



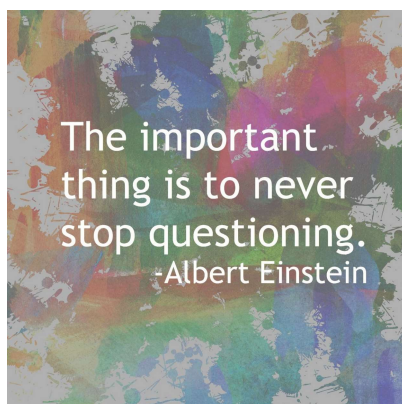
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## Weekly Newsletter for May 22, 2023

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

### Upcoming Events



#### **May 22–26**

#### **Week 36**

- May 22 Deadline to vote for LHS School Site Council Representative  
LHS School Site Council Meeting, 6pm
- May 23 "Letting Go While Holding on" seminar for Senior Parents, 8:45am, Library Media Center (rm 147)  
Listening Session for 9th Grade Parent/Caregivers, 6pm  
School Committee Meeting, 6pm
- May 24 Junior Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am
- May 25 Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades), 9am, Hastings Park  
Junior Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 7pm
- May 26 Last day of classes for Seniors

#### **May 29–Jun 2**

#### **Week 37**

- May 29 No School: Memorial Day
- Jun 1 Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades), 9am
- Jun 2 Half-day

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

- Jun 4 Graduation, 11am, Tsongas Center  
All-Night Graduation Party, 10pm–5am, LHS Field House
- Jun 6 MCAS: Biology
- Jun 9 Sophomore Spring Fling, 7pm, LHS Quad/Commons 2
- Jun 15 LHS Math Final Exam: 12pm dismissal
- Jun 19 No School: Juneteenth
- Jun 22 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](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?

- Requested cookies for the LHS Counseling Dept Cookie Pop-Up
  - Organized the reception for upcoming Junior Prom
  - Partnered with YCC for the Teen and Parent Dialogue Forum
  - Prepared for this coming week's forum for Senior parents
  - Continued running the election for the LHS Site Council
  - Continued recruiting for 2023-2024 PTO Board
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### Don't Miss this Tuesday's Senior Parent Seminar!

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:** Tue, May 23, 8:45–10:00am
  - **Where:** LHS Library Media classroom
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### 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

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## **Last Opportunity to Vote: 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:** Mon, May 22
- **View the bios and vote**[here](#)

## **LHS and LPS Announcements**



### **Updates from Dr. Stephens**

- For the latest updates, see the [LHS News and Happenings](#)
- Attention Seniors and parents of Seniors! There are many senior events happening in the next two weeks. Here are the links you need to keep track of all of them:
  - Senior [Calendar](#)
  - Senior [Letter](#)
  - All-Night Graduation Party [Parent Letter](#)
  - All-Night Graduation Party [website](#)

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## **Listening Session for Parents of 8th and 9th Graders**

A Listening Session will be held for current 8th and 9th Grade parents and caregivers to garner their perspectives and experiences regarding their child's transition from middle school into LHS. If you wish to attend, please RSVP using the link below. Please note that this is an in-person event, and for 8th and 9th Grade parents only.

- **When:** Tue, May 23
  - **Where:** LHS Auditorium
  - **For more information and to RSVP,** click [here](#)
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## 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



### 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 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](#).

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

- **Next Meeting:** Thu, May 25, 9am
- **Where:** Join us **in person at Hastings Park!** Bring your own coffee and lawn chair.

### 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](#)

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### LexSEPTA Seeking Submissions for Dyslexia and ADHD StoryWalks and Videos

*Dyslexia & ADHD StoryWalks* will be displayed at LPS Elementary and Middle Schools during the month of October 2023 and at the Lexington Community Center. Each sign will have a participating child's "story" showing their learning difference(s) and challenges, the things they love and excel at, including their favorite book. The purpose of the StoryWalk is to raise awareness of the common learning differences of dyslexia and ADHD and to celebrate students' successes and individuality. If a student has

submitted their story for StoryWalk in the past, they are welcome to submit a new story with fresh content.

- **Learn how to make and submit your StoryWalk entry**[here](#)
- **Due date:** Sun, Jun 25

In addition, Lexington students and recent alumni are welcome to create a *short, up to three-minute video describing their journey with dyslexia and/or ADHD*. The purpose of these video stories is to raise awareness among students, teachers, administrators and parents about what students with dyslexia and ADHD experience. Students can be as creative as they would like in telling their story; they can show their face, or be more anonymous with narrative audio and images.

- **Learn how to make and submit your video entry** [here](#)
- **Due date:** Sun, Jun 25

## Lexington Community News



### Lexington Youth Counseling Connection Seeks Grade 9–12 Youth Advisory Board Members for 2023-24

[Youth Counseling Connection \(YCC\)](#) is an independent, non-profit organization that provides accessible counseling and outreach services to Lexington youth and their families. YCC's Youth Advisory Board is a diverse group of high school students who meet monthly during their service year to discuss an array of topics including mental health and community engagement. Youth Board members will collaborate with Staff and YCC Board Members to inform agency policies, procedures, and outreach efforts by sharing their perspectives on current events and issues in the media. They will also conduct a service project of their choosing and volunteer alongside YCC in the community. LHS students can receive community service hours.

- **Application deadline:** June 1
- **Questions?** Contact YCC Executive Director [Emily Hayes](#)
- **To learn more and download the interest form,** click [here](#)
- **Join YCC's [email list](#)** for monthly updates



### Volunteer with Lexington Community Farm

Lexington Community Farm, Lexington's organic, non-profit farm, has volunteer opportunities this spring and summer for teens and adults ages 16 and up. For more information on how to get involved in this great community resource and to earn some volunteer hours, 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](#)
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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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