



Family Newsletter

September 22, 2023

A 'toast' to you!



(Above) Students in Horticulture (like Ellie B., 11th) helped prepare beautiful centerpieces for our Annual Parent Breakfast. Thanks to all who participated!

Announcements

Winter Fair preparations

We are so excited to begin thinking about our annual Winter Fair, which will take place on **Friday, December 8**. Our winter fair is held during the school day to raise money for our Student Council and features games, snacks and an opportunity for students to purchase inexpensive holiday gifts for family and friends.

This year we have created an [Amazon Wish List](#) to purchase items that we usually rent to save more of the Winter Fair profits for the Student Council. Any donations of items from this list would be greatly appreciated!

We'll begin collecting gently used items for our white elephant table in early November. More event details, including the parent volunteer sign up, to come. Please email [Dawn Hurley](#) with any questions. Thank you!

PIE/PAG Meeting Dates

Below are the dates for all the PIE (Partners in Education) and PAG (Parent Advisory Group). Hope to see you there!

PIE (Partners in Education) meetings:

- 11/16/23 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 1/18/24 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 3/21/24 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 5/16/24 9-10 AM (virtual)

PAG (Parent Advisory Group) meetings:

- 10/19/23 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 12/21/23 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 2/15/24 9-10 AM (virtual)
- 4/25/24 9-10 AM (virtual)

Grade Level Parents

12th grade - Laurel Hollinden
11th grade - Kristen Koehler
10th grade - Meredith Lopez
9th grade - (Vacant, if interested please contact Amy Davis)
8th grade - Katherine Munz
7th grade - Lauren Timmons
6th grade - Christie Ward
4th/5th grade - Amy Domow

Smile! Picture Day is coming

Middle School pictures are **Wednesday, September 27** and makeup portraits for all students will be on **Thursday, September, 28**. Order forms ([attached here](#)) and payment are due on your picture day. Please bring cash or a check made out to "Susan Jessel Photography". This year students will take class pictures with their whole grade, rather than in homeroom groups. Please reach out to [Cate Wilson](#) with any questions.

Curriculum Night

Our annual event will be held on **Thursday, October 5** from 6:00-8:00 PM. All parents and guardians are welcome! Come visit your student's classrooms and meet their amazing teachers. Curriculum Night is a quick visit to each class on your

student's schedule. We will have parent conferences later in the year as well.

Grand Friends Day!

Learning Prep School is thrilled to once again celebrate Grand Friends Day - a special day dedicated to the grandparents, families, and special friends of our students. Join us on **Thursday, November 30** from 10:00-10:45 A.M and learn directly from the students how their lives have been impacted this year by LPS. Show your support on Grand Friends Day and help us raise critical funds to continue our mission of providing a safe and supportive learning environment for every student.

Due to the positive response from previous years and ability for more Grand Friends to join from across the country, we will once again be holding this event via Zoom.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Contacting the school

Our school administrative assistants are in the office 7:30am-3:15pm each school day. Please contact the main office if your student is absent or if there is anything we need to know that day, including any transportation changes.

Middle School:

Clara Caruso at ccaruso@learningprep.org or (617) 965-0764 ext. 1016

High School:

Sherika Williamson at swilliamson@learningprep.org (617) 965-0764 ext. 1100

Transportation reminders

- Please contact the main office **by 1:30pm** to notify us of any changes to your student's transportation for the day.
- If you are running late to pick up your student please call the main office at (617) 965-0764 to let us know when you will arrive.
- If your student participates in the After School Program and there are any changes to their transportation or participation plans for the day, please contact the Main Office and Marianne Verhaegen, After School Program Coordinator at mverhaegen@learningprep.org **by 1:30pm**.
- Requests to add/change persons authorized to pick up your student must be sent to the main office in writing (swilliamson@learningprep.org for high school or ccaruso@learningprep.org for middle school). This includes if your student is going home with another student for the day.

School drop off time

We have updated our calendar to reflect the student drop off time is 7:40 AM so they can go to homeroom, which is from 7:40-7:48 each day. Homeroom is an

important opportunity to settle in, get organized for the day, and have a few moments to chat with teachers and friends before Period 1, which begins at 7:50. Students arriving after 7:50am will be marked tardy. We appreciate your assistance in getting our students to school on time. Thank you!

Staples Classroom Rewards

When LPS families shop at Staples, a percentage of what is purchased goes towards Classroom Rewards, which can then be donated to any teacher who has signed up for the rewards program. It is free to participate and teachers get free stuff for their classrooms!

To participate download the Staples app and sign up for the rewards program to be able to donate. Then search Learning Prep School, and a list of teachers who have joined the rewards program will appear.

Thanks for helping our teachers!

Family Directory

The 2023-24 Family Directory is now available!

Please use the links in the most current newsletter to always have access to the most updated directory, as the link does get updated periodically throughout the year. Happy connecting!

[2023-24 Family Directory \(Excel\)](#)

[2023-24 Family Directory \(PDF\)](#)

Alumni News

We love staying connected with our Alumni so this week we polled them on social media to see what they're currently up to. We are so proud of our LPS grads!

Matthew S., Class of 2019: Station Manager and Program Director for WLMC Radio (Landmark College) and studying Film.

Sophia J., Class of 2019: Studying for Bachelor's Degree in Life Sciences

Kate W. Class of 2019: "I got a job at UMASS Hospital in Worcester as a Food Service Attendant"

Campbell M., Class of 2018: Working two part time jobs (one at HomeGoods and one helping a blind staff member with paperwork at their job)

Nick M., Class of 2018: Working at Logan Airport for United Airlines

Chris O., Class of 2018: "I'm engaged, I'm working as a lead teacher at Boston Children's Hospital Child Care Center, and I'm thriving!"

Important Dates

Monday No school, Yom Kippur
9/25

Wednesday Middle School Picture Day
9/27

Thursday Picture Day Makeups
9/28
12th Grade Overview
12:00-1:00 PM, [Zoom](#)
For families to learn about senior year at LPS

Thursday Curriculum Night (Parents/Guardians only)
10/5
6:00-8:00 PM, Middle/High School buildings

Friday Blue/Green T-shirt Day
10/6

Monday No school, Indigenous People's Day
10/9

Thursday 11th Grade Overview
10/12
12:00-1:00 PM, [Zoom](#)
For families to learn about junior year at LPS

Thursday Parental Advisory Group (PAG) meeting
10/19
9:00-10:00 AM, [Zoom](#)
All parents welcome

10th Grade Overview
12:00-1:00 PM, [Zoom](#)
For families to learn about sophomore year at LPS

Wednesday Early Release
10/25
11:00 AM

Friday
10/27

Middle School Halloween Social (grades 6,7,8)
2:45-5:00 PM

High School Costume Party (grades 9-12)
7:00-9:00 PM

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