ Notices



LEAMAN JUNIOR HIGH



Leaman 8th Grade Parents,

Each year, we traditionally hold an 8th grade trip during Spring Break to go to Washington D.C. and the surrounding areas. Obviously because of COVID-19, those plans are up in the air. We wanted to start the process of just gauging your interest in this plan, and having parents submit their information to this survey if they do have interest.

Details:

Dates - June 1st - 5th, 2021

Itinerary:

Washington D.C. (Including seeing the Smithsonian Museums of History, Natural Science, Air & Space....the Jefferson, Lincoln, MLK and Washington Monuments, Ford's Theatre, Arlington National Cemetery, National Archives, White House Picture Stop, U.S. Capitol, WWII Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, and the Holocaust Museum)

Mount Vernon

Monticello

Colonial Williamsburg

Jamestown

Yorktown

If you would like to be on the mailing list for our Teacher/Sponsor (Terry Walters) please click the link below and fill out the survey. This survey is only to see if there is enough interest in our community to move forward with the planning for this trip. Only 8th grade students can attend.

<http://bit.ly/Washington2021>

As a reminder, the last day of school for students this year is Thursday, May 27th and the trip will leave the Monday after Memorial Day (Monday, May 31st, 2020)

Thanks for sharing your information with our team.

Sincerely,

Michael Semmler

Principal

Dean Leaman Junior High

The Counselor's Corner



Character Trait for October

RESPECT

Character Building at Home:

How Parents Can Promote Respect:

- Treat your child with respect, and insist on respectful treatment from your child.
- Insist that your child treats everyone with respect and models respectful behavior at all times.
- Model good manners, and insist your child use good manners.
- Embrace diversity by respecting social customs of others.
- Respect privacy unless suspicious behaviors necessitate otherwise.
- Model and encourage respect if you disagree

How Can I Help My Child be Successful in School?

1. **Communicate.** Read and respond to communication from your child's teacher.
2. **Inform.** Let your child's teacher know of things going on at home that could distract your child.
3. **Set goals.** Work with your child to create goals for the year and affirm them when they accomplish the goals.
4. **Say thank you!** Send a note to a teacher to let her know she is appreciated.
5. **Have a game plan.** Establish a schedule and stick to it - for bedtime, homework time, etc.
6. **Work smart.** Create an appropriate workspace for kids to complete their homework.
7. **Gather feedback.** Ask your child how things are going

What does Respect mean?

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

Important Dates and Events:

- October —7th and 8th grade Respect Character Lessons
- October 14th – 8th Grade PSAT
- October 19-23 Character Counts Week
- October 26-30– Red Ribbon Week

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

Welcome to Leaman!

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/leamanjh/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 3:15 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 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 Delana Jones djones@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.

