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

Upcoming Events



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Oct 18
Oct 19
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Oct 24-28

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Week 8

PTO Board Meeting, 7pm ([zoom link](#))

Senior Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am

Fall String Celebration, 7pm

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am

Senior Caregiver Discussion Group, 7pm

Half Day for Students

Week 9

PTO Forum: Executive Functioning Strategies for Creating Successful Students, 7pm (zoom, register [here](#))

School Committee Meeting, 6pm

Parent/Caregiver Discussion Group, 9am

Winter Athletics pre-season meeting, 6pm

Save the Date

Nov 4

Half day for all students

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

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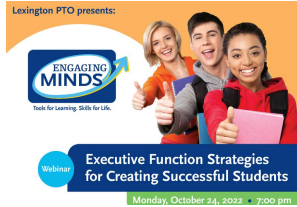
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Weekly Announcements

PTO News

Welcome to Week 8!

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?

Attended ***PTO President's Council Meeting***
Promoted upcoming ***Executive Functioning Forum***
Continued ***membership drive***
Created a ***new campaign fundraiser***
Prepared for next ***board 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
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](#)

LHS Winter Athletics Pre-Season Meeting

The Winter 2022-2023 Pre-Season Meeting is for all LHS student-athletes interested in participating in an interscholastic winter sport at Lexington High School. All interested student-athletes should attend the meeting with a parent or guardian. The meeting will begin 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. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear from head coaches about their expectations and learn more for the upcoming season.

When: Thu, Oct 27 at 6pm

Where: LHS Auditorium

What Sports: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Winter Cheerleading, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Boys & Girls Indoor Track, Boys Swimming, Wrestling, Boys & Girls Alpine Skiing

Questions? Unable to attend in person? Visit the [Athletics page](#) or contact the athletic office at (781) 861-2320 ext. 69902.

The Winter season begins on **Mon, Nov 28!**

The advertisement features the Lexington High School Music Department logo and a stack of mattresses. It lists the event as the 6th Annual Mattress Fundraiser, with a 'BIG SAVINGS' banner and 'FINANCING AVAILABLE' text. Below the mattresses, it shows the Beautyrest logo and three mattress models: Adjustable Base, Luxury Pillow, and Mattress Protector. A list of benefits includes: All sizes available, 50+ styles on display, Brand new with full factory warranties, Delivery available, and All forms of payment accepted. The event date is SUN, OCT 23, from 10AM-4PM at the LHS Field House. A QR code and the website URL are provided. A small copyright notice for 2022 is at the bottom.

Music Department Mattress Fundraiser

The LHS 6th Annual Mattress Fundraiser is now going on! Mattresses of all sizes are available and come with full factory warranties. All forms of payment are accepted, and we offer financing and delivery as well. Every purchase supports the LHS Music Department!

When: Sun, Oct 23, 10am–4pm

Where: LHS Field House

For more info contact [Bill Nash](#)

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 21, 9–5pm

Where: LPS Central Offices, 146 Maple St

Sign up [here](#)

LHS Community News



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 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](#)

Lexington Destination Imagination's All-Town Meeting

Does your teen wish they could have a way to express their creative energy? Come and join Destination Imagination (DI) this year! The Lexington Destination Imagination (LexDI) All-Town Meeting will explain what DI is and how DI will run this year.

Destination Imagination (DI) is a non-profit, volunteer-led, cause-driven organization. Our purpose is to inspire and equip students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders. Annually, we offer seven new standards-based Challenges in STEAM (science, technology engineering, art and math), Improv, Visual Arts, Service Learning, and Early Learning. Each Challenge enables student teams to learn and experience the creative process from imagination to innovation.

To learn more, attend our All-Town Info Meeting!

When: Tue, Oct 18, 8pm

Where: Online ([zoom link](#))

Questions: [email us](#)

Already know you want to join Lexington DI? Register [here](#)

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

Next Meeting: Thu, Oct 20

Topic: LHS athletics, plus a short discussion on college athletic recruiting and athletics in college applications. Guest speaker: Sarah Flatley

To Join: Email [Jen Roney](mailto:Jen.Roney) with your full name, and the grade(s) of your LHS student(s)

Senior Parent Group

Next Meeting: Oct 19, 9am and Oct 20, 7pm

Where: Lexington Community Center, room 242 (for both meetings)

Topic: As college deadlines start approaching for some students, lists are being finalized for others, or plans for a gap year are taking shape, let's get together to support each other. Bring all your questions and our hive mind will attempt to answer. Should I fill in the FAFSA form? How does my student send their scores? What if we miss the deadline? Who can I contact about x, y, or z?

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

Lexington Community News



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: 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](#)

Fife & Drum Corps Open House

The William Diamond Junior Fife & Drum Corps, a Lexington based non-profit that teaches students ages 8–18 to play the fife or drum and to march in historical events, parades and ceremonies, is having an Open House to recruit new members.

When: Mon, Oct 24, 7pm

Where: Cary Memorial Hall, 605 Massachusetts Avenue



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](#)

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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