



Weekly Newsletter for Jun 5, 2023

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

Upcoming Events



Jun 5–9

Jun 4

Jun 6–7

Jun 8

Jun 9

June 12–16

Jun 12

Jun 13

Jun 15

Jun 19

Jun 22

Week 38

Graduation, 11am, Tsongas Center

All-Night Graduation Party, 10pm–5am, LHS Field House

MCAS: Biology

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades): Mtg w/ the Principals, 9am ([Google Meet link](#))

Sophomore Spring Fling, 7pm, LHS Quad/Commons 2

Week 39

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group end-of-year potluck, 10am, Community Center

PTO Board Mtg, 7pm

School Committee Mtg, 6pm

LHS Math Final Exam: 12pm dismissal

Save the Date

No School: Juneteenth

Last Day of School: Half Day

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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?

- Set up and ran the Senior Prom Reception
 - PTO Board met with Principal Stephens
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Question, Persuade Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Workshop

Description:

- 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide.
- Just like getting trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver, QPR saves thousands of lives each year.
- QPR trains people to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.
- As a QPR-trained Gatekeeper you will learn to: Recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer hope and know how to get help and save a life.

Where: LHS Room 610 (World Language Building)

When: Monday, June 12th at 7 - 8:30pm

Presenters: Kristie Demirev, LICSW, Prevention Specialist, and Caitlyn Hayden, MSW, MPH, QPR Assistant Program Coordinator

Pre-Registration Link:



Upcoming Suicide Prevention Workshop

In this suicide-prevention workshop, learn the proven QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Method for preventing suicide. This seminar will teach you how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer hope and know how to get help and save a life. Co-sponsored by the PTO, this workshop will be led by Kristie Demirev, Licensed Social Worker and Prevention Specialist, and Caitlyn Hayden, QPR Assistant Program Coordinator.

Space is limited to 40 participants, so please register now!

- **When:** Mon, Jun 12, 7pm
 - **Where:** LHS Room 610 (World Language Building)
 - **Register**[here](https://forms.gle/FZrhnyz5V7ASHc9)
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"Letting Go While Holding On" Presentation Link Now Available

Did you miss the PTO-sponsored senior parent forum on transitioning to college? Or maybe you were you able to attend but are looking to review or share all the valuable information you learned? Click [here](#) to see the full presentation!

Site Council Election Results

We are pleased to let you know the School Council Election for parent representatives is complete and results are in. On behalf of the LHS PTO, we are delighted to announce that your new parent representative will be Allison Bryant Mantha.

Kim McCormick and Meg Khanolkar, LHS PTO, co-presidents

LHS and LPS Announcements



Updates from Dr. Stephens

- The **MCAS Biology Test** will held Tue, Jun 6 and Wed, Jun 7. See this special [block schedule](#) that will be in effect.
- During the summer, many LHS students seek summer jobs. Please remember that **any person under the age of 18 is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to obtain a work permit.**
 - **See the State's rules** for obtaining a work permit [here](#)
 - **Job opportunities and instructions for obtaining the needed work permits** from the LHS Counseling Department can be found [here](#)

LHS Community News

LHS Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next Meeting:** Thu, Jun 8, 9am
- **Topic:** Meeting with the Principals ([Google Meet link](#))



Join LEF's Celebration for Education Weekend

Join us for Lexington Education Foundation's biggest fundraiser, **Celebration for Education Weekend, under the big tent on Hayden Lower Field**. We have two major events:

- **FREE Family Fun Afternoon** filled with interactive games, crafts, the LHS Robotics Team, food trucks, music and more! No ticket needed!
 - **When:** Fri, Jun 9, 4–7pm
- **Adult Country BBQ-themed Fundraiser** with specially-curated raffle packages, live music, delicious themed food, cash bar, a mechanical bull and more!
 - **When:** Sat, Jun 10, 7–11pm
 - **Get your event & raffle tickets** [here](#)

Each year, with the support of our amazing community and their generous donations, LEF funds faculty-initiated grants at Lexington's Children's Place preschool, the six elementary schools, the two middle schools, and the high school.

Over the past two school years, LEF has awarded \$477,000 in grants to our LPS educators in all 10 schools!

For more information on the weekend's events, visit our [website](#).

Lexington Community News



Summer Volunteer Opportunities with Explorations!

Calling all students who are rising sophomores or older! **Earn community service hours this summer** by working as a student aide with Explorations, Lexington Community Education's summer program for children. You must commit to working a minimum of one full week to be considered. Space is limited—apply now!

- **When:** Weekly programs run Jul 3–Aug 11
- **Where:** Most programs are held at Hastings Elementary School
- **To apply or for more information** visit our [website](#)



Registration for Munroe Summer Classes Opens Soon

A new slate of classes is now posted on our website! Find a program to flex your creativity throughout the summer. Classes run from Jul 10–Aug 8, and are for teens and adults alike.

- **See summer class offerings** [here](#)
- **Registration opens** Mon, Jun 5, 9am

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](#)
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