



Weekly Newsletter for Feb 5, 2024

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

Upcoming Events



Feb 5–9

Feb 6

Feb 7

Feb 8

Feb 9

Week 23

School Committee mtg, 6pm

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

Senior Parent Group mtg, 9am
Junior Parent Night

Parent Discussion Group mtg, 9am

Junior Parent Discussion group mtg, 7pm

Transcript request deadline for college applications due 3/1

Half-day

Feb 12–15

Feb 12

Feb 13

Feb 15

Week 24

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

School Committee mtg, 6pm

Parent Discussion Group mtg, 9am

Class of 2028 Incoming 9th Grade Parent Night, 6pm, LHS Auditorium

Save the date

Feb 19–23 No School: February Break

Feb 27 Forum: Going to LHS

Feb 29 Spring Athletic Preseason mtg, 6pm, LHS auditorium

Mar 6 LHS Community Forum #3, 6:30pm, Cary Hall

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.

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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 PTO do last week?

- Prepared for next week's big hospitality event: Taco lunch for staff
 - PTO Communications VP's met with the Presidents
 - Updated PTO website to include recent updates on the LHS building project, along with new class-specific events and links, job postings, athletics and performing arts information and more. Check it out [here!](#)
 - President attended LHS Site Council meeting to learn about current LPS plans to develop a generative AI policy
 - Made preparations to roll out new apparel in the next Spirit Wear Pop-up Store
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A "Thank You!" from the LHS PTO Board

We want send out a huge "Thank you!" to all our members and donors for helping us raise over \$6000.00 so we can award additional mini-grants to LHS educators. So far this year, your generous donations have allowed us to fund the inspiring, innovative projects and activities of twelve LHS teachers, and will allow us to award more mini-grants in a third round of applications at the end of March. Stay tuned to hear more about the grants awarded to our LHS educators!

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

LHS Spring 2024 Athletics Preseason Meeting is Coming Up!

The Spring 2024 Athletic Pre-Season Meeting is coming up! This meeting is for all LHS student-athletes interested in participating in an interscholastic spring sport at Lexington High School. Students should attend with a parent or guardian. The large group session begins in the auditorium, followed by sport-specific breakout sessions where you can meet with the coaching staff of your respective sport. It is a fantastic opportunity to hear from head coaches about their expectations and learn more about the upcoming season.

- **Online Registration opens Mon, Feb 5**
- **The preseason meeting is Thu, Feb 29, 6pm**
- **The spring season begins Mon, Mar 18**

Spring Sports: Baseball, Softball, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Outdoor Track & Field, Girls Outdoor Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Boys Volleyball, Boys Ultimate Frisbee, Girls Ultimate Frisbee, Unified Basketball

Should you have any questions regarding this meeting, or are unable to attend in person, you can visit the [Athletics page](#) on LHS' website or contact the athletic office at (781) 861-2320 ext. 69902.

[Beyond the Logistics of Post-Secondary Planning](#)

Join The LHS Counselors to Discuss Strategies on How to Support Your Students in the Post-Secondary Process

When: Wednesday, February 14th 9AM-10AM

Where: Library Media Center LHS



Upcoming LHS Counseling Department's Events for Juniors

The LHS Counseling Department will be offering two upcoming events for parents of Juniors:

Junior Parent/Guardian Information Presentation: This pre-recorded information presentation will include a video from members of the Counseling Department that will include how LHS counselors support your junior student, post-secondary options, test-optional policies, some common myths, and information on how families can support their student(s).

- **When:** Wed, Feb 7
- **Where:** Online

Junior Parent/Guardian Gathering: This event is for junior parents, caregivers, and counselors to meet and discuss how to support each other and their students during this time of excitement anticipation, and transition. See our [flyer](#) for more details.

- **When:** Wed, Feb 14, 9–10am
- **Where:** LHS Library Media Center

Upcoming Course Scheduling Dates

It's that time of year when students in grades 8, 9, 10 and 11 begin the course registration process. Here are some dates to help keep you and your student on track:

- **Month of February:** Teachers confer with students about course recommendations
- **Up to Feb 27:** Teachers enter placements in Aspen
- **Feb 27–Mar 4:** Students enter elective course requests
- **Mar 15:** Placement review forms due (if necessary)
- **Month of March:** Academic advising with counselors
- **Apr 2:** Course verification sheet published in Aspen

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. This event is free.

- **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](#)

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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/SEPAAC](#).

- **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)

- **Next meeting:** Thu, Feb 8, 9am
 - **Topic:** *Useful Parenting Books and Resources* (We have several to recommend, and would love to hear your recommendations as well!)
 - **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

- **When:** Thu, Feb 8, 7pm
 - **Where:** Online (Zoom link will be posted to Facebook group and emailed)
 - **Topic:** *Navigating Colleges with Learning Differences* with guest speaker Nicole Locher
 - **To join the junior parent group,** [email us](#)
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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
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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:

- The Lexington Candidates' Forum
- Seminar: Legal Planning for Special Needs in Massachusetts
- Registration for the Special Needs Arts Programs (SNAP)

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](#)