

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 August 16, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 20 7 th Gr Textbook/Schedule Pick up	9a-1p
Aug 20 8 th Gr Text Book/Schedule Pick up	4:30-7:30p
Aug 21 8 th Gr Text Book/Schedule Pick up	9a-1p
Aug 21 7 th Gr Text Book/Schedule Pick up	4:30-7:30 p
Aug 22 6 th Grade Back to School Night	5-7p
Aug 23 Football Orientation	4-8p
Aug 24 Football Orientation	8a-12p
Aug 26 First Day of School	
Aug 30 PTO General Mtg & Welcome Coffee	8:15a
Sept 2 Labor Day - No School	

BACK TO SCHOOL UNIFORM STORE/LANIER GEAR HOURS

Week Before School Starts

Monday, August 19, 2013 11AM-1PM

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 11AM-1PM

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 11AM-1PM

Thursday, August 22, 2013 4:00PM-7:00PM*

*Due to space limitations, used items will not be available during Back to School Night, but will be available during all other store hours.

First Week of School

Monday, August 26, 2013 7:30AM-8:30AM

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 7:30AM-8:30AM

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 7:30AM-8:30AM

Thursday, August 29, 2013 11:30AM-1:00PM

Friday, August 30, 2013 12:30-2PM

Regular School Year Hours

Beginning September 5

Mondays 7:30am - 8:30am

Thursdays 11:30am - 1pm

Fridays 12:30pm - 2pm

PTO NEWS

From the PTO President...

Hello Purple Pup Parents,
My name is Michal Lutfak, and I am Lanier's incoming PTO President. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you to the 2013-2014 school year at Lanier Middle School. I am very excited about the upcoming year and the opportunity to work with each of you to ensure Lanier continues to be the outstanding institution it has always been. Lanier has an exceptional faculty, staff, and

administration that are continuously working to make sure our children have the best education and support.

I am looking forward to meeting families, parents, and grandparents who would like to get involved with our PTO. Please join me for our first **PTO General Meeting on Friday, August 30, at 8:15am** in the school library. In order to be successful, the PTO needs the support and involvement of the parents of our students, the faculty and staff at Lanier Middle School, and the business leaders in our community. I would like to invite you to check out our new website www.Lanierpto.org, where you can find the 2013-2014 schedule of our PTO events as well as ways to get involved and stay connected.

We in the PTO believe that it is of utmost importance that we do everything we can to enhance the learning environment of our children, as they truly are our future. It will take all of us working together to ensure that this happens.

I look forward to working with you on what I hope will be another amazing year at Lanier Middle School.

Sincerely,

Michal Lutfak

Lanier Middle School PTO President 2013-2014

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WHAT DOES THE PTO DO FOR ME?

The PTO is the official voice of the parents and the teachers. By joining the PTO, you show your commitment to maintaining the standard of excellent that Lanier Middle School enjoys today. The PTO supports Lanier in many ways, including the following:

- Provide academic support to the teachers in many ways.
- Provides \$250 per teacher for school supplies not provided by HISD.
- Funds various campus upgrades and renovations.
- Publishes *The Purple Page*, which keeps parents informed about the school as well as maintains a Lanier PTO website, www.lanierpto.org.

These are just a sampling of the ways the PTO makes Lanier better! This support is not possible without your support, both financial and personal.

JOIN THE LANIER PTO!

Show your support and commitment and be the official voice of Lanier's parents and teachers. By joining the PTO, you become part of a team that's dedicated to providing the resources and financial support to the staff and programs that make Lanier an outstanding learning environment.

Family PTO Membership dues are \$10, and Teacher PTO Membership dues are \$5.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT- 6TH GRADERS ONLY

This year Back to School Night is only for incoming 6th graders. Thursday, August 22nd, 5-7pm. This one-stop-shopping event will fill all your back to school needs!

- Attend a short program at 5pm in the auditorium.
- Purchase Lanier uniforms and Lanier Gear.
- Be aware that the Uniform/Lanier Gear Store will be very busy. There will be long lines! Save time and come earlier in the week during the store's special Back to School hours. The store will also be open from 4pm on August 22nd.
- Come prepared! If paying by check, bring two checks; one for the uniform (made out to LMS) and another check for Lanier Gear (made out to Lanier PTO).
- Purchase P.E. uniform in the gymnasium (you will need a separate check for that).
- Meet the teachers and pick up your student schedule from his/her GSG. You will find your student's GSG posted on the walls on the first floor, it will be listed by last name.
- Learn about the PTO, PTO events and volunteer opportunities.

UNIFORM STORE/LANIER GEAR STORE BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

If you have never been to Back to School Night be aware that the Uniform/Lanier Gear Store will be very busy. There will be a long line! Save time and come earlier in the week during our special Back to School hours.

Come prepared. If you plan to pay by check, bring two checks; one for the Uniform Store made out to LMS and another for Lanier Gear made out to Lanier PTO. Uniform shirts are available in red, white, black and purple \$13 for youth sizes and \$15 for adult sizes. LMS hoodies are \$27. Most families buy 3-5 uniform shirts and one hoodie for each student.

Due to space limitations used items will not be available on Back to School Night, but will be available during all other store hours.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

FIRST DAY PACKETS

Several volunteers are needed to help prepare the information packets that will be sent home with each student on the first day of school. Please come spend an hour or two on Thursday, August 22nd helping the administration and PTO get ready for the students' return. To volunteer, please contact Shena Harbin: shenaharbin@gmail.com.

UNIFORM AND LANIER GEAR STORE

Parents are needed to staff the school store for all shifts during the school year. This is a really easy and enjoyable way to meet other parents and learn a lot about Lanier. To learn more and/or volunteer, please visit the online sign-up sheet at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949ADAE23A57-lanier6

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Monthly; Begins on September 27

The Lanier faculty and staff are world-class and one of the ways the PTO tells them how much we appreciate their commitment is to provide lunch once a month. If you are interested in assisting in meal coordination, visit the sign-ups at

www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FAAAC2EA13-teacher
www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FAAAC2EA13-lanier

CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER

September 5 through September 20

Each year, Lanier sponsors a Cherrydale product sales contest benefiting the school. Although this event is sponsored by the school, parents are asked to volunteer to help the school administrators with collecting forms and proceeds and distributing product. To volunteer, contact Maria Marini, marinistefan@gmail.com or laniervolunteers@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

It's early, but Lanier's 2nd Annual Party with a Purpose has already been slated for February 22, 2014. Do put it on your calendar as this is a fun, fabulous event that benefits our incredible school. This year's "Purpose": Campus Improvement and Technology! Save the Date!

GREAT 8

GREAT 8 NEWS! DUES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31!

It's going to be a **GR8** year for our 8th Graders!

We would like to make it a memorable **Great 8** celebration! **Great 8** includes a T-shirt, Gift Bag, Class Picture, 8th Grade Dance, Field Trip and 8th Grade Breakfast & Pup Awards Ceremony.

Great 8 is solely funded by 8th grade families. 8th Graders are asked to pay their \$80 dues by **December 31**. Make check payable to Lanier PTO with your child's name, GSG teacher, and "Great 8" on the memo line. You can drop off your check in Office B. Please ensure that the 8th Graders will have a memorable send off from Lanier. If you have any questions, please contact Evette Wesley at lanierparents-tati@sbcglobal.net.

Your Great 8 Team thanks you!

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

FOOTBALL ORIENTATION

All the incoming 7th and 8th graders interested in playing football this school year are expected to attend the **2013 Football Orientation**. It will be held on **Friday, August 23** from 4-8pm and **Saturday, August 24**, from 8-noon. Please have all ATHLETIC PAPERWORK completed and a COMBINATION LOCK so that you can receive a locker and football equipment at the orientation. All paperwork can be found on the www.purplepups.org football webpage. Please see or contact Coach Kirkpatrick at lkirkpat@houstonisd.org with questions.