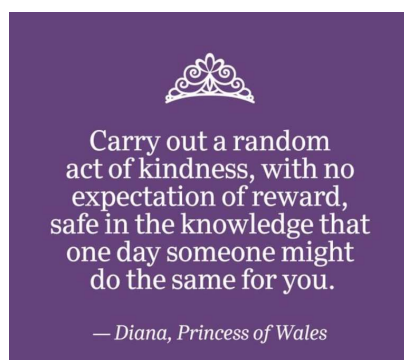




Weekly Newsletter for May 15, 2023

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

Upcoming Events



May 15–19	Week 35
May 16	Deadline for lowest-fee bus registration
May 16–17	MCAS: Math
May 17	Delayed opening for some, but not all LHS students; click here for details
May 18	Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades), 9am
May 19	Junior Prom
May 22–26	Week 36
May 22	Deadline to vote for School Site Council Representative
May 23	"Letting Go While Holding on" seminar, 8:45–10:00am, Library Media Center (rm 147) School Committee Meeting, 6pm
May 24	Junior Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am
May 25	Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades), 9am Junior Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 7pm
	Save the Date:
May 29	No School—Memorial Day
Jun 2	Half-day

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 PTO do last week?

- Held PTO Board Meeting
- Prepared for next week's forum, the cookie pop-up and the Junior prom
- Continued running election for School Site Council



Upcoming Teen and Parent Dialogue

YCC's Youth Advisory Board, in partnership with the LHS PTO, is hosting a teen-parent dialogue. The event will include information about youth mental wellness and the experiences our teens have living in Lexington. They will share about important conversations that parents should be having with their teens as well as tips to have more open communication. There will be time for questions, but we encourage you to submit questions ahead of time on [this form](#). These questions will be answered by both our Youth Board and YCC Staff members. The event is free for the community. Registration is appreciated but not required.

When: Thu, May 18, 6:30pm

Where: First Parish Church, 7 Harrington Road

Register[here](#)

Join us! Four Open Positions on the 2023–2024 LHS PTO Board

For the upcoming 2023–2024 school year, the LHS PTO has some open positions on the Board. We invite LHS parents interested in playing an active role in the PTO to apply. If you think you might be a good fit for one of these positions, and would like to join our PTO team, we encourage you to email us [here](#) and let us know!

Communications VP: Communication is a key part of the LHS PTO mission. The Communication VPs work together and with support from committee members to oversee all aspects of the LHS PTO communications to our PTO members and the broader community.

- Publicizes events via the weekly newsletter, PTO website, PTO Facebook page and emails
- Oversees design/maintenance of the PTO website and PTO Facebook page
- Sends occasional emails to LPS community

Hospitality VP: Hospitality strives to make the LHS staff, students and the community feel recognized and valued for all their hard work. This role executes events that show our appreciation.

- Plans and executes events for LHS Staff and community
- Proactively explores sponsorship of events from different vendors
- Coordinates end-to-end logistics of making every event successful

IT VP: IT aims to make the relevant data available to the PTO Board on time.

- Provides support to the LHS PTO Board to maintain and update the shared drive
- Adds new email and updates the outgoing emails and maintains the data
- Follows data protection guidelines to ensure confidentiality where required
- Provides advice on best practices to be followed in data management

Secretary

- Prompts and assists with agenda setting

- Records meeting minutes and ensures they are approved
- Keeps record of the bylaws and is familiar with and understands them



Senior Parent Seminar: Letting Go While Holding On

The Counseling Department is offering a workshop for parents of seniors called "Letting Go While Holding On: Supporting Your Student (and Yourself) through the Challenging Transition to College." This workshop, co-sponsored by the LHS PTO, is for senior families only, and will be held in-person and will be co-lead by Joanne Loomer, School Social Worker, and Scot Schaming, School Counselor. Some of the topics covered in this workshop will include the social and emotional changes for parents and students that occur during this transition period, exploring ways to maintain healthy communication, helping your young adult prepare for the launch, important conversations to have with your student around academic expectations, financial literacy, safety concerns and self-care, as well as recommended resources for further support.

- **When:** Wed, May 23, 8:45-10:00am
- **Where:** LHS Library Media classroom

Vote Now for the New LHS School Site Council Representative!

It's time to vote for a new parent representative to serve on the LHS Site Council. This year, we have two amazing parent candidates who would like to volunteer for this position. If you are a parent or caregiver of an LHS student in grades 9, 10 or 11, please take a moment to check out the brief biographies before voting.

- **Deadline to vote:** May 22
- **View the bios and vote**[here](#)

Senior Lawn Sign Update

Several senior families have asked about yard signs this year. If you would like to order a sign for your graduate, you may find these resources helpful:

- [Lexington Graphics](#): a local business that offers customization, with a link especially for LHS families
- [Vistaprint](#): offers customization and is located in MA
- [Signs On the Cheap](#): offers customization

LHS and LPS Announcements



Updates from Dr. Stephens

- **Wed, May 17 will be a delayed start for some, but not all, LHS students.** Due to errors and technical issues on the part of the College Board, we will need to run a delayed start of school—10:45am—for all students who are NOT testing (MCAS and/or AP). For further details, including school bus schedules for that day, click [here](#).
- Attention Seniors and parents of Seniors! Here are some links to help you keep track of all the upcoming senior events:
 - Senior [Calendar](#)
 - Senior [Letter](#)
 - All-Night Graduation Party [Parent Letter](#)
 - All-Night Graduation Party [website](#)
- Bus Registration is now open. The deadline for the lowest fee is May 16. For more detailed information, click [here](#)



Fall 2023 Pre-Season Athletics Meeting

All LHS student-athletes interested in participating in an interscholastic fall sport at Lexington High School should attend the upcoming Fall 2023 Athletic Pre-Season Meeting with a parent or guardian. The meeting will start with a large group session in the auditorium, followed by sport-specific breakout sessions where you can meet with the coaching staff of your respective sport. It is a fantastic opportunity to hear from head coaches about their expectations and learn more about the upcoming season.

- **When:** Tue, Jun 13, 6pm
- **Where:** LHS Auditorium
- **Questions?** Can't attend in person? Visit the [Athletics page](#) or contact the Athletics Office at (781) 861-2320 ext. 69902

Fall Sports: Football, Football Cheerleading, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Golf, Girls Swimming, Girls Volleyball, Unified Basketball

- **Online registration** opens Jun 1 (visit LHS' [Athletics page](#))
- **Cheerleading tryouts** are Jun 15, 16, and 20 (bus provided to/from JAG from LHS)
- **Football begins** Fri, Aug 18
- **Girls Swimming begins** Mon, Aug 28
- **All other sports begin** the week of Aug 21



Calling ALL Parents of LHS Students! The All-Night Graduation Party is Coming Up!

Although the All-Night Graduation Party is exclusively for seniors to safely celebrate their graduation, we ask parents from ALL grades to pay it forward and volunteer on that night.

We are especially looking for volunteers for the 2:30–5am shift on Mon, Jun 5! Volunteers might help with a variety of tasks like packing up activities, serving food or supervising exits

during a fantastic show. Junior, Sophomore and Freshman parents: It will soon be your students' turn! Please pay it forward and help celebrate the class of 2023!

- **Sign up for a shift**[here](#) (scroll to see all shifts)
- **When:** Sun, Jun 4, 10pm–Mon, Jun 5, 5am
- **Where:** LHS Field House
- **Sign up to donate items**[here](#)
- **Questions?** Email [here](#)
- **Seniors can order** their tickets [here](#)

Stay Informed about the LHS Building Project

Stay updated and informed about the Lexington High School Building project! Building a new LHS or renovating our current building will be a massive and expensive undertaking, and now is the time to tune in and stay on top the latest decisions and developments.

Here are a few ways to do that:

- **Sign up** for notifications of [School Building Committee meetings](#)
- **Read** the Building Committee's [agenda and detailed minutes](#)
- **Check out** the [LHS project website](#)
- **Subscribe** to the [Lexington Observer](#), Lexington's nonprofit digital newsroom

LHS Community News

LHS Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next Meeting:** Thu, May 18, 9am
- **Topic:** What advice would you give parents whose teens will be rising into the grade your child was in this year?
- **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 24, 9am *and* Thu, May 25, 7pm
- **To Join:** Sign up for the mailing list and meeting links [here](#)

Lexington Community News

Student Volunteer Opportunity: Fiske Fair

LHS students, earn community service hours while having fun at the Fiske Fair!

Sign up to lead one of our many activities, which will include stations for tattoos, arts and crafts, popcorn, slushies, hot wheels, a ring toss, sponge toss, book nook, gaga pit, dunk tank, and more!

Sign up to help with part or all of the event!

- **When:** Sat, May 21, 10:00-4:00
- **Where:** Fiske Elementary School, 55 Adams St
- **Sign up**[here](#)

Lexington Recreation Dept Looking for Leaders-in-Training

Build leadership skills in Lexington's Department of Recreation and Community Programs two-week "Leaders-in-Training" program. The goal of the program is to provide high school students of all abilities with the education, experience and confidence to be a leader in the community whether that is through a job, volunteering or another avenue.

During the program participants will create meaningful relationships, learn new skills, participate in leadership opportunities, and gain hands-on experience in a summer camp setting. The morning portion of the day will be classroom-based leadership development and will transition into the camp setting where they can engage in a variety of jobs, tasks and activities. Participants will learn how to put these real work experiences into a resume and cover letter, and are then encouraged to apply for jobs in the Lexington Recreation Department in subsequent seasons!

Interested applicants must be entering at least 9th grade. Our program is inclusive: applicants of all abilities are encouraged to apply.

- **When:** There are three sessions available:
 - Session 1: Jul 10–2
 - Session 2: Jul 24–Aug 4
 - Session 3: Aug 7–Aug 18
- **Cost:** \$315.00 per session
- **Apply [here](#)** (Please note you will need a MyRec account to complete the form)
- **Question?** Email [Kate](#)

LAST CALL TO APPLY FOR THE LEADER IN TRAINING PROGRAM! Lexington Department of Recreation and Community Programs

SESSION 1 | JULY 10TH - JULY 21ST | \$315
SESSION 2 | JULY 24TH - AUGUST 4TH | \$315
SESSION 3 | AUGUST 7TH - AUGUST 18TH | \$315

- ✓ Create meaningful relationships
- ✓ Participate in leadership training opportunities and learn new skills
- ✓ Gain hands-on experience in a summer camp and community setting
- ✓ Identify personal valued role within the Community

THE MORNING PORTION OF THE DAY WILL BE CLASSROOM BASED LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND WILL TRANSITION INTO CAMP FOR THE AFTERNOON. INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST BE ENTERING AT LEAST 9TH GRADE. OUR PROGRAM IS INCLUSIVE, APPLICANTS OF ALL ABILITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

TO APPLY - PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM (NOTE: YOU WILL HAVE TO HAVE A MYREC ACCOUNT TO COMPLETE THE FORM)



May Festival and Open House

Join the Munroe Center for the Arts for its second annual May Festival! There will be so much to see and do!

- Classrooms will be open for visiting and staff available to talk about classes and summer camp
- 10 Artist studios will be open for viewing, as well as 12 more community artists showing (and selling) their painting, photography, woodworking, and fiber arts
- Visit our new printmaking studio (demonstrations in the morning!)
- Blues Dogs band in the backyard: Bring a picnic and listen or dance along to the music
- Guest artist leading a gelli printing art activity

This is a FREE, all-ages event!

- **When:** Sat, May 20. For specific times, please refer to Munroe's [website](#)
- **Where:** Munroe Center for the Arts, 1403 Mass Ave. Park along Mass Ave or in the lot behind the building
- **For more information,** visit our [website](#) or email [Cristina](#)

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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