



Weekly Newsletter for March 13, 2023

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

Upcoming Events

some kids are **SMARTER** than you.
some kids have **COOLER CLOTHES** than you.
some kids are better at **SPORTS** than you.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
you have **YOUR THING** too.
be the kid who can **GET ALONG.**
be the kid who is **GENEROUS.**
be the kid who is **HAPPY** for other people.
be the kid who does the **RIGHT THING.**
☞ **BE THE NICE KID.** ☞

Mar 13–17

Mar 13

Mar 14

Mar 15

Mar 16

Mar 17

Mar 20–24

Mar 23

Mar 28–29

Mar 29

Apr 7

Week 27

PTO Board mtg, 7pm (zoom [link](#))

School Committee Mtg, 6pm

Junior Parent Discussion Group, 9am

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

Junior Parent Discussion Group, 7pm

Half-day

Week 28

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

Save the Date

ELA MCAS: 10th grade

PTO Forum: Navigating Life After LHS

No School—Good Friday

If you have a gmail account your Weekly Newsletter is being clipped. Please click on the link at the top of the newsletter "To view this email as a web page, click here" to get the full picture. Thank you!

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 LHS PTO do last week?

- Prepared for PTO Board Meeting next week

- Gathered responses from current board for next year's board positions
- Finalized hospitality events for the rest of the school year
- President visited the LexSeeHer monument under construction

Save the date: Navigating Life after LHS

Mark your calendars! In the next PTO Forum, "Navigating Life after LHS," recent LHS graduates and a few parents of graduates will share their experiences and advice with current LHS students and parents.

When: Wed, Mar 29, 7pm

Where: LHS Auditorium

Questions? Email [Catherine](#)

Please note this is an in-person only event!

We are looking for a few more panelists. If you have or know of a recent LHS graduate willing to share their career experiences and advice, please ask them to fill out the information in this [link](#) or email [Catherine](#).



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.
 - Course Registration for the 2023–2024 year is underway. Click [here](#) to see the Lexington High School deadlines related to registration.



LHS Community News

Parents and caregivers, FOLMADS needs your help at performing arts events for the second half of the school year! FOLMADS is the Friends of Lexington Music Art and Drama Students group, a parent-run group that supports the visual and performing arts in Lexington Public Schools. There are many new LHS performing arts events right around the corner, and we need volunteers to help them run smoothly!

- Sign up [here](#)
- For more information, feel free to email [Sawako Gensure](mailto:Sawako.Gensure)

LHS Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next Meeting:** Thu, Mar 16, 9am
- **Topic:** Performing Arts
- **To Join:** Email [Jen Roney](mailto:Jen.Roney) with your full name, and the grade(s) of your LHS student(s)

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, Mar 14, 9am
- **Where:** Starbucks on Bedford St.
- **Contact** [Cynthia Pfeiffer](#) for further details
- **More event information** is available on our [Facebook group](#)

Junior Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next Meeting:** Wed, Mar 15, 9am **and** Thu, Mar 16, 7pm (both sessions cover the same material)
- **Topic:** Sharon Olofsson of Gateway Educational Consulting will speak on the topic of Financial and MEFA merit aid
- **To Join:** Sign up for the mailing list and meeting links [here](#)



All Night Graduation Party: Save the Date!

The All-Night Graduation Party for Seniors is coming!

To help the party be a huge success, **we will need parent volunteers and donations from ALL GRADES**, Fri, Jun 3 through Mon, Jun 5.

More details to follow, but **mark your calendars now** to help with this fun event.

- **When:** Sun Jun 4, 10pm through Mon Jun 5, 5am
- **Where:** LHS Field House

Lexington Community News



Get ready for spring registration!

Sign up for exciting Spring Session programs at Munroe Center for the Arts in painting, drawing, theater and ceramics! Registration for spring classes, along with April vacation classes for teens, opens on Monday. Registration for Youth Summer camp is already open—join us for up to 9 weeks of fun!

- **Class offerings** are on our [website](#)
- **Registration opens** Mon, Mar 13, 9am
- **Sign up for our newsletter** [here](#) to get updated class and camp announcements



YCC Award Honoring Valerie Viscosi, LPS Director of Counseling

All parents and community members are warmly invited to the inaugural Youth Counseling Connection Impact Award, honoring Valerie Viscosi, Lexington Public Schools K–12 Director of Counseling, for her advocacy and accomplishments in supporting youth mental wellness in Lexington. Enjoy coffee and conversation and a brief program honoring Valerie's work with Lexington youth, including her partnership with YCC. This event is free and registration is appreciated but not required.

- **When:** Wed, Mar 15, 10–11:30am
- **Where:** Lexington Community Center
- **For registration and more info** click [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](#)

