



Weekly Newsletter for Sep 11, 2023

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

Upcoming Events



Good friends are
like stars.
You don't always
see them,
but you know they're
always there.

Sep 11–15

Sep 11
Sep 12
Sep 13
Sep 14

Week 3

PTO Board Mtg, 7:15pm ([Zoom link](#))
School Committee Mtg, 6pm ([Zoom link](#))
Senior Parent Discussion Group Mtg, 9am
Parent Discussion Group Mtg, 9am
LHS Building Info Mtg, 6:30pm, Cary Hall and Zoom ([Zoom link](#))
Sep 14 Picture Day: Grades 9 and 10
Sep 15 Picture Day: Grades 11 and 12
Deadline for accomodation requests for Nov 4 SAT

Sep 18–22

Sep 18

Sep 19

Sep 21
Sep 22

Week 4

Last Day for Schedule Changes
LHS Site Council Mtg, 6pm
9th Grade Parent/Caregiver Night, 6:00pm (in-person)
Parent Discussion Group Mtg, 9am
Half-Day of School

Save the Date:

Sep 25 No School (Yom Kippur)
Sep 29 LHS Activities Fair, first two blocks of the day (students only)
Oct 2 Senior Parent Night
Oct 5 Back-to-School Night, 6pm (in-person)
Oct 11 Principal's Coffee Talk for families new to Lexington, 9am
Oct 14 PSAT, 8:00am, LHS

See the [2023–2024 School Calendar](#) for all of this year's holidays and half-days.

Weekly Announcements

PTO News

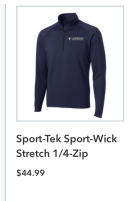


We welcome conversation, questions, and dialogue. Connect with us by email anytime at president@lhspto.org.

Meg Khanolkar and Catherine Telliez, PTO Presidents

What did the PTO do last week?

- Continued **membership drive**
- Presidents attended **PTO Presidents' Council Meeting**
- Prepared for first **board meeting**



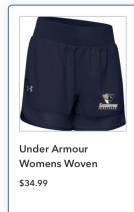
Sport-Tek Sport-Wick
Stretch 1/4-Zip
\$44.99



Sport-Tek Ladies
Sport-Wick Stretch
\$44.99



Under Armour Mens
Locker 9in Pckt Short
\$34.99



Under Armour
Womens Woven
\$34.99



New Era Colorblock



New Era Knit Beanie

The New LHS Spirit Wear Store is Open!

The LHS PTO is excited to announce the opening of the [LHS Spirit Wear Store](#)! The store will be in the style of a pop-up shop, with incoming orders being open until **11:59 pm on September 22**. Many different items such as hoodies, t-shirts, pants, and beanies will be available for students, staff and parents to purchase.

In addition to the available merchandise options in the store, T-shirts for the classes of 2024 (Seniors) and 2027 (Freshman) will be available for purchase for students in those grades.

(Please note: Because all items are made-to-order, your order will be processed *after* the store closes on Sep 22.)

- **Browse** the entire [LHS Spirit Wear Store](#)
- Get your [Class of 2027 \(Freshmen\) T-shirt](#)
- Get your [Class of 2024 \(Senior\) T-shirt](#)



PTO Enrollement is Open

Your membership dues of \$30 enable us to directly benefit the students and staff at LHS! Along with providing you with an online directory, the dues fund staff grants, guest speakers at parent forums, student financial aid, community-building events for students, staff appreciation, and more! And for an additional donation of \$10, we'll send you a printed copy of our directory. (If the cost of membership is a financial burden, we can help. Please contact [our treasurer](#) for assistance.)

- **Join** [here](#)
- **Questions?** Contact our [membership team](#)

LHS and LPS Announcements



Updates from Interim Principal Baker

- To ensure the safety of all, parents and students are reminded of **LHS drop-off procedures**.
 - **Video** of LHS Vehicle Directions for Arrival & Dismissal can be found [here](#)
 - **Map** of LHS Vehicle Directions for Arrival & Dismissal can be found [here](#)

LHS Building Project: Community Forum

The Lexington High School Building Committee (SBC) invites you to participate in a community forum on the New Lexington High School Project. Lexington has many stakeholders, including you, who are critical in the development of this exciting project. The community forum will discuss what has been done to date, introduce you to the Owner's Project Manager (OPM), talk about Lexington's partnership with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), discuss the next steps, and solicit input from all stakeholders via a Q&A. This meeting will be offered in person, with an opportunity for remote participation via Zoom.

- **When:** Wed, Sep 14, 6:30pm
- **Where:** Cary Hall and Zoom ([Zoom link](#))
- **For more details**, click [here](#)



Fall Play Auditions

Auditions for the fall play, *The Play that goes Wrong*, will be held this week.

- **When:** Wed, Sep 13 **or** 14, 3:30. Callbacks are Fri, Sep 15, 3:30
- **Where:** The Black Box room (rm 200)
- **For more information:** Email [Ms. Singer-Wong](#) or find her in room 200 or 201

Senior Portrait Opportunities

There are two upcoming opportunities for Seniors to have their portrait taken for the yearbook:

- **Sep 15:** Regular school picture day for Seniors. These school pictures will be used for the annual LHS school ID card. If desired, Seniors may use this free photo for their yearbook portraits instead of registering for formal portraits.
- **Oct 2, 3 or 4:** Formal Senior portraits may be scheduled by clicking [this link](#), then advancing the calendar to Oct to see the available dates and registration links.

Deadlines for Accommodation for Upcoming Standardized Tests

If you plan on taking the PSAT, SAT, ACT, or an AP test this year, and are eligible for accommodations, your parent/guardian must fill out an Accommodation Consent Form for *each* test at least seven weeks in advance. You must also sign up *early* for a testing seat at a local test center, as these seats go fast.

- **For more information**, including test dates, deadlines, forms, click [here](#)

- **Questions?** Email [Ms. Ballou](#)
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Registration for AP Tests Opens Monday

Registration for this spring's AP exams opens **Mon, Sep 11**.

- **For more details and instructions**, click [here](#)
- **Questions?** Contact [Ms. Ballou](#)

LHS Community News

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ADHD Parent Support Group

The ADHD Parent Support Group aims to provide support for parents of children in Lexington who have an ADHD diagnosis or believe their child may fit this profile. We focus on sharing treatment resources, therapies, and specialists, and guidance on how to best navigate the Lexington Public School system.

- **First Meeting:** Wed, Sep 20, 10am
- **Where:** Lexington Community Center (rm 221)
- **For more information**, contact [Jennifer](#)

LexDyslexia Parent Support Group

LexDyslexia, a Lexington parent support group, has monthly parent-facilitated meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, alternating between Zoom and in-person meetings. LexDyslexia is open to Lexington parents who have a child struggling to read and/or write, who need information on how to support them no matter where they are on their journey, and who want to join an amazing and supportive group of parents.

- **First Meeting:** Tue, Oct 3, 7:00pm
- **Where:** In-person at the Lexington Community Center, rm 221
- **For more information**, [email us](#)

Community Service Opportunity: Dyslexia & ADHD Peer-to-Peer Mentors

LexSEPTA is seeking High School & Middle School Students with Dyslexia and/or ADD/ADHD who want to mentor and inspire younger students and be a positive and inspiring influence in their lives. LHS students can receive Community Service Hours.

- **Interested?** Fill out [this form](#) by Sat, Sep 30
- **For more information**, visit our [website](#)

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next meeting:** Thu, Sep 14, 9am
 - **Topic:** Back-to-School Basics
 - **To join mailing list and receive meeting Zoom links:** Email your full name and the grade(s) of your LHS child(ren) to [Jen Roney](#). If you were on the list last year, no action is needed.
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Junior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

Parents of Juniors! It's hard to believe, but here we are getting ready to usher our kids through their Junior year and begin the post-secondary planning process. To help us as we navigate these new challenges, Junior parents Claire Preisser and Pei Ling Man have kindly volunteered to facilitate a Junior Parent Group. This group will host meet-ups twice a month to discuss topics relevant to the Junior population, including various topics around the college admissions process and alternative post-secondary planning. Some topic discussions will include relevant guest speakers, while others will be facilitated discussions within the group. We will try to alternate in-person and on zoom.

As we work to finalize the discussion group schedule and topics, we would like to begin to collect the contact information of interested parents. This contact information will be used for the sole purpose of communicating group schedules and activities and will not be otherwise shared. You can register for the group/provide your contact information in [this google form](#). We will also be running a Facebook group which you can request to join [here](#). Please only request to join this group if you have a current junior at LHS. We are looking forward to some rich discussions and opportunities to support one another.

Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

The LHS Senior Parents/Caregivers Group is a peer-to-peer discussion group for all parents and caregivers of the Lexington High School Senior Class of 2024. The purpose of our group is to create community, share information, and support each other as we help our students through their senior year of high school, including the college application process. We meet a few times a month on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:00am via Zoom. We will meet more frequently in the fall semester, and less frequently in the spring semester once the rush of college applications has ended. During the year we will have a mixture of open discussion/Q&A meetings, and meetings with a specific speaker and topic.

To be added to the email list and be notified of upcoming meetings and zoom links, follow the directions below. Parents who were in last year's Junior group were automatically added to the Senior group's email list and do not need to re-join.

- **To join:** email [Julie Liu](#) with your name, email address, and the name of your senior student
- **First meeting:** Wed, Sep 13, 9am



The graphic is a promotional flyer for the LEF Golf Classic. At the top left, it says 'Tickets at LexEdFoundation.org' with a logo. To the right is the LEF logo and the text 'Proceeds fund educator initiated grants across all 10 LPS schools.' The main title is 'GOLF CLASSIC' in large green letters. Below that, it says 'FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 STOW ACRES COUNTRY CLUB STOW, MA'. There are three columns of text: the first lists activities like 'Golfers of all abilities are invited to play 18 holes rain or shine', '9:00am - Shotgun start, scramble format on South Course', and '1:00pm - Hot buffet lunch/cash bar/auction/raffles/games & more!'; the second lists 'Golf registration includes hot buffet lunch, greens fees & LEF donation.' and 'Lunch only option for non golfers available.'; and the third contains three small photos of people at a golf event.

LEF Golf Classic Tickets Now Available!

Tickets for Lexington Education Foundation's (LEF) annual Golf Classic are on sale now on our [website](#)! LEF is a non-profit organization that raises funds to award teacher-initiated grants that enhance the LPS curriculum. Last year LEF awarded 42 grants totaling \$234,000!

Don't miss out on this fun (all skill levels are encouraged!) event that helps us raise money for the many grants we award yearly to all our LPS educators.

NEW THIS YEAR! A delicious hot buffet lunch inside Stow Acres Country Club beautiful clubhouse is included in your ticket price! Also, a lunch-only ticket option is available for those who do not golf but still want to join the fun.

We will also have a golf pro on hand, amazing auction and raffle items, games, a cash bar, and more!

- **Buy tickets**[here](#)

- **Want to showcase your business** and be a Golf Classic sponsor? Send us an email [here](#).
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Interested in playing Boys Hockey?

Are you new to LHS and interested in playing boys hockey? Contact us, and as the season approaches, we'll keep you up to date on all the boys hockey happenings, such as fundraisers and winter sports meetings.

- **Email us** [here](#)
- **Include** your name, grade, and contact info for both student and parents/guardians

Lexington Community News



Upcoming Classes and a Call for Artists

Join us at Munroe Center for the Arts this fall! We're offering new classes in printmaking in our brand new studio, and have returning favorites such as teen painting, drawing and ceramics.

- **For more information** on specific classes, visit our [website](#)

We're putting out a call for Artists! The Munroe Center will be hosting a Holiday Arts & Crafts market *just* for artists 18 and younger. Stay tuned for more information, and in the meantime, please share with youth you know who might want to use some time to build their inventory.

- **When:** Sat, Dec 9
- **For more information,** email [Cristina](#)

Finally, we're hosting a free, public **Grandparents' Day Event** led by artist Alice DeDonno, who will be teaching how to make art books with collage and paint. If you think your grandparent/s would like to come and join you in making something together, bring them along! Space is limited—please register.

- **When:** Sat, Sep 9, 10am
- **Register** [here](#)

Useful Links and Resources

LHS PTO Links

- [LHS PTO Homepage](#) (updated weekly with the latest news)
- [Membership Toolkit Registration Link](#) (to become a member and access the online directory)
- [Volunteer](#) (we're always looking for more help; thanks for pitching in!)
- [LHS PTO on Facebook](#) (connect with us)
- [Who's on the PTO Board this year](#) (we have a fantastic crew of volunteers)
- Other [Useful Links](#) (LHS Clubs, Parent Discussion Group, and more)
- [LPS 2023–2024 School Calendar](#)

LHS Links

- LHS [School Calendar 2023–2024](#)
- LPS [School Calendar 2023–2024](#)

- LHS [Student Absence Form 2023–2024](#)
 - LHS [Block Schedule](#)
 - No Homework [Calendar](#)
 - LHS [Counseling Department webpage](#)
 - 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

- Athletics [games/meets](#)
 - LHS PTO [website](#) and [Facebook](#) group
 - LHS [Performing Arts Calendar](#)
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