



Weekly Newsletter for Jan 15, 2024

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

Upcoming Events

Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.

EARL NIGHTINGALE

Jan 15-19

Jan 15

Jan 16

Jan 17

Jan 18

Jan 19

Week 20

No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

School Committee mtg, 8am

Junior Parent Group mtg, 9am

Deadline to request AP accommodations

Parent Discussion Group, 9am

Junior Parent Group mtg, 7pm

Half-day

Quarter 2 grades close

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

Jan 22-26

Jan 22

Jan 23

Jan 25

Week 21

All 2nd Quarter Attendance Appeals forms due in your dean's office by 3:30pm

School Committee mtg, 6pm

Transcript request deadline for college applications due 2/15

Parent Discussion Group, 9am

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.

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.

What did the LHS PTO do last week?

- Held **January LHS PTO Board meeting**
- Voted on second round of **minigrants**
- Held second **Principals' Coffee Talk**
- Prepared for our biggest forum of the year: next week's **AI in Education** forum



AI in Education Forum is this Friday!

Join us for our biggest forum of the year, **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.

LHS and LPS Announcements

College Admissions Testing Webinar: Your Road Map to the ACT and Digital SAT

Summit Educational Group is pleased to partner with Lexington High School to provide an informational webinar about the college testing landscape. In this webinar, Summit's Drew Heilpern will share the latest information about the ACT and digital SAT standardized tests, talk about what's on the tests, and how and when to prepare for them.

Session topics include:

- SAT vs. ACT, how they differ, and how to choose
- Components of a good test prep plan
- The new digital adaptive PSAT and SAT
- Preparing for these tests
- The role of standardized tests in the college admission process

Please note: If you cannot make it on this date, register anyway and we'll send a link to the webinar recording.

- **When:** Wed, Jan 17, 6:30–7:45pm
- **Register [here](#)**

New! Job Opportunity: Adult Proctors for AP Exams

LHS needs proctors for the Advanced Placement Exams for this coming May. This work is compensated, and the schedule is flexible—you choose the days and times that work

best for you.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, and have a current CORI check on file with the district. Please note that you cannot proctor if a member of your immediate family or household may be taking an exam, or if you are employed part- or full-time at a test preparation center.

- **When:** AP testing dates between May 6–17
- **If interested, fill out [this google form](#)** by Feb 12
- **For more information**, including compensation rates, email [Danielle](#)

Deadline for AP Exam Accommodations

If your child needs accommodations for their Advanced Placement exams, the deadline to request them is this Wednesday!

- **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

LHS Community News



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—back or side door to basement level)

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](#)



Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Performing Arts Events

FOLMADS, Friends of Lexington Music Art and Drama Students, is looking for parent and student volunteers for upcoming winter performing and visual arts events, beginning with LHS Follies on Jan 28!

To find out more, and/or to sign up, click [here](#)



Upcoming Dyslexia Parent Group Meeting

Join the Dyslexia Parents Group for our monthly morning coffee! Our group is comprised of Lexington parents who have a child struggling to read and/or write and who need information on how to best support them from an amazing and supportive group of parents. No matter where your child is on their journey—from just starting to realize they learn differently, to having a diagnosis of dyslexia/language based learning disability, and/or receiving support services—you are warmly invited. We are a subgroup of the Lexington Special Education Parent Teacher Association/Parent Advisory Council, [LexSEPTA/SEPA](#).

- **When:** Fri, Jan 19, 9:30am
- **Where:** Via Lago Restaurant
- **RSVP [here](#)** so we can reserve enough space to accommodate everyone who wants to attend

For more information, [contact us](#) or visit [our website](#)

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next meeting:** Thu, Jan 18, 9am
- **Topic:** Summer Activities
- **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](#).

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](#)

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:

- MLK Day Community Conversation on Race
- ABCL's 2024 MLK Day Concert

- Lexington Lunar New Year Festival

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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