

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 January 27, 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 27-28 Debate Tournament - Lamar High School

Feb 1 Progress Reports

Feb 16 SDMC Meeting

3:45p

Feb 29 Early Dismissal at 1:45pm

Mar 12-16 Spring Break

## PRINCIPAL'S PARAGRAPHS

The new semester is off to a fantastic start! Students have started their new clubs and spring sports for both girls and boys are underway. Teachers are busy attending professional development in IB and content literacy as well as learning about the new STAAR test. This will be the first time our students will take this exam. The test is much more rigorous and requires students to use multiple steps to solve a problem on some questions. It is a timed test where TAKS was untimed. It will be a learning curve for everyone as we enter this new state assessment requirement.

The state has also made adjustments in the curriculum. In some instances, objectives that were taught in an upper grade have been moved a couple of grade levels down. This poses a burden on both the student and the teacher as we have objectives that may not have been taught to our students. We need to ensure that all of our students have the benefit of a strong foundation in middle school so that they can attend the high school of their choice and be successful. We have made some adjustments to the study lab time to ensure that our students have a strong understanding of the curriculum. Clusters have designed a focused learning time for students to accomplish this goal while still having a study lab time during the week to make up assignments and tests. Objectives that have not been taught due to the change in curriculum as well as those troublesome objectives will be addressed in these very focused sessions. This adjustment was done primarily for the benefit of the student's learning and not strictly for test prep as we have many students who excel at both district and state exams. Study lab is not going away as we find it helpful, however we need to zero in on some tough spots in the curriculum.

The Spring is also the time that many of our fine arts programs participate in UIL contests. Our students have made such great progress and I know that they are probably the best they have ever been! Many of our students have just qualified for the National Debate Tournament which will be held in the summer. Congrats to the great debaters!

I look forward to a very successful semester at Lanier. We most definitely have the most talented and creative students in Houston and I appreciate all of the time and effort our parents, teachers and staff put into making great things happen with our young people at Lanier. Go Pups!

## GENERAL INFO

### LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN ROUND-UP, PART 2 JANUARY 31, 2012 AT 6:00PM

For Incoming Students: Learn about all clubs, organizations and athletics at the Freshman Round-up, Part 2. It will start in the large gym with displays all around the school. Starting time will be 6pm.

## PTO NEWS

### COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN – THE QUEST CONTINUES!

A few new names have been added to our list of CTE donors. There's plenty of time to add your name to this list! Every penny you can give helps Lanier and most importantly the kids. Please keep those contributions coming. The easiest way to donate is to log onto [www.lanierpto.org](http://www.lanierpto.org), click on Commitment to Excellence link at the top, and choose your level; it's that easy! If you prefer you can also mail a check into the school. Please be sure to note it is for the Commitment to Excellence campaign in the notes section.

Below is a list of those who have contributed at the Scholar level and above, new names are listed in bold:

#### Scholar

Andrews, Robert  
Bonte, Vonda  
Carlin, Amanda  
Dong, Lei  
French, Cathy  
Hajovsky, Martin  
Kakadiaris, Ioannis  
O'Connor, Kari  
Poet, Melynda  
Quen, Rachel  
Thomas, Jenna  
Williams, Lesley

### Star

Aaronson, Lisa  
Allen, Shannon  
Assel, Nancy  
Barron, Mona  
Bash, Jodi  
Biggs, Jennie  
Breitbeil, Karen  
Cagley, Maureen & Chris  
Carroll, Kristine  
Collins, Patricia  
Dao-Jeanjean, Thu Hang  
Dreyfus, Helen  
Flatt, Ava  
Gay, Samuel  
**Garcia, Maria**  
Hennings, Kristen  
Hughson, E. Jane  
Jefferson, Eddricka  
Kinsella, Rocio  
Liu, Vivien  
Marsden, Christina  
Moreno, Susan  
Numata, Jodyl  
Orsak, Carol  
Parra, Camilo  
Redepenning, Allison  
Ross, Becky and Robert  
Rummel, Bay  
Selleck, Sarah  
Siegel, Bettina  
Schwierking, Cynthia  
Selleck, Sarah  
Thompson, Anne & Peter  
Vyner, Lainie  
Walker, Connie  
Yard, Mary Beth  
Yokley, Pam  
Yuanfang, Liu

### Super Star

Atasi, Yasmin  
Bickart, Stephanie  
Dietrich, Sarah  
Doughty, Dick  
Dunn, Marguerite  
Harrison, Kathleen  
Introligator, Michélie  
Judah, Tonya  
Kelly, William & Krystal  
Kennedy, Monica  
Klavers, Kristine and Rik  
McCarthy, Kevin  
Nathan, Mandy  
Odegard, Turi  
Perkins, Cerole  
Tindall, Carol  
Wagner, Scott  
Watson, Joanna

### Champion

Baker, Natalie  
Barrall, Suzanne  
Broadus, Nancy

Coffman, Bonnie and Bruce  
Geston, Laurie  
Giunta, Rick  
Hollenberg, Gregg and Christine  
Hwang, Jessica & Brent  
Hwu, Kathleen  
Kennedy, Cammie  
Kohlhase, Janet  
**Moore, Sheryl**  
Risoli, Wayne  
Wittig, Linda

### Poet Society

Chambers, Beth  
Chi, Julianne  
Hajdik, Heather  
Helfand, Kristin  
Melo, Stella  
Nugent, Mary Flood  
Rose, David & Kelly  
Symonds, Williston  
Van Kerrebroek, Mary

### Sidney Lanier Leadership Society

Miles, Renee  
Tribble, Brittney

Please email [jodibash@gmail.com](mailto:jodibash@gmail.com) (Jodi) or [igbiggs@gmail.com](mailto:igbiggs@gmail.com) (Jennie) with any questions. Thanks again!

## LANIER LINES



I am pleased to announce the winner of our latest Box Top for Education collection! **Ms. Roquemore-Lee's GSG class** brought in the most Box Tops for the band! Congratulations! They will be rewarded with a free dress day.

Continue to bring in your Box Tops for Education! Please continue to clip Box Tops from participating 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. (If you are interested in a complete list of products, or to find out how you can earn bonus box tops, sign on to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com))

There will be another collection soon and we hope to beat our last collection amount. The band needs your help! **The GSG class that collects the most Box Tops will be rewarded with a free dress day!**

## 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 you ad online.

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

## IB CORNER

### THEME OF THE WEEK: RIGOR

– 1. strictness, severity, or harshness, as in dealing with people. 2. the full or extreme severity of laws, rules, etc.

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

### LANIER IB AWARD WINNERS: 2<sup>ND</sup> 9 WEEKS

The following students have been chosen by their teachers for best exemplifying a trait of the IB learner profile. The IB learner profile traits are what we at Lanier consider to be the most important characteristics necessary to becoming successful lifelong learners. We appreciate that these students portray the attitudes of an IB learner.

These students and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are invited to an awards ceremony in the Lanier Auditorium on Tuesday, January 31st at 8:00am. The awards ceremony will be followed by a celebration with the principal, Mrs. Smith, on the Hutch Patio.

#### Knowledgeable-

6A Melissa Alvarez  
6B Hugh Hadjik  
6C Veronica Blum  
7A Katie Sartin  
7B Curtis Yao  
7C Ashley Mueller  
8A Jordan Kampf  
8B Tim Craig  
8C Michael Murphey

#### Caring-

6A Christian Miller  
6B Emily Zhou  
6C Katherine Nyquist  
7A Megan Cruz  
7B Brianna Allen  
7C Catherine Rosen  
8A Kayla Dixon  
8B Lizzie Walker  
8C Anastasia Vayner

#### Open Minded-

6A Pimonphn (Awoon) Pichaiyut  
6B Sabrina Koseki  
6C Izzy Voight  
7A Larry Sorto  
7B Erich Hennings  
7C Juliana Beltran

8A Cassandra Buenrostro  
8B Litzell Juarez-Palestino  
8C Mackenzie Aden

#### Risk Taker-

6A Braden Busch  
6B Madeline Stern  
6C Maya Khanani  
7A Joey Vega  
7B Lorenz Lopez  
7C Daria Pominova  
8A David Meja  
8B Amy Jia  
8C Yasmeen Hamza

#### Reflective-

6A Nicole Richburg  
6B Rachel Lee  
6C Yaz Mhih Nhay Toliver  
7A Natasha Reyes  
7B Jonathon Fontenot  
7C Dylan Anderson  
8A Elisabeth Ben-Edet  
8B Jack Mason  
8C Aaron Feldstein

#### Principled-

6A Manolo Lopez  
6B Hana Abbas  
6C William Chisolm  
7A Ruby Angel  
7B Claire Pluim  
7C Kelly Skyler  
8A Iris Stringer-Graeve  
8B Asli Yilmaz  
8C Alexandra Mena

#### Communicator-

6A Athene Del Vecchio  
6B Lyle Derden  
6C Villa Matovu  
7A Rakiya McClure  
7B Nia Prince  
7C Jordan Hilder  
8A Olga Marquez  
8B Maya Bhandari  
8C Rafe French

#### Balanced-

6A Olivia Morgan  
6B Hannah Cass  
6C Claire Coffman  
7A Milan Young  
7B Jackson Wagner  
7C Mitchell Watson  
8A Manuel Guerra  
8B Scott Bickart  
8C Lauren Szuhay

#### Inquirer-

6A Loren (James) Calanni-Steward  
6B Aaron Chan  
6C Nathan Jackson  
7A Ethan Davis

7B George Tang  
7C William Ostediek  
8A Kayla Babineaux  
8B Chan Golla  
8C Alex Hahn

**Thinker-**

6A Jennie Duong  
6B Jaikin Cordova  
6C Allison White  
7A Saul Cervantes  
7B Katerina Doige  
7C Harvey Gao  
8A Stephanie Vidal  
8B Grant Su  
8C Aiden Antekeier

**PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX**

**SWIMMING**

**Jan 31 Red Skin Roundup at Lamar HS 5:00p**

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Feb 1 Lanier at. Pershing 5:30p**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Feb 1 Lanier vs. Pershing 5:30p**

**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 8pm, January 25, 2012, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR  
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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.