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## Weekly Newsletter for Mar 11, 2024

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

### Upcoming Events

**It doesn't matter who you are,  
or where you come from.  
The ability to triumph  
begins with you.  
Always.**  
Oprah Winfrey



<b>Mar 11–15</b>	<b>Week 27</b>
Mar 12	School Committee mtg, 6pm
Mar 13	Senior Parent Group mtg, 9am
Mar 14	Spring Sports Registration Deadline
	Parent Discussion Group mtg, 9am
	Junior Parent Group mtg, 7pm, Community Center dining room
Mar 14–20	10th Grade academic advising
Mar 15	Placement Review Forms due for 2024–25 school year
Mar 15–17	No-homework break
<b>Mar 18–22</b>	<b>Week 28</b>
Mar 21	Parent Discussion group mtg, 9am
	Forum: <i>Navigating Life After LHS</i> , 7pm, LHS Auditorium
Mar 21–27	9th Grade academic advising
Mar 23	Lexington Parent Academy
	<b>Save the Date:</b>
Mar 26–27	10th Grade ELA MCAS
Mar 29	No School: Good Friday
Apr 8	Forum: <i>Practical AI for Education</i> , 6:30pm, Lexington High School Library

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

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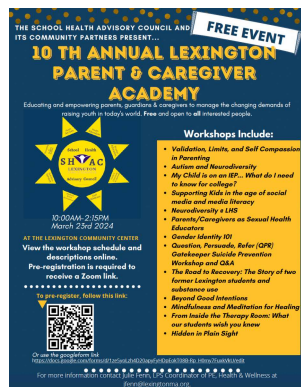
### Weekly Announcements

#### PTO News

We welcome conversation, questions, and dialogue. Connect with us by email anytime at [president@lhspto.org](mailto:president@lhspto.org).

## What did the LHS PTO do last week?

- Presidents attended PTO Presidents' Council meeting
- Prepared for this week's hospitality event—bagels from "Wicked Bagel" for the LHS faculty and staff



## 10th Annual Parent & Caregiver Academy

Lexington's Annual Parent Academy is designed to educate and empower parents and caregivers to manage the changing demands of parenting in today's world. This event is free and open to all interested parents and community members, and you can choose up to three workshops that you can attend throughout the day!

Although registration is not required, we encourage you to register to secure a space in the workshops you are interested in attending. Several of the workshops have limited spaces.

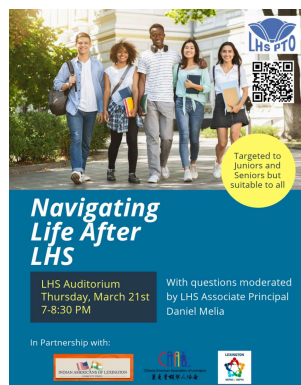
- **Who:** All interested Lexington families, adult caregivers and faculty
- **When:** Sat, Mar 23, 10am–2:15pm
- **Where:** In-person at the Community Center
- **Register and view presenters and workshop descriptions [here](#)**
- **Questions?** Contact [Julie Fenn](#)

## Parent Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Parent Academy

We're excited to celebrate a significant milestone: **The 10th Annual Lexington Parent & Caregiver Academy**, presented by The School Health Advisory Council and Community Partners.

For a decade, we've been empowering parents and caregivers with essential tools for modern parenting. **This year, we invite you to join us as volunteers** to mark this decade of dedication and growth. **We need donations of food as well as people to help at the event itself.**

- **When:** Sat, Mar 23, 10am–2:15pm
- **Where:** Lexington Community Center
- **Sign up [here](#) to volunteer or donate food!**
- **Questions?** Contact us [here](#)



## Upcoming Forum: Navigating Life after LHS

Mark your calendars and join us for *Navigating Life After LHS*, a tailored forum for Juniors and Seniors entering the next chapter of their lives. Discover career paths, conquer transition challenges, and connect with peers on similar journeys. Your guide to navigating life beyond high school begins here!

- **When:** Mar 21, 7–8:30pm
- **Where:** LHS Auditorium



## Save the Date: Practical AI for Education

Join us for a dynamic 90-minute forum, *Practical AI for Education* with Dr. Lilach Mollick, featuring a presentation followed by an interactive Q&A. This engaging event will demystify Large Language Models (LLMs) by exploring how they work, discussing ethical considerations, and examining the potential benefits and risks of AI in learning environments. Topics include:

**Transforming Teaching and Learning with AI:** Discover how AI can revolutionize education. Through extensive demonstrations across various AI models, we'll showcase practical tools and strategies.

**Navigating the AI Landscape:** We understand the importance of equipping parents and educators with the knowledge to guide students in navigating the digital world. This session will offer insights into how AI can be used responsibly and effectively to support teaching and learning.

- **When:** Mon, Apr 8, 6:30–8:00pm
- **Where:** Lexington High School Library
- **Who:** Open to LPS students, parents, caregivers, teachers and the Lexington community
- **Sign up** [here](#) for this in-person event



## Calling all PTO Bakers!

### PTO Bakers: We need you again!

Martha Queenin and her Peer Leaders and Mentors are planning a **Spring Cookie Pop-Up Event** for the LHS Community.

We are hoping to have the same as last time: Cut-out sugar cookies (store-bought is okay!)—**simple round ones, or spring-shaped**—available for students and staff to decorate. We are also looking for **donations of frosting or sprinkles**.

We will have a location set up where staff, kids and classes can take a break, pop by and grab and decorate a treat.

This has historically been such a fun event that has brought smiles and joy to LHS.

- **When:** Morning of Mon, Mar 18
- **Where:** Drop off your sugar cookies, frosting or decorations at the Main Office or room 156A
- **Sign up** [here](#)

## LHS and LPS Announcements



### Congratulations to Principal Andrew Baker!

The PTO extends its congratulations to Principal Andrew Baker, who has accepted the permanent position of Principal of Lexington High School. Mr. Baker began his career in Lexington as a high school English teacher, and he has been an important part of our LHS community for the past 19 years, serving in a variety of positions. The PTO looks forward to many more years of fruitful collaboration with Principal Baker and his team!



## Donations Needed for All-Night Graduation Party

The LHS All-Night Graduation Party will be held on Sun, Jun 2, 10pm–5am in the LHS Field House. This popular, senior class all-night event is a tradition at LHS and has something for everyone: DJ, dancing, games, casino, food, photo booth, chill-out zone, crafts area, video games and a surprise ending that you don't want to miss!

Your monetary donations will make this massive event possible! Thank you for [donating here](#).



## LHS Performing Arts Department to host Sara Jean Ford

Join the LHS Performing Arts Department as they present [Sara Jean Ford](#), star of Broadway's *Phantom of the Opera* and *CATS*, in her one-woman concert, *The Aging Ingenue*.

- **When:** Sat, Apr 6, 7:00pm
- **Where:** LHS Auditorium
- **Purchase tickets** [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, Mar 15, 3–5pm
- **Where:** LPS Central Offices, 146 Maple St
- **Sign up** [here](#)

## LHS Community News



## Volunteers Needed for Upcoming LHS Performing Arts Events

FOLMADS (Friends of Lexington Music Art and Drama Students) needs volunteers for upcoming performing arts events. We'd love to have your help as an usher or with ticket sales. Your teen can also help with ushering for community service hours if they sign up.

- **Sign up** [here](#) to volunteer
- **Contact us for more information** about volunteering with FOLMADS at events or as a future board member

## LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next meeting:** Thu, Mar 14, 9am
- **Topic:** LHS building update and Q&A with School Committee member Kathleen Lenihan
- **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 meeting:** Thu, Mar 14, 7pm
  - **Topic:** *Financial Aid and MEFA Merit* with guest speaker Sharon Olofsson of Gateway Educational Consulting
  - **Location:** Community Center dining room
  - **To join the junior parent group,** [email us](#)
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## Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Mar 13, 9am
- **Location:** Online
- **Topic:** Guest speaker Professor Belle Liang, author of *How to Navigate Life*, will speak on the topic of "Navigating College, Career Planning, and Beyond"
- **To join:** email [Julie Liu](#) with your name, email address, and the name of your senior student

## Lexington Community News



### Upcoming Opportunities with Munroe Center for the Arts

Our Spring Session is fast approaching!

- **Classes are now posted** on our website
- **Registration begins** on Mon, Mar 11
- **For more information,** see our [website](#)

Munroe Center for the Arts also has April Break and Summer Camp openings for those looking for counselor and volunteer opportunities!

- **For more information,** contact [Holly Stygles](#)

## 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.

## 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

- Lexington High 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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