

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 February 15, 2013

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb 20 Early Dismissal**  
**Feb 20 Math Dept. Information Night** 5:30-7p  
**Feb 20 Info Night @ Bellaire HS** 6:30-8p  
for Prospective Students  
see attached electronic flyer  
**Feb 21 Progress Reports**  
**Feb 21 & 22 IB Evaluation Visit**  
**Mar 9-17 Spring Break**  
**Mar 22 PTO Party with a Purpose**  
**Mar 29 Spring Holiday**

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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).

## GREAT 8 NEWS

### GREAT 8 NEWS – DUES NEEDED ASAP!!

We are trying to guarantee a memorable **GREAT 8** celebration, and we are working hard to collect the **GREAT 8** dues. We currently have 1/3 class participation towards our Great 8 dues. If we are unable to have full participation from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class families, we will be forced to cancel some of the events. **GREAT 8** is solely funded by 8<sup>th</sup> grade families!! Please ensure that the students have a memorable send off from Lanier!! If you have any questions or concerns please contact us!!

\$80 per student payable in **one lump sum** or **four installments** with the last due date:

**Friday, March 1, 2013**

Dues may be paid through the PTO online store at [www.lanierpto.org](http://www.lanierpto.org) or by submitting a check payable to Lanier PTO with your child's name/GSG teacher and "Great 8" on the memo line. You can drop off your check in Office B or mail it in to school.

Thank you for supporting **GREAT 8!!!!**

Maryann Mueller, Mary Beth Yard and Kristin Helfand

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GREAT 8 co-Chairs

### LAST CHANCE FOR 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)

## PURPLE PRAISE

On February 2, Lanier 7th grader **Caroline "Birdie" Wittig** won top honors for the 2012 Gulf Coast Horse Show Association Show Season. Birdie took the Year End Grand Champion ribbon for the Pony Equitation Division and the Year End Reserve Champion ribbon for the Pony Hunter Division riding "Huckleberry." Besides ongoing equestrian training at the Southern Breeze Equestrian Center, Birdie also rides with the Bayou City Pony Club and the Harris County 4-H Gaited Drill Team on the weekends. Way to go, **Birdie!**

## IB CORNER

### IB WORD OF THE WEEK

Week 24: Action – 2. Something done or performed, a deed. 3. An act that one consciously wills and that may be characterized by physical or mental activity.

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

### 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.

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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 4-5:30p. 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.

<h2><b>NOTES FROM THE EDITOR</b></h2>
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### **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)** and **include contact information** in the body of your announcement, if applicable.

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, February 13, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.