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From the Office of Principal Tom Gwin

You probably know friends or family members who have been severely impacted by the current economic crisis. We all have been affected in one way or another. With the loss of state aid to towns on the horizon and shrinking revenues from municipal taxes and other town fees, Winchester is feeling the effects of this recession. All municipal departments have been asked to make reductions for the current fiscal year. Positions created from attrition in the police, fire, and DPW departments are not being filled. The school department went into a budget freeze before vacation. Except for critical curriculum material or safety/security necessities, we can no longer make purchases. Of course, if a teacher left before the year was over, we would fill the vacancy.

The school committee has approved a 5.74% increase in the school budget for FY 10 that gives the high school slight increases in staffing, materials and equipment expenses. However the 5.74% increase will be subject to reductions as the budget process continues and we find out about decreases in state aid and projections for town revenue. I am hopeful that a new Presidency and the potential benefits of a stimulus package will bring stability to the current situation. WFEE, Stand for Children, and the Winchester Parents Interscholar Council will be hosting a forum on education funding called *Keeping Schools Strong in Challenging Times* on Monday, February 9 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Lincoln School auditorium. Superintendent McAlduff, State Representative Lewis, and representatives from the Governor's office, the School Committee, and the Board of Selectmen will speak. This will be an excellent opportunity to see how the current economic situation may affect our school district.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Every student, at the beginning of this school year, was issued their own identification card. It is imperative that every student carry their card, it is now used for library book access, the cafeteria and attendance. If the card has been lost or misplaced, the student may purchase another card at the cost of five dollars. Please see Mrs. Gustin in the main office for details.

OFF CAMPUS: Parents are reminded that Senior and Junior privileges (open ends and lunch) are as follows: Seniors who have open end privileges are only allowed to arrive at school or leave school for one period at the beginning or the end of the day. Additionally, lunch privileges are limited to the lunch period that the student is assigned. They do not include any class or assigned academic block (study hall) during the lunch periods.

Junior lunch privileges are only for the lunch period that they are assigned and not the entire lunch block from 11:21 ~ 1:03. Juniors must attend assigned classes or study halls during the lunch block. Failure to follow school policy for these privileges could result in forfeiture of these privileges. Any student who leaves campus without permission will be suspended.

MESSAGE FROM SRO RUSSO

PERSONAL PROPERTY AND VALUABLES: The High School Administration strongly discourages students from bringing excess money or valuable items to school. Likewise excess money or valuable items should not be stored in the lockers. Under NO circumstances does the Town of Winchester, Winchester High School, the Administration, or its staff assume any liability for personal possessions brought to school.

Dear Parents,

The Library Long Term Planning Committee recently sent to you a survey regarding your child's school library. If you have already responded to this survey, thank you. If not, we would like to ask again for you to take a few minutes to respond. Your input is essential to our planning process. We need more responses than have been returned so far. Please help us plan for and improve our school libraries. You may find the survey at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=zi3XulhYyQ3_2beAYfMU0S4w_3d_3d

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Verdicchio (s.verdicchio@gmail.com)

2008-2009 WHS Student Directory - The Winchester High School Student Directories are in!

Ever wanted a quick and easy way to find the names, phone numbers and addresses of Winchester High School classmates and families? If so, now is your chance to purchase a Winchester High School Directory for only \$5.00!

To purchase a directory contact the parent class representative for your child's class (listed below). Each parent rep has a supply of directories and some will be available at the WHS Student Store. But don't delay, supplies are limited.

Heidi Star, heidi@stardev.com

Freshman Class of 2012 - Paula Gallagher, paula01890@yahoo.com

Sophomore Class of 2011 - Mary Doherty, olsen_philip@hotmail.com

Junior Class of 2010 - Ellen Fador, emf79@comcast.net

Senior Class of 2009 - Anne Sharp, sharp0508@hotmail.com

Winchester High School Students Connecting With Community and Technology

For the last few months, the computer technology students at Winchester High School have been investing their creative energies into web site designs, Photoshop graphics and computer animation.

The web design courses are focused on giving students understanding of webpage design, HTML code and the integration of sound, graphics and animations to these pages.

Web students have also had the benefit of local business owners who have offered their business concepts up for a design. This will give the students an opportunity to apply their design skills to an actual business projects.

Computer animation students have been working diligently with the graphics program Flash. This program allows students to develop planned, creative animations which express creative stories and unique character development. The course allows students to develop animation story ideas and enhance their creative vision with the Flash program.

Students in the Info Processing course have used the internet to track and monitor the stock market. Students played a "stock game" which enabled them to spend \$10,000 and then monitor their chosen stocks over a month long period. Students used this data to chart the variations of the stock market and this experience provided a broad scope and understanding of how the market works on a daily basis.

In an exciting course called sports marketing, students have learned the process of developing a product for which they then create a dynamic marketing plan. Students develop a strong knowledge of product awareness, promotion techniques, logo design and adequate pricing for their chosen market.

The computer technology courses at Winchester High School are critical to development of computer literacy skills. Students develop technology skills which assist their learning on the high school level as well as prepare them for the knowledge of technology required for college research. Daniel Downs, the computer technology teacher at WHS, urges all members of the business community to contact the department for any needs or to just come in and connect with students in the subject areas of business development, web design, computer graphics and animation. Daniel Downs can be reached at d downs@winchester.k12.ma.us or 781-721-7020 ext.1907.

From PFA Co-President, Carol Cashion

By the time this newsletter reaches your Inbox, WHS students will be finishing their mid-term exams and diving into the second half of the academic year. It's a good time for both parents and students to pause, look back at the first semester's academic successes or challenges and look ahead to doing even stronger work in the months ahead. The PFA believes that the more parents know about the academic program at WHS, the better they can help their students set academic goals and realize them.

At our next meeting on February 4th, we will welcome Science Department Director Michael Marchand to talk with us about curriculum, teaching and learning in the sciences at WHS. What are the goals of science education at WHS? How has the science sequence changed in the past few years? What effect have the block schedule and MCAS had on science courses? How can I help my student make good choices at course selection time? Mr. Marchand will address these questions and any others you wish to bring, so please plan on attending.

Stay warm, and we hope to see you on Wednesday evening, February 4.

The next PFA Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:30 pm in the WHS Library

WHS PFA Direct Appeal / 2008-2009

It's not too late to give as we are still short of our budget for the year! The Board of the WHS Parent Faulty Association would like to thank the 357 WHS families who have contributed to the Direct Appeal thus far. If you haven't yet contributed, please consider doing so now. Your generous contributions are used to continue to cover the cost of many important programs and supplies for WHS students and teachers not included in the WHS budget, by providing grants to academic departments and the school library, and to support many extracurricular, enrichment, and support programs for students.

Although a contribution of any amount is truly appreciated, the PFA asks that each family consider making a one-time donation for this school year of \$75.00 or more.

As always, you can contribute by mailing a check made payable to WHS PFA to Joanne O'Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890.

For additional information, please contact Joanne O'Donnell at pfodonnell@verizon.net. Thank you!

Name of WHS Student(s) _____

Grade(s) _____

Amount of Contribution \$75 _____ \$100 _____ \$125 _____ Other _____

Please make checks payable to the WHS PFA and send to **Joanne O'Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890.**

Thank you!

CLASS NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL WHS STUDENTS

The **Junior Class** will be partnering with **KAPLAN** to offer a **SAT Practice Exam** at Winchester High School on Saturday, February 28th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. There will be a \$10.00 fee at the door for this Class Fundraiser. Parents and Students are invited to WHS on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. for test score reports. Registering for this event is not required but it is recommended. You can register by calling **1-800-KAP-TEST** or going on line at **kaptest.com**.

Class of 2010 upcoming events: February 6, 2009 Class Semi at Winchester Town Hall and on Friday, February 13th the Annual Valentine Bake Sale. Keep your eyes and ears opened for future announcements, flyers and e-mails on these events.

Message from the Senior Class

As the Class of 2009 enters the final semester at Winchester High School, we look forward to the many exciting upcoming events that will lead us into Spring. The annual *Mr. WHS* competition will take place Sunday, March 29 at 7:00 in the high school auditorium. Those who would like to be contestants can sign up with Mrs. Branley in the main office from Tuesday, January 27 through Thursday, January 29.

Our final major fundraiser before Senior Week will be a class dinner the evening of Thursday, April 30. Following the dinner, there will be a brief parents meeting regarding Senior Week and then a movie night for the seniors.

Also, new student directories for WHS are out in print. If you would like to purchase one, contact Anne Sharp (sharp0508@hotmail.com). These directories will be especially helpful when the time comes to plan graduation parties.

We are looking forward to a wonderful final semester at WHS!

The Guide - Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department

Selective Service Registration

A recent mailing from the Selective Service System's District of Massachusetts office requested that male students be informed of their responsibility to register for Selective Service. The letter states that, "By registering, the student maintains his eligibility for student loans, federally funded vocational training programs, and Civil Service employment opportunities." It explains, "By not registering, he is in violation of the law." The Guidance Department is alerting parents of male students 18 years of age or older, who may be applying for federally-sponsored financial aid programs, that the student must register for Selective Service. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance) asks whether the student has registered with Selective Service. The student becomes ineligible for financial aid if he has not registered. A student may register for Selective Service online at: www.sss.gov.

**Winchester Scholarship Foundation Applications are available in the Guidance Department.
Applications are due to Karen Roberts, WSF Chairperson, no later than May 15, 2009.**

Making Your College Search Count!

Junior students will attend a workshop on February 5th hosted by the Guidance Department. A representative from Making It Count will provide students with crucial information on how to conduct an effective college search and selection. The program will cover every aspect of the college search from visiting schools to the application process. Students will also be provided with a working plan that makes the process of choosing a college more manageable.

Phillips Andover Academy Summer Opportunities Fair

Sunday, February 8, 2009

The 19th annual 2009 Summer Opportunities Annual Fair will take place on Sunday, February 8, 2009 in the Case Memorial Cage, located off Route 28 near the intersection of Salem Street on the Phillips Academy campus in Andover, Massachusetts.

The fair will be open to the public from noon to 2 p.m. From 11 a.m. to noon the fair will be open exclusively for Phillips

Academy students. Admission is free and the facility is wheelchair-accessible. This event is sponsored by the Phillips Academy Summer Opportunities Office and the Parents of Students of Phillips Academy (PSPA).

Representatives from more than 80 local, national and international summer opportunities programs, as well as interim year programs, will be available to talk with interested students and their families. This unique fair offers a wide range of programs that focus on interim year, academic enrichment, outdoor adventure, international homestay, travel, internships, community service, camps, arts, sports and more for middle school and high school students.

For more information, call the Summer Opportunities Office at 978-749-4480 or visit www.andover.edu/summerops/fair.

Connect & Commit Service Club Meets Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the WHS Library

You can sign up for the opportunities listed below at the weekly meetings or in the Connect and Commit office. If you have questions about Connect and Commit, visit Kristen Ritchie, Program Director, in the Connect and Commit Office, or contact Kristen via email kritchie@winchester.k12.ma.us or via phone 781-721-7020 x1999.

Opportunities in February

Tuesday February 3rd 6:30-7:30pm

The Connect & Commit Club will be hosting Andrew Kurban from the Medical Missions for Children organization. He has recently returned from his latest trip and will share stories of his experiences and share ways in which Winchester High School can become involved as well.

Sunday February 8th 1-4pm

Teenlife Boston Community Service Fair, Chestnut Hill Mall

Meet with representatives from over 40 non-profits in Greater Boston that welcome the involvement of middle and/or high school students. Attendance is free! All pre-registered students will receive a special gift bag when you check in at the registration table so register today at www.teenlifeboston.com

Saturday February 14th

Little Brothers- Friends of the Elderly- 3305 Washington St. Jamaica Plain

Show some love to the elderly on Valentines Day by serving lunch at Little Brothers. This organization is dedicated to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly and also has ongoing volunteer opportunities if you are interested in spending more time with this unique organization.

Tuesday-Friday February 17-20th

City Year For Kids Vacation Program

Volunteer to assist City Year with its vacation program providing a safe, affordable and fun place for students in grades 1-5 during school vacation. A typical day includes educational and recreational activities, arts & crafts, teambuilding games, and a variety of other projects. Ask Ms. Ritchie for more information or contact

cvfkoston@cityyear.org

Saturday February 21st

City Year Service Day

Join City Year for a day of service. City Year is an Americorps program that allows 17-24 year olds to commit a year of their lives to full time service in communities all over the nation. More information to follow.

Saturday February 28th

IMEC

Volunteer to organize, clean and package medical equipment for IMEC. IMEC is a non-profit, volunteer-based, organization whose mission is to provide doctors in developing countries with quality medical equipment to improve health care for the poor. For the past 14 years, IMEC has worked with over sixty other humanitarian organizations to revitalize hundreds of existing, impoverished hospitals with donated surplus medical equipment and supplies that are organized into complete medical departments, delivering them to over seventy countries around the world.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Assistant Coach & Sports Mentor

Muraco School

Assist Ms. Ferullo in her after school sports program at the Muraco School. It runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30-4pm with about 20 students each day. If you love sports this is a great opportunity to volunteer doing something you really enjoy.

Shoveling Snow

There are several people in need of assistance this winter shoveling snow. Help out a neighbor in need the next time it snows. Many seniors in town need to shovel their walkways to allow visiting nurses access to their homes to provide care. You would be providing an enormous help to them. If you are interested, please sign up with Ms. Ritchie in the C&C office.

Samariteens

The Samariteens is part of the Samaritans of Boston. It is dedicated specifically to the prevention of suicide among teens. Begun in 1986, this teen help line provides confidential peer support and understanding to teens who are struggling with feelings of depression, loneliness and stress. From 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends, this service is staffed by volunteers between the ages of 15 and 18; outside those hours, calls are answered by adult volunteers. There are a million reasons to feel alone. Samariteens are available to talk about any of them. Callers to the Samariteen helpline do not have to be feeling suicidal, and most callers are not. Each year, more than 5,000 callers receive support, respect, acceptance and tolerance – for whatever reason they call. S

Bikes Not Bombs

Every Wednesday night 7-10pm.

Get your hands dirty with a wrench, flattening bikes to prepare them for international shipment, stripping bikes for parts, or sorting used parts. Sometimes special projects will come up on Wednesday nights, such as large mailings, carpentry, banner-making for events, etc. Anyone is welcome to drop in to the [Bikes Not Bombs Hub](#) between 7pm and 10pm, on every Wednesday night (barring special events and holidays). A supervisor will show you what to do, and no experience is required. BNB provides community-based education and assists development projects with recycled bicycles, related technologies and technical assistance, as concrete alternatives to the militarism, over-consumption & inequality that breed war and environmental destruction. Our organization is part of a worldwide movement for peace and responsible stewardship of the earth.

Winchester Youth Center - 458R Main Street, Winchester MA 01890, 781-721-0906, www.winyc.com

SUPPORT THE WYC PEER LEADERS' APRIL VACATION HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TRIP

During April vacation 20 of the WYC Peer Leaders will be participating in our 4th annual Habitat for Humanity trip. We will be traveling to the Eastern Shore of Virginia to complete a week-long service-learning experience of building homes for families in need. We are currently working toward fundraising 100% of the expenses for our trip including a \$2300 donation to the Habitat affiliate and Habitat for Humanity International. Please contact us if you would like to make a donation toward this amazing service-learning experience. Proceeds from all of the following fundraising efforts will benefit our trip:

Raffle tickets - Buy your \$15 tickets for the chance to win: iPod Touch; GPS Navigation System; \$100 iTunes Gift Card
The drawing will be held on April 5th Contact the WYC for more information

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS - Join SSA, the WYC's Peer Education group!

We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00. In February we will meet on the 10th and 24th. We are currently focusing our attention on the issues of body image, drinking & driving, hunger & homelessness, and sexual health. Come to a meeting to learn more and find out how you can help spread awareness about these important issues.

SCHOOL RELATED NEWS AND EVENTS

*****PARENT CONVERSATIONS*** EARLY THIS MONTH! MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 9AM** - We are looking forward to a visit from VP Mochri or VP Chatman See you then! Main Office, Conference Room Refreshments served

SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC EVENTS

General Business Meeting / EYP Info.

Join us on Monday, **February 2, 7-9 pm at the McCall Middle School Library** for our 2nd business meeting of the year to discuss items of interest. Winchester's EYP will be discussed at length. Questions? Contact winspedpac@verizon.net.

The State of Winchester's Special Education

Join us on **Thursday, February 26, 7-9 pm at the McCall Middle School Library** for this annual program with Winchester's Superintendent of Schools, Bill McAlduff and Linda Stapp, Director of Pupil Services, who will talk about what is new with special education in Winchester. Opportunity for Q & A will follow. Questions? Contact winspedpac@verizon.net.

SAVE THE DATE *** PARTY FOR THE ARTS *** SAVE THE DATE

This year's Party for the Arts, UN STILL LIFE, will be hosted by the Winchester Friends of Art on March 28, 2009 at the Sanborn House. Please join us for a lively event filled with student art work, a silent auction (including local artists' work, a variety of items and services), refreshments, live music and dancing! The PARTY celebrates and supports the visual arts program in the Winchester Public Schools. Student reception (free) - 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Evening party (21+) - 8:00pm-11:00pm. Tickets will be available after March 1, 2009 at Bookends, contact winchesterfoa@hotmail.com (\$35 in advance) or at the door (\$40).

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES FACING OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM? IS YOUR TIME SHORT? - WINCHESTER EDUCATION FUNDING FORUM

Keeping Schools Strong in Challenging Times Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7 PM Lincoln Auditorium

What challenges, both fiscal and physical, are our schools facing as our enrollment continues to grow in these economically difficult times? What can we do to be sure Winchester students are prepared for college and beyond in today's technologically complex and globally competitive world? What is the vision of our town government for our schools, and what help can the state provide?

Meet our speakers: Superintendent of Schools William McAlduff, School Committee Member Sarah Girotti, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Roger Berman, Director of Policy Office of the Governor's Special Advisor for Education Michele Norman, and State Representative Jason Lewis.

Come be part of the discussion, jointly sponsored by Stand for Children, Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence, and the Parents' Interschool Council.

PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS: A Community Dialogue: Parenting in an "Oversexualized, On-line, In-Your-Face World*" Join us for an interactive discussion featuring Sharon Maxwell, Ph.D., clinical psychologist, and Rick Irving, LICSW, with an introduction by Superintendent William McAlduff. Sharon Maxwell is an author and educator who specializes in talking to kids about sexuality and has worked with numerous communities and school systems. She recently published a breakthrough guide for parents: *The Talk: What Your Kids Need to Hear From You About Sex** Penguin Books 2008. Rick Irving, LICSW, is a social worker in the Andover Public Schools and has a private practice in Winchester, working with children and families.

Together, the speakers will address the challenges parents face raising children in today's seemingly overwhelming culture. The speakers will cover how parents can develop and maintain open lines of communication with their children, provide guidelines for creating safe online communication, and respond to questions from the audience on ways to answer and reassure children when they are faced with complicated situations and information.

Monday, February 2, 2009, 7:00-9:00 PM, McCall Middle School Auditorium

WFEE NEWS: THE TRIVIA BEE

It's NOT just for adults anymore! Have you heard the buzz? The WFEE Trivia Bee is almost here and it is bigger and better than ever! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 4th, and plan to cheer on our newest participants, fifth graders from each school who will kick off the Bee with one round of questions. Students will volunteer for the teams; if we have more than 3 volunteers per school the final team will be chosen by lot.

Of course, we still need adult participants and invite you to gather a team of three adults to join our Trivia Masters! Registration forms are available on our website, wfee.org. Send your registration with your tax-deductible donation (\$300 entrance fee) payable to WFEE. Friends, neighbors and co-workers are often happy to contribute as team sponsors. Let us know if you don't want to play but are interested in sponsoring a team. Remember, many employers have matching gift programs which can double your contribution.

Don't delay, the registration deadline is Wednesday, January 28th! The Bee is Wednesday, February 4th, 7:00-9:30pm, Town Hall. For more information, contact Genny Soper at 781-721-2562 or gsoper@verizon.net

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE WINCHESTER MULTICULTURAL NETWORK'S INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS offers conversation groups for those who would like to practice English conversation skills. The groups start up again the week following February vacation and are scheduled for Monday morning (at Muraco School), Tuesday morning (at the First Congregational Church) and Wednesday evening (First Congregational Church.) Please call Liz Sayre at 781-729-9242 or email office@wmcn.org to sign up and get information about times.

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: AN ENGAGING, HANDS-ON, INTERACTIVE TIMELINE

February 10, 2009 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Griffin Museum, 65 Shore Road, Winchester

Join the Winchester Multicultural Network for this program that uses the Timeline as a way of enriching understanding of the Black American experience and to gain a deeper appreciation of the contributions of African Americans to America since her founding. With a 15-foot-long Timeline, playing pieces and active audience participation, significant events in Black American life are explored, highlighted and placed in context against 400 years of history. Trainers: Vincent Licenziato and Andy Towlen, Culture Coach International, Inc. All are welcome. This is a free event.

STUDIO ART CLASSES IN PAINTING AND DRAWING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Small group studio classes in drawing and painting in Winchester are being offered by former Winchester High School art teacher and Director of Art, David Ardito.

The **Spring term** of art classes at the Sanborn Cultural Center on High Street in Winchester will start in March and will run through May, 2009. There will be a total of 10 class meetings in each term and classes are held on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Class size will be limited to 6 students. Instruction will include **drawing and painting from the live model** with an emphasis on the development of observational drawing and painting skills and also on expressive drawing and painting techniques. There will also be opportunities for students to develop their **creative portfolios for college admission** and instruction will include portfolio assessment and counseling. Classes are offered on a first come, first serve basis and juniors and seniors will receive priority over underclassmen. David Ardito is an artist with thirty-five years art teaching experience at the secondary level, most recently for nineteen years at Winchester High School. He was the K-12 Director of Art for Winchester Public Schools for nineteen years and is currently a Visiting Associate Professor in the Art Education Department at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston. For David Ardito's resume, a registration form and for more information about fees and curriculum please email David at vdpa@yaho.com or david.ardito@massart.edu or call 781 910 7119.

THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Our preschool classrooms are located at the Lynch Elementary School. For the 2009-2010 school year, we are offering three program options: Full Day Programs for 3-4 year olds and 4-5 year olds, M - F 8:45 - 2:15 p.m. Morning Programs for 3-4 year olds and 4-5 year olds, M - F 8:45 - 11:30 a.m. Afternoon Program for 3-5 year olds, M - F 12:00 - 2:45 p.m. If you would like an application please contact the Preschool Office at 781-721-7015. Applications are due on January 30th at 11:30 a.m. in order to be eligible for a lottery process to fill available slots.

EXCITING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE NORTH SUBURBAN YMCA - Y not have your next birthday party at the North Suburban YMCA? *Princess Parties *Splash Parties *Dance Parties *Gym Parties *Rock Climbing Parties *Tumbling Parties All parties include your own personal party assistant to run activities with the children, set up and clean up after your party. Gym parties, Splash parties, and Rock Climbing parties are limited to 12 guests unless you receive prior written approval. For more information or to reserve a date contact Sheri Kovalchek at 781-935-3270 ext 204 or skovalchek@ymcaboston.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE NORTH SUBURBAN YMCA - Saturday, January 17th 4:00 to 6:00pm Winter Wonderland Face painting, winter crafts, hot chocolate, games, and more! Family members: Free Non-members: \$10/family Non-member: \$20/family **Friday, January 30th 5:00 to 9:00pm Parents Night Out** Let the Y take care of your child(ren) while you enjoy a night out! Family Members: Free Non-members: \$25 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child **Saturday, February 14th Valentine's Day At The YMCA 5:00 to 9:00pm (ages 0 to 5 years) 5:00 to 10:00pm (ages 5 years and up)** Calling all kids!! Come celebrate Valentine's Day at the YMCA. Warm the hearts of all your loved ones by making a valentine for them along with other fun crafts. What better to do, then come to the YMCA to enjoy fun, friends and food? Family Members: flat rate of \$25/family Non-members: \$25.00 per family for up to 3 children, \$12.50 per additional child **Friday, February 27th 5:00 to 9:00pm Parents Night Out** Let the Y take care of your child(ren) while you enjoy a night out! Family Members: Free Non-members: \$25 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child