LHs PTO

Weekly Newsletter for Nov 20, 2023

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

Upcoming Events

Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.

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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
Nov 27–Dec 1	**Week 14**
Nov 27	No School for LHS only: Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov 28	School Committee Mtg, 6pm in Boston
Nov 29	Junior Parent Group, 9am, Community Center, rm 242
	Senior Parent Group, 7pm, Community Center, rm 237
Nov 30	Parent Discussion Group, 9am
	Junior Parent Discussion Group, 7pm, Community Center, Dining Room
Dec 1	Half-day
	Save the date:
Dec 22	Half-day
Dec 25–Jan 1	No School: Winter Break

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 LHS PTO do last week?

- Continued **fundraiser**
- Held **Board meeting**
- Held **staff appreciation event** at LHS, and provided hot chocolate and gluten-free snacks

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

LPS Vaccine Clinic

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

- **When:** Fri, Dec 1, 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 Lincold Field

- **For more information,** visit our website or email us

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)
- **Next meeting**: Thu, Nov 30, 9am
- **Topic:** *Conversation with Lexington School Committee member Kathleen Lenihan*
- **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, 9am **_and_** Thu, Nov 30, 7pm. *(**Both meetings will cover the same content**—you can pick the one that best fits your schedule)*
- **Location:** Lexington Community Center, rm 242 on Nov 29, and Dining Room on Nov 30
- **Topic:** Guest speaker Sharon Oloffsson from Gateway Consulting 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 29, 7pm *(Please note this is an **in-person evening meeting**)*
- **Location:** Community Center, rm 237
- **Topic:** Guest speakers Amy Selinger, Lauren Watson, and Melissa Abraham will speak on the topic of *Dealing with Denial and Managing Maybe: How to Navigate When Your Student Gets College Results*
- **To join:** email Julie Liu with your name, email address, and the name of your senior student

Lexington Community News

Upcoming Holiday Youth Market!

Over 25 artists, 18 years of age and younger, will be selling their original artwork, from paintings to jewelry, ceramics and more! We have so many talented young artists in Lexington, so plan to stop by to check out what this generation of art entrepreneurs are doing, and also get a head-start on your holiday shopping!

- **Date:** Sat, Dec 9, 1:00pm
- **For more information,** visit our website

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 these announcements.

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](#)