



Weekly Newsletter for Sep 18, 2023

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

Upcoming Events



Courage doesn't
mean you don't get afraid.
Courage means you don't
let fear stop you.

Sep 18–22

Week 4

- Sep 18 Last Day for Schedule Changes
LHS Site Council Mtg, 6pm
- Sep 19 9th Grade Parent/Caregiver Night, 6:00pm, LHS Auditorium
- Sep 20 Senior Parent Group Mtg, 9am
- Sep 21 Parent Discussion Group Mtg, 9am
- Sep 22 Half-Day of School
Last day to order LHS Spirit Wear
Transcript Request Deadline for college applications due Oct 15

Sep 26–29

Week 5

- Sep 25 No School (Yom Kippur)
- Sep 26 School Committee Mtg, 6pm
- Sep 27 Junior Parent Discussion Group, 9am
Senior Parent Discussion Group, 9am
- Sep 28 Parent Discussion Group, 9am
Senior Counselor Seminars begin
- Sep 29 LHS Activities Fair, first two blocks of the day (students only)

Save the Date

- Oct 2 Senior Parent Night
- Oct 5 Back-to-School Night, 6pm (in-person)
- Oct 9 No School (Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day)
- Oct 11 Principal's Coffee Talk for families new to Lexington, 9am
- Oct 13 9th Grade Welcome Dance
- 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



This week, the LHS PTO will be at the high school on Tue, Sep 19 during 9th Grade Parent Night! Please stop by and say hello –we'd love to meet you!

As always, we also 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**
- Held first **PTO Board Meeting**
- **Forums Committee** met
- PTO rep attended **Building Committee Forum**



Last Chance to Order Spiritwear!

The [LHS Spirit Wear Store](#) is **closing this Friday at 11:59pm!** Many different items such as hoodies, t-shirts, pants, and beanies will be available for students, staff and parents to purchase, along with T-shirts for the classes of 2024 (Seniors) and 2027 (Freshman).

(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

The final day for add/drop schedule changes is Mon, Sep 18. Any remaining adjustments to schedules should be requested prior to the close of school on this date.

Ninth Grade Caregiver Night will be Tue, Sep 19, 6–7:30pm in the LHS Auditorium. You will have a chance to hear from Principals Baker and Melia, the LHS Deans, and the LHS counselors about the systems of support we have in place, and how our 9th graders can transition successfully into Lexington High School.

Tail-Waggin' Tuesdays are back! This year, Flynn, our designated therapy dog, will visit LHS on Tuesday mornings. Staff will have an opportunity to invite Flynn and her handler to visit classrooms or office spaces for 10-15 minute blocks to visit with students. As a parent/guardian, if you are not comfortable with your student being in a classroom/office with Flynn, you can opt-out by completing [this form](#).

LPS Vaccine Clinic

The LPS Vaccine are clinics open to all Lexington residents, along with Lexington Public School Students, staff and their families. When making your appointment, please indicate which vaccine you are signing up for.

- **When:** Fri, Sep 29, 10am–7pm
- **Where:** LPS Central Offices, 146 Maple St
- **Sign up**[here](#)

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 Accomodation 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 and forms, click [here](#)
- **Questions?** Email [Ms. Ballou](#)

Registration for AP Tests is Open

Registration for this spring's AP exams opened **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 21, 9am
- **Topic:** Clubs and Activities
- **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](#).

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.

- **First meeting:** Wed, Sep 27, 9:00
- **Where:** TBD
- **Topic:** College Admissions Timeline. We've invited parents who have supported their students through this process already. Join us to hear their pearls of wisdom and answer any questions you might have. Further event details will be on our Facebook page.

Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Sep 20, 9am
- **Topic:** Open Discussion/Q&A
- **To join:** email [Julie Liu](mailto:Julie.Liu) with your name, email address, and the name of your senior student



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!

- **When:** Fri, Sep 29
- **Buy tickets**[here](#)
- **Want to showcase your business** and be a Golf Classic sponsor? Send us an email [here](#).

Lexington Community News



Calling All Artists for Munroe's 8th Annual ArtWalk

Munroe's 8th Annual ArtWalk is coming up, where artists' works are selected and displayed in retailers' windows for a month during October and November. Both adult and student submissions are welcome!

- **Deadline for submission:** Mon, Sep 25
- **For more information,** click [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](#)
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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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