



Weekly Newsletter • December 12, 2022

Your PTO—enhancing education and welfare of LHS students and fostering communication throughout the LHS community

Upcoming Events

**Dec 12–16**

Dec 13

Dec 15

Dec 19-23

Dec 19

Dec 20

Dec 22

Save the date:

Dec 26–Jan 2

Jan 18

Week 16

School Committee Meeting, 6pm

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

Week 17

PTO Board Meeting, 7:00pm

PTO Forum with Principal Stephens (virtual), 6:30pm ([Zoom link](#))

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

Winter Break: No school

PTO-Sponsored Author Talk: *Race at the Top*, Cary Library, 7:00pm (register [here](#))

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Weekly Announcements

PTO News

How can we help you? We welcome conversation, questions, and dialogue. Connect with us by email anytime at president@lhspto.org.

Thank you!

Kim McCormick & Meg Khanolkar
LHS PTO Co-Presidents

What did the PTO do last week?

- President attended **PTO Presidents' Council Meeting**

- Prepared for **December Hospitality event**
- Reviewed second round of teacher **mini-grant applications**



Support the LHS PTO through Amazon Smile!

When you designate the Lexington High School PTO as your charity of choice when using Amazon Smile, a percentage of your purchase goes directly to help us support teachers with mini-grants, put on informational forums for parents, and fund community building events for LHS students. There is **no cost** to you! All you need to do is choose us as your charity when you log onto Amazon. Click [here](#) for directions, and type in "Lexington High School PTO" when asked for your charity of choice! Thank you for your support!



Upcoming PTO Forum: Mid-Year Check-in with the Principals

Join the LHS PTO's next forum, which will be a virtual question and answer "**Mid-Year Check-In**" with **Principal Andrew Stephens!**

This is your opportunity to ask Principal Andrew Stephens your burning questions about LHS and our students' LHS experience! Get the most out of the presentation by letting him know your questions/concerns before the session by filling out this [Google form](#). During the session, Principal Stephens will organize his presentation to address these key topics/concerns, and with Associate Principal Andrew Baker, will also your answer live questions input into the "Chat."

- **When:** Tue, Dec 20, 6:30pm
- **Where:** Online ([Zoom link](#))

LHS and LPS Announcements



Lexington Education Foundation Star Awards

LEF Star Awards are the perfect way to say *thank you, nice job, I appreciate you or you matter to me*. LPS staff and educators love these awards and proudly display them in their offices. Star Awards are also great for babysitters, healthcare workers, family, friends or even your child's bus driver or crossing attendant!

Ordering is fast & easy [here](#) and if you **order before Wed, Dec 14th** we will deliver your Star before LPS break. However, we also deliver Stars year-round, so feel free to order one (or five!) any time.

All proceeds from LEF Star Awards go right back into teacher-initiated grants that foster innovation in every LPS classroom.

Be sure to follow LEF on their Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages for all of the exciting things happening this winter, as well as information about the amazing grants LEF approves throughout the year.

LPS Vaccine Clinic—Only one more clinic before winter break!

Lexington Public Schools will be hosting **only one more vaccine clinic** before the start of winter break! This clinic is open to all Lexington residents and LPS staff, and both Covid-19 and flu shots will be available. Pre-registration is required. Click [here](#) to see a list of FAQ's regarding the clinics. Please take advantage of this last offering before winter break!

- **When:** Fri, Dec 16, 9:00am–5:00pm
- **Where:** Central Office, 146 Maple Street, Lexington
- **Register**[here](#)



Updates from Dr. Stephens

- The [LHS News and Happenings Letter](#) has everything you need to know about what's going on at LHS.

LHS Community News

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next Meeting:** Thu, Dec 15, 9:00am (virtual)
- **Topic:** Family and Holiday Time with Teens
- **To join:** Email [Jen Roney](#) with your full name, and the grade(s) of your LHS student(s)

Lexington Community News



Registration for Winter Classes Opens Monday!

Registration for Winter Semester programs at Munroe Center for the Arts opens on Monday! Classes in painting, drawing, crafts, ceramics (both youth and adult) and youth theatre are all available.

The Winter Semester runs Jan 9 to Mar 19.

- **When:** Mon, Dec 9, 9:00am
- **Find classes and register** [here](#)

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December Literacy Coffee: Podcast Discussion

Join other parents for coffee and a discussion of the podcast "Sold a Story: How Teaching Kids to Read Went So Wrong." This six-part podcast, by investigative journalist Emily Hanford, explores how an idea about how children learn to read has held sway in schools for more than a generation—even though it was disproven by cognitive scientists decades ago. The teaching methods based on this idea can make it harder for children to learn how to read and can exacerbate language-based learning disabilities. It's a

fascinating history of the influential authors who promote this idea, the publishing company that sells their work and the money, power and politics behind it.

Please feel free to join us and share your experiences and perspectives, even if you haven't listened to all of the episodes. We will have additional opportunities to discuss the full podcast in future community conversations in the new year.

When: Wed, Dec 14, 9:30-11:30am

Where: Via Lago Restaurant

Please RSVP by emailing SEPTA [here](#)

Access the podcast[here](#)

Useful Links and Resources

PTO Links

- [LHS PTO Homepage](#)
 - [Membership Toolkit Registration Link](#)
 - [Volunteer](#)
 - [LHS PTO on Facebook](#)
 - [Who's on the PTO Board this year](#)
 - [Useful Links](#)
 - [LPS 2022–2023 School Calendar](#)
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LHS Links

- This year's [school calendar](#) 2022–2023
 - LHS [Student Absence Form 2022–2023](#)
 - LHS [Block Schedule](#) and directions to [add Block Schedule to your Calendar](#)
 - No Homework [Calendar](#)
 - LHS [Counseling Department webpage](#)
 - Superintendent's [reports](#)
 - School Committee [webpage](#)
 - Building Committee [webpage](#)
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Community Resources

- Cary Library [teen programs](#)
- Lexington Recreation and Community Programs: [classes for children and teens](#)
- Lexington Community Education: [classes on test prep and college planning](#), and [classes for children and teens](#)
- [Munroe Center for the Arts](#)
- [Youth Counseling Connection](#)

Stay Connected

- Principal Stephens: Follow him on Twitter (@LexingtonHSMA)
 - Athletics [games/meets](#)
 - LHS PTO [website](#) and [Facebook](#) group
 - LHS [Performing Arts Calendar](#)
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