



Weekly Newsletter for Sep 25, 2023

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

Upcoming Events



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)

Oct 2–6 Week 6

- Oct 4 Senior Parent Group Mtg
Transcript request deadline for college applications due Nov 1
Senior Family Post-Secondary Video Presentation will be released, 6pm
- Oct 5 Parent Discussion Group Mtg w/ Principals, 9am ([Google Meet link](#))
Back-to-School Night, 6pm (in-person)
- Oct 6 Parent Discussion Group in-person Mtg, 9:00am, Community Center Tent
LHS Counseling Dept's *Senior Parent/Caregiver Gathering*, 8:45am

Save the date:

- 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

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**
- Board attended **9th Grade Parent Night**
- Hospitality Team finalized three **bulletin boards** for the year
- Finalized **new committee** for Mini-Grants

LHS and LPS Announcements



Updates from Principals and Counseling Department

- Thanks to all who attended last week's **9th Grade Parent/Caregiver Night!** You can find the evening's **slideshow presentation** [here](#).
 - The Counseling Department will release the new **Senior Family Post-Secondary Video Presentation** Oct 4 at 6:00pm. This presentation will include all the information we provide students regarding the post-secondary planning process.
 - The Counseling Department will also be holding a **Senior Parent/Guardian Gathering** on Oct 6 at 8:45am for parents, caregivers, and counselors to meet and discuss how to support each other and their students during this time of excitement, anticipation, and transition. See more details in this [flyer](#).
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Upcoming LexGiving 5K Run/Walk

Since 2008, the LHS Cross Country and Track & Field teams have hosted an "Alumni Race" on the same course the team has called home since 1970. This year, the teams have partnered with the LHS Wrestling team to expand that event into the new *LexGiving 5k Run/Walk*. We're excited to welcome the running community to this first annual *LexGiving 5k Run/Walk* the morning after Thanksgiving. All proceeds will go to the LHS Cross Country and Wrestling teams.

- **When:** Fri, Nov 24, 9am
- **For more information,** visit our [website](#) or [email us](#)

Recording of LHS Building Community Forum Now Available

Did you miss the School Building Committee's Community Forum updating the town on the progress of the Lexington High School building project? The meeting was recorded, and you watch it [here](#).

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](#)

LHS Community News

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Autism Support Group

Please join us for the year's first Autism Support Group meeting! This is an informal support group for parents and caregivers of children in Lexington with autism, where you can meet others and share concerns, experiences, resources, and of course, coffee! All are welcome, and if you know of new parents to the district or school system, please share!

- **When:** Fri, Sep 29, 9:30am
- **Where:** Via Lago Restaurant
- For more information, and to RSVP, click [here](#)



FOLMADS Volunteer Appreciation and Recruiting Event

FOLMADS, the parent volunteer organization supporting visual and performing arts in Lexington Public Schools, invites you to our volunteer appreciation for those who are current and past volunteers, or interested in volunteering with us!

Please join us for refreshments at a board member's home to learn more about FOLMADS (Friends of Lexington Music Art and Drama Students) and let us show our appreciation for your help, too!

- **When:** Wed, Oct 04, 5:30pm
- **Where:** RSVP [here](#) by Mon, Oct 2, and we'll send you the address and parking details
- **For more information,**[email us](#)

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next meeting:** Thu, Sep 28, 9am
- **Topic:** Where to find help at LHS
- **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

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Sep 27, 9am
- **Topic:** *College Admissions Timeline*. Join us for informal discussion with parents who have supported their students through the college admissions process
- **Location:** Lexington Community Center, Rm 230/2
- **To join the junior parent group**, fill out this [google form](#)
- **Join our Facebook group** (*Junior parents only, please*)
- The Junior Parent Group is also working on arranging an **evening meet-up for parents**; stay tuned for details.

Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Sep 27, 9am
- **Topic:** College Interviews, with guest speaker Elise Rowley
- **To join:** email [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

Celebration of Life Gathering for Dr. Carol Berenson

Please join the Estabrook Community and friends and family of Dr. Carol Berenson as we honor her memory and dedicate a memorial bench placed outside the kindergarten wing of Estabrook.

Carol lost her battle with Polycystic Kidney Disease in September 2021. Carol was an amazing educator who devoted almost 50 years to teaching the children of Lexington, first at the Munroe School, then at Lexington High School and ultimately at Estabrook Elementary where she worked for 35 years. Carol found joy in every child who was lucky

enough to be in her presence, and was a wise guide for the countless caregivers whom she welcomed with a twinkle in her eye and her trademark smile.

Please join us in celebrating her life and her tremendous contributions to Lexington, to the Lexington Public School System, and to the Estabrook community.

- When: Sat, Sep 30, 11am
- Where: Estabrook School
- For more information, contact [Ellen Silberman](#)



Community Service Opportunity: Never-Fading Poppy Project

The Never-Fading Poppy Project is a completely student-led, not-for-profit organization that sends handmade cards to local veterans in the community, with the goal of connecting generations and cultures through art. The Never-Fading Poppy Project has also participated in in-person events such as parades, fundraisers, and volunteering at food banks.

We invite you to join us in making cards for Veterans' Day 2023.

As this community service activity is asynchronous, we typically give out the standard of three community service hours for five completed cards.

- **Want to know more?** Check out our [website](#), and [email us](#), and we'll provide further details.
- **Date of event:** Fri, Oct 27



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](#)

Youth Art Holiday Market: Call for Artists

Artists 18 and younger are invited to participate in our first Youth Holiday Arts & Crafts Market on Sat, Dec 9 from 1–4pm.

We're looking for painters, photographers, card-makers, origami folders, knitters, potters, sewers, soap-makers, jewelers and more! Space is limited: Sign up today on our [website](#).

Useful Links and Resources

LHS PTO Links

- [LHS PTO Homepage](#)
- [Membership Toolkit Registration Link](#)
- [Volunteer](#)
- [LHS PTO on Facebook](#)
- [Who's on the PTO Board this year](#)
- Other [Useful Links](#)
- [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](#)

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](#)

