

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 August 31, 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 3 Labor Day Holiday – No School  
Sep 11 6:00 PM: 6th grade Open House  
Sep 12 6:00 PM: 7th grade Open House  
Sep 13 6:00 PM: 8th grade Open House  
Sep 17 Fall Holiday – No School

## PTO NEWS

### From the PTO President...

What a wonderful turnout we had for our first PTO meeting on the first day of school! Thank you to all who attended and joined in the discussion. We shared some terrific ideas and found new volunteers to help us throughout the school year!

Be sure to visit the PTO website: [www.lanierpto.org](http://www.lanierpto.org). The website has all of the latest information about upcoming PTO events, volunteer opportunities, who to contact with questions, and much, much more. You can register on the site to receive the weekly Purple Page e-newsletter and emails announcing volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. The website also has a "store" where you can pay for PTO membership, make a donation to the Commitment to Excellence campaign, purchase a paver, and even pay Great 8 dues.

We hope you can get involved in your child's education by supporting the PTO with your time and your financial support. We're off to a terrific year!

Sheryl Moore  
2012-13 Lanier PTO President  
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## LANIER PARENT – TEACHER SOCIAL

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 11, 2012. The annual Lanier Parent-Teacher social is a fun, casual gathering for teachers, staff and parents. This is one of Lanier's early events and gives you the opportunity to meet the teachers, staff and other parents.

To make this event a success, we will need parent volunteers during the weeks before and on the day of the event. If you have any questions, please contact Anju Varadachary at [anju12@gmail.com](mailto:anju12@gmail.com) or Laura Fertak at [murphtak@comcast.net](mailto:murphtak@comcast.net). Hope to see you there.

## COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Welcome back to school! It's very exciting to see that contributions for this year's Commitment to Excellence campaign have already started coming in. Many of you may have picked up information at back to school night or read about it on the PTO website. This is an incredibly important fundraiser for Lanier as it demonstrates our parents' commitment to their children and to the education of all Lanier students.

I would like to thank the following parents for kicking off our campaign with contributions at the Star Level: Kristen Hennings and Maria Gasi. Thank you!

This year's Commitment to Excellence theme is classroom equalization. Your gift will allow Lanier to purchase critical technology to ensure that each and every child at Lanier gets the best education possible. We have revised our levels of giving from last year so be sure to check out on the PTO web site to understand what benefits come with each level. You will also have that information in a letter in the first day of school packets.

You can give any amount, every penny helps our school. The benefit levels start at just \$35 and go to the \$1,926 Sydney Lanier Leadership level to commemorate the year Lanier was founded.

Here are options for how to contribute:

Online at <http://lanierpto.myschoolvalet.com> to give using your MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover. Make a check payable to Lanier Middle School PTO – CTE

Make a donation of stock through Lanier Middle School's brokerage account by contacting Fumiyo Krall, PTO Treasurer, at [fumiyokrall@hotmail.com](mailto:fumiyokrall@hotmail.com).

Many companies sponsor matching gift programs. If your company participates, request a matching gift form from your employer and send it completed and signed with your gift. Lanier Middle School PTO will send both the donor and the company receipts for tax purposes.

Thank you for your support! If you have any questions please feel free to contact the campaign co-chairs at [jodibash@gmail.com](mailto:jodibash@gmail.com) or [jgbiggs@gmail.com](mailto:jgbiggs@gmail.com).

Jennie Biggs and Jodi Bash  
Commitment to Excellence  
Campaign Co-Chairs Business Ads and Spirit Ads

## DO YOU HAVE A PTO QUESTION?

Email [asklanierpto@gmail.com](mailto:asklanierpto@gmail.com).

### UNIFORM STORE AND LANIER GEAR

Uniforms and spirit wear were flying off the shelves in the weeks leading up to school, but if you didn't get everything you wanted, remember to visit us throughout the school year:

**Monday mornings 7:30-8:30AM**

**Thursdays 11:45AM-1:45PM**

We will be getting in more orders of uniform shirts and hoodies to restock the most popular sizes. Uniform shirt orders are expected on or after Thursday, September 6 and hoodies are expected after September 13. Please check with the school office or watch for updates in the Purple Page.

There's still opportunity to volunteer in the Lanier Gear store. It's a great way to meet people and get to know Lanier. Email **Maria Marini at [marinistefan@gmail.com](mailto:marinistefan@gmail.com)** or call at 713.429.1682 to let us know if you are able to help out during the school year for regular shifts once or twice a month.

Donations of gently used uniforms, including skirts and pants, are always greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in Office A.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Vanguard Testing September 10-14

Any student who would like to apply for Lanier's Vanguard program, and all students who are new to HISD, will be taking the Naglieri and/or Stanford exams on September 10-14. Applications are available from the Lanier Vanguard Office C or from the website <http://www.purplepups.org/domain/5559>. Please contact Ms. Terry if you have any questions.

#### HISD Transportation 713-613-3040

The Houston Independent School District provides transportation services to eligible students to attend their assigned campuses. Transportation is a privilege, and students are required to obey appropriate safety and conduct rules to remain eligible for transportation services. Students are responsible for contributing to the safe operation of the school bus – not detracting from it! Students are expected to know and follow bus rules. If your bus is late in the morning or the afternoon, please call the bus barn at 713-613-3040; they can provide you with the necessary information. This is also the number you can use to voice any concerns you may have about your child's stop or route.

### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 5 pm, August 30, 2012, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.

#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE PURPLE PAGE

Please follow the guidelines below for any submission to the Purple Page:

- Submit your article to [purplepageeditor@gmail.com](mailto:purplepageeditor@gmail.com).
- All articles are subject to approval by Ms. Smith.
- All submissions are due by **5:00pm on TUESDAY**, but **EARLIER is BETTER!!** Later submissions must have principal approval.
- If your submission needs to be translated, it must be submitted **by Tuesday 9:00am**.

Please create a Word Document (Font: Arial, size 10) for all submissions as an attachment to your email.