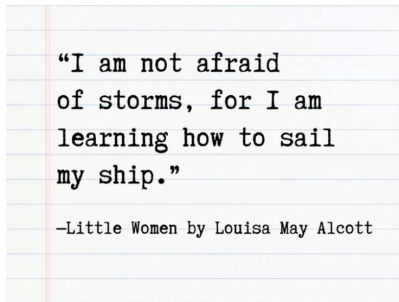




Weekly Newsletter for Nov 12, 2023

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

Upcoming Events



Nov 13–17 Week 12

- Nov 13 Conference Sign-ups Open, 9am
Term 1 Report Cards in Aspen, 3pm
PTO Board Mtg, 7pm ([Zoom link](#))
- Nov 14 School Committee Mtg, 6:00pm
- Nov 15 Senior Parent Group, 9am
Deadline for AP Test Registration
- Nov 16 Parent Discussion Group, 9am
- Nov 17 Half-day

Nov 20–22 Week 13

- Nov 20 LHS School Site Council Mtg, 6pm
- Nov 21 LHS Building Committee Community Forum,
6:30pm, Cary Hall or [Zoom](#)
- Nov 22 Half-day
- Nov 23–24 No School: Thanksgiving Holiday

Save the date:

- Nov 27 No School for LHS only: Parent-Teacher
Conferences
- Dec 1 Half-day

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

If you have a gmail account, your Weekly Newsletter is being clipped. Please click on the link at the top of the newsletter "To view this email as a web page, click here" to get the full picture. Thank you!

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 LHS PTO do last week?

- Continued PTO **fundraiser**
 - **Delivered cookies** for pop-up event
 - **Delivered coffee and donuts** to teachers during Friday's professional development day
 - Prepared for next week's **board meeting**
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Help Support the work of the LHS PTO

We are still \$7500 away from our goal of reaching \$15,500 for funding this year's LHS staff mini-grants and resources for student educational programs and activities.

We invite you to head over to the [LHS PTO website](#) to see all the amazing [mini-grant awards](#) and various programs and activities your PTO membership dues and donations have allowed us to support.

- **Donate** via [PayPal/Credit](#) or with [Membership Toolkit](#) after signing in. You can also mail us a check to *LHS PTO, 251 Waltham St. Lexington, MA 02420*
- **Become a member** via [Membership Toolkit](#). Our nominal membership dues fund all these efforts.

All of us on the volunteer PTO Board extend our heartfelt appreciation for your continued generosity.

LHS Spiritwear Pop-Up Store to Close this Week

The LHS Spiritwear pop-up store is open for a few more days!

- **When:** Now until Thu, Nov 16
- **Product delivery:** Dec 13–15
- **Shop [here](#)**

LHS and LPS Announcements

LHS Building Committee to Hold Second Community Forum

The Lexington High School Building Committee (SBC) invites you to participate in a community forum to talk about the new Lexington High School Building Project.

The SBC understands input from all Lexington stakeholders is important for a successful project. The community forum will discuss what has been done to date, the preliminary schedule and next steps, talk about Lexington's partnership with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), and solicit input from all stakeholders with opportunities for Q&A.

- **When:** Tue, Nov 21, 6:30–8:30pm
- **Where:** In-person at Cary Hall or Online ([Zoom link](#)).
- **For more details,** click [here](#)

Teacher Conference Sign-ups and AP Registration Deadline

Teacher Conference Sign-ups begin tomorrow!

- **When:** Mon, Nov 13, 9am
- **Where:** Through your ParentSquare Account
- **For more details,** click [here](#)

The deadline for registering for AP exams is fast approaching! After Nov 15, you will be charged a \$40.00 late fee *per test*. Sign up now!

- **Registration deadline:** Thu, Nov 15, 2:30pm
- **For more information** on how to register, see [the Parent Square announcement](#)



Cookie Pop-up was a Sweet Success

Thank you to all parents, guardians and students who baked cookies or donated sprinkles and frosting for last Wednesday's Cookie Pop-Up!

Because of your support, LHS felt a bit more fun and light last week. Prior to entering the Cookie Pop-Up space, all 1,500+ participants filled out a note card identifying who their hero is and why. It was a fun and magical day of seeing kids come together for a few minutes of *connection* and *community building* in the best of ways.

I am once again so grateful for all that you do to support the staff and kids at LHS.

With great appreciation and thanks,
Martha Queenin

LPS Vaccine Clinic

The LPS Vaccine are clinics open to all Lexington residents, along with Lexington Public Schools' students, staff and their families.

- **When:** Tue, Nov 21, 10am–7pm
- **Where:** LPS Central Offices, 146 Maple St
- **Sign up**[here](#)

LHS Community News



Upcoming LexGiving 5K Run/Walk

Support the Lexington High School Cross Country, Track & Field, and Wrestling Teams by joining the First Annual LexGiving 5k Thanksgiving Run/Walk. Meet up with friends, family, and LHS Alumni at this event that is sure to become a staple of Lexington Thanksgivings for years to come!

To register for the race, to donate, or to sign up as a sponsor, click [here](#).

- **When:** Fri, Nov 24, 9am
- **Where:** Starts and ends at Lincoln Field
- **For more information,** visit our [website](#) or [email us](#)

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Autism Support Group Meeting

Please join us at the next 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!

- **When:** Fri, Nov 15, 9:30am
- **Where:** Via Lago Restaurant
- **For more information,** and to RSVP, click [here](#)

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.

- **When:** Wed, Nov 15, 10am
- **Where:** Lexington Community Center (rm 221)
- **For more information,** contact [Jennifer](#)

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next meeting:** Thu, Nov 16, 9am
- **Topic:** *Transportation and Teen Driving*, with guest speaker Dan Strollo
- **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 meetings:** Wed, Nov 29 **and** Thu, Nov 30. (**Both meetings will cover the same content**—you can pick the one that best fits your schedule)
- **Location:** Lexington Community Center
- **Topic:** Guest Speaker Sharon Oloffsson will speak on the topic of *Building a College List*
- **To join the junior parent group,** [email us](#)

Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Nov 15, 9am
- **Topic:** Open discussion
- **To join:** email [Julie Liu](mailto:Julie.Liu) with your name, email address, and the name of your senior student

Lexington Community News



Upcoming Holiday Youth Market!

Munroe Center for the Arts will be hosting over 20 high schoolers who will be displaying and selling their original artwork, including origami, needle-felted decorations, polymer clay bracelets, soap, ceramics and more.

In addition, you can make your own gift and/or decorate an ornament for the town tree in Depot Square!

- **Date:** Sat, Dec 9, 1:00pm
- **For more information,** visit our [website](#)



News from the Lexington Transportation Office

Upcoming Transit Explorers Classes

Tired of driving your kids everywhere? They can learn how to get around independently on transit by signing up for [Transit Explorers](#) where they will learn how to navigate via Lexpress, Lexington's own local bus system, and the MBTA.

- **When:** Fri, Nov 17 (MBTA instructions) and Fri, Dec 1 (Lexpress Bus Service instructions)
- **Register**[here](#)

Unlimited-Ride Lexpress Passes Available for \$20

Did you know you can buy a Lexpress Bus Limitless Pass online for only \$20 for unlimited rides through Jun 30, 2024? Lexpress is open to people of all ages and abilities, and youth have been a big part of Lexpress since 1979!

- **Get your pass**[online](#), or at the LHS front office (cash only at LHS).

Student and Parent Volunteers Wanted

Want to help reduce traffic congestion and emissions at LHS and help make walking and biking safer? We're seeking parent and youth volunteers for Lexington's *Safe Routes to School* program.

- **For more information,** contact [Susan](#)

Community Happenings

Although this LHS PTO newsletter only publishes announcements that are directly related LHS students and their parents, we will share links to other community events that may be of interest to our readers. Click [here](#) to see this week's new announcements:

- Little League Baseball and Softball Spring Registration
- Lexington Center Workshop: Rejuvenating the Town Center

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](#)
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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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