

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 October 21, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 21 Report Cards go home	
Oct 21-22 Debate Tournament at Bellaire HS	
Oct 27 High School Choice Event	4-6p
Sinfonia Hauncert	6:00p
Oct 31 Drama Performance	6:00p
Nov 5 Debate Tournament at Katy HS	
Nov 9 Early Dismissal	1:45p
Nov 12 Debate Tournament at Oakridge HS	
Nov 14-18 Fall Book Fair/Literacy Festival	
Nov 17 SDMC Meeting	3:45p
Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School	

representantes podrán contestar preguntas y facilitar información acerca de sus programas. Se dispondrá de intérpretes de español para brindar ayuda si fuera necesario. Por favor acompañenos en este evento en jueves 27 de octubre de 4 a 6pm en el gimnasio de Lanier.

LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN ROUND-UP, PART I (ACADEMICS)

Date: October 27, 2011 - 7:00pm
Location: Lamar High School Gym

Freshman Roundup is a two-part "series" held in October and January. Part I is targeted toward the parents (student attendance, optional) as it gives an overview of the academic programs and campus life at Lamar High School. Part II focuses more on student life with campus life, athletics, clubs & organizations being individually represented. Student attendance is recommended; parent attendance, optional.

Dates and times are as follows:

Part I Thursday, October 27 7:00 p.m. Lamar Gym
Part II Tuesday, January 31 7:00 p.m. Lamar Gym

HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE EVENT FOR PARENTS OCTOBER 27TH 4:00-6:00

HISD's Office of School Choice is excited to bring you Middle School Parents Night! Designed especially for eighth grade students and their families, this evening is intended to inform and educate parents and eighth grade students about school choice options for high school. The evening will include information about school choice options, the magnet application and admission process, the magnet dates and deadlines, and how to help students choose the "best-fit" school as they prepare to enter high school. Parents and students will have the opportunity to engage in a dynamic discussion with representatives from each high school program. Representatives will be able to answer questions and provide literature about their programs. Spanish interpreters will be available to offer assistance as needed. Please join us for this event on Thursday, October 27th from 4:00-6:00pm in Lanier's Gymnasium.

SELECCIÓN DE ESCUELAS SECUNDARIAS - EVENTO PARA PADRES - 27 DE OCTUBRE DE 4:00 A 6:00PM

La oficina School Choice del distrito escolar HISD se alegra de ofrecerles la noche para padres de escuelas medias. Este evento fue planeado especialmente para alumnos de octavo grado y sus familias con el propósito de informar a padres y alumnos de octavo grado sobre las opciones de escuelas superiores. El evento incluirá información sobre opciones para la elección de escuelas, el proceso de solicitud de admisión a las escuelas magnet, las fechas para las escuelas magnet y los plazos de inscripción, y cómo ayudar a los estudiantes a elegir la mejor escuela superior para cada uno al prepararse para ingresar a la escuela superior. Los padres y alumnos tendrán oportunidad de participar en un intercambio dinámico con los representantes de cada una de los programas de las escuelas superiores. Los

PTO NEWS

FALL BOOK FAIR/LITERACY FESTIVAL

Literacy Festival: October 24 – November 11

Enter the Literacy Festival Contest!! Write an essay about a book you have read within the last 6 months that inspired you or write a piece of Poetry that inspires readers. Create a poster or bookmark in celebration of the Literacy Festival! Create your masterpiece and drop it off in the marked box in the library.

The top three winners of the essay/poetry contest, bookmark contest and poster contest will win a \$75 gift card (first prize), \$50 gift card (second prize), and \$25 gift card (third prize)!

Winners will be announced the week of the Fall Book Fair (Nov 14-18).

Teachers win too!! The teacher whose student wins First Place in each category wins a prize!

If you would like to volunteer please contact Maryann Mueller (maryann@useraid.com) or Mary Beth Yard (mary.yard@att.net).

LANIER GEAR

HOODIES in Sold Out sizes have arrived!!!! Purchase your Hoodie during your lunch on Thursdays or before school on Mondays. Cost is \$27 each – cash or check only.

Lanier Gear Store Hours:

Mondays 7:30-8:30am

Thursdays 11:45-1:45pm

Questions? Contact Lanier Gear Chairs Jill Schroeder – msjill@me.com or Danica Tucker dntuckertx@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Magnet tour volunteers are needed for the following dates:

- 1:00pm-3:00pm, November 7-11
- 6:00pm-8:00pm, November 10, 17, and December 1
- We could also use 1 or 2 volunteers on the following Tuesdays: November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13 and January 3 from 1:00pm-3:00pm.
- There will also be a training session on October 31, 2011 from 12:00pm-12:45pm in the teacher's lounge.

Please email Scott Wagner, slwagner@earthlink.net, if you can help out.

Also, we're looking for a group of volunteers to sell Lanier Gear at future Lanier sporting events (football, basketball, volleyball, etc). To make this happen, we'll need one or more volunteers at each event. You'll have a table, a small cash box, and a small inventory of items to sell (stadium chairs, pom poms, t-shirt, hoodies, etc.). You would probably need to arrive a few minutes early before each game, set up, and sell for the next ten minutes as parents arrive. You might then sell again at half-time and then shut down. Anyone interested should contact Jill Schroeder, Lanier Gear, msjill@me.com, for specifics.

Thanks,
Scott Wagner
VP - Volunteers

MINI DIRECTORIES

Parents, if you purchased a mini directory it will go home with your student next week. The LARGE FREE Directory is currently being published. We will notify you when it is coming home with your students. Natalie Baker – VP Communications

DO YOU HAVE A PTO QUESTION?

Email asklanierpto@gmail.com.

IB CORNER

THEME OF THE WEEK: KNOWLEDGEABLE

– Students explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines. www.ibo.org

LANIER LINES

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATIONS

If you are a **current 8th grader** and interested in applying for NJHS, the application deadline is **Monday, November**

1. 7th graders will not be able to apply until February.

To be eligible **to apply**:

1. You must have an average of 93 or above on all report cards from 6th, 7th and the first nine weeks of 8th grade.
2. You must have an average of E in conduct on all report cards from 6th, 7th and the first nine weeks of 8th grade.
3. Your application must include ALL report cards from 6th, 7th and the first nine weeks of 8th grade.

Incomplete and/or late applications **will not be considered** so be careful to include everything! Eligibility for application does not automatically ensure acceptance. Your community service, leadership abilities and outside interests/activities are all considered when looking at applications so fill out the application completely and tell us everything about you in every aspect of your life!

Applications can be downloaded from the NJHS web site: sites.google.com/site/laniernjhs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lanier's NJHS sponsor, Ms. Tobola, at ktobola@houstonisd.org. Good luck!

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

FOOTBALL (8 TH)		
Oct 25 Lanier vs. Pershing at Butler Sr		7:00p
FOOTBALL (7 TH)		
Oct 24 Lanier at Pershing		5:30p
VOLLEYBALL		
Oct 26 Lanier at Welch		5:00p

SWIM TEAM TRYOUTS

Weds Oct 26th 3:45-5:00p 7th Grade Girls
Thurs Oct 27th 3:45-5:00p 8th Grade Girls
Friday Oct 28th 3:45-5:00p 7th and 8th Grade Boys

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Stumpf at KStumpf@houstonisd.org.

BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUT

All 7th grade boys trying out for basketball need to report to the boys' locker room Tuesday, October 25th after school. All paperwork must be turned into Coach Kunz before you will be allowed to try out. Tryouts on Tuesday will be from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Please have your ride here at 5:30pm to pick you up in the bus lane. Thursday's tryout will be from 6:00am-7:20am. Please email Coach Kunz at jkunz@houstonisd.org if you have any questions.

The 8th grade boys will try out on Wednesday October 26th from 3:30pm-5:30pm and Friday October 28th from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Please contact Coach Sifuentes, bsifuent@houstonisd.org, if you have any questions.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

This past Saturday, the Lanier Boys Cross Country team competed in the HISD District Cross Country Meet at TC Jester Park.

The Lanier 8th grade boys had a great showing as they finished 2nd in the District 2 Championship in the 8th grade division. The 8th grade boys missed the district championship by 6 points. Jinjie Ling finished (4th), Thomas Telle (5th), Cameron Carlin (12th), Hadi Bourji (13th), Evan Morreale (15th), Alfred Grimaldo (16th) and George Zhang (17th). Other top performers were: James Feng (22nd), Adam Dreyfus (26th), Phillip Tan (28th), Daniel Rosilez (30th), Bennett Johnson (38th), and Jahlil Walker (43rd).

The Lanier 7th grade boys had a great showing by finishing 2nd in the District 2 Championship in the 7th grade division. The 7th grade boys were led by Miguel Covarrubias (District 2 individual champion), Sajjad Mia (6th), Benjamin Schwierking (14th), Blake Bartlett (15th), Nick Valero (16th), Saul Cervantes (23rd), and Graham Curtis (25th). Other top performers were: Hank Jares (26th), Mitchell Krall (39th), and Simon Cormock (43rd).

Coach Kunz would like to thank all the runners for their hard work, dedication, and a great season. Coach Kunz would also like to thank all the parents for all of their help and support for the year.

BOYS SOCCER FUNDRAISER

The boys soccer program is growing every year. In order to better serve the needs of all the Lanier Soccer Fanatics, new uniforms are needed. Please help the team by donating money or items that may be sold as concessions such as small chip bags, water or juice drinks. Please contact Coach Sifuentes, bsifuent@houstonisd.org, for any additional details. (10/14)

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, October 19, 2011, 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.
- **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.