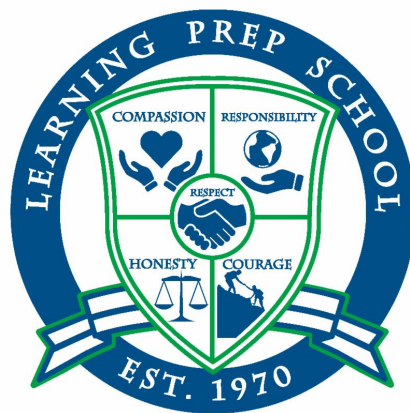


December 16, 2022



Family Newsletter



This weekly publication is designed to keep you informed on upcoming events and important reminders.

Important Dates

Wednesday, December 21: Last Day of High School Candy Cane Sale

Thursday, December 22: Middle School Ice Cream Party

Friday, December 23: Student Council Ugly Holiday Sweater Spirit Day

Friday, December 23: Early Release - Start of December Vacation, 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 3: School Reopens

Friday, January 6: Blue/Green Spirit Day

Monday, January 9: After School Program Winter Session Begins

Thursday, January 12: All-School Bake Sale

Friday, January 13: Early Release -11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 16: NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Thursday, January 19: Partners in Education (PIE) Meeting, 9:00-10:00 a.m. (virtual)

Friday, January 20: End of Term 2

Friday, January 20: High School Movie Afternoon, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 25: Speaker Series - *Autism Diagnosis in the Context of Neuropsychological Evaluation: What to Expect from a Thorough Evaluation and Interpreting Results*, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. (virtual)

Wednesday - Thursday, February 1 & 2: MCAS Biology Retest

Friday, February 3: Early Release - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, February 6: NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 9: Financial Literacy Fair

Friday, February 10: High School Early Spring Fling Dance, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 16: Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. (virtual)

Announcements & Reminders

>>> [Weekly Lunch Menu](#) <<<

After School Winter Season

Our After School Winter Season is about to kick off! The Winter After School Season will run during following dates:

::: Mondays: December 19 - March 20 ::: Tuesdays: December 20 - February 28 :::

::: Thursdays: December 22 - March 2 :::

Please contact [Luis Gaitan](#), Interim After School Program Director, with any questions about our winter after school programming at: lgaitan@learningprep.org

High School Groups

Mondays
Cooking (8th grade included)
Minecraft

Tuesdays
Anime
Pokémon Club (7th/8th Grade Included)
Interscholastic Basketball (8th Grade Included)

Thursdays
Karaoke
Boxing
Interscholastic Basketball (8th Grade Included)

Middle School Groups

Mondays
Basketball
Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays
Games

Thursdays
Minecraft

COVID-19 Winter Testing Sign-Ups

With our winter break fast approaching and many members of our community preparing to travel soon, staff and students are encouraged to test for COVID-19 at home before returning to school in January. Please fill out our [2-question form](#) to sign up your student to receive tests. Tests will go home with students next week. Please contact nurses@learningprep.org or (617) 965-0764 x1014 with any illness concerns.

Form Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSek2kOgRl7am7mcSlcUUF3aXn2O3zqBnPPP7a5D0PLzpqmXyg/viewform>

Upcoming MCAS Dates

MCAS testing is right around the corner! MCAS testing will occur during the following months:

February: Grade 9 Biology Retests

March: ELA and Math Retests, Grade 10 ELA

April: Grades 4-8 ELA and Grades 4-6 Math

May: Grade 7 & 8 Math, Grades 5 & 8 Science, Grade 10 Math

June: Grade 9 Biology

Transition Program Updates

Dual Enrollment

LPS has partnered with Landmark College to offer our seniors a chance to take an online college-level course this spring. Landmark is a college in Putney, Vermont for students who learn differently; LPS students have applied to Landmark in the past and some of our seniors are interested in pursuing a degree there, so we're very excited about this partnership!

We're offering a 3 credit Education course called Perspectives in Learning, which covers cognitive, social, emotional, and cultural dimensions of learning. We hope to learn a lot from piloting this program in the spring and potentially explore other courses we could offer in the future.

A HUGE thank you to Abby, Michelle Cuddy and Amy D. for supporting this pilot. Please don't hesitate to reach out to [Cate Wilson](#) if you have any questions, and good luck to our Dual Enrollment Seniors on taking their first college course!

Partnership with Work Inc.

Starting on January 9th, eight LPS juniors will be starting a pre-employment transition services (pre-ETS) enrichment class. Work Inc. will be sending a staff member to teach this class to these students. They will focus on 5 areas: work readiness, career exploration, self-advocacy, post-secondary planning, and community-based work experience. Thanks to Michelle Cuddy for arranging this!

Partners in Education (PIE) Meeting

Our next PIE meeting will be held virtually on *Thursday, January 19 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.*

The day your child joins Learning Prep School, and/or the day that you became a member of the school staff, you become a member of Partners In Education (PIE) at LPS. Partners In Education is an association that includes parents and staff of Learning Prep School.

The aim of PIE is to promote and enhance the character, culture, and values of the educational program offered at LPS, and to forge a unified, vibrant, caring community of support for Learning Prep School.

[Click here](#) for slides from the last PIE meeting

To join the next Zoom, [click here](#) or go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81148299301>

Speaker Series Coming Up - Wednesday, January 25

Don't miss our next virtual speaker series event, coming up *Wednesday, January 25 from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.*, featuring Dr. Natalie Noonan.

Autism Diagnosis in the Context of Neuropsychological Evaluation: What to Expect from a Thorough Evaluation and Interpreting Results.

Children on the Autism spectrum often have complex neurodevelopmental profiles. This may include a wide range of strengths and weaknesses, as well as additional diagnoses such as ADHD or Learning Disabilities. A comprehensive neuropsychological evaluation is an important step in characterizing each child's unique neurodiversity so their environment is optimized for them, and

intervention can be individualized. Neuropsychological reports can be long and dense. In this talk you will learn what to expect and look for in a thorough neuropsychological evaluation when Autism is a component of the referral question and how to interpret the results from the report.

To register, [click here](#) or visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/89453990390>

2022-2023 School Year Calendar

The full [2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#) is available [here](#).

Get Involved

The next Parent Advisory Group (PAG) meeting is:

Thursday, February 16
from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

To join, [click here](#) for the zoom link or go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89453990390>

Please [click here](#) for the minutes from the last PAG meeting.

Family Directory

Is available via DIRECTORYSPOT. To access:

-Download DirectorySpot from the app store.

-Enter your email address as the username.

-Click RESET PASSWORD

Know someone who would benefit from LPS?

If you know someone who may be looking for a place like LPS, please encourage them to attend one of our weekly, Virtual Information Sessions - encourage them to reach out to [Pat Pingeton](#)!

School Store

Here's a great way to show your Panther Pride!

Check out [The School Store](#) today!



Parent Facebook Group

To foster connections among our current LPS families we have created a private Facebook group just for you called:

LPS Panther Parents & Families Group.

[Click this link to join!](#)

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