

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 December 14, 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Dec 17, 18 Musical Auditions</b>	<b>3:30-6p</b>
<b>Dec 18 Winter Concert</b>	<b>6p</b>
<b>Dec 20 Girls' Softball Meeting</b>	<b>3:50p</b>
<b>Dec 24 - Jan 7 Winter Break</b>	
<b>Jan 10 Magnet Tour</b>	<b>8:45a</b>
<b>Jan 22, 23 Boys' Soccer Tryouts</b>	

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LANIER DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Presents

#### ALL-SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS

December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

3:30p-6p (Drama Room)

Audition Forms located in the Drama Room

## PTO NEWS

### AUCTION PARTY

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual **Lanier MS PTO Party with a Purpose** is going to be held on **Friday, March 22, 2013**. We are hoping that this event will be a fun and successful fundraiser and we need your help. Please consider donating an item for our auction. We also need volunteers to help solicit donations, plan the party, and write the online auction catalogue. Please see the attached electronic auction letter and donor form for more information. Do you have restaurants and businesses that you frequent that would consider donating an item to the auction? If so, please give them a copy of this letter and donation form the next time you visit.

### YOUR OWN RESERVED PARKING SPOT!

**Auction party preview!** Are you tired of driving around the neighborhood trying to find a parking space? Drop-offs and pick-ups will never be the same once you have your very own reserved parking space in the faculty lot at LMS. Your spot will even have a sign for donor parking with your name to deter unwanted parkers. Your spot for the spring semester of 2013 will be waiting for you when school resumes on January 8, 2013!

The online auction for the reserved parking spot will be open from December 14, 2012 to December 19, 2012. We have already received an opening bid of \$500! Send your bids to [lanierptoauction@gmail.com](mailto:lanierptoauction@gmail.com). We will send out a last call and notify the lucky winner by e-mail before the winter break. *FMV: Priceless*

## REMEMBER: LANIER PTO WEBSITE FEATURES AMAZON LINK !

With shopping season upon us, please remember to use the Amazon link on the Lanier PTO website when you shop. It's easy! Log in to [lanierpto.org](http://lanierpto.org). The Amazon link is on the top right on the main page of the website. Lanier's PTO will receive a 4 – 8% rebate from Amazon purchases made through this link! Tell your friends and family to use our link when they do their holiday shopping, too!

## THERE'S STILL TIME FOR YEAR-END GIVING

The end of 2012 is fast approaching! Lanier Middle School PTO is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations to the PTO are tax deductible if you itemize your deductions on Form 1040 Schedule A. Contributions must be received by the end of the year to be deductible in 2012. Thank you for your support of the Lanier MS PTO!

## PURPLE PUP SPORTS

### DATE CHANGE FOR BOYS' SOCCER

**Please note the change in dates for tryouts.** Tryouts will be held in January, on **Tuesday and Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**. All paperwork must be completed and submitted no later than Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please see Coach Sifuentes for any questions about this. Go Pups!

### GIRLS' SOFTBALL AROUND THE CORNER

It's that time of year the again! Softball season is right around the corner! Lanier lady pups interested in trying out for the softball team, please attend the informational meeting on Thursday 12/20/12 @ 3:50 pm in room 118. Parents are welcomed! For additional information or questions contact Coach Cano in room 118 or via email at [ccano@houstonisd.org](mailto:ccano@houstonisd.org). Hope to see everyone there!

### GIRLS LACROSSE

#### DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

Registration is open through today, Friday, December 15. Late registration will be on space availability.

## LANIER LINES

### FALL BOOK FAIR/LITERACY FESTIVAL THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

The Fall Book Fair/Literacy Festival was so much fun! We would like to thank **Ms. Nelson** for all of her hard work!! We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers - **Chris Zenner, Marta Fonseca, Laura Frank, Evette Wesley, Katy Perez and EJane Hughson**. We really appreciate your help at the Book Fair. See you next year!! Maryann Mueller and Mary Beth Yard

## LANIER SCHOOL TOUR DATES

Lanier will be holding tours for prospective students and families on **Thursday, January 10, 8:45a.**

Questions? Contact Aurora Terry, Lanier's IB/Magnet Coordinator, at [aterry@houstonisd.org](mailto:aterry@houstonisd.org).

## PURPLE PRAISE

### NEWS FROM 8A

On Friday, the students of 8A went to the Houston Food Bank and Holocaust Museum. At the Houston Food Bank, 8A students helped provide over 12,000 meals during the time they spent volunteering there! Nice



## IB CORNER

**Week 16 Risk-takers** - Students approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. They are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs. [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## GREAT 8

### HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

8th-grade parents: high school application packets are now available for pickup from the attendance office.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DEDICATION ADS

Let your 8<sup>th</sup> grade son or daughter know how proud you are of their accomplishments. Place a dedication ad in the yearbook honoring them. Informational flyers were sent home this week with details on how to produce your ad. Ads are completed online at the following website.

**JostensAdService.com**

The **deadline** for completing an ad for the yearbook is **January 22, 2013.**

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE PURPLE PAGE

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

- Submit articles 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.

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, December 12, 2012, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.