

Dear Parents:

Here's the latest news from Lanier:

*Back to School Night: 8th Grade Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th at 7PM. Please know that particular pre-meetings will also be taking place on Tuesday the 29th:

*Parent View Sign-up 6:00-7:00P.M., Library

*Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Preparation Class 6:00-7:00P.M., Choral Room

*ESOL Parent Meeting 6:15-7:00P.M., Room 125

*AVID Parent Meeting 6:30-7:00P.M., Room 220

*Special Education Meeting 6:30-7:00P.M., Room 105

*"Sexual Harassment Curriculum Review" will be held in the library for interested parents from 6:00 – 6:30 P.M.

*"Family Life Education Curriculum" will be held in the auxiliary gym for interested parents from 6:30 – 7:00 P.M.

*The book fair will be open in the library throughout the evening starting at 5:30P.M.

*Parking for Back to School Night: We expect parking to be a significant challenge for BTSN this year and we need your help. With 519 8th grade students, the number of parents we expect to attend BTSN this year exceeds the number of available parking spaces. To help address this challenge, please do your best to minimize the number of cars your drive to Lanier by car-pooling with neighbors or walking to Lanier if you live nearby. We are also taking steps, including opening the gate to Bevan Drive for the evening and arranging for a police officer to direct traffic. Thank you for your time and assistance.

*PTA Entertainment Coupon Books Fundraiser: The kickoff assembly for the PTA's fall fundraiser was held today. Please know your student will be bringing home materials today as a result. This fundraiser provides a chance to save our families money and support our school at the same time. We would appreciate your support!

*Teacher Blackboard Sites: individual teacher sites will be up and running by 8th Grade Back to School Night, September 29th. Teachers are being given this extra time to develop common grading policies within each course and to plan their course of study for the year.

*LMS Car Decals: BRAND NEW! Show your school spirit! Only \$2.00! Send a request and \$2.00 in an envelope marked "Lisa Mountjoy - Decal" to the school office. Decals will be delivered to your student by their 5th period teacher.

*The Lanier Library needs volunteers! Some of the tasks include shelving returned books, cataloging/processing new books into the system, cataloging new magazines, removing old magazines, helping students locate books, helping students use the online

catalog, etc. Hours are flexible, and any help is greatly appreciated. Ideally, we will have a couple of volunteers helping in the library each day. For more information, contact Kim Thompson at kimberthompson@earthlink.net or 703/273-3487. Thanks!

Reminder:

*Student Orientation Newsletter Available: If you are new to Lanier or just interested in learning more about our many programs and services, please see our newly created student orientation newsletter, *The Early Eagle*, at <http://www.fcps.edu/LanierMS/> (our website).

In the Community:

*Learn How to Pay for College: Fairfax County Adult and Community Education will be offering a workshop entitled, “Little Known Secrets of Paying for College” from 7-9pm on Wednesday, November 4th and 11th at Woodson HS (9525 Main Street in Fairfax) and from 7-9pm on Wednesday, December 2nd and 9th at Fairfax HS (3501 Run in Fairfax). Register today by calling 703-658-1201. Tuition is \$39.

*”Roots & Shoots” program: is about making positive change happen—for our communities, for animals and for the environment, developed by Dr. Jane Goodall. Come out and help us collect all types of hardwood seeds/nuts. We will bag and tag them. The Potomac Conservancy will tell you all about how they reuse the nuts and why it is such an important project:

Group/project: Potomac Conservancy – hardwood seed collection

When: Saturday, Oct. 3rd from 10am-12pm

Where: Cub Run RECenter, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, VA 20151

For additional information on the Roots and Shoots program and to register, contact: Debbie Lodato, Volunteer Manager, 703-817-9423, Deborah.lodato@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Have a good weekend,

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