



# The Weekly Spark

## LEAMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mike Semmler, Principal

### September 6, 2019

### Issue 2

#### Important Information

##### Open House

September 10<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 - 7:30pm.

Meet your student's teacher, chat with them and learn more about your student's day, come and go as needed.

##### Teacher & Staff Shout Outs

We are always hearing from parents about the wonderful things' teachers are doing in our classrooms and for our Chargers. Because of this, we wanted to add a way for those compliments to be shared with our teachers and staff.

If you would like to give a "shout out" to one of our Leaman Jr. High teachers and staff, please click the link below.

<https://bit.ly/2ZICArC>

**Last chance to purchase the  
Sport Meal Package  
Cut off is Midnight Friday, 9/6**

September 13<sup>th</sup>: Progress Report grades due  
September 16<sup>th</sup>: Progress Reports go home

#### Reminders

##### September 9

Grandparents Breakfast 7:15am  
Book Fair Begins

##### September 10

Open House 5:30-7:30pm  
FFA Meeting 7pm  
at Fulshear High School

##### September 12

TSA Information Meeting  
4:30-5pm (parents are welcome)

##### September 19

Washington DC Meeting 6pm

##### September 20

Back to School Dance 4-6pm

##### October 18

Photos (during PE)

#### Athletics

##### Football Games:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: @ Briscoe  
4:00/5:30pm Scrimmage

##### Volleyball Games:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Home vs Briscoe  
5:00/6:15pm

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Home vs Briscoe  
4:00/5:30pm Scrimmage

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Home vs Briscoe  
5:00/6:15pm

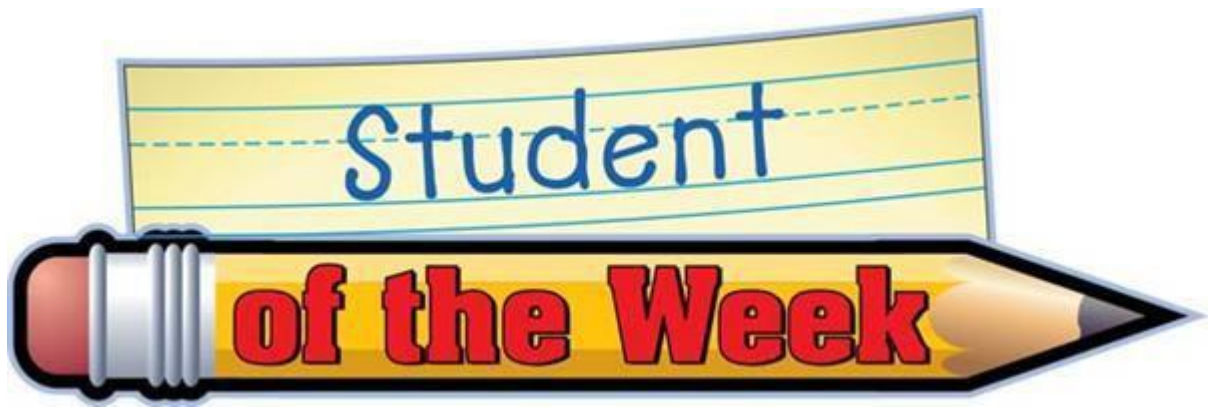


*New*

Information

This Week

**NEW!**



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

Marilyn Zepeda  
Nominated by: Mrs. Pruitt

No Image  
Available

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

Christian Jackson  
Nominated by: Mrs. Lewis



# September 2019

## Trustworthiness “TRUE BLUE”

Being a trustworthy Charger means:

- Being honest
- Don't deceive, cheat or steal
- Be reliable — do what you say you'll do
- Have the courage to do the right thing
- Build a good reputation
- Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country

Welcome! As we begin the 2019-2020 school year, we call on every CHARGER to display honesty, loyalty, and trustworthiness. Use your words and actions to show people that they can trust you. We have many new faces at Leaman Junior High School, and we want to create a family environment for everyone who enters our doors. Take the time to meet new people in your classes, in the halls, in the cafeteria, and in your groups and organizations. Encourage everyone around you to be trustworthy so we can continue to build a strong Leaman family and stay CHARGED UP!!



### YOUR COUNSELORS

**Lisa Garcia- Pineda-  
7th Grade**

**lgarcia@lcisd.org**

**Latoya Session- 8th  
Grade**

**lsession@lcisd.org**

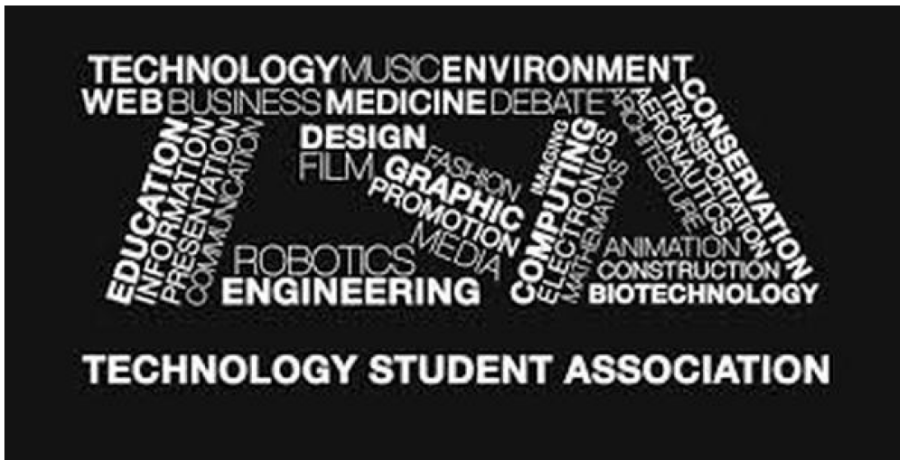
**TRUST**

is a fragile thing.

Easy to break, Easy to lose  
and one of the hardest things to  
ever get back.



# CHARGERS



## LEAMAN JH TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSA) KICKOFF MEETING!

### What is TSA?

TSA is a COMPETITIVE club and national organization for students who are interested in science, technology, engineering and math. Students in TSA will be given the opportunity to compete (individually or in teams), work on, and enter projects into a regional competition where they have the potential to qualify for state competition (Fort Worth) and national competition (Washington D.C.). Below is a list of just some of the 30 plus events that were offered last year.

- Biotechnology
- CAD Foundations
- Children's Stories
- Coding
- Construction Challenge
- Digital Photography
- Dragster
- Flight
- Problem Solving
- STEM Animation
- Structural Engineering
- Video Game Design
- Website Design



**What? Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering, and  
Math Club!**

**When? TSA Kickoff  
meeting will be on  
September 12<sup>th</sup> 4:30  
to 5:00.**

**Where? Mrs.  
Middendorf's Room  
1509**

**Who? Anyone  
interested in  
Engineering and  
Technology who  
wants to compete  
and travel to  
competition with**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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[brooke.middendorf@lcisd.org](mailto:brooke.middendorf@lcisd.org)

Twitter  
[@ProfMiddendorf](https://twitter.com/ProfMiddendorf)

## Dear Parents and Families:

Reading increases knowledge and vocabulary, lowers stress, and supports your child's emotional growth. But perhaps the best benefit is the lasting bond you create with your child when you read with them.

Visit the Book Fair with your child to discover new books together!

### Save the date!

Book Fair dates: **September 9 – September 13**

Shopping hours: **School Day Hours**

Special activities: **Open House: Sept. 10 from 5:30 – 7:30**



**NEW In-School and Online Shopping Options!** With Book Fair eWallet, a safe and convenient digital payment account, your student can shop the Fair cash-free! And if you're not able to attend the Fair, try our new online shopping option. We've partnered with The Scholastic Store™ to offer over 6,000 products that ship direct to your home (with free shipping on orders of \$25 or more)! Visit our homepage to access eWallet or shop online.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/leamanjh>

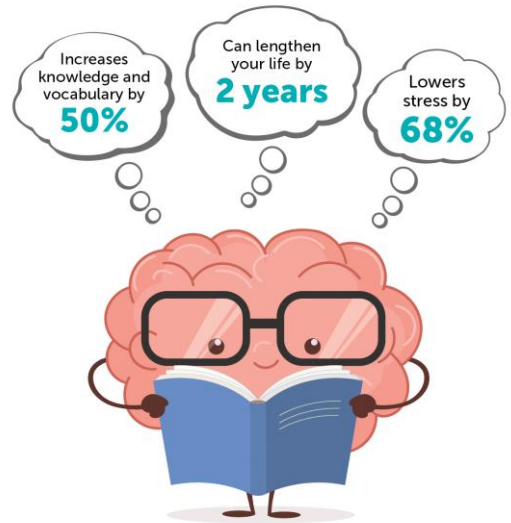
We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

Sincerely,

**Michael Semmler**  
Principal

**Dean Leaman Jr. High School**

## Reading Fuels the Brain!



Sources: Stanovich, 2018; University of Sussex research, 2009; Bavishi, Slade, and Levy, 2016

Photo credit: Andrii\_M/Shutterstock

# Charger Spirit Yard Sign Order Form



Item/Activity	Quantity	Total
Blank with Activity: \$25 each		
Activity: _____	_____	\$ _____



Item/Activity	Quantity	Total
Name with Activity: \$30 each		
Name: _____		
Activity: _____	_____	\$ _____

**ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE:**

CHEER, PEP SQUAD, DANCE, VOLLEYBALL, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK, TENNIS, CROSS COUNTRY, UIL ACADEMICS, BAND, CHOIR, ORCHESTRA, THEATER ARTS, COLOR GUARD, STUDENT COUNCIL NJHS, TSA-TECHNOLOGY & STUDENT ASSOCIATION

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisory Teacher Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Make checks payable to DLJH Activity Fund #7\*\***

**-Turn form and money in to the Leaman JH front office or Coach Megan Tyler.**

## Receipt - Charger Spirit Yard Sign

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sold to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sold by:** Leaman Cheerleaders

**Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_



Yard signs will be delivered to the student during advisory period.



# DLJH Athletic Meals Fall Football & Volleyball



**Purchase a  
GAME DAY  
meal this  
season for  
your student-  
athlete.**

**Meal  
signups will  
close online  
on Friday,  
Sept 6th at  
midnight.**

Game day meals will include a Chick-Fil-A sandwich, fruit cup and bottle of water. Meals will be delivered for 6 games starting with the first game of the season. It will also include the first playoff game, but does not include the scrimmage or championship game.

***The total cost of the 6 meals for your athlete is \$50. You can order online at [www.leamanpto.org](http://www.leamanpto.org)***

Your student-athlete will receive their meal and water each week by the girls locker room. If they are absent that day their meal will be given to a student-athlete that does not have a meal.

**\*\*This is not mandatory as you are able to bring your child a meal to the school each game day by 2pm if you opt out.**



## 2019-20 Club '16

Dear Parents and Students of Leaman Junior High,

Club '16 is a parent-run (non-school sponsored) organization, which organizes and holds dances off campus. We encourage attendance to all school dances; however, Club '16 is just another way to supplement with even more activities. We feel parent involvement is essential for the success of Club '16. The dances are planned and chaperoned by parent volunteers. A DJ is hired for the dances, along with food and drinks being provided. There will also be door prizes given away through each evening!

If you choose for your child to join Club '16, you and your child will be agreeing to the guidelines and rules of conduct on the following pages.

This year, the **membership fee is \$120.00** per student. **All checks should be made payable to Club '16.** This fee is to cover the costs associated with each dance and will be used in its entirety for this year's scheduled dances. **The fee must be paid in full.** There are no prorated or partial payments accepted. Your payment, membership form and waiver, are due **by October 1, 2019.** Please return payment, membership form, and waiver to the front office in an envelope labeled Club '16.

Our dates and locations are subject to change, but we do our best to keep the planned schedule. We try to schedule events, so that they do not conflict with school related activities.

<b>Fall Dance</b>	<u>October 4<sup>th</sup></u>	7-9:30pm	Halloween Theme	(Swinging Door)
<b>Winter Dance</b>	<u>January 31st</u>	7-9:30pm	Western Theme	(Swinging Door)
<b>Spring Formal</b>	<u>April 4th</u>	7-9:30pm	Formal	(TBD)

In order to make Club '16 a success, parent participation is important. Chaperones are needed at each event. In addition, we will hold a planning meeting before each event to ensure the kids have a great time! Please offer to volunteer your time on the registration form.

We want to thank Swinging Door for being so flexible and excited to work with Club '16 on these events!

Thank you,

Terrie Ward  
terrieward@sbcglobal.net

Email Terrie Ward for the  
Full Registration Form  
terrieward@sbcglobal.net



Dear Charger Families,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you as we kick off our 2019-2020 school year! The Lemman Junior High School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) plays a vital role in our Charger community, advocating for EVERY student that walks through our doors.

### **What does the PTO do?**

- Continually improve the technology of our school
- Enhance our campus to provide our students with a comfortable environment that is conducive to excelling academically
- Supports our amazing teachers and staff through hospitality efforts throughout the school year
- Awards teacher grants for continuing education which in turn enhances the academic enrichment of our children
- The list goes on and on...

### **We need your support to ensure we are successful!**

#### **How can you help?**

- Membership - Join the PTO: You can join the PTO online at [www.leamanpto.org](http://www.leamanpto.org) or return your membership form to the front office. Membership is only \$10 per family! We invite parents/guardians as well as our teachers and staff to join.
- Write a Check Campaign - Any amount you can donate is so appreciated. Our goal is \$40,000.
- Volunteer - Help the PTO while staying plugged in to what is happening at DLJH.

We will have our first General PTO Meeting on September 10, 2019 at 5:00 pm. I hope to see you there!

We look forward to an amazing school year with your support and participation in your PTO!

Regards,

Cleo Griffith  
DLJH PTO President



## WHY DO WE WRITE A CHECK CAMPAIGN????

Your PTA is making school fundraising as easy as 1-2-3! We know that life becomes BUSY, and we are taking fall fundraising out of the classroom and introducing the "Write-a-Check" campaign, a tax-deductible PTA fundraising initiative that is easy, fast, and direct. Now you can write a check or make a contribution with your credit card on our website.

Why does the PTO fundraise?

LCISD has long had the reputation for incredible family involvement through volunteering and we want this to continue past the elementary/middle school years.

What do we need the money for? These projects are slated to be funded this year as a result of funds raised at Leaman:

- Continuing to increase technology

- Teacher/staff appreciation (happy teachers..... happy students, we want the best teachers)

- Covers for outside tables for student enjoyment

- Support teacher grant programs such as fetal pig and leopard frog dissections

- Campus beautification including expanding the mural/graphics in the wings/halls, vinyl on doors and installation of commercial entry mats

It only works if we all participate!

Why a write a check campaign?

- Every dollar donated will benefit OUR students and staff

- No gift wrapping, bags or cookie dough to sell

- Your contribution is 100% tax deductible

Our goal is 100% participation regardless of amount! The bottom line is, there is no amount too small. We have also made the payment process easier with an option to pay online with your credit card.

Forms will come home with our students next Friday! We invite you to join us in making this campaign a huge success for our school!

# DADDY DUNCAN'S BBQ LEAMAN SPIRIT NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 12 |4:00 - 7:00 PM|  
LEAMAN JR HIGH PARKING LOT

FULL CHEF MENU  
RIBS  
BRISKET

SAUSAGE  
COWBOY BBQ NACHOS  
DESSERT

Featured in Texas Monthly!

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THE FLAVORS OF  
CHEF DUNCAN'S  
CULINARY  
TRAINING SHINE



# Ongoing Information/ Notices





GRANDPARENTS, YOU ARE CORDIALLY  
INVITED TO A

## *Grandparents Day Breakfast!*

- Please join your grandchild(ren) in the Leaman cafeteria on **Monday, Sept 9th** between 7:15 and 8:15 am. We will have a variety of breakfast foods, coffee, water, and juice for you to enjoy.





# Summer's Over!

*A Back-to-School Dance*

**Friday  
Sept  
20th  
2019**

4-6PM

WITH DJ DLF

Tickets \$5 in advance  
\$6 at the door

**Tickets will be sold at all lunches  
starting Friday, Sept 13th**

*Be there!*

## 2019 Washington DC/Philadelphia/NYC Trip

Attention parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders:  
Registration is still open for the  
2020 Washington DC/Philadelphia/New York City trip.

There will be a parent meeting on  
September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (Room 1308).

This meeting is for those who are interested in  
registering for the trip.  
Those who have already registered, do not need to attend

Contact Coach Walters with questions  
[twalters@lcisd.org](mailto:twalters@lcisd.org).



# Update from FFA

- FFA dues are \$25.00.
- The first meeting is Sept 10th at the Fulshear Cafeteria at 7:00pm
- ONLY Ag students can be FFA members.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Grade can be Jr. FFA members. They are only allowed to show livestock at this time.

Contact Ms. Moss with questions  
[laura.moss@lcisd.org](mailto:laura.moss@lcisd.org)

# Parenting Help for Canvas



Canvas is our district's Learning Management System. Communications and information can be shared through this tool. Follow these 3 easy steps to ensure you are kept up-to-date with your student's education.

**1**

## Sign in and set your password.

A checklist is below. Need further assistance?

### 1<sup>st</sup> Time Parent Login to Canvas:

- Make sure you have a valid email in Skyward
- Open the Canvas login page
- Select "Forgot Password"
- Go to your email account
- Open the email from Canvas and create a new password
- Login to Canvas with email address and new password

**2**

## Set Notifications/Add Cell Number

- Notification Settings to turn on:  
Announcements and Conversations

Need further assistance? Check out these resources: [bit.ly/canvaslcisd](https://bit.ly/canvaslcisd)

**3**

## Stay Connected

Download the Canvas app for your phone.



<https://goo.gl/uE67H>

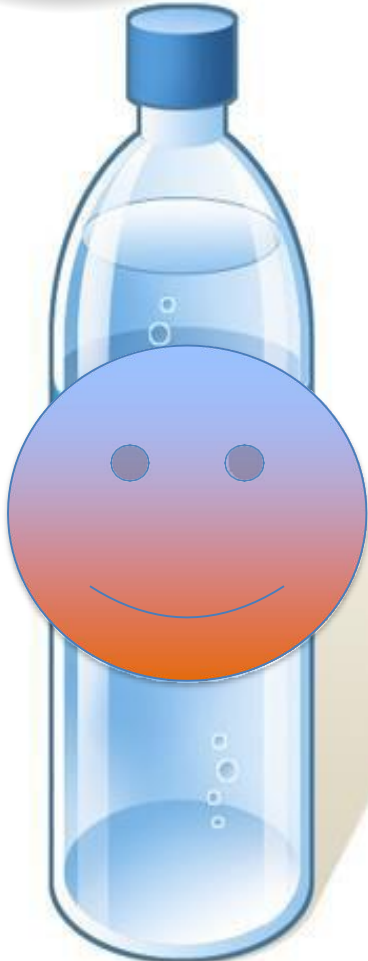


<https://goo.gl/XK1ebi>

# No Fountain Drinks

## Reminder:

All lunches brought in from outside restaurants and include a drink, must be in a clear spill proof bottle.



Fountain drinks are not allowed.



# Welcome to Leaman!

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Attendance

Sarah Marino: [sarah.strawther@lcisd.org](mailto:sarah.strawther@lcisd.org)  
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.

### 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/leamanej/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 3:15 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](mailto: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.

