



## Family News - Tuesday, September 19, 2017

### Upcoming Dates

**Thursday, September 21:** No School - Rosh Hashanah

**Tuesday, September 26:** Picture Day for Elementary/Middle School

**Wednesday, September 27:** Makeup Picture Day

**Wednesday, September 27- Friday, September 29:** Book Fair

**Thursday, September 28:** Admissions Open House, 10:00 AM

**Thursday, September 28:** Curriculum Night, 6:00-8:00 PM

**Thursday, October 5:** Parent Breakfast, 7:45 AM

**Monday, October 9:** No School - Columbus Day

**Thursday, October 12:** Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting, 8:00 AM; Bullying Prevention & Intervention Plan Review for Parents, 8:30 AM

**Wednesday, October 18:** All School Early Release, 11:30 AM

### *Free resources from the Library Media Center*

If you are looking for new release ebooks and audiobooks, look no further! [The Axis 360 app](#) gives readers on the go a whole new way to experience their favorite titles. With more than a million eBooks and digital audiobooks to choose from, Axis360 makes titles instantly deliverable to your device for on-the-go access. Users can enjoy titles across computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones.

To sign up for an LPS student account, simply click on "Login" in the upper right hand corner. Type in your username. Each student has a unique name. It is lps first initial last name, so Karen Makanui would be lpskmakanui. It will pull up a screen where you can register with your LPS student email.

Once you have an account, you can download the app or use the website to access ebooks and audiobooks for your commute or just for fun. Books are checked out for 14 days and automatically return, but you can renew them as many times as you'd like.

## How to access Axis 360 on a Chromebook:

The Axis 360 browser based reader allows you to read ebooks from Axis 360 in your browser without additional apps or software.

- **Step 1:** Visit [LPS library's Axis 360 Digital Collection](#)
- **Step 2:** Create an Axis 360 Account. Click on login in the upper right hand corner. Type in username = lps first initial last name (For example, Karen Makanui would be lpskmakanui). Fill in name, email, and security question. When you return, you only need your username.
- **Step 3:** Find an ebook by searching for a title or author or browsing the selection.
- **Step 4:** Click the Checkout Button.
- **Step 5:** After the page refreshes, click the Read Now in Browser button.
- **Step 6:** Begin reading your book! Click on the arrow on the right to turn the page. Hover your mouse near the top to access the menu to change the font or create a bookmark.
- **Step 7:** To save your book for offline access, use the menu on the left and select Offline Access.
- **Step 8:** Once the book saves to your browser, bookmark the browser page to easily return later.

## High School Yearbooks

2017-2018 High School Yearbooks are on now sale! Order forms already went home with students or you order online and add special features!

Two ways to order:

1. Download the [order form](#) and return to **Kaitlin Scorzella**
2. Order a yearbook [online](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Kaitlin Scorzella** at [kscorzella@learningprep.org](mailto:kscorzella@learningprep.org).



## Info about homework and staff communication

Please note that homework will not be assigned during religious holidays. If a student/family celebrates a religious holiday that is not reflected on the school calendar and which requires excusal from homework, please contact **Cynthia Manning**- HS Principal, **Amy Davis**- E/MS Principal, or your student's counselor.

Also, if you leave a voicemail message or email for any staff person, please allow 24 to 48 hours for them to return your message. Staff are typically with students or in meetings all day and do not have a chance to check their voicemail or email until the end of the day or the next

morning. If there is an emergency (i.e., something that is safety-related), and you need to reach someone immediately, please dial "0" for the receptionist, and she can put you in touch with someone who can help you.

### Who to call for What:

#### **Questions about your child in general:**

Contact your child's assigned counselor

#### **Academic concerns specific to your child's class (grades, homework, etc.):**

Contact the teacher

#### **I.E.P. questions (9th, 10th, and 11th grade):**

Michelle Cuddy, Educational Team Facilitator  
[mcuddy@learningprep.org](mailto:mcuddy@learningprep.org) or ext. 228

#### **I.E.P. questions (3rd-8th & 12th grade):**

Lynne Christensen, Educational Team Facilitator  
[lchristensen@learningprep.org](mailto:lchristensen@learningprep.org) or ext. 450

#### **Work Study/Transitional Guidance:**

Gretchen Petersen, High School Program Coordinator  
[gpetersen@learningprep.org](mailto:gpetersen@learningprep.org) or ext. 310

#### **Afterschool Program:**

Alyson Humphreys, Afterschool Coordinator  
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#### **Assistive Technology:**

Carolyn Rasta, Assistive Technology Specialist  
[crasta@learningprep.org](mailto:crasta@learningprep.org) or ext. 231

#### **Social Thinking:**

Meredith Sullivan, Social Thinking HS Coordinator  
[msullivan@learningprep.org](mailto:msullivan@learningprep.org) or ext. 311

#### **Thinking Maps:**

Cynthia Manning, HS Principal  
[cmanning@learningprep.org](mailto:cmanning@learningprep.org) or ext. 300

#### **Questions about the program, discipline issues, or other concerns:**

Cynthia Manning, HS Principal  
[cmanning@learningprep.org](mailto:cmanning@learningprep.org) or ext. 300

Amy Davis, E/MS Principal  
[adavis@learningprep.org](mailto:adavis@learningprep.org) or ext. 407

## **Elementary/Middle School Student Council News**

Middle School students held Student Council Representative elections this past Friday. Middle School students had an assembly to discuss what it takes to be a Student Council Representative; someone who is: hard-working, enthusiastic, a role model, organized and punctual. We also discussed the responsibilities for the year: gather and deliver information from/to the student body (their homeroom), help to plan exciting events and participate in student council events when possible. Students who were interested in running made posters and displayed them in their homerooms. The winners were:

- Marla's Homeroom: Lauren Bunn & Maddie DeGrechie
- Susanne's Homeroom: Jordan Payton & Tomer Diamant
- Elaine's Homeroom: Kevin MacDonald & Dan Chandler
- Margaret's Homeroom: Colin Ledoux & Eric Stoller
- Rose's Homeroom: Juan Londono & Quinn Zuraw
- Staci's Homeroom: Jayden Marshall-Jones & Jasmin Vasquez
- Susan's Homeroom: Hannah Pogoda

### Update on American Red Cross Fundraiser

Learning Prep school raised \$750.00 which was donated to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief. Many students were excited to contribute to such a great cause and enjoyed wearing their favorite Patriots gear for the day!

## Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will be held on **Thursday, September 28** from 6:00-8:00 PM. This is a wonderful chance for families to meet the staff working with their child by going through a modified schedule of their child's typical day at LPS. It is also a great opportunity to connect with other LPS families. We hope to see you there!

## Smile...it's picture time!

This year's school picture schedule is as follows:

**September 19:** Individual and homeroom pictures will be taken for grades 9, 10, 11 and week 1 seniors.

**September 26:** Individual and homeroom pictures will be taken for Elementary and Middle School students

**September 27:** Individual and homeroom pictures will be taken for week 2 seniors and the day care, make up pictures will be taken for anyone who was absent on the 19th or 26th

Order forms can be found [here](#), due on or before picture day, and should be given to your student's English teacher. Please contact **Gretchen Petersen** at 617-965-0764 x 310 or [gpetersen@learningprep.org](mailto:gpetersen@learningprep.org) with any questions.

## After School Program

Learning Prep School offers After School Programming for Elementary, Middle, and High School students and can be a wonderful addition to your child's education.

The fall session of After School Programs will run **October 16, 2017-December 14, 2017** from 2:45-4:00 PM.

Please stay tuned for program offerings!

## Parent volunteers

The Elementary/Middle School Student Council has three events throughout the school year that require parent volunteers. If you might be interested in helping out at a Book Fair (in September and April) or Field Day (in June), you will need to complete a [Criminal Offender Record Information \(C.O.R.I.\) Request form](#) and return to **Marla Jacobs** or **Katy Hannan**. Thank you for your support!

## Spread the world about Learning Prep

In the 2016/2017 school year, we saw a major increase in Open House attendance, partly because of our current families spreading the word! This year we hope to have even more families visit us so they can see first-hand the great things that happen here every day. If you know someone who may be interested in Learning Prep for their child, please encourage them to attend one of our Open House events:

**Thursday, September 28, 2017** at 10:00 AM

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017** at 10:00 AM

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017** at 10:00 AM

**Thursday, December 14, 2017** at 10:00 AM

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018** at 10:00 AM

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018** at 10:00 AM

**Thursday, March 15, 2018** at 10:00 AM

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018** at 10:00 AM

**Monday, May 14, 2018** at 10:00 AM

**Tuesday, June 5, 2018** at 10:00 AM

RSVP's appreciated to:

**Korina Martin**, Director of Admissions

617-965-0764 ext 226 or [kmartin@learningprep.org](mailto:kmartin@learningprep.org)

**Learning Prep School is an innovative school for students with language and learning disabilities. Understanding that language skills are the basis for all learning, LPS's unique curriculum integrates the teaching of language skills in all subjects.**

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