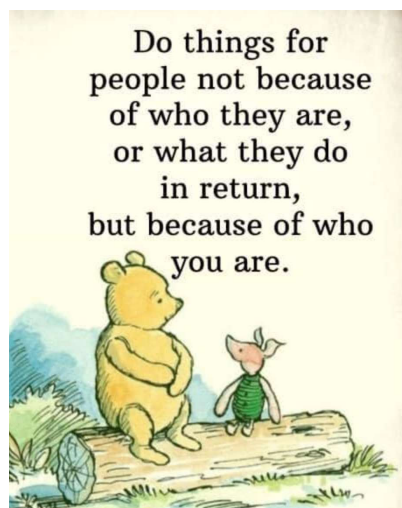




Weekly Newsletter for Oct 2, 2023

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

Upcoming Events



Do things for
people not because
of who they are,
or what they do
in return,
but because of who
you are.

Oct 2–6

Week 6

- Oct 4 Senior Parent Group Mtg, 9:00am
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, 10:00am, Community Center Tent (*note time change*)
LHS Counseling Dept's *Senior Parent/Caregiver Gathering*, 8:45am

Oct 9–13

Week 7

- Oct 9 No School (Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day)
- Oct 10 School Committee Mtg, 6pm
- Oct 11 Principal's Coffee Talk for families new to Lexington, 9am
Junior Parent Group, 9am
- Oct 12 Parent Discussion Group, 9am
Junior Parent Group, 7pm
- Oct 13 9th Grade Welcome Dance
- Oct 14 PSAT, 8:00am, LHS

Save the date

- Oct 19 School photo retakes
- Oct 20 Half-day

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?

- President and treasurers updated PTO information with the bank
- Continued membership drive
- Board met with Principal Baker

LHS and LPS Announcements



Updates from Principals and Counseling Department

- **Back-to-School-Night** is this **Thu, Oct 5 at 6:00pm**. For the first time in four years, it will be **in-person!**
 - Click [here](#) for further details, and directions on how to print your student's schedule and a map of LHS. (You will need both.)
- The Counseling Department will release the new **Senior Family Post-Secondary Video Presentation** on **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](#).



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 can 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, Oct 13, 10am–7pm
- **Where:** LPS Central Offices, 146 Maple St
- **Sign up**[here](#)

LHS Community News



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, Oct 5, 9am
- **Topic:** Meeting with the Principals ([Google Meet link](#))

We'll also be meeting in-person the following day!

- **When:** Fri, Oct 6, 10am (***note the time change***)
 - **Where:** Community Center Tent
 - **Bring** your own coffee, and enjoy some conversation with other LHS parents!
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Junior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Oct 11, 9am (online)
- **Topic:** *Standardized Testing* with Summit Educational Testing

We will have an additional evening meeting as well:

- **When:** Thu, Oct 12, 7pm (online)
- **Topic:** *The College Admissions Timeline*. Our guest will be parents who have previously supported their students through the college admissions process

To join the junior parent group so you can receive our Zoom links and email updates, fill out this [google form](#). For even more information, join our [Facebook group](#)!

Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Oct 4, 9am
- **Topic:** FAFSA/CSS for Financial Aid, with guest speaker Elise Rowley
- **To join:** email [Julie Liu](#) with your name, email address, and the name of your senior student

Lexington Community News



New! \$20 Limitless Passes for Lexpress Buses

Looking for a transportation option for your high schooler? Limitless Passes for Lexpress are available for just \$20 and offer **unlimited rides through June 30, 2024**. Our [website](#) has videos and information about how to ride Lexpress, including an app for your phone to track the Lexpress bus on your route.

You can buy the \$20 Limitless pass at the following locations:

- **LHS Main Office** (cash only)
- **Michaelson's Shoes** (cash only)
- **Community Center** (cards and cash accepted)
- **Lexpress [online store](#)** (cards accepted)

Questions? Call the Lexpress Transportation Office at 781-861-1210.



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
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Youth Holiday Arts & Crafts 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 and jewelers...the list is endless! Start building your inventory! Space is limited: Sign up today on our [website](#).

Community Announcements

Although in this newsletter we only publish announcements that are directly related LHS students and their parents, we are adding this new section to share links to other community events that may be of interest to our readers.

Click [here](#) to see an announcement about:

- Search for new fall photo for Lexington's Facebook page

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](#)
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