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Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, February 8: [8th Grade Parent Orientation for High School](#)

Thursday, February 9: High School Valentine's Dance

Tuesday, February 14: [Open House](#)

Monday, February 20: February Recess Begins

Yearbook to Celebrate Graduating Seniors

Dear Parents and Guardians of Graduating Seniors,

The yearbook staff would like to have a section in the yearbook this year to honor your children, the graduating students of 2017. We want to give you an opportunity to send a special and lasting message to your child in their yearbook.

To find out more on how to make sure your graduating Senior is represented, visit the [Seniors](#) page of our website.

Submissions are due **January 31**.

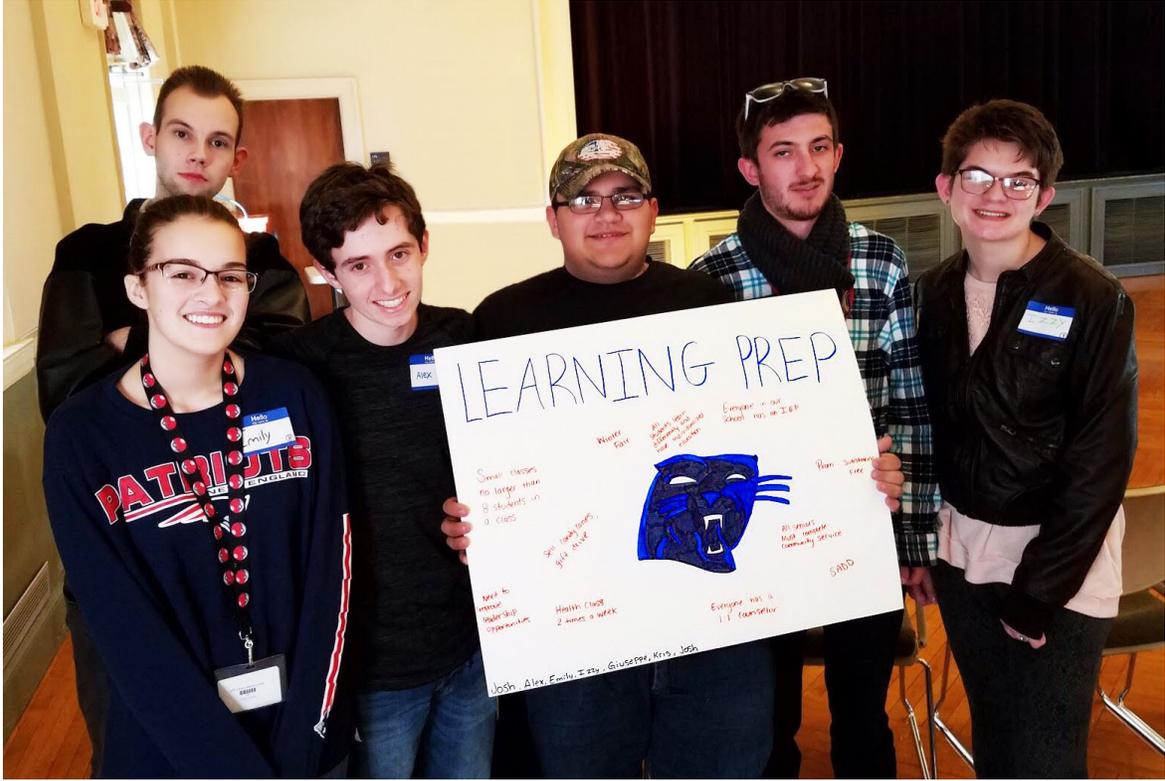
Call for Learning Prep School Board Members

The Learning Prep School Board of Directors is currently seeking up to three new members to serve on the Board beginning in March 2017. These are voluntary positions that require between 5 – 15 hours per month of service, including monthly board meetings, as well as, a charitable commitment to the school. [Click here](#) for further details of the position and applicant qualifications.

The deadline for applications has been extended through **February 17**.

Students Attend Leadership Conference

On Friday, January 13th, seven Learning Prep high school students attended the "So You're A Leader, Now What?" Leadership Conference through the [Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association](#) and the [Middlesex Partnerships for Youth](#). They, along with 50 other students from Middlesex County, participated in team building activities, leadership training, and problem solving activities. They had the opportunity to network with other students from several high schools, shared stories of who they are and what Learning Prep has done for them without hesitation or fear. Our students were given high accolades from the other schools students and staff and they strongly and proudly represented Learning Prep School.



Post-High School Fair Date Announced

Save the Date
Learning Prep School's
Post High School Fair

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

9:00–12:30

Our unique fair focuses primarily on post-high school programming for students with language-based learning disabilities and a variety of social communication challenges.

The fair is open to all Learning Prep high school parents and Junior and Senior level students.

Schedule:

Parents: The fair is open to parents from 9:00-12:30

Juniors: Will attend the fair from 9:00-10:30

Seniors: Will attend the fair from 11:00-12:30

Last Call to Order Yearbooks

If you have not purchased a yearbook yet, they are still available to order for \$40. To order, please contact **Kaitlin Scorzella** at 617-965-0764 ext. 213 or kscorzella@learningprep.org.

After School Programming

Our upcoming spring session of After School Programming will run from **March 13 - June 1**. Registration forms, along with other program information, will be available on **Friday, February 3**, in the [After School Programs](#) page of our website.

Registration deadline is **February 24**.

If you have any questions, please contact **Alyson Humphreys**, After School Director, at ahumphreys@learningprep.org.

MCAS Study Resources

As we move into spring, Learning Prep prepares for annual MCAS testing. In addition to the preparation going on within the classroom, here are some additional resources that Learning Prep staff have found to be helpful with some of our students:

1. [Sample Practice Tests](#) (all grades)
2. [Search for Past Test Questions](#) (all grades)
 - Click on "MCAS Question Search" and select the following criteria:
 - Year – all
 - Question Type – all
 - Question Set – all
 - Select the framework (ex: Framework- 2011 Mathematics)
 - Select the strand (ex: Biology HS Course)
 - Select whatever topic practice questions you prefer (ex: Cell Biology)
 - Click "Get Results"
3. [Practice Math Quizzes](#) (all grades)
4. Prep Books for 10th Grade Mathematics:
 - The [Best Test Preparation](#) for the MCAS Grade 10 Mathematics
 - Cracking the [MCAS Grade 10 Math](#)
 - Barron's [MCAS in Math](#)

Special Olympics Basketball

Our Junior Special Olympics Basketball season is officially underway! Come cheer on your Elementary and Middle School classmates by attending one of our games:

Sunday, February 5 at 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. at Milton Academy, Milton, MA

Sunday, February 11 at (Time T.B.D.) at Yawkey Sports Training Center, Marlborough, MA

Sunday, March 5 (Time T.B.D.) at Fay/St Mark's School,
Southborough, MA

Wednesday, March 8 at 12:30 P.M. at Learning Prep School

If you have any questions, please contact Coach **Alyson Humphreys** at ahumphreys@learningprep.org, or our organizer, **Katya Farrell** at katyagard@gmail.com.

Chromebook Initiative for High School

Learning Prep is excited to announce that on February 1st, Lenovo Google Chromebooks will be distributed to all 11th and 12th grade students. All High School students will now have their own device for use during the day and which is sent home with them at night for homework completion.

We look forward to the integration of digital curricula and technology instruction in our classrooms as we continue to prepare our students for success. Students will learn technology skills through regular use in their classrooms. This model, also known as a "classroom integration" model, is used in many high schools today. Designed to help students generalize technology skills into all areas, this model allows every teacher to reinforce skills on a daily basis.

As with all other school technology, our [Acceptable Use Policy](#) applies to Google Chromebooks. Students receive guidance in following this policy successfully through the support of our counseling staff and teachers. A Chromebook monitoring system called [GoGuardian](#) is in place, allowing staff to view student activity on their device, while filtering specific, identified content. For families with concern over appropriate student access to the Internet through school devices, we recommend the use of the devices in a visible area of the home. Please contact your child's counselor and/or consult the [Acceptable Use Policy](#) for more information.

Summer Program / Extended Year Program

Learning Prep School Summer Program/ Extended Year Program (often referred to as E.Y.P.) is a program designed to maintain progress and prevent substantial regression through structured educational and social experiences. The program is modeled after the regular Learning Prep School program but includes activities to provide a "camp-like" feel. The 4-week program will run Monday through

Thursday from 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. starting **Monday, July 10 - Thursday, August 3**. The program is open to any student who is enrolled at Learning Prep School, entering grades 3-8 for Elementary/Middle School and entering grades 9-12 for High School. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Spread the word about Learning Prep School

Here at Learning Prep, we know current families are our best ambassadors. If you know a child that may benefit from a Learning Prep School education, please share our upcoming Open House dates!

Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 AM

Thursday, March 16 at 10:00 AM

Thursday, April 13 at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, May 24 at 10:00 AM

Thursday, June 8 at 10:00 AM

If you have any questions, please contact **Korina Martin**, Director of Admissions at [617-965-0764 ext. 226](tel:617-965-0764) or kmartin@learningprep.org.

Reporting Absences & Transportation Changes

A friendly reminder on how to report your child's absence or change of transportation:

Elementary & Middle School: Parents/Guardians must inform the school of all student absences no later than 8:30 A.M. by calling **Clara Caruso** at [617-965-0764 ext. 411](tel:617-965-0764). For absences to be considered "excused", please submit documentation to student resources no later than three school days after the student's return from the absence. Any changes of transportation should be submitted in writing to ccaruso@learningprep.org.

High School: Parents/Guardians must inform the school of all student absences no later than 8:30 A.M. by calling the Absentee Line at [617-965-0764 ext. 111](tel:617-965-0764). Work/Study students must call their work/study coordinator between 7:30-8:30 A.M. if the absence occurs on their work week. For absences to be considered "excused", please submit documentation to student resources no later than three school days after the student's return from the absence. Any changes of

transportation should be submitted in writing to
transportation@learningprep.org.

For more information or to review the attendance and transportation policy in full: [Elementary/Middle School Policies & Procedures](#), page 4 or [High School Policies & Procedures](#), page 8.

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

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