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## Weekly Newsletter • January 9, 2023

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

### Upcoming Events

Make this year  
a year of finding,  
of fulfillment,  
of joy,  
peace,  
and purpose.

#### **Jan 9–13**

Jan 10

Jan 12

Jan 13

#### **Jan 16-20**

Jan 16

Jan 18

Jan 19

Jan 20

Jan 23

Feb 1

Feb 2

#### **Week 19**

School Committee Mtg, 8:00am (Zoom links are [here](#))

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades) monthly meeting with principals, 9am ([Google Meet Link](#))

Half-day for all students

#### **Week 20**

No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Junior Parent Discussion Group, 9am

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

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

Junior Parent Discussion Group, 7pm

Quarter 2 grades close

#### **Save the Date:**

PTO Board Mtg

Junior Parent Night

Curriculum Night

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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](mailto:president@lhspto.org).

Thank you!

Kim McCormick & Meg Khanolkar  
LHS PTO Co-Presidents



**What did the PTO do at the end of December?**



- Held Dec Board Meeting
- Held PTO Forum: Mid-Year Review with the principals
- The PTO Hospitality Team provided lunch and gifts for the Main Office staff. The PTO is so grateful for their year-round collaboration with us!
- Prepared for next week's hospitality event: Staff Lunch
- PTO President attended monthly PTO President's Council meeting



## Recording of the Mid-Year Check-in with the Principals

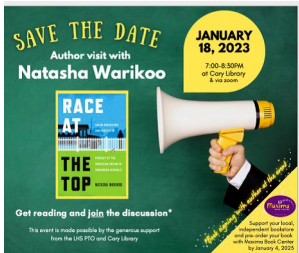
Did you miss the virtual question and answer "**Mid-Year Check-In**" with **Principal Andrew Stephens** back in December? No problem! Both the recording and the slideshow are now available.

- **Recording of this PTO Forum** is [here](#)
- **Slideshow** is [here](#)



## 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!



## LHS PTO/Cary Memorial Library Author Talk

Join author Natasha Warikoo as she discusses her book, *Race at the Top: Asian Americans and Whites in Pursuit of the American Dream in Suburban Schools*. This event, which will be held both in person and on Zoom, is made possible by the generous support of the LHS PTO and the Cary Memorial Library. A book signing will follow the event. Copies are available for pre-order from Maxima Book Center [online](#) or in person at 1717 Massachusetts Ave in Lexington.

- **When:** Wed, Jan 18, 7:00–8:30pm
- **Where:** Cary Memorial Library
- **Register**[here](#)

## 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.
- **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.

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## New LPS Parent Communication Tool: ParentSquare

Lexington Public Schools will be adopting a new form of school-to-home communication for Lexington Public Schools called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourages greater engagement and connection with the district and schools.

The ParentSquare App allows you to get all information for your child/ren in *one place*. Additionally, you can change settings so that communications come in from multiple schools at *just one time* during the day. Additionally, ParentSquare is set up so that it will provide communications in your language spoken at home.

- **Watch this [3-minute video](#)** on how the app works
- **Make an account** to make sure you don't miss info coming from the school! Parents and guardians should have received an email or text with information on how to join. If you can't find that communication, [here](#) are alternative instructions for signing up.
- **Learn how download the app**[here](#)

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## 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. Please take advantage of this offering.

- **When:** Fri, Jan 13, 9:00am–5:00pm
- **Where:** Central Office, 146 Maple Street, Lexington
- **Sign-up**[here](#)

## LHS Community News

### LHS Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next Meeting:** Thu, Jan 12, 9:00am (virtual)
- **Topic:** Monthly meeting with the principals ([Google Meet Link](#))

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### Junior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next Meeting:** Wed, Jan 18, 9am *and* Thu, Jan 19, 7pm (both sessions cover the same material)
- **Topic:** Guest speaker Aaram Ladd will host a Q&A on the topic of "Building a College List."
- **To Join:** Sign up for the mailing list and meeting links [here](#)

## Lexington Community News



## Registration for LEF Trivia Bee open!

The Trivia Bee is a unique Lexington Education Foundation tradition – a fun evening that brings the Lexington community together for a friendly battle of wits while raising funds to enhance educational excellence in the Lexington Public Schools through teacher-initiated grants.

Teams of teachers, students, town employees, and citizens come ready to compete in this trivia contest, while hundreds of Lexingtonians cheer them on. Bring a friend, bring your family, and bring your trivial best!

Join us at the Bee, whether as a team member, team sponsor, audience member, or volunteer.

**Date:** Thurs, Jan. 19th, 2023 at 7pm

**Location:** LHS Auditorium

**Register your Team:** Register/More info [here](#).



## New Art Classes for Winter Session!

Registration for Winter Semester programs at Munroe Center for the Arts is now open!

Join us for our new addition: *Let's Create with ProCreate* (grades 6 and up), or for returning favorites such as *In Your Hands* (our teen visual arts studio on Wednesdays or Fridays), *Teen Theatre* (now on Mondays) and *Exploring Ceramics* for adults (now on Thursdays)!

- **When:** The Winter Semester runs Jan 9 to Mar 19
- **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](#)
- LHS building project [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](#)
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