

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 June 6, 2013

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Jun 6 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast & Awards**  
**June 6 Last Day of School**  
**Jun 11 Incoming Pup Meet Up** 3p  
**Jun 14 Lanier offices closed on Fridays**  
**Aug 22 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night** 5-7p  
**Aug 26 First Day of School**

## PTO NEWS

### LANIER PAVERS 2012-2013...UPDATE

Attention parents of purple pups, the pavers were ordered in March and will be delivered to the installation company within the next week. Installation of pavers will take place in June after school is over. Thank you to every family that purchased a paver.

Paver orders for the 2013-2014 school year will start up in August. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Irene Donnelly at [idonnelly67@me.com](mailto:idonnelly67@me.com). Have a great summer!

### MAKE LANIER YOURS

The Lanier PTO needs your time, talent and ideas. There are several open positions and committee opportunities for next year, and we always need volunteers for ad-hoc events. There is truly something for everyone! Some of the opportunities you should consider include:

- **Directory:** Create and publish an online directory of Lanier students and families
- **Publicity:** Submit information and photos of events and successes at Lanier to local publications and media outlets
- **Audit Committee:** Review accounting for the PTO finances and provide input on accounting best practices
- **Party With a Purpose Committee:** Help plan and obtain donations our second annual Lanier fundraiser
- **School Store Volunteers:** Work a recurring or occasional shift in our school store with other Lanier parents. We are staffing volunteers for back to school shifts and throughout the school year on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

We welcome your contributions with any of these or several other areas. If you would like to become involved, please email **Maria Marini**, 2013-14 Volunteer Coordinator, at [laniervolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:laniervolunteers@gmail.com) or [marinistefan@gmail.com](mailto:marinistefan@gmail.com).

## INCOMING PUP MEET-UPS

Next year's Lanier 6th graders are invited to join other incoming students for informal meetings throughout the summer. The **first meeting** will be on the Lanier field (in the back of the school) on **Tuesday, June 11th from 3pm - 4:30pm**. Jerry Built Burgers is donating lemonade and cookies for the event. We hope to have additional events in July and August. Questions? Contact **Charla Carroll** [charlacarroll@hotmail.com](mailto:charlacarroll@hotmail.com) or **Claudia Schnelle** [claudia\\_griera@hotmail.com](mailto:claudia_griera@hotmail.com).

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TAKE A BOW! KICKSTARTER RESCUES LANIER'S 87TH PERFORMANCE SEASON

Thanks to the unfathomable support from the PTO, parents, teachers, students, and community members, the Lanier auditorium will have a new lighting system next year. We raised more than **\$70,000 dollars in one month** to fulfill this campaign goal and light up Lanier's theater, and **over \$45,000 of the pledges were** from the community and Lanier MS supporters. Lanier Theatre Company Director Markos Hernandez and the entire staff at Lanier would like to thank everyone who pledged, collected money, and spread the word about the campaign to make it a success. You have demonstrated, once again, what a special school community we have at Lanier. Thank you!

### MS. WU SHANGHAI BOUND

Dear Lanier faculty, staff, students, and parents:  
Over the past three years, I have had the privilege of getting to know an amazing group of teachers, staff, students, and families. As a result of countless interactions and experiences at Lanier, I have grown as a teacher and as a person. And while I could easily see myself blaring music from my corner room every morning, sitting on my stool as students scurry through the hallways, and trying to convince students that math really does make sense day after day, year after year, I have decided to try my hand at teaching high school math in Shanghai, China to continue to push myself as a teacher and as a person. I would be a hypocrite if I told my students to seek out and embrace new challenges and opportunities if I didn't do so myself.

So yes, the rumors are partially true; I **am** moving to Shanghai, but I am not leaving Lanier. When the Lanier MathCOUNTS team competes next year and the Lanier Faculty dragon boat squad wins their random division again, I'll cheer them on over Skype and be with them in spirit. Once a Purple Pup, always a Purple Pup. Please send any correspondence to my new e-mail address: [mswulovesmath@gmail.com](mailto:mswulovesmath@gmail.com).

## LOTS OF NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM STORE/LANIER GEAR STORE

Back to School Night can be very busy! Save time and come during Pup Camp or the week before school starts during our special summer hours!

### Lanier Gear Hours

#### Pup Camp

Monday, August 5, 2013 2:00PM-3:30PM

Tuesday, August 6, 2013 2:00PM-3:30PM

Wednesday, August 7, 2013 2:00PM-3:30PM

Thursday, August 8, 2013 2:00PM-3:30PM

#### Week Before School Starts

Monday, August 19, 2013 11AM-1PM

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 11AM-1PM

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 11AM-1PM

Thursday, August 22, 2013 4:00PM-7:00PM

#### First Week of School

Monday, August 26, 2013 7:30AM-8:30AM

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 7:30AM-8:30AM

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 7:30AM-8:30AM

Thursday, August 29, 2013 11:30AM-1:00PM

Friday, August 30, 2013 12:30-2PM

#### Beginning September 5

Regular School Year Hours

Mondays 7:30am - 8:30am

Thursdays 11:30am - 1pm

Fridays 12:30pm - 2pm

Both stores are looking for volunteers for Back to School events and school year hours. Please contact Maria Marini at [marinistefan@gmail.com](mailto:marinistefan@gmail.com) or Laura Frank at [laurafrank50@gmail.com](mailto:laurafrank50@gmail.com) for more information. You may also sign up directly by following one of these links: for Back to School volunteer hours go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949ADAE23A57-lanier4](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949ADAE23A57-lanier4) and for school year hours go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949ADAE23A57-lanier6](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949ADAE23A57-lanier6).

## 2013-2014 NJHS APPLICATION DEADLINES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) of Lanier Middle School is an honor organization whose purpose is to recognize students who excel in academics as well as leadership, citizenship, service, and character. This organization is open to all 7th and 8th grade students who maintain a grade point average of 3.7 or above, an E average in conduct, and have evidence of participation in community service projects outside of Lanier. Applications will be accepted for review by the NJHS committee in the Fall for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and the Spring for 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

\*All incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in joining NJHS will need to turn in their completed applications by September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

\*All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in joining NJHS will need to turn in their completed applications by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

\*Applications will be available starting June 7th on the NJHS website. <http://www.laniernjhs.weebly.com/>  
If you have any questions please contact Ms. Keenan via e-mail, [kkeenan@houstonisd.org](mailto:kkeenan@houstonisd.org)

## ALGEBRA 1 SUMMER CAMP

To all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students thinking of taking Algebra 1 next year-- Lanier will be conducting two different Algebra Summer Camps this summer. **The first Summer Algebra Camp will be offered on 29 July to 1 August and the second Summer Algebra Camp will be offered on 5 August to 8 August 2013.**

Lanier's Summer Algebra camp is filling up fast. The 5-8 August morning session is full and only a few more spots remaining in the 5-8 August afternoon session. **Please check my website:** <http://www.freewebs.com/lms-wisniewski/> for dates and times still available prior to filling out the registration form.

Remember there is limited space is available for morning or afternoon sessions. The cost is only \$125 for one week, all 4 days, of the 8:30-11:30 A.M. morning sessions or \$125 for one week, all 4 days, of the 12:30-3:30 P.M. afternoon sessions or \$200 for one week, all 4 days, of both morning and afternoon sessions. Financial assistance is available. Please contact Mr. Wisniewski at [bwisniew@houstonisd.org](mailto:bwisniew@houstonisd.org) or [ski.boyd@gmail.com](mailto:ski.boyd@gmail.com) for application forms or you can download them at: <http://www.freewebs.com/lms-wisniewski/>

## PURPLE PRAISE

### International Junior Thespian Society Newly Inducted Members

Zoe Levy

Paolo Martinez

Zariah Garica

Claire Loeshman

Lorenz Lopez

Drew Campbell

Hanna Boucher

#### Awards:

Best Actor in UIL One Act Play: **Lorenz Lopez**

Best Actress in UIL One Act Play: **Mackenzie Graham**

Best Supporting Actor in UIL One Act Play: **Sven Baldwin**

Best Supporting Actress in UIL One Act Play: **Lily Ward**

Best Technician in UIL One Act Play: **Jordan Hilder**

#### Star Ensemble Actor Awards:

P3a: **Anna-Katia**

P4: **Franice Zenner**

R1: **Grant Lurix**

R3a: **Bridget Rasmussen**

R4: **Elise Lanier**

Best Actor in a Comedy: **Sevastian Jimenez**

Best Actress in a Comedy: **Olivia Younghal**

Best Supporting Actor in a Comedy: **Jamie Perkins**

Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy: **Maddie Clay**

Best New Actor: **Paolo Martinez**

Most Supportive Faculty Member: **Ms. Lovejoy**

Most Likely to Succeed in Theatre: **Lorenz Lopez**

Lanier Theatre Angel Award-**The Perkins Family**

Legacy Award-**Paolo Martinez**

Thank you for a GREAT 2012-2013 Theatre Season!!!

## IB CORNER

**IB WORD OF THE WEEK - Week 39: Purpose** - the reason for which something exists or is done, made, used, etc. 2. an intended or desired result; end; aim; goal. 3. determination; resoluteness.

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

