



Good afternoon Purple Pups and Families,

We had a great first day of school at Lanier! Below, please find some key takeaways from the day. If your child did not get these materials today, they should get them tomorrow. Tuesday will be a **RED DAY**; all students will report to their R1 class.

**Paperwork Packet:**

Your child should bring home a packet full of annual HISD paperwork to fill out. There are directions on the front of the packet. **Students should bring these back to PUPS tomorrow.** Please contact Cindy Bonilla at [cindy.bonilla@houstonisd.org](mailto:cindy.bonilla@houstonisd.org) with any questions.

---

**Delivery of items:**

Instructional time will never be interrupted by the office staff for the delivery of homework, lunch, instruments, projects, etc. Parents may leave these items at the front foyer desk for the student to pick up during passing periods, lunch, or after school. Please email your student to stop by the front foyer desk to check for forgotten items during their passing periods.

**NOTE:**

- Students will not be notified by school staff to pick up items from the front foyer.
- No items or lunches will be delivered on State Mandated Testing days.
- Delivery from any food service providers **will not** be allowed.
- Lunch drop offs must be made before **10 AM**.

**Early Pickup:** Students who leave school early must have a parent or guardian come to the attendance office to sign him/her out. Please allow enough time for the attendance office staff member to retrieve the student from class. There is no pick-up from **3:30 PM–4:00 PM**; therefore, parents please do not plan appointments that would require a pick-up time during the last 30 minutes of school. Additionally, please do not schedule appointments during state-mandated exams (STAAR, EOC). A testing calendar can be accessed on Lanier’s website.

**Lanier Uniforms:**

The [Lanier school uniform](#) for the 2023-2024 school year is khaki or navy bottoms, Lanier polo shirt Monday-Thursday, and Lanier spirit shirt on Fridays. Lanier polo shirts and spirit shirts must be purchased from the Lanier PTO store, which can be accessed [here](#).

**Cell Phones:** Student cell phones must be turned off and placed in the student’s locker and/or backpack during the instructional day from 8:30 AM to 4:00 P M. When the bell rings at 4:00

PM, students may remove their cell phones from their locker prior to leaving the school building. Any cell phone visible during the instructional day will be confiscated and sent to Office B for storage in a secure location. The phone may be retrieved between 8-8:30 and 4-4:30 in Office B once a fee of \$15 is paid via School Pay only. Texas Education Code 37.082 allows a \$15.00 retrieval fee for cell phones. Keep in mind this policy is not intended to thwart any safety plan parents may have with their children. Students will have their phones available to them prior to entering and after they leave the school building each day. In the event of an emergency, Office B telephones will be available for student use with permission from the office staff. If parents need to contact their child, please email your child, or contact the school office at (713) 942-1900

### **Traffic:**

*Please follow the attached map to navigate your path around our campus. Due to ongoing construction in the neighboring communities, it is imperative that everyone is mindful that a direct path to or from Lanier could be altered due to detours. Give yourself a couple extra minutes this week for your arrival in the morning and please be patient with the procedures both in the morning and afternoon during pickup. Please remember there are no parking zones around campus, you will not be able to leave your car unattended.*

### **Bell Schedule:**

The bell schedule for the 23-24 school year has been updated to allow more time for student support while maximizing student learning time. The updated bell schedule is attached. [2023-24 Bell Schedule Lanier .png](#)

### **School Supplies:**

Lanier [school supply lists](#) for the 2023-2024 school year are posted on our [school website](#); supplies must be purchased at local stores. Students will use lockers where backpacks will be kept during the school day.

### **School Website:**

Our school website is a great resource for all Lanier families. The [student resource](#) section includes our bell schedule, school supply lists, and much more.

### **Technology:**

The \$25 PowerUp Yearly Student Device Fee is being **waived** for the 2023-2024 school year. Students and parents should be reminded they may be held responsible for cost related for replacement of a lost or stolen device or accessories, or damage due to purposeful action or gross negligence. Students and parents must complete the **Student Device Loan Agreement** form before being issued a laptop. Student laptops will be distributed during the second and third weeks of school.

**IDs:**

All students will be issued a school picture ID during the first week of school, which will be worn around his/her neck every day. Replacement IDs will cost \$5.00.

**Transportation:**

Zoned and magnet students who reside two or more miles (as measured along the shortest route that may be traveled on public roads) from Lanier are eligible for transportation services at district-designated stops. Families who have not already requested transportation through the Google course selection form, can email the Lanier transportation coordinator, Mrs. Garza Pender- [igarza8@houstonisd.org](mailto:igarza8@houstonisd.org). The HISD transportation department uses the address listed in HISD Connect/Power School to determine a student's closest route and stop, so please ensure your address is up to date in Power School. It can take up to 10 business days for the HISD transportation department to process a new request once it is input in HISD Connect. Please ensure you have a backup means of transportation if you have not already requested transportation.

The HISD Transportation department communicates student route and stop information via email and/or phone. The transportation department contacted families the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> with route and stop information. If you did not receive your student's route and stop information, call the campus main number 713-942-1900. Please ensure your student knows both their assigned route number (a four-digit number beginning with a 1, 2, 3, or 4, not to be confused with the number painted on the side of the bus) and their designated stop. Students need this information to find their bus in the morning and afternoon. If your student will use HISD transportation in the morning, please ensure he/she arrives at the designated stop at least 10-15 minutes before the designated pick-up time. If your student will use HISD transportation in the afternoon, he/she must report to the cafeteria area by 4:07pm. Busses are released by 4:10pm each day.

Students cannot utilize HISD transportation until the HISD transportation department assigns the student a route and stop. Students may only utilize the route and stop assigned by the transportation department.

All transportation concerns should be directed to the Lanier transportation coordinator, Mrs. Garza Pender.

**After Care:**

Lanier PTO is excited to provide an After Care program to our campus. Based on interest, we plan to begin the program the week of September 11th. The program hours will be 4 pm - 6 pm and staffed by Lanier teachers/staff and students will do homework independently. Families will register their students for a semester at a given price. For families that want to use the service occasionally, there will be a drop-in option, at \$25/day. Please email [lanieraftercare@gmail.com](mailto:lanieraftercare@gmail.com) to express your interest in the program.

**Volunteering on a PTO Committee:**

Our PTO is always looking for additional families to help run the various committees of the Lanier PTO. The PTO supports our school community in many ways. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/PTOVolunteering> to indicate interest in volunteering some of your time with our Lanier MS PTO.

**PTO Communications:**

The Lanier PTO uses Membership Toolkit for our website and communications system. On the site, you can see upcoming calendar events, access the spirit wear and uniform store, and learn about volunteer opportunities. The Purple Page, Lanier PTO’s weekly newsletter, will be sent via the Membership Toolkit platform, so registering is vital to ensuring you stay up to date on all Lanier news. Please visit <https://lanierpto.membershiptoolkit.com/> and register to see everything your PTO has to offer. If you have additional questions, please email [lanierptoweb@gmail.com](mailto:lanierptoweb@gmail.com).

**Lanier Athletics:**

Our Fall Lanier athletic season is coming soon. The Fall athletics season includes Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country. If you are interested in trying out for any of these programs, please make sure you have completed the required HISD athletic paperwork as soon as possible. An athlete cannot participate in any workout or tryouts until paperwork is completed and submitted in Register My Athlete. All paperwork and links can be found on the Lanier Athletics website <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/25729>.

**Cross Country** – Practices will start in September. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

**Football** – Practices will start on Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:15 – 5:45pm on the fields. Please make sure you are dressed in shorts, T-shirts, tennis shoes (cleats if you have them), and have a WATER BOTTLE!

**Volleyball** – 8<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts will be Wednesday and Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:15 – 5:45pm in the gym. 7<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts will be Tuesday and Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:15 – 5:45 pm in the gym. Please be dressed for tryouts with shorts, t-shirts, tennis shoes, water bottle, and kneepads. The volleyball coaches will have open gym on Monday and Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to answer questions and let the girls play from 4:15- 5:45pm.

We are looking forward to a great athletics year!

If you need additional assistance, please reach out to your child’s grade level administrator:

<b>Administrator</b>	<b>Grade Level/ Support</b>	<b>Email</b>
Michelle Cummings	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	<a href="mailto:MCUMMING@houstonisd.org">MCUMMING@houstonisd.org</a>
Shanda Davis	7 <sup>th</sup> grade	<a href="mailto:shanda.davis@houstonisd.org">shanda.davis@houstonisd.org</a>

Charles Kaspari	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	<a href="mailto:charles.kaspari@houstonisd.org">charles.kaspari@houstonisd.org</a>
Nicolette Alleyne	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Special Ed	<a href="mailto:Nicolette.Alleyne@houstonisd.org">Nicolette.Alleyne@houstonisd.org</a>
Cary Cooper	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Discipline	<a href="mailto:CCOOPER2@houstonisd.org">CCOOPER2@houstonisd.org</a>
Stephen Cabell	Testing Coordinator/Athletic Director	<a href="mailto:SCABELL@houstonisd.org">SCABELL@houstonisd.org</a>
Jennifer Garza Pender	Magnet Coordinator /Transportation	<a href="mailto:JGARZA8@houstonisd.org">JGARZA8@houstonisd.org</a>
Rodrigus Graham	IB Coordinator	<a href="mailto:rodrigus.graham@houstonisd.org">rodrigus.graham@houstonisd.org</a>
Mor Regev	8 <sup>th</sup> grade & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade M-Z Social Worker	<a href="mailto:mor.regev@houstonisd.org">mor.regev@houstonisd.org</a>
Emeka Okonkwo	7 <sup>th</sup> grade & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade A-L Social Worker	<a href="mailto:emeka.okonkwo@houstonisd.org">emeka.okonkwo@houstonisd.org</a>
Grette Valle	Wrap Around Specialist	<a href="mailto:greta.valle@houstonisd.org">greta.valle@houstonisd.org</a>