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## Weekly Newsletter for May 1, 2023

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

### Upcoming Events



#### **May 1–5**

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May 4

May 5

#### **May 8–12**

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May 9

May 10

May 11

May 16–17

May 29

#### **Week 33**

LHS Parent Q&A with the Superintendent, 5pm, Science Lecture Hall

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am

Half-day for all students

Parent-provided luncheon for LHS faculty and staff

#### **Week 34**

PTO Board Mtg, 7pm ([Zoom link](#))

School Committee Mtg, 6pm

Junior Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am

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

Junior Caregiver Discussion Group, 7pm

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

MCAS: Math

No School—Memorial 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](mailto:president@lhspto.org).

Thank you!

Kim McCormick & Meg Khanolkar

LHS PTO Co-Presidents

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### What did the PTO do last week?

- Hosted Forum on English "Honors for All" program
  - Prepared for next week's Hospitality event! Parent-provided Faculty & Staff potluck!
  - Prepared for next week's Forum: In-person parent Q&A with the superintendent
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## LHS Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon—We Need Your Help!

Parents, we need your help! It's the staff and teachers' favorite time of the year—the annual LHS Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Prior to Covid, we celebrated the amazing LHS faculty and staff every year with a BIG potluck luncheon provided by the LHS parents. Now, after the three-year hiatus, that celebration is back!

### We need your food donations to make it a success!

- **When:** Drop off your item on Fri, May 5, 10:45-11:15am
- **Where:** LHS Cafeteria.
- **Include with your donation** an ingredient list for food allergies (especially peanuts, tree nuts, soy, gluten, msg, etc.)
- **Sign up** [here](#).

The teachers and staff really enjoy the wonderful food parents take the time to prepare for them. Not a cook? No problem! There are sign-up slots to bring drinks, desserts, flowers and prepared items. Donations are welcome to purchase appetizers from local restaurants.

The LHS PTO Hospitality Team thanks you for helping to make this this event possible!

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## Parent Q&A with Dr. Hackett

Parents of LHS students are cordially invited to join us for an informal Parent Q&A session with Superintendent Julie Hackett! Please note that this is an in-person event.

- **When:** Mon, May 1, 5pm
- **Where:** LHS Science Lecture Hall
- **To submit questions** for the event, click [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.
- Click [here](#) to see the schedule for the last two weeks of school. This schedule includes two Step-Up days for middle school students, and one school-wide exam period for the mathematics final exam. Please note that on June 15, we are dropping the Day 5, and June 16 will resume with Day 6.
- Attention Seniors and parents of Seniors! Here are some links to help you keep track of all the upcoming senior events:
  - 2023 Senior [Calendar](#)
  - 2023 Senior [Letter](#)
  - 2023 All-Night Graduation Party [Parent Letter](#)
- Bus Registration is now open. The deadline for the lowest fee is May 16. For more detailed information, click [here](#).

## LHS Community News



### Support FOLMADS by Honoring a Performing Arts Senior with a Flower!

FOLMADS, the parent volunteer organization which supports Lexington public schools' visual and performing arts, is thrilled to announce its Flowers for Performing Arts Seniors fund-raising project. With the help of Lexington florist [Oak Knoll Flowers](#), a Lexington florist, FOLMADS will provide a beautiful flower in a vase to performing arts seniors at the end of the show at the 2023 Pops concerts on May 20 and 21.

We're asking parents for suggested donations to sponsor a flower for performing arts seniors. All money raised will go to FOLMADS, which provides grants each year to visual and performing arts teachers throughout the school system. Grants support visiting artists, transportation to festivals, and so much more, including instruments for elementary programs. Seniors will be able pick up a flower at the end of the first show they perform in. An announcement will be made during the program so they know a flower has been purchased for them!

- **To participate**, click [here](#)
- **Donation deadline**: May 20



### Parent Volunteer Opportunity: FOLMADS

Parents and caregivers, we need your help at LHS performing arts events this May and June!

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.

- **Sign up** to volunteer [here](#)
- **For more information** about volunteering, email [Sawako](#)

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

- **Next Meeting**: Thu, May 4, 9am
- **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, May 10, 9am **and** Thu, May 11, 7pm
- **Topic**: Amy Garbis from *A Starting Line: Smart College Admission Strategy & Planning* will speak on the topic of "The Importance of Showcasing Character Strengths in your Essay."
- **To Join**: Sign up for the mailing list and meeting links [here](#)

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## Dyslexia Parent Group Meetings in May

Our Dyslexia Parents' Group is open to Lexington parents who have a child struggling to read and/or write, who need information on how to support them no matter where they are on their journey, and who want to join an amazing and supportive group of parents. We are a subgroup of the Lexington Special Education Parent Teacher Association, LexSEPTA/SEPAC.

Join us for our upcoming meetings!

- **When:** Tue, May 2, 7–8:45pm
- **Where:** Lexington Community Center, rm 217

### **AND**

- **When:** Wed, May 10, 9:30-11:30am
- **Where:** Via Lago Restaurant, 1845 Mass Ave

**RSVP** (appreciated, but not required) for either meeting [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](#)
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