

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 February 3, 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 1 Progress Reports  
Feb 16 Race to Nowhere 8:15a & 6:00p  
SDMC Meeting 3:45p  
PTO General Meeting 6:00p  
Feb 18 Debate Tournament - Memorial High School  
Feb 29 Early Dismissal at 1:45pm  
Mar 12-16 Spring Break

## GENERAL INFO

### THE RACE TO NOWHERE

If you haven't seen it, now is your chance! If you have seen it, come to this screening also!

The Race to Nowhere, a documentary that has parents, administrators and educators across the country talking, will be shown at Lanier!

The first two showings will both be on February 16th - 8:15am and 6:00pm. The evening showing will include a post film discussion with a panel of experts in the fields of education and mental health.

More information to come....stay tuned!!!!!!

## PTO NEWS

### SNACK SHACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are in need of Snack Shack volunteers for all days of the week! This is a very minimal commitment of 30-45 mins once a week or once every 2 weeks. The hours are from 3:15-4pm and the job involves selling snacks to the kids after school, counting the money (under \$100) and returning the cash box to the office. You can bring siblings and have your Lanier student help you. We are very flexible. PLEASE HELP!!!!

Please contact Betsy Furler at [bfurler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bfurler@sbcglobal.net) or 713-542-8118 to sign up!!! Thanks!

## IB CORNER

### THEME OF THE WEEK: COMMUNICATION

- the imparting or interchange of thoughts, opinions, or information by speech, writing, or signs. 3. something imparted, interchanged, or transmitted.  
<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/communication>

## LANIER LINES

### 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.

If you are a 7<sup>th</sup> grader interested in applying for NJHS, the deadline for application submissions is **Monday, February 13, 2012**. 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 accepted!

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DEDICATION AD DEADLINE

8<sup>th</sup> grade parents, there is still time to get your child's dedication ad in. The deadline has been extended until February 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the only extension that our yearbook publisher will allow. There are still spaces available, but are filling fast. Go to the following website to complete your ad online.

[www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com)

## PURPLE PUP PRAISE

### 2012 OLLE OWL INVITATION FIRST PLACE SWEEPSTAKES

#### Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Lucian Li - 1st  
Robert Corpening - 2nd  
Dinah Baum - Semifinalist  
James Feng - Semifinalist  
Jason Lan - Quarterfinalist  
Mitchell Krall - Quarterfinalist  
Robert Brown - Quarterfinalist

#### Public Forum Debate

Gregory Pauloski & Sam Tekie - 1st  
Jack King & Daniel Liu - 2nd  
Miguel Covarrubias & Haydn Pugh - Semifinalists  
Mackenzie Aden & George Zhang - Semifinalists  
Michael Hoyal & Madeline Muhlherr - Quarterfinalists  
Alex Hoyal & Vishnu Narayana - Quarterfinalists  
Grant Su & Tommy Yi - Quarterfinalists  
Hugh Hajdik & Rukmini Kalamangalam - Quarterfinalists

**Extemporaneous Speaking**

Sam Tekie - 1st  
Hugh Hajdik - 2nd  
Vishnu Narayana - 3rd  
Will Acheampong - Finalist  
George Zhang - Finalist  
Armon Tabibzadegan - Finalist

**Dramatic**

Maddie Spence - 1st  
Betsy Broaddus - Finalist

**Junior Storytelling**

Nikki Goldin - 1st  
Madeline Mulherr - 2nd  
Stephanie Oyolu - Finalist

**Senior Storytelling**

Rachel Jama - 1st  
Amy Jia - 3rd  
Alfred Grimaldo - Finalist  
Eric Shi - Finalist

**Duet Improvisation**

Amy Yao & Kira Lam - 1st  
Matthew Baker & Jamison Miles - 3rd

**Oratory**

Mackenzie Aden - 1st  
Sam Tekie - 2nd  
Luke Lawyer - 3rd  
Lehka Sunder - Finalist  
Tomas Arango - Finalist  
Vega Shah - Finalist

**Humorous**

Max Nathan - 3rd  
Larry Zhang - Finalist

**Junior Poetry**

Michelle Tang - 1st  
Jia Zhu - Finalist

**Senior Poetry**

Maddie Van Brunt - 2nd  
Lily Vo - 3rd  
Alfred Grimaldo - Finalist  
Eric Shi - Finalist

**Solo Improvisation**

Connor Selna - Finalist

**Impromptu Speaking**

Olivia Cardenas - 1st  
Luke Lawyer - 2nd  
Haydn Pugh - Finalist  
Robert Brown - Finalist  
Tomas Arango - Finalist

**Duet Acting**

Litzell Juarez-Palestino & Rachel Jama -1st  
Alfred Grimaldo & Amy Jia - Finalists  
Emma Reagan & Dorothy Nugent - Finalists

**Junior Prose**

Ruth Ling - Finalist

**Senior Prose**

Alfred Grimaldo - 1st  
Eric Shi - 2nd  
Betsy Broaddus - 3rd  
Madeline Mulherr - Finalist

**TV Commercial**

Stephanie Oyolu - Finalist  
Jorge Montemayor - Finalist

**Vocal Solo**

Gabriella Hailemariam - 1st  
Amy Jia - 3rd

**Lip-Sync**

Madeline Mulherr & Amy Yao - 3rd

**Group Improv**

Luke Mouton, Jorge Montemayor, Thomas Quintero & Alex Hahn -1<sup>st</sup>

Eric Shi, Alfred Grimaldo, Litzell Juarez-Palestino, Rachel Jama & Amy Jia - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Megan Dickson, Ali Potthast, Dikla Taylor, Maddie Van Brunt – Finalists

**LD Speaker Award** – James Feng

**PF Speaker Award** – Jack King

**Outstanding Performer** – Rachel Jama

**Outstanding Performer** – Sam Tekie

**Outstanding Performer** – Alfred Grimaldo

**LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION  
THIRD PLACE SWEEPSTAKES****Public Forum Debate**

Lyle Derden & Hugh Hajdik - 2nd  
Olivia Cardenas & Erin Sheena - Octofinalists  
Mackenzie Aden & George Zhang - Octofinalists  
Gregory Pauloski & Sam Tekie - Double octos  
Marcos Coronado & Miguel Covarrubias - Double octos

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate**

Jason Lan - Quarterfinalist

**Policy Debate**

Ashley Liu & Lauren Nyquist - Quarterfinalists

**Foreign Extemp**

Sam Tekie - Finalist

**Impromptu**

Tomas Arango - 2nd

**Dramatic**

Maddie Spence - Finalist

**Prose**

Maddie Spence - 1st  
Dikla Taylor - Finalist

## Poetry

Madeline Mulherr - Finalist

Jia Zhu - Finalist

## ORCHESTRA UIL SOLO & ENSEMBLE COMPETITION

On Saturday, January 28th, orchestra students participated in the annual UIL Solo and Ensemble Competition. The following students received a Superior Rating:

Aaron Chan  
Liana Davis  
Ian Donovan  
Ava Flatt  
Catherine Han  
Dongkyu Kim  
Ashley Liu  
Alexandra Mena  
Mitra Mirpour  
Faith Morris  
Madelina Nguyen  
Katherine Nyquist  
Nia Prince  
Elena Segovia  
Shomik Sen

### PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

#### SWIMMING

**Feb 8 Lanier at Johnston 5:00p**

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Feb 8 Lanier vs. Rice 5:30p**

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Feb 8 Lanier at Rice 5:30p**

## BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Baseball season is here! The Lanier baseball team will be having tryouts Thursday Feb. 9th and Friday Feb. 10th at Linkwood Park from 4:00 – 6:15 pm. Players must attend both days. All interested 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome to try out, but must have their completed paperwork to Coach Cabell by Monday Feb. 6. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Cabell ([scabell@houstonisd.org](mailto:scabell@houstonisd.org)).

## TENNIS TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 2012 tennis team will be held Feb. 16th for the girls and Feb. 21st for the boys, weather permitting. Tryouts will be at Lamar HS from 4:00-5:30, and we will walk from Lanier at 3:45. Interested athletes should come by Room 141 and pick up the required paperwork from Coach Huffman. Everyone needs to submit the completed paperwork and bring an unopened can of tennis balls to their tryout. Rackets will be provided if needed. The tennis team would like to encourage any interested 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to join us as we prepare for the 2012 tennis season. Thank You.

## BOYS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

There was a shootout in the gym last night when the Pups took on the Pershing Pandas. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys came out slowly in the first half and trailed by 7 at the half. Tenacious defense made up for missed shots and the Pups took a lead and never looked back. In the end several lights were out in the gym and the Pups prevailed by a score of 51-47. The crowd roared with enthusiasm because they witnessed a great team effort. The Pups were led in scoring by Jacob Young with 16 points, Sean Folloder with 11 points, Brandon Chi and Andrew Malveaux had 8 points each, while D'Andre Jones had 5 points and a key block in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Rafe French added 2 points and great defense while Cameron Carlin added numerous rebounds and 1 point. Ollie Harris, Phillip Tan, Adam Dreyfus and Chase Fontenot had numerous steals in the full court press that helped seal the momentous win for the Pups. Please catch the Pups in action next week as they take on the Rice Owls at "La Escuela" Rice.

## BOYS 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL

The Lanier 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team lost a heartbreaking game Wednesday night as Pershing Middle School defeated the Purple Pups 45-43. Blake Bartlett led all scoring with 16 points. Tra'von Green added 13. Jackson Carroll tossed in 8 points. Mitchell Bonte, Matt Fontenot, and Josh Lewis each scored 2 points. Ethan Davis, Bowen Song, and Jesse White each had an outstanding defensive game. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' record is now 9-2 overall and 5-1 in district. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys will play Rice Middle School on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm at Rice Middle School.

## GREAT 8

**REMINDER...**Great 8 Dues FINAL payment is due by **February 3rd.**

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 9pm, February 1, 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.