

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 September 21, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 24	Lanier Homecoming	7p
Sep 26	Early Dismissal	1p
Oct. 4	Girls Lacrosse kickoff Mtg Cafeteria	6p
Oct 9	Boys Lacrosse Mtg Pin Oak MS	6:30p
Oct 11	Parent Teacher Fall Party	5-8p
Oct 12 & 13	Debate Tournament at Univ. of Houston	

PRINCIPAL'S PARAGRAPH

Clubs were in full swing last Friday. The vision for clubs on the Lanier campus is to place students into activities that they may or may not have had exposure to. It is a non-academic time, yet very important. The goal for the clubs is for our students to have interaction with other Lanier students they may not have interactions with and even more importantly build a relationship with another adult on our campus. We really feel it is important that students build relationships with one or more adults during their time here. The adults on our campus are here to support, encourage and positively challenge the students at Lanier. The whole club concept supports that vision by providing opportunities to be exposed to different activities in middle school while gaining new friendships with other students and adults in our learning community.

Ms. Smith, Principal

Los clubs estuvieron en completo funcionamiento este último viernes. La visión de los clubes en el campus de Lanier es colocar estudiantes en actividades que ellos han o no han tenido contacto anteriormente. Es un tiempo no académico pero aun así muy importante. La meta de los clubes es que nuestros estudiantes tengan interacción con otros estudiantes de Lanier con los que ellos no tienen interacción y todavía más importante que el estudiante construya relaciones con otro adulto en nuestro campus. Nosotros realmente creemos que es importante que los estudiantes construyan relaciones con uno o más adultos durante su tiempo aquí. Los adultos en nuestro campus están aquí para ayudar, incentivar y desafiar positivamente a los estudiantes en la escuela Lanier. El concepto de los clubes ayuda a esa visión proveyendo oportunidades de ser expuestos a diferentes actividades en la escuela intermedia al mismo tiempo que ganan nuevas amistades con otros estudiantes y adultos en nuestra comunidad de aprendizaje.

Ms. Smith, Principal

PTO NEWS

From the PTO President...The Lanier PTO website, www.lanierpto.org is the primary place for finding information about PTO activities and other school news. To receive regular PTO email communications—including the *Purple Page* weekly e-newsletter—do one of the following:

Create a user account! This allows you to access the online PTO store and the online student directory, and you will also receive the PTO emails. In order to access the directory or make purchases in the online store, your user account must be associated with a student registered at Lanier. Follow these steps to create a user account:

1. From the menu in the left-hand column, select **Register**.
2. Enter your email address and create a username and password.
3. Select **Lanier Middle School**, then click on **I think I'm ready**.
4. Verify your email address, username, password, and school, then click on **Register**.
5. Log into your new account using the **Login** link at the top left column.
6. IMPORTANT: To access the student directory or shop in the online store, you need to associate your account with a Lanier student. In the **My Account** area in the left-hand column, select **Student** and follow the instructions on the screen.

Subscribe to PTO emails only

Follow these steps to subscribe to PTO emails without creating a user account:

1. From the menu in the left-hand column, select **Subscribe**.
2. Enter your email address.
3. Select **Lanier Middle School**, then click on **Subscribe to PTO Emails**.

Remember, if you simply subscribe to the PTO emails and do not create a user name, you will not be able to shop in the online PTO store or access the online directory.

Be sure to visit the online PTO store, where you can donate to the Commitment to Excellence campaign, join the PTO, purchase tickets for the Parent/Teacher Fiesta, order a paver, pay Great 8 dues, and more. Log on to the Lanier PTO website, then select **Shop** from the left-hand menu.

Sheryl Moore

2012-13 Lanier PTO President

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PARENT TEACHER PARTY

The annual Parent-Teacher social is on **Thursday, October 11, 2012 from 5 to 8pm at ADDiX**. This casual gathering gives you the opportunity to meet teachers, staff and other parents.

Tickets are \$30 each or 2 for \$55 and include food and 2 drink tickets. Please consider sponsoring a teacher and/or staff member. We will have a raffle for an iPad, Kindle Fire and Sony PlayStation 3. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 or 7 for \$20. All proceeds benefit our kids at Lanier.

Tickets for the event and raffle may be purchased online at the Lanier Store: www.lanierpto.org

Contact Anju Varadhachary at anju12@gmail.com or Laura Fertak at murphtak@comcast.net with questions or if you can volunteer at this great event.

LANIER HOMECOMING - SEPTEMBER 24

Come watch the Lanier Football Team launch the 2012-2013 season at the Homecoming game vs. Pershing on Monday night at Delmar Stadium. The Lanier Band (Symphonic and Honors) will be performing and the Lanier Dance will entertain Lanier fans during the halftime show. The game starts at 7pm, but come early to buy Lanier Gear and raffle tickets to win an iPad, Playstation 3, or Kindle Fire (drawing will be held at the Parent/Teacher Fall Party on October 11). Delmar Stadium is located at 2020 Mangum Road, Houston, TX 77092.

DO YOU HAVE A PTO QUESTION?

Email asklanierpto@gmail.com.

LANIER LINES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER

We're calling for volunteers to assist with Lanier's Cherrydale fundraiser. Order forms and money were turned in today, **Friday, September 21st**, but we still need a large group of parents to help deliver the products to students on **Tuesday, October 23rd**. We also need volunteers for the Student Reward Party that takes place on **Friday, November 2nd**.

Cherrydale is an important fundraiser for Lanier and requires considerable help from parents and teachers. Please consider volunteering on one of these dates. If you're interested or need more information, please contact me at slwagner@earthlink.net.

Scott Wagner

VP of Volunteering

PURPLE PUP PRAISE

The **Lanier Middle School Symphony Orchestra**, directed by Laurette McDonald and Ali Jackson, has been selected by the Foundation for Music Education as Commended Winners in the Mark of Excellence/National Orchestra Honors project. More than 180 musical

ensembles from across 35 states entered into the national competition. In addition, Madelina Nguyen and Jinjie Ling won awards for best soloist.

The **Lanier Debate team** recently competed at the Bellaire Novice Extravaganza. All the students competed in practice rounds against high school debaters from the Houston area. Thanks to all who competed. The team is also grateful to Ms. Bell and Mr. Song for providing food and water. The team's next tournament is Oct. 12 & 13 at University of Houston.

IB CORNER

Week 5: Community and service - *How do we live in relation to others? How can I contribute to the community? How can I help others?* Community and service starts in the classroom and extends beyond it, requiring students to take an active part in the communities in which they live. The emphasis is on developing community awareness and concern, and the skills needed to make an effective contribution to society. www.ibo.org

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

All **Girls** interested in playing Lacrosse: we are getting an early start! Join us for the kickoff team meeting

Thursday, October 4th at 6pm in Lanier's cafeteria.

Learn more about how to participate in the fastest growing sport in Texas! No experience is necessary and we take 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from Lanier and surrounding schools that do not have their own team. If you have any questions please e-mail us at lanierlax@gmail.com or see Ms. Keenan in room 232.

For **Boys** interested in playing Lacrosse, a New Parents Boys Lacrosse meeting will be hosted on **Tuesday, October 9th from 6:30-7:30pm** at the **Pin Oak MS Library**.

GREAT 8 NEWS

Planning has begun for a memorable GREAT 8 celebration, and we are working hard to collect the GREAT 8 dues:

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

- Friday, November 2, 2012
- Friday, January 11, 2013
- Friday, February 1, 2013
- Friday, March 1, 2013

Dues may be paid through the PTO online store at 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
GREAT 8 co-Chairs

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE – THANK YOU!

We continue to have a wonderful response to our Commitment to Excellence campaign. To date, we have raised over \$16,700! Thank you, parents and other supporters, for your generosity.

We would like to recognize the following supporters starting with the new Sidney Lanier Leadership Society level; new donors are listed in bold.

Sidney Lanier Leadership Society

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Thank you for your support! Keep those donations coming!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the campaign co-chairs at jodibash@gmail.com or jgbiggs@gmail.com.

Jennie Biggs and Jodi Bash
Commitment to Excellence
Campaign Co-Chairs

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 10pm, September 19, 2012, 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.