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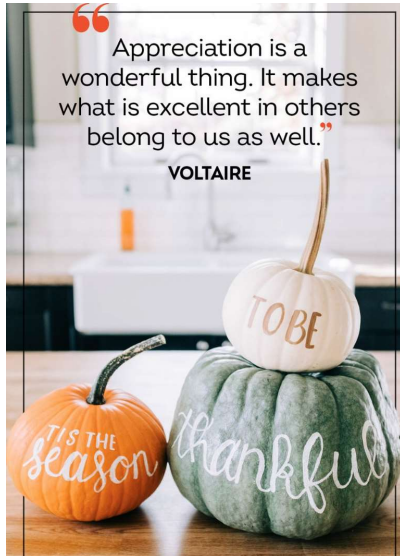
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**Weekly Newsletter • November 21, 2022**

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

**Upcoming Events**



- Nov 21-23      Week 13**
- Nov 23            **Half Day** for all students
- Nov 24–25       **No School:** Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 28-Dec 2    Week 14**
- Nov 28            **No School** (High School ONLY): Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov 29            Senior Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am
- Nov 30            Junior Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am
- Dec 1              Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades), 9am
- Junior Caregiver Discussion Group, 7pm
- Senior Caregiver Discussion Group, 7pm
- Dec 2              Half Day
- Save the date:**
- Dec 20            PTO forum with Principal Stephens (virtual), 6:30pm
- Dec 26–Jan 2     Winter Break: No school

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**Weekly Announcements**

**PTO News**

## Welcome to Week 13!

**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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## Thank you, Lexington Families!

A huge "THANK YOU" to all the LHS families who contributed to our **Membership** and **Mini-Grants Drives!**

We are so close to reaching our goal for funding this year's LHS staff mini-grants! These are used to improve the educational experience of our students at LHS in ways that the regular school budget is unable to support.

All of us at the PTO extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued generosity. As we approve further grant requests this year, we'll be sure to share on our [website](#) the amazing work that is made possible by your donations.

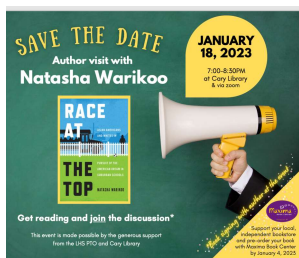
If you would like to add your donation to this important work and help us finish off the fundraiser, you can donate via [Pay Pal/Credit Card](#) or [Membership Toolkit](#).

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## What did the LHS PTO do last week?

- The LHS PTO **delivered 300 fall apples to the staff and teachers** at LHS on Tuesday. The apples were fresh and seasonal, locally sourced and picked up from Lexington's very own Wilson Farms. We had them placed in all the staff rooms in the four buildings and the main office.
  - Held the monthly **PTO Board meeting**
  - Had an introductory meeting with the **Indian Americans of Lexington (IAL)** and **Chinese American Association of Lexington (CAAL)** to begin establishing a foundation for future collaboration
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## LHS PTO/Cary Memorial Library Author Talk: Save the Date!

Join author Natasha Warikoo as she discusses her book, *Race at the Top: Asian Americans and Whites in Pursuit of the American Dream in Suburban Schools*. This event, which will be held both in person and on Zoom, is made possible by the generous support of the LHS PTO and the Cary Memorial Library. A book signing will follow the event. Copies are available for pre-order from Maxima Book Center [online](#) or in person at 1717 Massachusetts Ave in Lexington.

- **When:** Wednesday, January 18, 7:00–8:30pm
- **Where:** Cary Memorial Library
- **Register**[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.

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### 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:** Tuesday, November 22, 1:00-7:00pm
- **Where:** Central Office, 146 Maple Street, Lexington
- **Sign-up**[here](#)

### LHS Community News



### Thanksgiving Food Drive

LexStopHunger, an LHS club dedicated to helping those facing food insecurity, is hosting a Thanksgiving food drive for the Lexington Food Pantry.

We'll be collecting goods from now until Tuesday, November 23. Collection boxes are stationed in the LHS dean's offices and the main office.

- **When:** Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22
- **Where:** Drop off at LHS Dean Offices and LHS Main Office
- **What we need:**
  - Baked beans (16 oz)
  - Canned fruit (any size)
  - Canned vegetables (15 oz)
  - Pasta (1 lb box)
  - Pasta sauce (18 or 24 oz)
  - Canned tuna (5-7 oz)
  - Peanut butter (160z)
  - Rice
- **Questions?** Contact [Nicole](#) or [Felix](#)

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

- **Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 1, 9:00am
- **Topic:** Standardized Testing Overview
- **To Join:** Email [Jen Roney](#) with your full name, and the grade(s) of your LHS student(s)

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## Junior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 30, 9am *and* Thursday, Dec 1, 7pm (both sessions cover the same material)
- **Topic:** Rachel Masson, Associate Director of First Year Recruitment for the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, will speak on the topic of "UMass Amherst: Admissions Trends—What do they mean for Applicants?"
- **To Join:** Sign up for the mailing list and meeting links [here](#)

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## Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next Meetings and locations:** Tuesday, November 29, 9am at Starbucks on Bedford St; Thursday, December 1, 7pm at the Community Center in room 237
- **Contact**[Cynthia Pfeiffer](#) for further details and Zoom links
- **More event information** is available on our [Facebook group](#)

## 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](#)

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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](#) (Special Note: there will be no drop-in hours at YCC on Wed, Nov 23)

## 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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