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

Upcoming Events



Oct 10–14

Oct 10
Oct 11
Oct 12
Oct 13

Week 7

No School (Indigenous Peoples' Day)
School Committee Meeting, 6pm
Junior Caregiver Discussion Group, 9–10am
Junior Caregiver Discussion Group, 7–8pm
Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group with principals, 9am ([Google Meet Link](#))

Oct 17–21

Oct 17
Oct 18
Oct 19
Oct 20
Oct 21

Week 8

PTO Board Meeting, 7pm ([zoom link](#))
Senior Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am at Community Center Tent
Fall String Celebration, 7pm
Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am
Senior Caregiver Discussion Group, 6pm (zoom)
Half Day for Students

Save the Date

Oct 27 Winter Athletics pre-season meeting, 5–7pm

This year's [school calendar](#) 2022–2023

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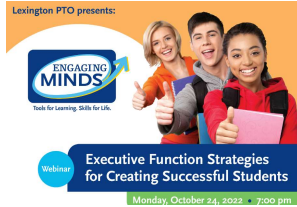
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Weekly Announcements

PTO News

Welcome to Week 7!

How can we help you? We welcome conversation, questions, and dialogue. Connect with us by email anytime at president@lhspto.org.



Upcoming Forum! Executive Function Strategies for Creating Successful Students

The LHS PTO presents ***Engaging Minds: Tools for Learning, Skills for Life***

Executive function skills have become increasingly important for students of all ages. Join specialists from *Engaging Minds* to learn more about executive functioning, and gain actionable strategies to use at home to help strengthen these important skills. In an ever-changing world where more is being asked of our students, this webinar will help parents and caregivers keep their students on a successful path for this school year and beyond. Funded by the LHS PTO, this free webinar for LHS parents and caregivers will be a live, online presentation.

When: Mon, Oct 24, 7pm

Where: Online

To register click [here](#)

What did the LHS PTO do last week?

Met with the ***counseling department*** to discuss future ***forums*** and other events

Board had first ***meeting with principals***

Met with the front office to discuss future ***hospitality events***

Continued ***membership drive***

Board voted on ***mini grants***



Become a Member! PTO Enrollment is OPEN

Join [here](#)

Questions: please contact [membership](#)

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. View the LHS Administration's **Back-to-School presentation** [here](#)

The LHS counselors have been working diligently with all our 12th grade students in Counselor Seminar to help prepare them for their post secondary journey. As part of our support, we offered a presentation geared towards our students' caregivers. The presentation covered material regarding post-secondary planning and the college admission process, with an emphasis on processes specific to Lexington High School. To view the narrated presentation, click [here](#)

LPS Vaccine Clinic

Lexington Public Schools will be hosting another vaccine clinic open to all Lexington residents and LPS staff. Both Covid-19 and flu shots will be available.

When: Fri, Oct 14, 9-5pm

Where: LPS Central Offices, 146 Maple St

Sign up [here](#)

LHS Community News



LHS Football Rent-a-Player Leaf Raking Fundraiser

The LHS football players are again donating their time to help community members rake their leaves this fall. This important fundraiser will help support the team's activities and equipment. For more information, click [here](#) or contact [Carol Colwell](#).

When: Sat, Nov 19 (**Rain Date:** Sun, Nov 20)

Where: Individual homes where leaves need to be raked

Sign up [here](#) for details and to reserve your players!

Don't delay—we expect to sell out as we have every year!



LHS Unified Basketball Fundraiser

Lexington Unified Basketball joins students with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding.

LHS has a Unified Basketball team, Coached by Tommy Brincklow (Labbb PE Instructor & Diamond Basketball Coach), and they would all love your support with their fundraising and at their games (the next game is Oct 17 at 4pm in the LHS Gym and the most updated schedule can be found [here](#)).

**Purchase raffle tickets (\$10 each) for a chance to win a dinner for 6 at The Capital Grille in Burlington (a \$1,000 value!) via Venmo (@lisa-obrien80317) and note your name and telephone number so we can let you know if you win!
The winner will be chosen on December 3rd.**



Lunchtime Meet-up for Parents Interested in Performing/Visual Arts Programs, and Volunteering

FOLMADS, the Friends of Lexington Music Arts and Drama Students, a parent volunteer group supporting Lexington Public Schools' performing and visual arts, invites you to join us for an outside meet & greet! We'll provide beverages and cider donuts. Please bring a bagged lunch and chair and socialize with us as we talk about ways you can help with music, drama, visual art and performing arts programs! We have several volunteering opportunities for parents throughout the school year! Please RSVP to co-hosts FOLMADS board members Linda W. Mintz and Dhvani Doshi.

When: Wed, Oct 19, 12:00pm

Where: Hastings Park Gazebo

To RSVP: Use this [evite link](#)

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

Next Meeting: Thu, Oct 13 ([Google Meet link](#))

Topic: Meeting with Principals Stephens and Baker

Junior Parent Group

Next Meeting: Oct 12, 9am and Oct 13, 7pm (zoom)

Topic: Drew Heilpern, Director of Educational Partnerships Summit Educational Group, will speak on standardized tests

Register to join our Google Group to receive information on future topics, sessions and zoom links.



Student Volunteer Opportunity: Monstah Carnival

The Bridge Elementary School needs volunteers at their upcoming Monstah Carnival to run activities, games, and crafts. Earn your volunteer hours supporting a fun family event!

When: Sun, Oct 23, 4–6pm; Volunteer sign-in and training at 3pm

Where: Bridge Elementary School

To sign up or for more information, contact [Lydia](#)

Student Volunteer Opportunity: Fiske Pep Rally

Looking to take care of some community hours early in the year? Fiske would love your help at their upcoming Pep Rally. Help out with face painting and crafts, or dress as Hoot the Owl! Contact [Lee Manning](#) if you have questions.

When: Thu, Oct 27, 3:30–5pm

Where: Fiske Elementary School

Sign up [here](#)

Student Volunteer Opportunity: LexDoingGood

Do you need some community service hours? The Community Endowment of Lexington would love your help for their upcoming LexDoingGood event. Hold signs, greet people, help kids with a scavenger hunt and more!

When: Sat, Oct 22, 10:00am–1:00pm

Where: Lexington Community Center

Contact: [Liz Kochi](#)



YCC's "How to Talk to Teens in 2022"

To kick off Youth Counseling Connection's 10th anniversary celebration of providing free mental health services to the youth of Lexington, the public is invited to hear "How to Talk to Teens in 2022," presented by YCC Executive Director and Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Emily Hayes. Learn strategies and approaches to help the teens in your life cope and thrive in the face of the many challenges they face. You can also tour the YCC space, hear about the Youth Advisory Board, and connect with the YCC team of Board members and wellness practitioners. YCC is a non-profit, and this event is free and open to the public.

When: Thu, Nov 3. Reception: 7:00pm; Speaker: 7:30pm

Where: 7 Harrington Road (located inside First Parish)

To register: Click [here](#). Although not required, advanced registration is appreciated

Fashion for Teens 101

In this fun and creative class, teens interested in fashion will learn from a professional fashion designer and a seamstress. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

When: Wednesdays, 4–6pm, for six weeks, starting on Oct 5

Where: Lexington Arts & Crafts Society, 130 Waltham St (walking distance from LHS!)



Cary Memorial Library: Opportunities for Teens

Pumpkin Needle Felting with Pop Up Art School: Grades 6–12

Pop Up Art Studio returns for an in-person needle felting class. Learn how to needle felt wool using a barbed needle. You'll sculpt two pumpkins: one in orange and one in white. You'll leave the class with the knowledge and basic supplies you need to continue felting on your own! Needle felting is fun, easy and relaxing! Cary Library will supply everything you need to participate in this program. Registration is required.

When: Wed, Oct 19, 4:00pm

Where: Cary Library's Large Meeting Room

Register [here](#)

9th Grade Book Club: Shelf Indulgence

Shelf Indulgence is our book club specifically for 9th Graders. The book selection is *When You Were Everything* by Ashley Woodfolk, and copies are available at the Teen Desk. Registration is open and enrolls you in all three meetings of the fall session. If you were unable to make the first meeting, you can still sign up for the remaining meetings of the fall session.

When: Wednesdays Oct 2, Nov 9 and Dec 14, 7–8pm

Where: Cary Memorial Library, Storytime Room

Sign up [here](#)

10th–12th Grade Book Club: Between the Lines

Between the Lines is our book club specifically 10th–12th Graders. The book selection for this meeting is *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas, and copies are available at the Teen Desk. Registration is open enrolls you in all three meetings of the fall session.

When: Mondays, Oct 17, Nov 14 and Dec 12, 7:30–8:30 pm

Where: Cary Memorial Library, Learning Center

Sign up [here](#)

Lexington Community Education

Lexington Community Education offers many courses for high school students. Here are a few highlights of some upcoming offerings!

What: Babysitting and Safety Training (ages 11-15)

When: Oct 18 and 20 (two session course)

Where: LHS 167

Register [here](#)

Description: American Red Cross Babysitting Basics covers a wide range of information that can help new babysitters gain the skills and confidence needed to care for infants and children. Upon successful completion students will receive a printable certificate from the American Red Cross.

What: Proper Etiquette for Students (Grades 6-9)

When: Nov 5 and 19

Where: Online via Zoom

Register [here](#)

Description: A thorough introduction to good etiquette and proper manners for students. In this two-session class, Elizabeth Etiquette will teach proper manners and communications skills with a strong focus on respect and valuing others.

Here is the current list of classes for College Planning and Test Prep. To register, click [here](#).

Athletics and the College Admissions Process, Oct 25

Private SAT and ACT Tutoring, ongoing

Write Your College Essay in Nine Days, Thursdays starting Oct 15

Useful Links and Rescouces

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

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](#)

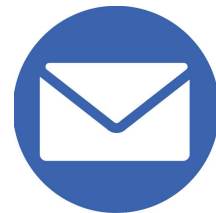
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Principal Stephens: Follow him on Twitter (@LexingtonHSMa)

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LHS [Performing Arts Calendar](#)



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