



Weekly Newsletter • December 19, 2022

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

Upcoming Events



Dec 19-23

Dec 19
Dec 20

Week 17

PTO Board Meeting, 7:00pm
PTO Forum with Principal Stephens (virtual),
6:30pm ([Zoom link](#))

Dec 26–Jan 2

Winter Break: No School

Jan 2–Jan 6

Week 18

Jan 3
Jan 4
Jan 5

School Committee Meeting, 6pm
Junior Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am
Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades),
9:00am
Junior Caregiver Discussion Group, 7pm

Save the date:

Jan 13
Jan 16
Jan 18

Half-day for all students
No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
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?

- Prepared for ***December board meeting***



- **Prepared for the "Mid-Year Check-in with the Principals" Forum** to be held on Tue, Dec 20 at 6:30 ([Zoom link](#))
- **Distributed holiday gifts for LHS staff**—holiday socks!



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! Principal Stephens will organize his presentation to address parents' key concerns submitted last week, and with Associate Principal Andrew Baker, will also answer live questions input into the "Chat."

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

Recording of "Multiple Pathways to Success" Webinar Now Available!

Did you miss the Indian Americans of Lexington's (IAL's) College and Career workshop on "Multiple Pathways to Success: Plan Your Future"? **Fear not!** The recording is now available!

Getting ready for the path into and beyond high school does not have to be an intimidating process. If you are a middle school student, a freshman or sophomore, or a parent of students in this age range, then this recording is for you!

The IAL featured a dynamic panel of speakers made up of LHS students and alumni as well as professionals who shared their unique journeys through high school and beyond, along with valuable tools that can help you navigate your journey in a less stressful way.

Some of the questions explored were:

- What can I do to explore my interests and find potential career paths
- What classes, clubs, extracurriculars and camps/internships will help me in this journey
- Should I take the SAT, ACT or neither and when should I start preparing for it
- How to find a college that is the best fit for you

Click [here](#) to watch the recording!



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LHS and LPS Announcements



Updates from Dr. Stephens

- The [LHS News and Happenings Letter](#) has everything you need to know about what's going on at LHS.
- Lexington Public School will have ***rapid antigen at-home test kits available next week.***
 - **When:** Mon, Dec 19–Fri, Dec 23
 - **Where:** Each school's main office
 - **For whom:** both Lexington Public School's families and staff
 - **Recommendation of LPS:** that students test on the night of Mon, Jan 2 (which is the end of winter break), or anytime they are symptomatic.
 - **Reminder:** If your child tests positive, please have them stay home, and fill out your child's school absent form.
 - **Please note:** the test kits being distributed have a 6-month extension to the expiration date, in most cases going through the end of January 2023. You can verify a test kit's new expiration date by cross-referencing the lot number [here](#).
- The Lexington High School administrators are **seeking your perspective on Back-to-School Night** and whether it should continue to be held virtually, or should return to being an in-person event. Please fill out [this survey](#), which has one question and an optional comment box for additional feedback.
- **The deadline to submit requests for accommodations for the AP exams is Wed, Jan 18.** If your child is eligible, please fill out [this consent form](#) and return it to [Danielle Ballou](#) by the deadline.

LHS Community News

LHS Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next Meeting:** Thu, Jan 5, 9:00am (virtual)
- **To join:** Email [Jen Roney](#) with your full name, and the grade(s) of your LHS student(s)

Junior Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next Meeting:** Wed, Jan 4, 9am *and* Thu, Jan 5, 7pm (both sessions cover the same material)
- **Topic:** Sarah Flatley of Flatley-Wheaton Educational Counseling will speak on the topic of "Performing Arts and College Admissions."
- **To Join:** Sign up for the mailing list and meeting links [here](#)

Lexington Community News



Registration for Winter Classes is Open!

Registration for Winter Semester programs at Munroe Center for the Arts is now open! 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:** Opens on Mon, Dec 9, 9:00am
- **Find classes and register** [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](#)

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](#)

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](#)



