

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 February 8, 2013

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 11 Advanced Academics Speaker** 6-8  
See article
- Feb 13 & 14 Lady Pup Softball tryouts**  
See article
- Feb 14 Dist. 2 Championship swim meet**  
@ Lamar High School
- Feb 20 Early Dismissal**
- Feb 20 Math Dept. Information Night** 5:30-7p
- Feb 21 & 22 IB Evaluation Visit**
- Mar 22 PTO Party with a Purpose**

## PTO NEWS

### PARTY WITH A PURPOSE-AUCTION FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013

We need your help to make it a success!

Please consider volunteering or donating an item.

**Our wish list...**Hotel stays, Vacation homes, airline tickets, sports tickets, rounds of golf, personal training, autographed memorabilia, contact with local sports heroes - J.J. Watt, Jeremy Linn, etc. Gift cards of any kind would be great.

Feel free to contact [lanierptoauktion@gmail.com](mailto:lanierptoauktion@gmail.com) with any questions or donations. Donor form is attached.

### LANIER NIGHTS AT CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN!

Dine at California Pizza Kitchen in the River Oaks Shopping Center (1997 W. Gray) and CPK will donate 20% of Lanier sales to the Lanier PTO! Eligible purchases include dine in, carry out, and catering! Bring the attached flyer to CPK during this FUNdraiser which runs from Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> to earn money for the PTO while enjoying a delicious meal! Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.



We will be collecting Box Tops for Education from all the GSG classes in the next few weeks. Please be sure to bring in any Box Tops that you have collected. Put the students name on the ziplock or envelope. There will be prizes awarded to the GSG that collects the most Box Tops as well as a prize for the individual who brings in the most.

Remember that Box Tops can be found on many items. These include many products that you probably use every day, for example; Betty Crocker mixes, General Mills cereals, Pillsbury products, Avery paper, Hefty bags, Kleenex and many other products. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for a complete list of products as well as many other online offers.

We did great last year, collecting nearly 9000 Box Tops and thus raising almost \$900 for instruments and other supplies needed for the wonderful Lanier band! This year we hope to beat this amount and I think we can do it! Thanks for all your support.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADVANCED ACADEMICS PRESENTS SPEAKER

The Advanced Academics is sponsoring a Gifted and Talent Parent Speaker Night. On **Monday, February 11, 2013** parents are invited to hear Michelle Himmelman, a consultant with Education Resource Group. Ms. Himmelman holds a Master's degree in gifted education and has worked with the Duke University Talent Identification Program. She has also been a Director for the Formative Learning Experience Gifted Education Program at Elon University in North Carolina.

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Place: HISD Board Auditorium  
Hattie Mae White Education Support Center  
(4400 West 18th St. Houston, TX. 77092)

### MATH DEPARTMENT INFORMATION NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

The Lanier Math Department would like to invite parents to an evening of information. The evening will consist of eight sessions that have been designed to provide parents with key information for Lanier and High School Math.

The sessions are:

- Algebra Readiness
- Why is 7th Pre-AP a challenge for students?
- How can parents support their child over the summer and have a successful school year start?
- Impact of STAAR EOC on High School Graduation
- STAAR
- Lanier Summer Math Camps
- Math Project
- Opportunity for Non-Vanguard students to take 7th Pre-AP Math

Look for the Informational flyer attached electronically and a registration form to come home with your child. Be sure to mark your calendars and attend this informative event. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Vigil, Lanier Math Department Chair at [Lvigil@houstonisd.org](mailto:Lvigil@houstonisd.org).

## IB CORNER

## **LANIER'S INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EVALUATION VISIT**

As you know, Lanier is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. On February 21st and 22nd, the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) is sending three representatives to evaluate our program. Program evaluation is both a requirement and a service provided by the IB Organization to IB World Schools. The aim is for the IB to ensure that the standards and practices of the program are being maintained at Lanier. The purpose of the visit is not to appraise or assess individual teachers or school administrators. It is an aspect of the evaluation process that seeks to ascertain the effectiveness of the program implemented in the school. There are seven standards and practices that the IB evaluators will be assessing. They are: philosophy, leadership and structure, resources and support, collaborative curriculum planning, written curriculum, teaching and learning, and assessment.

### **IB WORD OF THE WEEK**

Week 23: Happiness - 1. The quality or state of being happy. 2. Good fortune; pleasure; contentment; and joy.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/happiness>

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## **PUP SPORTS**

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### **TENNIS TEAM TRYOUTS HELD SOON**

Tryouts for the Lanier Tennis Team will be held this month at Lamar HS from 4:00-5:30. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will tryout on Tuesday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys will tryout on Thursday Feb. 21. Students will need to pick up a permission slip from Rm. 141 before their tryout. We will meet here at Lanier shortly at 3:45 to transport their bags and then they will walk to Lamar HS. Parents who wish to take their child directly to Lamar may do so. Please see Coach Huffman, or email him at [dhuffman@houstonisd.org](mailto:dhuffman@houstonisd.org) for more information.

### **LANIER LADY PUP SOFTBALL 2013**

Lanier Lady Pup Softball tryouts are here! Tryouts will be held at Levy Field (3801 Eastside, 77098) February 13-14, 2013 from 4:15 PM – 5:30 PM. Both days are mandatory and Athletic packets must be turned in by Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in order to tryout.

For more information please contact Coach Terry in Office C or [Aterry@houstonisd.org](mailto:Aterry@houstonisd.org) ! Hope to see you there!

<h2><b>GREAT 8 NEWS</b></h2>
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### **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DEDICATION ADS**

The deadline for placing an ad in the Yearbook has been extended until February 18<sup>th</sup>. This new deadline cannot be extended beyond that date. If you want to place an ad in the Yearbook honoring your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student then you must complete it by February 18<sup>th</sup>. Go to the following website to complete your ad and let your child know how proud you are of them.

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