

# The Weekly Spark

*LEAMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL*

Mike Semmler, Principal

October 4, 2019

Issue 6

OUR VOICES WILL  
**MAKE BULLYING HISTORY**  
#BlueUp with STOMP Out Bullying on  
**10.7.19**  
**WEAR BLUE**  
WORLD DAY OF BULLYING PREVENTION

## The Character Trait of the Month: RESPECT

- Treat self and others with respect
- Follow the Golden Rule
- Be tolerant of differences
- Use good manners, NOT bad language
- Be considerate of the feelings of others
- Deal peacefully with anger and disagreements



Don't forget:

**Picture Day**  
**October 18th**



Reminders:

October 7

College, Career, & Military Night (Foster)

October 7-11

Fire Prevention Week

October 7, 14, 21, 28


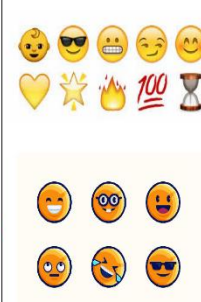



Bully Prevention - Wear **Blue** on Monday

October 10

Report Cards Go Home

October 11

Choice Day – Normal School Hours

Monday October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday October 25 <sup>th</sup>
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## Athletics

### Football Games:

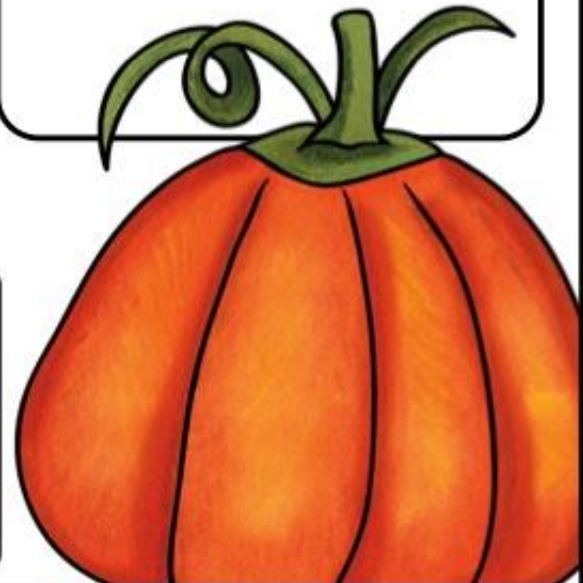
8<sup>th</sup> Grade 10/8: Home vs George  
5:00/6:30pm @ Fulshear HS

7<sup>th</sup> Grade 10/7: vs George  
5:00/6:30pm @ Terry HS

### Volleyball Games: 10/10

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: vs George JH  
5:00/6:15pm @ George JH

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: vs George JH  
5:00/6:15pm @ George JH

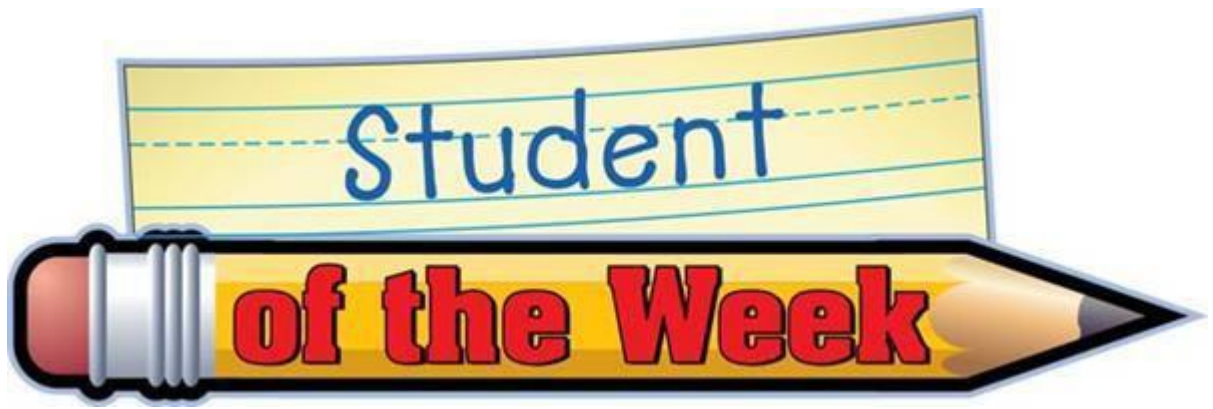


*New*

Information

This Week





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

Regan McComas  
Nominated by: Mr. Farco



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

Emily Puzo  
Nominated by: Mrs. Willams

**No Image  
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# RESPECT

LEAMAN JR.  
HIGH  
CHARACTER  
COUNTS  
NEWSLETTER

October 2019



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"Respect for ourselves guides our morals;  
respect for others guides our manners."  
– Laurence Sterne

## October is National Bullying Prevention Month

At Leaman Jr. High, we want to continue to be a school that embraces all races, cultures, religions, and ethnicities. We strive to be a No Place for Hate and honor the theme of Rachel's Challenge. Let's START A CHAIN REACTION and wear blue on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of October to kick off Bullying Prevention Month. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we hope to see everyone #BlueUp!

Check out more resources or information at [stompoutbullying.org](http://stompoutbullying.org)

The first Monday of every October is World Day of Bullying Prevention!

On this day students, schools, and communities all over the world go BLUE together against bullying.

It also kicks off National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month every October.

Please join us on Monday, October 7, 2019 for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual World Day of Bullying Prevention.

We are asking our CHARGERS to #BlueUp and MAKE BULLYING HISTORY!



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# About the PSAT Test

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The PSAT/NMSQT is the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The PSAT is a great primer for the SAT, and even the ACT, but it's more than just a trial run. PSAT scores are used to identify National Merit Scholars and award merit scholarships. More than 3.4 million high school students (mostly juniors and sophomores) take this nationwide, multiple-choice test every year.

## PSAT Quick Facts

Frequency	1 time/year
Duration	2 hours, 45 minutes
Sections	Math, Evidence-Based Reading & Writing
Cost	Fees are paid by schools
Max. Score	1520

## What is the PSAT and why is it important?

### **Scholarships and college money**

The biggest reason that students should take the PSAT is free college money! Juniors who take the PSAT during their fall semester can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation scholarship programs. This scholarship program offers awards based on academic performance and the PSAT score. When students take the exam in their junior year (and score well) they can lock in a scholarship to help pay for their college education. Some colleges even offer scholarships opportunities based on high PSAT scores.

### **Familiarization with the test format**

Even an advanced online test prep software can't mimic the feeling of sitting down and taking the test. Taking the PSAT can help students adjust to the test format and the real world experience of taking the SAT without the fear of scoring poorly. The more a student practices, the more comfortable they'll be when the real test comes around.

### **Potential college-level AP courses**

When students receive their PSAT/NMSQT results beginning in December, the score report will let them, their teachers, and their counselors know which specific AP courses are a good match for them. Research shows that all students who take AP Exams are more likely to graduate college on time in four years. And, students who score a 3 or higher on AP Exams can save time and money by earning college credit.

### **Advanced information from colleges**

When students take the PSAT, they can opt in to receive information from colleges that are seeking out admission. This can help students understand their school choices and set goals for college admissions.

The PSAT test is very similar to the SAT, with a few key differences.

#### **PPSAT**

- 2 Hours long
- 2—25 minute Verbal Sections
- 2—25 minute Math Sections
- 1—30 minute Writing Skills Sections

#### **SAT**

- 3 Hours long
- 1 Math Section
- 1 Evidence Based Reading/Writing Section

The PSAT covers all of the same question types that are on the SAT. This gives students an opportunity to practice everything they'll need on the real test. Starting early with the PSAT can set students up for success on the real test, and help them focus their test prep.

# Taking the PSAT in LCISD

## Who & When

<b>October 16, 2019</b>	<b>No Charge to Students</b>
Grades 8 & 9	PSAT 8/9
Grades 10 & 11	SAT NMSQT

*Please Note: The deadline for home school students that are permanent residents of LCISD to sign up for this administration is September 20, 2019.*

For additional information please contact:

Research, Assessment, & Accountability Dept.  
832-223-0136

Advanced Studies Department  
832-223-0144

## Test Preparation

**College Board—[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)**

Students are able to simulate test day by printing and taking official PSAT/NMSQT practice tests and viewing sample questions.

## After the test

Students get PSAT/NMSQT scores December 10 . When your PSAT/NMSQT scores are ready online, you'll get an email with instructions on [creating your College Board account](#), going to your [online score report](#), and using your access code to view your scores.

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FREE practice that is...



### Personalized to you

We'll create a tailored practice plan for you based on a diagnostic or your SAT or PSAT/NMSQT® scores



### Interactive

Thousands of practice questions, videos, lessons, and hints plus study and test-taking tips and strategies



### Official

8 full-length, real practice tests and content created in partnership with College Board



### Instant

Get constant feedback and progress so you know where you stand

## Linking College Board & Khan Academy

### Step 1

Log into or create your Khan Academy account at [www.satpractice.org](http://www.satpractice.org)

### Step 2

When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts

### Step 3

Sign in or create your College Board Account and hit "Send" to send your scores

[Step by step instructions.](#)

## Raising confidence and scores

20 hours of practice on Khan Academy is associated with an average 115-point score increase from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT, nearly double the average gain without Khan.

In 2017, Khan Academy and the College Board, the maker of the SAT, analyzed gains between the PSAT/NMSQT & the SAT and found a positive relationship between use of Official SAT Practice and score improvements on the SAT. Score gains are consistent across gender, family income, race, ethnicity and parental education level.

# Acercas del examen PSAT

## Examen PSAT

El PSAT / NMSQT es un examen de preparación para la prueba de National Merit Scholarship/ SAT. Es un excelente examen preintroductorio para las pruebas SAT y ACT. Además de la preparación, sus puntajes se utilizan para identificar y otorgar becas de mérito. Más de 3.4 millones de estudiantes “juniors y sophomors” de preparatoria toman este examen de opción múltiple cada año.

## Datos importantes del PSAT

<b>Frecuencia</b>	1 vez al año
<b>Duración</b>	2 horas, 45 minutos
<b>Secciones</b>	Matemáticas, evidencia basada en lectura y escritura
<b>Costo</b>	Pagado por las escuelas
<b>Puntaje máximo</b>	1520

## El PSAT y su importancia

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¡Una de las razones más importantes por la cual los estudiantes deben tomar la prueba PSAT es para obtener dinero gratis para la universidad! Los estudiantes que toman el PSAT durante el semestre de otoño pueden calificar para obtener apoyo en el programa de becas del National Merit Scholarship Corporation. El programa de becas ofrece premios de acuerdo al rendimiento académico y a los puntajes del PSAT. El estudiante “junior” de preparatoria que tome y obtenga un buen puntaje, puede asegurar una beca que ayude a pagar sus estudios universitarios.

#### Familiarización con el formato del examen

Los programas de preparación avanzada en línea no reflejan el ambiente que puede estar expuesto el estudiante en el examen real. El estudiante que tome el PSAT puede ajustarse mejor al formato y tener una experiencia más concreta sin tener miedo a obtener una calificación baja en el SAT. Mientras más practique el estudiante más cómodo se sentirá con la prueba real.

#### Elección de cursos AP en nivel universitario

Los estudiantes reciben los resultados del PSAT / NMSQT a partir de diciembre, con esto los maestros, estudiantes y consejeros pueden decidir los cursos AP más adecuados. Las investigaciones demuestran que los estudiantes que presentan el examen AP tienen una mayor probabilidad de graduarse a tiempo en una universidad de cuatro años.

Los estudiantes que obtengan 3 puntos o más en los exámenes de cursos AP pueden obtener crédito universitario, y así ahorrar tiempo y dinero.

#### Información que ofrecen las universidades por adelantado

Al tomar el PSAT, el estudiante puede recibir información sobre universidades de su interés, puede conocer más a la universidad y establecer mejores metas para su proceso de admisión.

## Similitudes y diferencias importantes entre el PSAT y el SAT

### PSAT

2 horas de duración  
2.25 minutos con secciones verbales  
2.25 minutos con secciones de matemáticas  
1.30 minutos con secciones de escritura

### SAT

3 horas de duración  
1 sección de matemáticas  
1 sección de lectura / escritura apoyada en evidencia

El PSAT cuenta con todo tipo de preguntas similares que el SAT. Con esto se ofrece a los estudiantes la oportunidad de practicar lo necesario para el examen SAT. El tomar el examen del PSAT por adelantado puede ir preparando a los estudiantes a tener éxito en el examen real y ayudarlos a enfocarse en su preparación.



# ¿Cómo prepararse para tomar el examen PSAT en LCISD?

## ¿Cuándo y quién?

**Octubre 16, 2019** sin costo para los estudiantes

**Grados 8<sup>o</sup> y 9<sup>o</sup>** PSAT 8/9

**Grados 10<sup>o</sup> y 11<sup>o</sup>** SAT NMSQT

**NOTA:** Favor de tomar en cuenta que la fecha límite para la inscripción de estudiantes que estudian en su domicilio (home school), con residencia permanente en la zona de LCISD es el **20 de septiembre de 2019**.

Para más información favor de ponerse en contacto con:

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## ¿Dónde prepararse para tomar el examen?

**College Board—[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)**

Los estudiantes pueden simular en esta página de internet el día en que toman el examen; pueden imprimir, ver y practicar preguntas oficiales del PSAT/NMSQT.

## Después de la prueba ...

Los estudiantes podrán ver los resultados de los puntajes del PSAT / NMSQT a partir del 10 de diciembre .

Una vez que los resultados se encuentren en línea, el estudiante recibirá un correo electrónico con instrucciones de cómo crear una cuenta en "[creating your College Board account](#)", y usar el código de acceso para ver resultados en "[online scores report](#)".

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## Ejercicios de práctica ...



### Personalizado para tí

Crearemos un plan de práctica personalizado para tí de acuerdo al diagnóstico o puntajes del SAT o PSAT / NMSQT



### Interactivo

Existen miles de preguntas para practicar, videos, lecciones, además de dar consejos de como estudiar para tomar la prueba



### Oficial

8 pruebas completas de práctica real y contenido creadas en asociación con el College Board



### Instantáneo

Obtén retroalimentación y progreso constante para que sepas dónde te encuentras

## Vinculando College Board y Kahn Academy

### Paso 1

Inicia sesión o crea tu cuenta de **Khan Academy** en [www.satpractice.org](http://www.satpractice.org)

### Paso 2

Cuando se te indique, acepta vincular tus cuentas de **Khan Academy y College Board**

### Paso 3

Inicia sesión o crea tu cuenta de **College Board** y presiona "**Send**" para enviar tus puntajes

[Instrucciones paso a paso.](#)




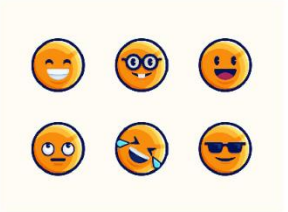
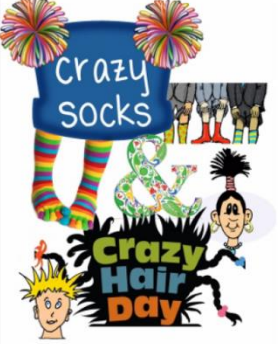



## Aumentando confianza para un mejor puntaje

Si el estudiante practica 20 horas en Khan Academy su promedio en el puntaje puede tener un aumento de 115 puntos en el PSAT / NMSQT para el SAT. Esto indica casi, un aumento del doble en el promedio.

En 2017, Khan Academy, la mesa directiva del colegio y el inventor del SAT, evaluaron los logros entre ambos exámenes (PSAT / NMSQT y el SAT), y encontraron una relación positiva en ambos cuando se practica con el PSAT. El estudiante al presentar el SAT presenta una mejora considerable en los puntajes oficiales totales. Los logros en los puntajes son consistentes a través del género, el ingreso familiar, la raza, el origen étnico y el nivel de educativo de los padres.

## Red Ribbon Week Dress Up Days

**“Send a Message: Stay Drug Free”**

Monday October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday October 25 <sup>th</sup>
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\*This week, we are encouraging students to donate socks (of any size) to help families through Common Threads. Any student who donates a pack of at least 6 socks will receive a free homework pass. Students can give sock packs to any counselor (Mrs. Garcia-Pineda or Ms. Session). Limit 1 pass per student.



SO KIDS CAN EAT

**CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

**SPONSORED BY FULSHEAR HS AND LEAMAN JH THEATRE**

**OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PERIOD CLASSROOM COMPETITION**

All items donated will be given to Common Threads!

**DROP OFF YOUR CANNED GOODS TO YOUR**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PERIOD CLASSROOM TEACHER**

**WINNING 1<sup>ST</sup> PERIOD WILL RECEIVE A DONUT PARTY - Non-Expired Cans Only**



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of Texas

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# Fall Portraits

A fundraiser for  
your school!  
Retratos de otoño ¡Un recaudador de fondos para tu escuela!

Your picture date is: **Friday, October 18, 2019**  
La fecha de tu foto es:

# Backgrounds

Fondo de la imagen

If no background is chosen, you will receive #1.  
All have current year. Product designs may vary.  
Products not shown to scale.



## PACKAGES Paquetes de fotos

<b>A</b>	2 - 8x10s 2 - 5x7s 2 - 3x5s 4 - 2x3 Wallets DIGITAL WALLET	\$51
<b>B</b>	1 - 8x10 1 - 5x7 2 - 3x5s 4 - 2x3 Wallets DIGITAL WALLET	\$41
<b>C</b>	1 - 5x7 2 - 3x5s 4 - 2x3 Wallets 8 - Mini Wallets	\$31
<b>D</b>	2 - 3x5s 4 - 2x3 Wallets 8 - Mini Wallets	\$19

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

<b>O</b>	Combo Item: 1-8x10 & 2-5x7s	\$24
<b>Q</b>	1 - 8x10	\$15
<b>R</b>	2 - 5x7s	\$15
<b>S</b>	4 - 3x5s	\$15
<b>U</b>	8 - 2x3 Wallets	\$15
<b>V</b>	8 Mini Wallets	\$10
<b>W</b>	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.		
<b>X</b>	Personalized Upgrade	\$5*
Add student's first name to packages & a-la-carte items.		
<b>Y</b>	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.		
<b>Z</b>	Retouching Upgrade	\$10
Removes facial blemishes and enhances skin tone. Does not remove braces, glass glare, or moles.		

## ADD-ON BONUSES Bonificaciones

<b>C</b>	5x7 Mini Statuette Personalized 5" x 7" wood-backed photo and acrylic base, display ready.	\$30*
<b>H</b>	5x10 Framed Keepsake With a wooden frame, name, and year.	\$21*
<b>K</b>	Phone Socket Attaches to the back of any phone as a stand or grip.	\$14
<b>L</b>	Acrylic Key Chains Set of 2. Image size is 1.25"x1.5"	\$15
<b>M</b>	Magnets Set of 2 - 4"x5" with magnetic backing.	\$12
<b>J</b>	<b>JUMBO BONUS</b> 4 - 8x10s (1 of each background) 4 - 5x7s (1 of each background) 4 - 3x5s (1 of each background) 32 - 2x3s (8 of each background) Includes Free: High Resolution Digital Download (of all 4 backgrounds) & Metallic Keepsake	\$65*

The digital wallet is a web sized, downloadable image suitable for sharing via text message and social media. It comes with the background 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 / Jondo 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.

Forms will be passed out to Students during Advisory on Monday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>.  
PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN on **OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>**, DURING PE CLASS  
Order Online [www.prepayorders.com](http://www.prepayorders.com) use code: **LJH5130**



# **Leaman Chargers Yearbook Sale!**

**Listen up parents!  
The Chargers are  
holding a yearbook  
sale! We know that  
parents LOVE to save  
money! So why not  
order a yearbook  
now? Go  
to "Balfour.com!"**

**2019-2020**

**We Belong!**

**By: NAI**

[www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)

# TENNIS TEAM T-Shirt ORDER FORM

## \$25



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

- Small \_\_\_\_\_
- Medium \_\_\_\_\_
- Large \_\_\_\_\_
- X-Large \_\_\_\_\_
- XX- Large \_\_\_\_\_

### Make Checks payable to FABC

Orders due by OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> to Coach Kubiczka. You may leave order form with cash or check in my mailbox at Roberts or Fulshear High School. THANKS for your support!

# Ongoing Information/ Notices



# LAMAR CISD

A PROUD TRADITION | A BRIGHT FUTURE

## COLLEGE, CAREER & MILITARY NIGHTS!!!

Monday September 30th, 2019

6:00pm to 8:00pm

B.F. Terry High School

&

Monday October 7th, 2019

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Foster High School

Meet representatives from Ivy League schools, in and out of state public/private institutions, junior and community colleges, military academies, scholarship foundations, and much more!

See your high school's College Career Facilitator or Counselors for more details!







Dear Charger Parents,

It's fundraiser kickoff time! This fall, our fundraiser is simple. Our Write a Check Campaign will allow us to further improve our school technology through the purchase of an additional iPad cart which consist of 30 iPads and covers and a 30 device charging station. We hope with everyone's participation, that we will also be able to make campus improvements such as shade structures over the outdoor tables for the students to enjoy.

The best thing about this fundraiser is that it's tax-deductible and 100% of the funds raised will go back to the school, PLUS you are not asked to sell, deliver, or take time out your busy schedule! We have many donation levels with lots of fun and exciting incentives. Please note that some items only have a limited quantity available. Donating on our website at [www.leamanpto.org](http://www.leamanpto.org) is fast and easy or you can send a check made payable to Friends of Leaman with your student to be turned into the front office.

This Fall Fundraiser will close on Friday, October 4, 2019. If you purchase a package with special privileges such as early release, VIP parking or game passes you will be contacted with details on how to get your passes so that you can begin using them immediately.

Our goal is 100% participation regardless of amount! The bottom line is, no amount is too small.

Thank you for your continued support.

Leaman PTO Fundraising Committee

# Write-a-Check Campaign



## \$25 Donation

I will waste this amount on gas delivering goods. To top it off my student will get one free homework pass to use in any class!

## \$50 Donation

I will gladly donate this amount to not have to hit up friends & family for sales. Plus with my \$50 donation my student will attend a pizza party with Mr. Semmler!

## \$100 Donation

My waistline will thank me since I won't be ordering any cookie dough...and I will get a fancy purple Under Armour Charger polo shirt to boot.

## \$150 Donation

Let's be honest. We're too lazy/busy & wouldn't have sold anything anyway. And with this donation you will receive VIP Parking at Charger games. \*Online purchase only - 12 spots available\*

- All donations are tax deductible
- 100% of donations go towards campus upgrades
- Pay online at [www.learnapto.org](http://www.learnapto.org)

**Every dollar counts & we thank you for your support!**

## \$250 Donation

Are you the **BIGGEST SPORTS FAN??** With this \$250 donation you will receive a Sports Package which will include 2 tickets to all LCISD home games (with the exception of Varsity Football) for the 2019-20 year!



Please lose my name with my \$500 donation, but I'll take a "Special Release Pass" for the remaining 2019-20 school year and pick my student up 3 minutes early from the library exit and avoid all the traffic with in and out privileges.

- \*Online purchase only\*
- \*Only 10 passes available\*

## Custom Donation

We love our school and would like to make a donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and do not need any items or perks you have offered with this fundraiser. Knowing that 100% of the funds will go towards campus upgrades is enough!

Due to Parking and Special Release Passes having a limited quantity available, must be purchased online to ensure first come first served

**DONATE  
BLOOD**



**DONATE LIFE**

**Leaman Junior High**

9320 Charger Way, Fulshear, Texas

**NOVEMBER 5TH | 12-4:30PM**

Please Give 

