



Weekly Newsletter for Mar 25, 2024

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

Upcoming Events



Mar 25-29

Mar 25

Week 29

Community Input mtg on pool, performing arts ctr, and field house in new LHS, 11am ([Zoom link](#))

LHS Site Council mtg, 6pm

Mar 26

School Committee mtg, 6pm

Mar 26–27

10th Grade ELA MCAS

Mar 27

Senior Parent Group mtg, 9am, Community Center, Dining Room

Mar 28

Parent Discussion Group, 9am

Mar 29

No School: Good Friday

April 1–5

Week 30

Apr 2

Course Request Verification sheets available on Aspen

Apr 4

Parent Discussion Group mtg w/ principals, 9am ([Google Meet link](#))

Junior Parent Group mtg, 7pm, Community Center

Apr 5

Parent Discussion Group social meet-up, 9am, Community Center

Term 3 grades close

Half-day

Save the Date:

Apr 8

Forum: *Practical AI for Education*, 6:30pm, Lexington High School Library

Apr 9

Deadline for corrections to Course Verification Sheets

Apr 15–19

April Break

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.

Meg Khanolkar and Catherine Telliez, PTO Presidents



What did the LHS PTO do last week?

- Presidents, Mini-Grant VPs and Treasurer met with LHS Main Office staff to plan to next year
- Held Forum: *Navigating Life after LHS*
- Helped with co-sponsored *Lexington Parent Academy Forum*



Upcoming Forum: 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

LHS and LPS Announcements

Upcoming Meeting: Field House, Performing Arts Center and Pool

This week, the superintendent will host the second and final meeting to discuss and/or hear from members of the community on the pros and cons of building a (1) pool; (2) new field house; and (3) state-of-the-art performing arts center in the new or renovated LHS. The Superintendent will host the virtual meeting that will be scheduled just prior to our School Building Committee meeting on:

- Mon, Mar 25, 11am–12pm
- Zoom link [here](#)

LPS Seeks Core Values Award Nominations

On Tue, May 14, Lexington Public Schools will be holding its second LPS Core Values Celebration night at 4 p.m. in the Central Office Gymnasium! If you know of someone in our school community who has consistently demonstrated one of our core values, it's time to nominate them for this award to acknowledge their efforts and contributions by

filling out the [core values nomination form](#). Also, please keep in mind that if you submit a nomination, you must wait for confirmation from the Office of the Superintendent. If your application is approved, we also ask that you plan to attend the May 14th celebration, along with the person you are nominating. Be prepared to introduce your nominee with a very brief (2-3 minute) speech to honor that special person. It will be an exciting and joyful celebration of students, staff, families, and community members who make a difference in our school community every day, and we can't wait to see you there!

LHS Community News

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SEPAC / SEPTA

Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP

Lexington SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) is sponsoring a presentation on IEPs (Individual Education Plans), their development, what is in each section, and how the document supports the specific student for whom it is written.

Additional topics will include:

- Why the IEP is important
- Who is eligible for an IEP
- Vision statements
- The difference between accommodations and modifications
- Response, placement and consent
- And more!

This online workshop is free!

- **When:** Tue, Mar 26, 6–8pm
- **Register**[here](#)

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next meeting:** Thu, Mar 28, 9am
- **Topic:** Debrief of Parent Academy and Life After LHS forum
- **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:** Mon, Apr 4, 7pm
- **Topic:** Parent panel on *Taking a Gap Year*
- **Location:** Community Center
- **To join the junior parent group,** [email us](#)

Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Mar 27, 9am
- **Location:** Community Center, Dining Room
- **Topic:** *Making Final College Decisions* with Sharon Olofsson of Gateway Educational Consulting
- **To join:** email [Julie Liu](#) with your name, email address, and the name of your senior student

PATRIOTS' DAY PARADE
Monday, April 15th, 2024

Be a Parade Ambassador!
JOIN US!
Bring your friends & march as a team!
Carry a sponsorship banner!
Get a free tee-shirt!



Sign Up Today

- High school students get 4Hrs community service



patriotsday.com

LET THE EXCITEMENT BEGIN!

Community Service Opportunity: Patriots' Day Ambassadors

Patriots' Day is coming up! Volunteer Parade Ambassadors march in the afternoon parade and carry a sponsor's banner. All volunteers receive a free tee shirt and high school students receive credit for 4 hours of community service.

- **When:** Mon, Apr 15, 1:00pm
- **Sign up** [here](#)
- **For more information,** click [here](#) and [here](#)

Make a beautiful fused glass plate with us!



Munroe Center for the Arts
Fused Glass Workshop
Saturday, April 13, 2024
MunroeCenter.org/Workshops

Upcoming April Workshops at Munroe Center for the Arts

The Munroe Center for the Arts has three great workshops coming up in April for teens 16 and older.

- Printmaking/Poetry workshop (16+)
- Fused Glass (16+)
- Intro to Printmaking Studio (18+)

Visit our [website](#) for more details and specific dates!

Open Registration for BUDA Ultimate Frisbee Spring Session

BUDA youth frisbee offers fun and competitive frisbee, and will be holding a spring session for grades 9-12 at the Diamond. Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact sport that encourages a lot of running and teamwork. Instead of referees, players are encouraged to learn the rules and make their own calls.

Whether you're totally new to the sport or an accomplished young player, our coaches will work with you to make sure you have fun and learn skills and strategy for the sport of Ultimate.

Our youth programs use "call your own fee." At checkout, you indicate the right fee for you. We love having new players and don't want finances to stand in the way of young people learning and playing the sport.

- **When:** Every Sunday, Apr 21–Jun 2, 5:30–7:30pm
- **Where:** Diamond Middle School fields
- **Register** [here](#)
- **For more information,** contact [Raphael Savir](#)

JULY 1 - AUGUST 9



LEXPLORATIONS
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

CALLING ALL RISING SOPHOMORES, JUNIOR AND SENIORS!
HAVE FUN & EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE THIS SUMMER!
STUDENT AIDES MUST COMMIT TO A MINIMUM OF ONE FULL WEEK
CLASSES WILL BE HELD MAINLY AT THE HARRINGTON SCHOOL
PLEASE FIND MORE INFORMATION AND APPLY ON OUR WEBSITE

LEXINGTONCOMMUNITYED.ORG/LEXPLORATIONS

Student Volunteer Opportunity with Lexplorations!

Calling all students who are rising sophomores or older! **Earn community service hours this summer** by working as a student aide with Lexplorations, Lexington Community Education's summer program for children. You must commit to working a minimum of one full week to be considered. Space is limited—apply now!

- **When:** Weekly programs run Jul 1–Aug 9
- **Where:** Harrington Elementary School
- **To apply or for more information** visit our [website](#)

Patriots' Day Youth Sunrise Parade: Earn Volunteer Hours

Come on out and let the town know about your non-profit organization by marching in the Sunrise Youth Parade on Patriots' Day! Make your banners and carry them in the through the center of town and onto the Battle Green for all to see and learn about your organization.

High School students are eligible for community service hours for their participation.

- **When:** Mon, Apr 15
- **Time:** Line up by 7:15am, step off at 7:30a
- **Where:** Line up at Cary Memorial Building Driveway
- **For more information and to register,** click [here](#)

Upcoming Events with Safe Routes to School

The *Safe Routes to School* (SRTS) office has several upcoming community events:

Webinar: New Tools for School

- When: Tue, Apr 23, 3–4pm
- Where: Online (Zoom link [here](#))

May is Bike Month, Mode Shift May, and Mental Health month...all which are related! There are many events planned, such as the free Bike Rodeo and other events you can find [here](#).

We're looking for LHS students to become Safe Routes to School Ambassadors.

Help younger students and their families access safe, healthy, and equitable transportation options. By becoming an SRTS Ambassador, you can:

- Get Expert Safe-Travel Training
- Gain Real-World Experience in the Transportation Planning Field
- Earn Community Service Hours Certified by SRTS

For more information on how to get involved, click [here](#) or email Lexington's SRTS Liaison [Susan Barrett](#), or call her at 781-698-4821.

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](#)

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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