

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 September 9, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 16-17 Novice Debate Tournament at Bellaire High

Sep 29 Fall Holiday – No School

Oct 6 Parent Teacher Social

5-8p

Oct 12 Early Dismissal

1:45p

PTO NEWS

UNIFORM STORE & LANIER GEAR

Reminder to Purple Pups and Parents – You can purchase uniforms and get a “Lanier” approved hoodie for that cold classroom two days a week!

Uniform Store and Lanier Gear Hours:

Monday Mornings - 730am - 830am

Thursday Lunch - 1145am -145pm

Lanier Gear is also looking for volunteers to help out with the Monday morning shift – If you can help one Monday a month or more, please email Lanier Gear Chair Jill Schroeder - msjill@me.com or call #713-724-6067.

PARENT TEACHER SOCIAL NEWS

This annual event, well attended by teachers and staff, will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 6th. It is casual, fun and a great opportunity to honor our amazing teachers and staff and visit with them. Go on line to the PTO website and buy your tickets NOW!

We need donations for door prizes for the teachers and staff. Gift cards are great for this - do you have any unused gift cards lying around? You may also purchase a door prize online to contribute towards the teacher and staff raffle.

We would also like larger items (vacation homes, plane tickets, sporting events, concert tickets, art, jewelry, etc.) for a silent auction in which all can participate. Remember all proceeds benefit our kids at LMS

We are looking for volunteers to help during the weeks before and on the day of the event. Contact one of us with questions, donations, or if you can volunteer. (9/2)

Laura Fertak: murphtak@comcast.net

Gail Stalarow: gstalarow@buffspec.com

Anju Varadhachary: anju12@gmail.com

LANIER PTO DIRECTORY NEWS

The standard edition (5½” W x 8½” H) of the printed directory is distributed early October at no cost to all LMS students.

The mini-directory (half size) is also available for those who wish to purchase additional copies to give to their child or keep in the purse, car, office, etc. This edition can be pre-purchased online at the PTO Webstore for a nominal amount of \$5.

Will your family information be listed in the 2011-12 Edition? Go to www.lanierpto.org. Login, click on My Profile/ Directory in the left margin. One user account per family please, as duplicates will be removed prior to printing. Dual-household students can have two listings. **Deadline to be included in the printed editions: September 10th.**

You can choose to opt out of the printed version and still have your contact information available at the secure online site to other registered families and PTO members. It is important for the PTO to be able to contact all families.

If you have questions, please use the “Contact Us” link at the PTO Webstore or email support@myschoolvalet.com. (8/26)

BUSINESS ADS AND SPIRIT ADS

Parents you can support your child and advertise in the Lanier School Directory. The directory is free to all students. We are able to make this possible through our great advertisers.

You can advertise your business, or publish a spirit ad with text and/or photo in BW. Starting from as little as \$10 for a spirit ad of 3 lines, it can be a message of encouragement for a new student, a graduation High-Five for an 8th grader, a Sports cheer, a thank you to a special teacher, you name it. Grab a flyer from office B or go online at www.lanierpto.org for more information.

Business Ads: Full Page 4.5x7.5 \$200

Half Page 4.5x3.7 \$120

Spirit Ads: 1inch square 2-3 lines \$10

2 inch Square \$18

½ Page \$120

All purchases may be done at the PTO online store and art work sent to lanierads@yahoo.com. You may also submit checks (payable to “Lanier PTO”) with ads to Natalie Baker, 3824 Villanova Houston, TX 77005. **DEADLINE: September 10th.** (8/26)

SNACK SHACK PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come volunteer in the Snack Shack! This is a great volunteer opportunity - you can work any afternoon from 3:30-4! You get to see the Lanier students and sell healthy snacks!!! Please volunteer for one afternoon a month, twice a month or once a week. We will kick off the Snack Shack soon! Please help make this possible!

Email: Betsy Furler - bfurler@sbcglobal.net or Robin Owens - robinowens@sbcglobal.net for more information. Thanks!!!! (8/26)

DO YOU HAVE A PTO QUESTION?

Email asklanierpto@gmail.com.

IB CORNER

THEME OF THE WEEK: APPROACHES TO LEARNING

– How do I learn best? How do I know? How do I communicate my understanding? Through approaches to learning, students are provided with the tools to enable them to take responsibility for their own learning. Central to this is "learning how to learn" and developing in individuals an awareness of how they learn best, of thought processes and of learning strategies.

www.ibo.org

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

FOOTBALL (8TH)

Sep 13 Lanier vs. Kipp at Dyer	5:00p
Sep 20 Lanier vs. Johnston at Butler Jr	5:00p

FOOTBALL (7TH)

Sep 19 Lanier vs. Johnston at Lanier	5:30p
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CROSS COUNTRY

Sep 10 Westside HS	7:20a
Sep 16 Rice University	4:30p

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VANGUARD OR IBMYP PROGRAMS AT LANIER?

Aurora Terry, Lanier's Vanguard/IBMYP Coordinator, will be hosting an informational parent coffee break on September 20th at 8:30am in the Teacher's Lounge at Lanier (located on the 2nd floor). Please join us! You can contact Ms. Terry at aterry@houstonisd.org or 713-942-1900 ext. 307 if you have any questions. (9/2)

GREAT 8 NEWS

Great 8 Reminder....As the planning begins for a memorable Great 8 celebration, please note that the first installment is **due at the end of this month**.

Great 8 Dues: \$80 per student payable in **one lump sum** or **four installments** with due dates of:

- Friday, September 30, 2011
- Friday, November 4, 2011
- Friday, January 13, 2012
- Friday, February 3, 2012

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 and "Great 8" on the memo line.

– McNair Johnson & Laurie Geston - Great 8 Chairs.

Recordatorio para el Gran 8 ... Los planes han comenzado para la celebración del memorable Gran 8. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que la primera cuota debe ser abonada a fin de este mes.

Costo del Gran 8 : \$80 por estudiante a pagar en una sola cuota o en cuatro cuotas con fecha límite los días:

- Viernes, 30 de septiembre, 2011
- Viernes, 4 de noviembre, 2011
- Viernes, 13 de enero, 2012
- Viernes, 3 de febrero, 2012

Las cuotas pueden ser abonadas online en el sitio de la tienda del PTO en www.lanierpto.org o a través de un cheque a nombre de Lanier PTO con el nombre de su hijo y "Great 8" en la línea de memo.

– McNair Johnson & Laurie Geston – Encargados del Gran 8.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 9pm, September 7, 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.