



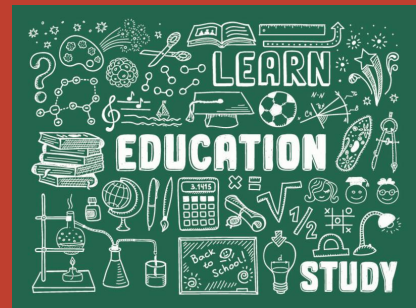
# The Lawson Academy News

THE BEST RESOURCE FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS  
WHO ARE COMMITTED TO STUDENT SUCCESS  
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## Boot Camp for STAAR Success

The Texas Education Agency has announced that STAAR testing will take place this year. Whether learning at home or at school, the statewide test will be used to confirm that students are advancing. Campus-administered tests show that many students are approaching readiness for STAAR, but there is still much to do!



Starting in 2021, students have been in STAAR Boot Camp. Each content area gets more instructional minutes during Boot Camp. That means students who need more help with math (or reading) can get it during the class day.

All students will be required to come to campus to take the STAAR test. What tests? Well, content areas are tested based on grade:

- 6th graders are required to take STAAR Math and Reading
- 7th graders are required to take STAAR Math, Reading and Writing
- 8th graders are required to take STAAR Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies

When testing occurs, The Lawson Academy will maintain social distancing and will schedule small numbers of students to test at a time. With care and concern for everyone's health, the testing will be carefully controlled.

## Breakfast & Lunch Menu

# March



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BREAKFAST</b> 1 blueberry bagel <b>LUNCH</b> hot dog pretzel (DF) roasted potatoes	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 2 cinnamon crumble <b>LUNCH</b> crispy chicken sandwich seasoned green beans	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 3 cheerios w/ educational snacks <b>LUNCH</b> cheese pizza (V) edamame	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 4 strawberry pancake bowl <b>LUNCH</b> cheeseburger broccoli w/ ranch	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 5 french toast muffin <b>LUNCH</b> bbq beef rib sandwich (DF) island glazed carrots
<b>BREAKFAST</b> 8 yogurt w/ granola <b>LUNCH</b> corn dog bites green peas	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 9 cinnamon chex w/ string cheese <b>LUNCH</b> meatball sub broccoli w/ ranch	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 10 cheerios w/ cinnamon goldfish <b>LUNCH</b> ravioli w/ green beans (V) seasoned green beans	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 11 lemon muffins <b>LUNCH</b> chili w/ mini cornbread (V) steamed carrots	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 12 multi grain cheerios w/ cinnamon grahams <b>LUNCH</b> oven roasted chicken sandwich (DF) black beans

## Spring Holidays

<b>BREAKFAST</b> 22 cinnamon crumble <b>LUNCH</b> turkey & cheese sandwich roasted potatoes	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 23 vanilla concha <b>LUNCH</b> garlic soy glazed chicken breast broccoli w/ ranch	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 24 yogurt w/ educational snacks <b>LUNCH</b> pepperoni pizza lemon pepper green beans	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 25 yogurt w/ strawberry granola <b>LUNCH</b> Lonestar chicken sandwich (DF) baby carrots	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 26 blueberry muffin <b>LUNCH</b> chicken bites w/ edamame (DF)
29 	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 30 cinnamon chex w/ educational snacks <b>LUNCH</b> crispy chicken sandwich w/ baby carrots (DF)	<b>BREAKFAST</b> 31 blueberry muffin <b>LUNCH</b> chicken jambalaya pinto beans		

How was your meal? Take our short survey to let us know! Our chefs use your feedback to improve & develop new recipes. You can use the same link every time you eat our food!

[surveymonkey.com/r/meals-survey](https://surveymonkey.com/r/meals-survey)



revolution foods.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. All grains offered are whole-grain rich.

Choice of 1% or fat-free milk; fresh fruit available daily except when fruit juice is served.

Vegetable of the Day

Dairy-Free (DF) Vegetarian (V) options available daily – if not listed on the menu, available upon request

## Extraordinary Extra-Curricular Programs

For ages, people have believed that energy equals progress. As a worldwide



search for cheaper and cleaner energy continues, we are on a mission ... a mission to energize young scientists and engineers to think about energy! This amazing adventure explores various forms of energy, from potential to kinetic to renewable sources like wind and solar. Students design and build roller coasters, explore simple machines, water wheels, wind mills and solar ovens.

Students will learn Critical thinking, Collaboration, Creativity and

Computational skills. They will interact with the instructors and other students in the virtual classrooms while showcasing their skills. Our special thanks to our partners Chevron and the Houston Astros Foundation for underwriting this program.

Over 700,000 search queries are made on Google every minute! These searches lead us to various websites. Businesses, families, organizations, and individuals develop websites to create their unique digital presence on the web. What does it take to create one? Students will learn how to create a basic website from scratch and the inner workings of the Internet and world wide web. They will design and create their own web pages using Google pages and HTML.

## Website Design Lab



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Robots are rising to help us solve engineering problems. Students will take their interest in robots, couple it with engineering design to build and program robots to find engineering solutions to some real life challenges. Caution: engineering, computer programming and robotics at work seamlessly. Students learn the basics of computer programming and apply it to design robots to complete various

challenges. They will design, build and program using micro:bit.

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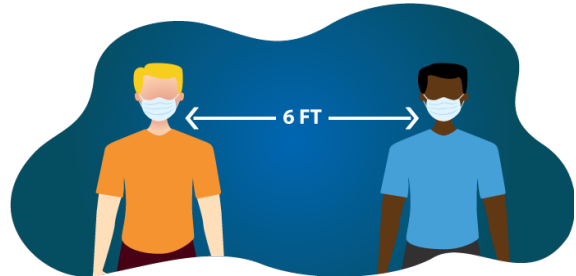
classrooms while showcasing their skills. Our special thanks to our partners Chevron and the Houston Astros Foundation for underwriting this program.

Students have been selected to participate in these and other Extra-curricular programs by Academy faculty. Through our partnerships with Chevron and the Houston Astros Foundation, programming is designed to increase STEM activities and increase college and career readiness at The Lawson Academy. We appreciate the support of parents and guardians to make these programs work!

## Staying Healthy During Spring Break

Practice the Three W's: **W**ash hands, **W**ear a mask, **W**atch your distance.

- Plan outdoor activities
  - Backyard camping
  - Riding bikes
  - Picnic at local park
- CDC recommends not making travel plans during this time
- Avoid parties, large gatherings and "super spreader" events
- Consider staying at home or planning a staycation
- Stay only iwth members of your household
- Safeguard your mental health as well as physical health:
  - Get plenty of rest
  - Eat healthy foods
  - Engage in regular physical activity
  - Connect with family and friends through email, phone or Zoom



## Monitoring for COVID-19



The Lawson Academy will monitor students, staff, vendors and visitors prior to entrance for COVID-19 symptoms: Has the student or adult recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

In the event a student shows COVID-19 symptoms, the Academy will immediately separate the student while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian. The Academy will clean all areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) as soon as is feasible. Students who report feeling feverish should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

## Technology Wellness

### Student Computer Care

#### Part One



Computers will be monitored throughout the school year to make sure they consistently work for student learning. The Lawson Academy Tech Squad will conduct 5-minute Wellness Checks during the school day.



Every student has been 'checked out' a computer with camera and headphones. If your student is properly caring for the equipment, great! For students who have "white screens" or other damage, the equipment can be replaced but **parents are responsible for**

Processing system speed, microphone and camera operation, software updates, etc. will be confirmed. And, if repairs are needed, we will take care of them.

repair or replacement costs. Please make sure students take care of their computers. They are needed to learn! **For parents who still need WiFi support, contact us at 713.225.1551.**

## Computers & WiFi

Every student has been 'checked out' a laptop or a desktop with camera and headphones. If your student is properly caring for the equipment, great! For students who have "white screens" or other damage, the equipment can be replaced but **parents are responsible for repair or replacement costs.** Please make sure students take care of their computers. They are needed to learn! **For parents who still need WiFi support, contact us at 713.225.1551.**

## March 2021 Events Calendar

Exciting things are happening in March, 2021

- STAAR Bootcamp (all month)
- Girls on the Run (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
- Exit Ticket Friday (March 5)
- STEM Saturdays
- Virtual Holocaust Museum Tour (March 10)
- Curriculum Checkpoint #3 (March 10)
- Smooth Men of Valor (March 12)
- SPRING BREAK March 15-19
- Parent Engagement Party #5 (March 25)
- Report Card Day (March 26)
- Spring Holiday (March 29)

[Calendar](#)



# THE LAWSON ACADEMY

March  
2021

Cornerstone of the Month: Relevance



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> STAAR Boot Camp; COVID 19 Screening	<b>2</b> Girls on the Run @4:30pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Girls on the Run @4:30pm	<b>5</b> Exit Ticket Friday	<b>6</b> STEM Saturday
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Girls on the Run @4:30pm	<b>10</b> Holocaust Museum Tour @ 11:30am; Curriculum Checkpoint #3	<b>11</b> Girls on the Run @4:30pm	<b>12</b> Smooth Men of Valor 3pm; Ed Psych in Real Life @3pm	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> STEM Saturday
<b>Spring Break</b>						
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Girls on the Run @4:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Girls on the Run @4:30pm; Parent Engagement Party @5pm	<b>26</b> Report Card Day	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> No School	<b>30</b> Girls on the Run @4:30pm	<b>31</b>			

## Support the Academy Through Amazon Smile

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- Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials.
- It will ask for the name of your charity. Type **The Lawson Academy**. It will bring up the William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity (WALIPP) and that is us!



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We still have spots available for all grades. Not every school has laptops and free school supplies for families --- why not share information with your friends and neighbors about our program.

Let them know how great we are, and give us a chance to prove it!

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