



Weekly Newsletter for Jan 7, 2024

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

Upcoming Events



Jan 8–12

Jan 8

Week 19

LHS PTO Board mtg, 7pm ([Zoom link](#))

SHAC mtg, 7pm, LHS Library Media Center

Jan 9

School Committee mtg, 6pm

Jan 10

Senior Parent Group mtg, 9am

Jan 11

Parent Discussion Group, 9am

Jan 12

PTO Principals' Coffee Talk open to all LHS parents, 9:30–10:30am. Library Media Center, rm 149

Jan 15-19

Jan 15

Week 20

No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan 16

School Committee mtg, 8am

Jan 17

Junior Parent Group mtg, 9am

Jan 18

Deadline to request AP accommodations

Parent Discussion Group, 9am

Junior Parent Group mtg, 7pm

Jan 19

Half-day

Quarter 2 grades close

Forum on AI and Education, 3:30pm, IDLC in Science Building (sign up [here](#))

Save the date

Feb 1

LHS Curriculum Night

Feb 6

Annual Teen Summer Expo, 5:30–8pm, LHS Cafeteria

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

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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?

- Prepared for this week's LHS PTO board meeting
 - Prepared for upcoming PTO Principals' Coffee Talk with parents
 - Mini Grants Committee voted on current cycle of mini grants for teachers
 - Forums Committee met with the Principals to prepare for the upcoming AI in Education Forum.
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Upcoming Principals' Coffee Talk

Join us for this Friday for our second Principals' Coffee Talk, a casual gathering designed to connect LHS parents and caregivers with the LHS administration team. Engage in open conversations, ask questions, and address any concerns about your child's education and the school community.

Come enjoy coffee, meet other parents, and foster a sense of community as we support our students' success.

- **When:** Fri, Jan 12, 9:30–10:30am
 - **Where:** LHS Library Media Center, room 149
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From Chalkboards to Chatbots: A Dialogue on AI in Education

Join us for our upcoming forum, AI in Education. Amanda Bickerstaff, distinguished AI expert, will help us answer two questions:

- **How do we effectively navigate the challenges posed to education by chatbots such as ChatGPT?**
- **How can we harness their immense potential in the field of education?**

Teachers and students from LHS will also share their perspectives on the use of generative AI in the classroom, and will then participate in a panel discussion with Amanda, led by Principal Baker. The panel will take questions from our audience of teachers, students and parents.

- **When:** Fri, Jan 19, 3:30–5:00pm
 - **Where:** Lexington High School – Independent Digital Learning Center IDLC (Science Building)
 - **Who:** Open to all Lexington Public School teachers, parents, caregivers, students and the Lexington community.
 - **Sign up [here](#)** for in-person attendance or to receive the event recording.
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LHS and LPS Announcements

Deadline for AP Exam Accommodations

If your child needs accommodations for their Advanced Placement exams, the deadline to submit them is fast approaching.

- **Deadline:** Wed, Jan 18
- **Information on who is eligible** for accommodations is [here](#)

- **If your child is eligible and you would like to request accommodations** for their AP exams please fill out this College Board [consent form](#)
 - **Return consent form** to [Danielle Ballou](#) before Jan 18
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Join the LEF Trivia Bee!

Teams of three (ages 15+) are invited to participate in the **annual LEF Trivia Bee**—a fun evening that brings the Lexington community together for a friendly battle of wits, all while raising funds to enhance educational excellence in Lexington Public Schools.

When: Thu, Jan 11, 7pm

Where: LHS Auditorium

For more information, click [here](#)

LHS Community News

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next meeting:** Thu, Jan 11, 9am
 - **Topic:** Course Selection and Favorite Electives
 - **To join the mailing list and receive meeting Zoom links:** Email your full name and the grade(s) of your LHS child(ren) to [Jen Roney](#).
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Junior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meetings:** *Note that both meetings will cover the same material, so you can pick the one that best fits your schedule.*
 - Wed, Jan 17, 9am, Lexington Community Center
 - Thu, Jan 18, 7pm, 25 Tower Road, Lexington
 - **Topic:** *College Abroad*, featuring a panel of parents whose students are studying abroad
 - **To join the junior parent group,** [email us](#)
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Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Jan 10, 9am
 - **Location:** Online
 - **Topic:** Open Discussion/Q&A
 - **To join:** email [Julie Liu](#) with your name, email address, and the name of your senior student
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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, Jan 12, 9:30am
 - **Where:** Via Lago Restaurant
 - **For more information,** and to RSVP, click [here](#)
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Free YCC Services Available for Lexington Youth and Families

Youth Counseling Connection is a non-profit organization that provides free therapy—no insurance needed—to youth and their families in Lexington. We provide walk-in services, individual therapy, family therapy and have immediate openings! This is a great resource for those who have had a hard time accessing services, or for someone who wants to see what therapy is all about.

- **Walk in therapy:** Wednesdays, 3–4:30pm
- **Where:** 7 Harrington Road (located inside First Parish)

We are also currently putting together a girls' empowerment group (to be held on Thursdays, 3:30–4:30), and have other services that are available by appointment.

- **Sign up** for the girls' empowerment group [here](#)
- **To make an appointment for other other services**, call or text us at 781-862-0330 or email us [here](#)
- **For more information**, visit our [website](#)

Lexington Community News

Community Service Opportunity: Bridge School Glow Dance

Come help out at the Bridge Elementary School's Glow Dance fundraiser. We need volunteers to set up, greet participants, manage face painting and crafts, hand out pizza and donuts, and clean up. Earn community service hours while assisting with this fun and easy event!

- **When:** Sat, Jan 20, 4:30–7:30 (the event itself runs from 5–7:00pm)
- **Where:** Bridge Elementary School
- **Sign up** [here](#)
- **For more information**, contact [Kira](#)

Community Happenings

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

- Compilation of Essays from the "My Truth Is..." Competition
- Lexington Semiquincentennial Commission's Community Stakeholder Meeting
- ABCL's 2024 MLK Day Concert
- Baseball and Softball Clinics Now Open

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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