



Weekly Newsletter • February 13, 2023

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

Upcoming Events



Never be afraid to try something new, because life gets boring when you stay within the limits of what you already know.

Feb 13–17

Feb 13

Feb 15

Feb 16

Feb 20-24

20-24

Feb 27

Mar 2

Mar 3

Mar 11

Week 24

Course Advice Night for Students, 6pm (virtual)

Junior Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am

LHS Science and Engineering Fair, 4–7pm,
Commons II

Class of 2027 Incoming Student Night, 6pm, LHS Auditorium

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades), 9am

Junior Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 7pm

Week 25

No School: February Break

Save the Date

Course Advice Night for Students, 8pm (virtual)

Athletics Spring Pre-Season Mtg, 6pm

Half-day

Lexington Parent Academy

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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?

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- Requested cookies from parents for a pop-up event by LHS Counseling Department
 - Prepared for next week's hospitality event: Decorating the LHS bulletin board
 - Hosted Forum with School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)
 - *Please note that the PTO Board Mtg originally scheduled for Mon, Feb 13 has been canceled*
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Calling All PTO Bakers!

PTO Bakers: We need you again!

Martha Queenin and her Peer Leaders and Mentors are planning another surprise Cookie Pop-Up Event for the LHS Community.

We are hoping to have the same as last time: Cut-out sugar cookies—**hearts or simple round ones, please**—available for students and staff to decorate. We are also looking for **donations of frosting or sprinkles.**

We will have a location set up where staff, kids and classes can take a break, pop by and grab and decorate a treat.

This has historically been such a fun event that has brought smiles and joy to LHS.

- **When:** Morning of Fri, Feb 17
- **Where:** Drop off your sugar cookies, frosting or decorations at the Main Office or room 156A
- **Sign up** [here](#)



Save the date: Senior Parent Workshop

In May, Lexington High School social worker Joanne Loomer and School Counselor Scott Schaming, will be co-leading an in-person workshop entitled *Letting Go While Still Holding On: Supporting Your Student (and Yourself) through the Challenging Transition to College.*

This in-person workshop, co-sponsored by the PTO and for senior parents only, will cover various topics including the developmental changes for students and parents, important conversations to have with your student prior to leaving home, the summer of mixed emotions and the countdown to the launch, college resources for a smoother transition, managing homesickness, and what to expect with the first visit home.

When: Tue, May 23, 8:45–10:00am

Where: LHS Library Media Center

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.
- February is when students should begin thinking about the courses they would like to take next year:
 - The LHS Program of Studies, which lists all the classes and their descriptions, is [here](#)
 - The 2023–2024 Course Request Timeline for current LHS students is [here](#)

LHS Senate: Course Advice Night for Students

Parents and caregivers, encourage your students to sign up for Course Advice Night! Course Advice Night is an event held by the LHS Senate that allows students to hear feedback from other students about the potential courses they can take next year. They will learn about course load and pacing from students who have already taken these classes! This year, both Course Advice Nights will be virtual.

When students sign up to receive the zoom link, they can submit any questions they have about specific courses!

- **When:** Mon, Feb 13, 6pm **and** Mon, Feb 27, 8pm
- **Sign up** for the Zoom link and ask any questions you may have [here](#)

LPS Vaccine Clinic

Lexington Public Schools is hosting another vaccine clinic open to all Lexington residents and LPS staff. Both Covid–19 and flu shots will be available.

- **When:** Fri, Mar 3, 9am–5pm
- **Where:** Central Office, 146 Maple Street, Lexington
- **Sign-up** [here](#)

LHS Community News

Student Volunteer Opportunity: Teach a class with Helm Learning

All high school students passionate about a subject are invited to teach a free online class to younger students (K–12) through HELM (Helping Everyone Learn More) Learning! These student-teachers will be able to express their passion for any subject they are interested in (examples include Java coding, Calligraphy, Psychology, Latin, and more), as well as earn 10–15 community service hours for Lexington High School and the National Honors Society. Classes are 60–90 mins a day for 5 days (Mon–Fri), usually during school break (February vacation, April vacation, and summer break).

- **For more information**, visit the Helm [website](#) or send them an [email](#)
- **Sign up** to volunteer as a teacher [here](#)

New! Job Opportunity: Adult Proctors for AP Exams

LHS needs proctors for the Advanced Placement Exams for this coming May. This work is compensated, and the schedule is flexible—you choose the days and times that work best for you. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, and have a current CORI check on file with the district.

- **When:** AP testing dates between May 1 and May 19
 - **For more information**, including compensation rates, click [here](#) or email [Danielle](#)
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LHS Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next Meeting:** Thu, Feb 16, 9am (virtual)
 - **Topic:** Compiling parent questions, feedback, and topic suggestions for LHS administration
 - **To Join:** Email [Jen Roney](#) with your full name, and the grade(s) of your LHS student(s)
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Senior Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group

Come join the Senior Parent Group for an informal coffee and chat. Feel free to bring questions, or come to vent or support others as we move into the final few months of the college application process and senior year.

- **When:** Tue, Feb 28, 9am
 - **Where:** Starbucks on Bedford St.
 - **Contact** [Cynthia Pfeiffer](#) for further details
 - **More event information** is available on our [Facebook group](#)
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Junior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next Meeting:** Wed, Feb 15, 9am **and** Thu, Feb 16, 7pm (both sessions cover the same material)
- **Topic:** Guest speaker Elise Rowley from *By Design College Consulting* will speak on the topic of "Designing your Own College Visit Adventure."
- **To Join:** Sign up for the mailing list and meeting links [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](#)
 - LHS Building Project [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](#)

