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Weekly Newsletter • November 7, 2022

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

Upcoming Events



Nov 7-11

Nov 8

Nov 9

Nov 10

Nov 11

Nov 14-18

Nov 14

Nov 15

Nov 17

Nov 23

Nov 24-25

Week 11

No School: Professional Learning Day

PTO Forum: Parent Q&A with LHS Guidance Department, 9am, Community Center

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group Meeting with Principals Stephens and Baker, 9am (Google Meet [link](#))

Athletes' Baseline Concussion Testing, 3:30pm, LHS Science Lecture Hall (click [here](#) for more info)

No School: Veteran's Day

Week 12

Deadline to register for AP exams (to avoid late fee)

School Committee Meeting, 6pm

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am

Save the Date

Half Day for all students

No School: Thanksgiving Holiday

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Weekly Announcements

PTO News

Welcome to Week 11!

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



Help fund LHS teacher grants!

We want to be able to support staff grant requests as much as possible, but the **LHS PTO membership is way down**, supply costs are way up, and teacher grant requests are higher than expected. As of today, we still need to raise \$4K to meet our funding goal for these grants!

Did you know that this September alone we received 20 grant proposals? We are thrilled that LHS staff is asking for assistance to improve the educational experience for students this year more than the past 3 years combined!

How can you help? Donate via [Pay Pal/Credit Card](#) or [Membership Toolkit](#).

We're asking the community to consider donating to this short fundraising effort to support staff grants at LHS.

Your donation will enable some truly wonderful things to be possible at LHS for students including:

- Funding creative new iBlocks for students to connect and learn such as games, lawn games, and knitting.
- Supplies for interactive community conversations about current events, stressors, learning, and living as a teen.
- Props for bringing plays to life in English and drama classes
- Supplies for learning about mathematicians from diverse backgrounds
- Interactive problem-solving kits for mathematics
- Amplifiers and contemporary sound systems for music classes
- Tools for the scene shop
- Tablets for AP Computer Science Principles and Computer Design, and Code classes.
- And more!

For a complete list of past grants, we invite you to head over to <https://www.lhspto.org/past-examples> and see the amazing grants your PTO membership dues have allowed us to award.

This week! Upcoming PTO Forum: Q & A with LHS Counseling Department



The LHS community is invited to a Q&A with the LHS Counseling Department. This forum is sponsored by the LHS PTO.

- **When:** Wed Nov 9, 9am to 9:55am
- **Where:** Lexington Community Center, Rm 139

The Counseling Department invites parents to submit any questions they may have so the counselors can address them at this forum. Please fill out [this form](#) to help them put together a session that brings you the information you are looking for!

What did the LHS PTO do last week?

- Prepared for PTO **forum** to be held Wed, Nov 9: Guidance Q & A with LHS Counseling
- Prepared for next month's **hospitality event**
- Continued fundraiser for teacher **mini-grants**: You can donate [here](#)
- Attended the K-12 **PTO Presidents' Council** meeting

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
- The window to set up a virtual conference time with one or more of your child's teachers will open on Nov 14 at 12pm. For details see below or click [here](#)

Parent Conferences (virtual): Nov 28

- **Sign-Ups Open:** November 14, 12pm

Teachers prioritize ahead of time the students who are in need of a conference and the remaining appointments are made available to parents/guardians. One day of conferences for over 2,200 students is not sufficient to accommodate all families.

- Conferences are an opportunity to discuss 1–2 areas of main concern that place a student at risk—academically and/or emotionally.
- Conferences are an opportunity to share vital information that impacts school performance, personal development, or acclimation to the high school or a particular grade level.
- If you do not have questions or concerns or just want to thank the teacher, please contact teachers via email, leaving more slots open for those who need them.

Information and instructions for sign-ups are below:

- [Parent/Teacher Virtual Conferences Information and directions](#)

AP Exam Registration

There are only two weeks left to register for AP exams without incurring a \$40.00 late fee.

Click [here](#) to find out everything you need to know about AP Exam Registration Dates, Deadlines and Testing Information.

You'll find:

- Links to register for AP Exams
- The AP Testing Student and Parents Acknowledgement Form
- The SSD Accommodations for Testing Consent forms and deadlines

Questions? Check out the [LHS Counseling's AP website page](#), or contact [Danielle Ballou](#), the LHS AP Testing Coordinator.

LPS Vaccine Clinic

Lexington Public Schools is hosting another vaccine clinic open to all Lexington residents and LPS staff. Both Covid-19 and flu shots will be available. Please take advantage of this offering.

- **When:** Tue, Nov 8, 9–3pm,
- **Where:** Harrington School, 328 Lowell St (Note location change: this particular vaccine clinic is *not* at the Central Offices)
- **Sign-up**[here](#)

LHS Community News



Parent Volunteer Opportunities for Upcoming Performing Arts Events!

Parents/caregivers, we need your help at performing arts events this school year! Interested? Please sign-up through this FOLMADS [sign-up genius link](#).

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. For more information on volunteering, email [Sawako Gensure](#).

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next Meeting:** Thu, Nov 10, 9am
 - **Topic:** Join us as we talk with Principals Stephens and Baker
 - **To Join:** Google Meet [link](#)
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Junior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next Meeting:** Wed, Nov 9, 9am *and* Thu, Nov 10 and 7pm (both sessions cover the same material)
 - **Topic:** Open Discussion
 - **To Join:** Sign up for the mailing list and meeting links [here](#)
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Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next Meetings:** Tue, Nov 15, 9am AND Thu, Nov 17, 7pm
- **Location:** Community Center, Rm 242 (both meetings)
- **Topic:** On Tuesday morning, Guest Speaker Lara Kallander will speak on *"Using Positive Psychology to Support Students Dealing with Rejection, Acceptance and*

Waitlisting," and on Thursday evening, Guest Speaker Amy Selinger will speak on *"Dealing with Denial and Managing Maybe."*

- **Contact**[Cynthia Pfeiffer](#) for further details
- **More event information** is available on our [Facebook group](#)

Other Opportunities

11th annual Cool Science Artwork Competition

Cool Science is a free and public art competition held each fall for all K-12 artists, and is a collaboration between the UMass Lowell, UMass Boston, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, University of Kansas, and Kansas City Art Institute.

This year, we are asking young artists to answer one of the following challenge questions with a visual work of art:

- How might your experience with extreme temperatures be different from kids in other places around the world?
- Draw someone who is getting ready for flooding where you live.
- Draw a public transportation system (like buses & trains) that keeps working in a severe storm.

Deadline for submission: Jan 13, 2023

During this winter, we will select the best entries for display on public buses in 2023. The honorees will be recognized at our art exhibit celebrations next year.

For more information, 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](#)

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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