



BOB LANIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Vanguard Magnet and International Baccalaureate World School



Good Afternoon Purple Pups and Families,

The 2022 – 2023 school is upon us! The first day of school will be Monday, August 22, 2022. The purpose of this communication is to share important information regarding the upcoming school year. Our goal is to ensure that every student is prepared for success.

School Website

Our school website is a great resource for all Lanier families. The [student resource](#) section includes our bell schedule, school supply lists, and much more.

Schedules

Students will be able to view their tentative schedules the week of August 15th in HISD Connect. As our enrollment fluctuates, you may see some changes up until the first day of school. All students will receive a copy of their schedule on the first day of school during PUPS (Advocacy). After the first two days of school, students will be able to submit a course change request form. More information will be given during PUPS (Advocacy).

Lockers

Lockers will be assigned during the first week of school. Please make sure to bring minimum supplies until you receive your lockers. You will need your backpack, a notebook, writing utensil, and lunch (if you choose to bring it). You will have plenty of time to bring your other supplies the second and third weeks of school.

Lockers are grouped by PUPS class, which is where students begin each day. Each locker includes a built-in combination, which they will be given when assigned their locker, no locks will need to be purchased. Lockers will be new for all of our students this year. We are aware many students have stress related to their lockers and are here to provide support as they become comfortable.

- Once lockers are assigned, the students' backpack and all belongings should be kept in the locker. Many of the classrooms are small and become overcrowded if students bring their backpacks.
- No food should be stored in the lockers overnight.
- Students should make a plan as to when they will go to their locker and what they need for classes. It is sometimes easier to bring the material for a couple of classes, rather than visit their locker after every class.

IDs

All students will be issued a school picture ID during the first week of school, which will be worn around his/her neck every day. Replacement IDs will cost \$5.00.

Technology

Student laptops will be distributed during the second and third weeks of school. Parents and students must complete the technology agreements and pay the HISD technology fee of \$25. Please click [here](#) to access the required documents.

Uniforms

The student [uniform policy](#) is listed on our Lanier website.

Lanier PTO Uniform Store summer hours:

Aug 9 and 11th 11:30am-1:30pm

August 17th 4-6pm

[Lanier PTO Uniform Store online shopping](#)

Transportation

Resident district students who are attending their zoned schools of attendance or who are attending magnet programs on approved transfers and who reside two or more miles (as measured along the shortest route that may be traveled on public roads) from their assigned campuses are eligible for transportation services at district designated stops. Families who have not already requested transportation through the Google course selection form, please complete the [Lanier MS transportation request form](#).

Please note that the HISD transportation department will determine eligibility, routes, and stops; Lanier MS only enters the initial request. If your student is deemed eligible for transportation services, you will receive stop/route information from the HISD transportation department via email and/or phone, prior to the start of the school year.

After Care

Lanier PTO is excited to bring an After Care program to our campus. Based on interest, we plan to begin the program the week of September 12th. The program hours will be 4 pm - 6 pm and staffed by Lanier teachers/staff and students will do homework independently. Families will register their student for a semester at a given price. For families that want to use the service occasionally, there will be a drop-in option, at \$25/day. Please use this [link](#) to gauge your interest in the program.

Back to School Lanier Community Night

Lanier PTO is also hosting a community night on Thursday August 18, 2022. Students and parents will be able to get sports physicals, complete your technology/laptop permission paperwork, order PE uniforms, and mingle with other Lanier students and staff. Come at 4 pm to get student physicals completed at a cost of \$20 cash. At 7 pm, the PTO will welcome our families with concessions while we mingle. The movie will begin at 8:30 pm on the Lanier fields, please bring a picnic blanket and/or chairs. This event is for all grades and their families, teachers, and staff. This is not a drop off event. Students must be with a responsible adult. Attending the event is free of charge. Please [RSVP](#) so we may obtain an approximate headcount for concessions and security.

Volunteering on a PTO Committee

Our PTO is always looking for additional families to help run the various committees of the Lanier PTO. The PTO supports our school community in many ways. Please fill out the [google form](#) to indicate interest in volunteering some of your time with our Lanier MS PTO.

PTO Communications

The Lanier PTO is excited to announce our migration to a new website and communications system provided by Membership Toolkit. On our new site, you can see upcoming calendar events, access the spirit wear and uniform store, and learn about volunteer opportunities. The Purple Page, Lanier PTO's weekly newsletter, will be sent via the Membership Toolkit platform, so registering is vital to ensuring you stay up to date on all Lanier news. Please visit <https://lanierpto.membershiptoolkit.com/> and register to see everything your PTO has to offer. If you have additional questions, please email lanierptoweb@gmail.com.

If you need additional assistance, please reach out to your child's grade level administrator:

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