



Weekly Newsletter for Jan 29, 2024

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

Upcoming Events



May your week be filled with good thoughts, kind people, and happy moments.

Jan 29–Feb 2 Week 22

- Jan 29 School Site Council mtg, 6pm
Jan 31 Junior Parent Group mtg, 9am, Community Center rm 230/232
Junior Parent Group mtg, 7pm, Community Center, rm 242
Feb 1 Parent Discussion Group, mtg w/ principals, 9am ([Google Meet link](#))
LHS Curriculum Night, 6:30–8pm
Feb 2 Parent Discussion Group social mtg, 9am, Community Center dining room

Feb 5–9 Week 23

- Feb 6 School Committee mtg, 6pm
Teen Summer Expo, 5:30–8pm, LHS Cafeteria
Feb 7 Senior Parent Group mtg, 9am
Junior Parent Night
Feb 8 Parent Discussion Group mtg, 9am
Feb 9 Transcript request deadline for college applications due 3/1
Half-day

Save the date

- Feb 15 Class of 2028 Incoming 9th Grade Parent Night, 6pm, LHS Auditorium
Feb 19–23 No School: February Break
Feb 27 Forum: Going to LHS
Feb 29 Spring Athletic Preseason mtg, 6pm, LHS auditorium
Mar 21 Forum: Navigating Life after LHS
Mar 23 LPS Parent Academy

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?

- PTO Hospitality VPs presented gifts to beloved LHS custodians Joe Vieira and Joe Mitchell, both of whom retired this month
- PTO Board met with Principal Baker
- PTO Forums Team met with multiple local organizations to plan the three upcoming forums of *Navigating Life after LHS*, *Lexington Parent Academy*, and *Going to LHS*.

AI in Education Forum Recording Now Available

The recording of the PTO Forum "AI in Education" is now available for viewing. If you missed this informative and eye-opening presentation and panel discussion, click [here](#) to view the entire event.

LHS and LPS Announcements

Upcoming In-Person LHS Curriculum Night

For the first time in three years, **the annual LHS Curriculum Night will be in-person!** Families are encouraged to review the LHS Program of Studies, a new version of which will be released on Jan 31 or Feb 1, before attending.

- **When:** Thu, Feb 1, 6:30–8pm
- **Where:** LHS Auditorium

Caregivers of students on IEP's may also wish to attend an optional meeting with the Supervisor of Special Education held immediately before the main Curriculum Night begins. This will be an opportunity to learn about how special education factors into student schedules. We will also discuss Age of Majority and transition beyond high school.

- **When:** Thu, Feb 1, 6:00–6:30pm, immediately before Curriculum Night
- **Where:** LHS rm 149/Library classroom

Teen Summer Expo Coming to LHS

Attend the annual **Teen Summer Expo at Lexington High School** where you can meet with directors of summer enrichment programs for students in grades 6–12. There are exciting opportunities for every interest, and this event is free and open to everyone. Parents and teens should attend together and may bring friends.

- **When:** Tue, Feb 6, 5:30–8:00pm
- **Where:** LHS Cafeteria
- **For more information** and to pre-register, 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, Feb 9, 12–6pm
- **Where:** LPS Central Offices, 146 Maple St
- **Sign up**[here](#)

LHS Community News

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Legal Planning for Special Needs in Massachusetts

Join us for a seminar with Barbara Jackins, an attorney in Lexington and the parent of an adult son with special needs. She will focus on areas of the law that affect people with disabilities and their families, including special needs planning, public benefits, and guardianship. Barbara has written several books on disability-related topics, including: *Legal Planning for Special Needs in Massachusetts: A Family Guide to SSJ, Guardianship, and Estate Planning*; *Managing a Special Needs Trust: A Guide for Trustees*; and *Moving Out: A Family Guide to Residential Planning for Adults with Disabilities*.

- **When:** Fri, Feb 9, 9:30–11:00am
- **Where:** LPS Central Offices at 146 Maple St.
- **Please RSVP**[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/SEPAC](#).

- **When:** Tue, Feb 6, 7pm
- **Where:** Community Center, rm 221
- **No RSVP is necessary, but we encourage you to join our Google Group**, where we post reminders of meetings and events. You can ask to join the Google Group by [emailing us](#)

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

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **This week, we will have two meetings:**

Meeting #1:

- **When:** Thu, Feb 1, 9am
- **Topic:** Meeting with the principals ([Google Meet Link](#))

- **Meeting #2:**

- **When:** Fri, Feb 2, 9am, Community Center, rm 221
- **Topic:** This gathering will be purely social. Bring your own coffee and join us!

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 31, 9am, Lexington Community Center, rm 230/232
 - Wed, Jan 31, 7pm, *in-person* at the Lexington Community Center, rm 242
- **Topic:** *College Visits*, featuring speaker Elise Niler Rowley
- **To join the junior parent group,** [email us](#)

Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Feb 7, 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

Lexington Community News

Upcoming Webinar Recommended by SHAC

LHS School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) wants to make families aware of an upcoming event provided by the Lexington Department of Recreation and Community Programs and the Lexington Human Services Department:

Let's Talk Healthy Relationships

Relationships directly affect our health and happiness. All relationships go through challenges, but it can be hard to recognize when it is time to let go or intervene.

Join us for a free educational session with Gabriela Wells, a licensed social worker and domestic violence advocate from The Second Step. Listen in with us as we learn how to spot the warning signs of a relationship that needs help. With this updated information, you can empower yourself to be an ally for family members and friends, and be a good community member by understanding the cycles of unhealthy relationships and how to interrupt them.

- **When:** Tue, Feb 13, 7pm
- **Where:** Online ([Zoom link](#))
- **Register**[here](#) or call 781-698-4840

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 these upcoming opportunities:

- Job posting: Proctoring AP exams in May

- White Lotus: A Live Musical Performance with the Classic Chinese Silent Film "The Goddess"

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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