

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 December 7, 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Dec 12 Parent to Parent Talk</b>	<b>8a</b>
<b>Dec 18 Winter Concert</b>	<b>6p</b>
<b>Dec 24 - Jan 7 Winter Break</b>	

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JOIN US! PARENT TALK AT LANIER

Next week we will be hosting our first "Parent to Parent Talk" on Wednesday December 12 from 8:00-9:00am. This is an opportunity for you to meet other parents, discuss current trends which are affecting our teenagers' lives and learn about strategies to help navigate and adjust to the transition of middle school.

This month Ms. Fegen will be presenting on the topic of "Resetting the Household Rules" over the Holidays and our principal, Ms. Smith, will be present to answer questions and concerns. Please join us for a quick cup of coffee after you drop your student off.

### NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Acceptance into NJHS indicates that students not only have high academic and personal standards; these students are also committed to helping others and making our world a better place.

In order to submit an application, students must have an average of 93 in all classes for both 6<sup>th</sup> and the first semester of 7<sup>th</sup> grade (and first 9 week report card of 8<sup>th</sup> grade for 8<sup>th</sup> graders) and an average conduct grade of E. Meeting these criteria means you may submit an application, but does NOT guarantee acceptance!

NJHS is, at heart, a service organization; scholarship is only one component of the application so tell us every wonderful thing about you!

Applications should include – copies of report cards, detail of leadership positions, community service performed and extracurricular activities.

- If you are a 7<sup>th</sup> grader interested in applying for NJHS, the deadline for application submissions is **Friday, January 25, 2013.**

Applications can be delivered to **Ms. Tobola's box in Office B.** Please visit our website ([laniernjhs.weebly.com](http://laniernjhs.weebly.com)) for more information and to download an application.

**Please remember that late or incomplete applications will not be considered so check them carefully!**

For any questions, please contact faculty sponsor, Ms. Tobola, at [ktobola@houstonisd.org](mailto:ktobola@houstonisd.org).

## 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

## PURPLE PUP SPORTS

### GIRLS' LACROSSE

Don't forget that registration is open until December 15 at <http://www.hylax.org/page/show/342595-registration>

The first practice will be Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Watch the Purple Page for details. Email [lanierlax@gmail.com](mailto:lanierlax@gmail.com) with any questions.

### GIRLS' SOCCER NEWS

If you missed the soccer meetings this week, there is still hope. Coach Giroir will host another round of meetings on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:25am and at 3:35 pm in room T-23. You only have to attend one meeting and if you attended the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, you do not have to attend another one. At the meeting we will discuss, tryouts, expectations, paperwork, equipment, as well as answer any questions you may have. Tryouts will be January 14-18<sup>th</sup>, here at Lanier. If you cannot attend the meeting, please email Coach Giroir at [mgiroir@houstonisd.org](mailto:mgiroir@houstonisd.org)

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball team also started strong this season and is currently 3-0. With stifling defense and fast break offense, the team won 33-9 over HamiltonMS, 41-9 over Grady MS, and 48-9 over Rice MS. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team will also compete at the Pin Oak Tournament this weekend. Good Luck Ladies!

It's been a successful season thus far for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball team. After starting with convincing victories of 22-2 over Hamilton MS and 29-4 over Grady MS, the team faced their first big test last week in a hard fought physical battle against Rice MS. The game went back and forth all the way until tied at the end of regulation time. With seconds to go in the 2<sup>nd</sup> overtime period, Lanier took the last shot to win it, but the shot just wouldn't fall, as the game ended in a 23-23 tie. Congratulations, Girls!

### BOYS' SOCCER

For all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys interested in trying out for the Boys' Soccer Team this year, there will be an informational meeting on Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am in the gym. Tryouts will be held on Monday and Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. All paperwork must be completed and submitted no later than Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please

see Coach Sifuentes for any questions or email him at [esifuent@houstonisd.org](mailto:esifuent@houstonisd.org). Go Pups!

## IB CORNER

**Week 15 Caring-** Students show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment. [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## PTO NEWS

### 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!

## LANIER LINES

### LANIER SCHOOL TOUR DATES

Lanier will be holding tours for prospective students and families on **THURSDAY, JANUARY, 10 8:45 AM.** Questions? Contact Aurora Terry, Lanier's IB/Magnet Coordinator, at [aterry@houstonisd.org](mailto:aterry@houstonisd.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 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.

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, December 5, 2012, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.