



Weekly Newsletter for Apr 1, 2024

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

Upcoming Events



April 1–5

Apr 2

Week 30

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, rm 230/2

Apr 5

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

Term 3 grades close

Half-day

Apr 8–12

Apr 8

Week 31

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

Apr 9

Deadline for corrections to Course Verification Sheets

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

Apr 10

Senior Parent Group mtg, 9am

Apr 11

Parent Discussion Group mtg, 9am

Apr 12–22

Homework break

Save the Date:

Apr 15–19

April Break

Apr 30

Forum: Youth Substance Use Prevention, 7pm, LHS Library Media Center, rm 149

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

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Weekly Announcements

PTO News

What did the LHS PTO do last week?

- Accepted last round of mini-grants from LHS staff
 - LHS PTO Board met with Principal Baker
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From the PTO Forums Team: Thank You to our Community!

Our sincere gratitude goes out to everyone who contributed to the success of the **10th Annual Lexington Parent Academy on March 23!** We send an especially heartfelt *thank you* to Alexander's Pizza, and especially to Billy, for the generous donation of the delicious pizzas. We are equally thankful to our wonderful parents for providing food and drinks, our dedicated volunteers for donating their valuable time, and all attending parents and caregivers. Your participation and support created a memorable experience with lasting impact, and showcased the generous spirit of our community.



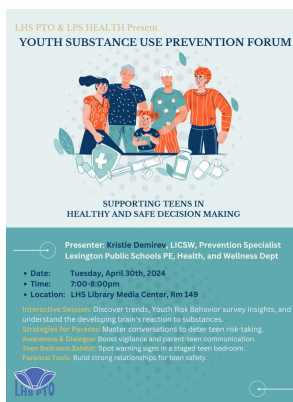
Coming Next Week! Practical AI for Education

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 (the technology behind ChatGPT and similar AI-driven interfaces) 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
 - **Preview:** [Wharton Interactive Crash Course: Practical AI](#)
 - **Sign up** [HERE](#) for this in-person event
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Forum: Youth Substance Use Prevention

Parents and Adult Caregivers—Come join this interaction session to learn about current trends in youth substance use, review the Lexington Youth Risk Behavior Survey data, and understand the science behind the developing brain and the impact of substance use. We'll focus on providing strategies parents can use to prevent risky behaviors and to talk with their children.

We'll also feature the **“Hidden in Plain Sight” Teen Mockup Bedroom**, featuring items that could be signs a teen is engaging in substance use, as well as a display of the current devices we are seeing amongst our youth.

Presenter Kristie Demirev is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and the Prevention Specialist for Lexington Public Schools' PE, Health and Wellness Dept.

- **When:** Tue, Apr 30, 7–8:00pm
- **Where:** LHS Library Media Center, rm 149

LHS and LPS Announcements



Mr. Melia Appointed as Permanent Associate Principal

Congratulations to Mr. Dan Melia, who has been made permanent in his role as Associate Principal of Lexington High School! The LHS PTO looks forward to continued collaboration as he joins Mr. Baker in becoming a permanent member of the LHS administrative team.

2024–2025 School Calendar Released

The School Committee unanimously approved a new calendar for the 2024–2025 school year, which will now include school closures for Diwali, Eid, and Lunar New Year. In addition, schools will be open for a half day on Good Friday, and the Friday before Labor Day will be a full school day, which are both changes to past practice. A full calendar with parent/teacher conference dates will be available soon. Many thanks to the Calendar Working Group for all of their efforts.

- Click [here](#) for the new calendar

LHS Community News

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next meeting:** Thu, Apr 4, 9am
- **Topic:** Meeting with the principals ([Google Meet link](#))
- **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, Apr 4, 7pm
 - **Location:** Community Center, rm 230/2
 - **Topic:** Parent panel on *Taking a Gap Year*
 - **To join the junior parent group,** [email us](#)
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Senior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meeting:** Wed, Apr 10, 9am
- **Location:** online
- **Topic:** Open discussion and Q&A
- **To join:** email [Julie Liu](mailto:Julie.Liu) with your name, email address, and the name of your senior student

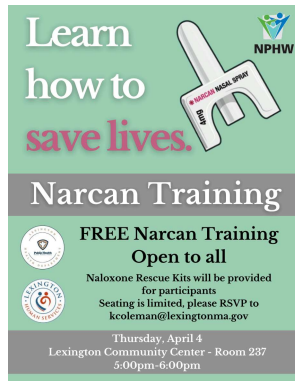
This Saturday: Broadway Star Sara Jean Ford performs in Lexington

LHS Vocal Music presents *Sara Jean Ford: An Evening with the Aging Ingenue*. Ford's Broadway credits include Christine Daaé in *The Phantom of the Opera* and Jellylorum in *CATS*. She has also toured nationally with *Wicked*.

Don't miss this Broadway legend up close!

- **When:** Sat, Apr 6, 7:00pm
- **Where:** Donald J. Gillespie Auditorium, Lexington High School
- **Read the Lexington Observer Interview** [here](#)
- **Get your tickets** [here](#)

Lexington Community News



Learn how to save lives. NPHW

Narcan Training

FREE Narcan Training
Open to all
Naloxone Rescue Kits will be provided for participants
Seating is limited, please RSVP to kcoleman@lexingtonma.gov

Thursday, April 4
Lexington Community Center - Room 237
5:00pm-6:00pm

Narcan Training: Learn how to Save Lives

SHAC (The LHS School Health Advisory Committee), Lexington Human Services and the Lexington Public Health Department have joined forces to offer free Narcan training that is open to all. Naloxone Rescue Kits (Narcan nasal spray) will be provided for participants. Seating is limited, so please [email us](#) to RSVP.

- **When:** Thu, Apr 4, 5-6pm
- **Where:** Community Center, rm 237
- **RSVP** [here](#)



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](#)



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!

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.

- Upcoming International Fun Fest
- How Art Can Inspire Civic Engagement in Kids

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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