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PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ NOVEMBER 2008

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From the Office of Principal Tom Gwin

This is my thirty-third year in this business and I've seen countless school assembly programs but nothing as powerful and compelling as Rachel's Challenge. The students, teachers, parents, and community members that saw the program were completely tuned into the production. I've never seen a more focused student audience at a school assembly. Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. The program emphasized Rachel's acts of kindness and compassion at Columbine High against the backdrop of the Columbine shooting tragedy. The program presented five important challenges to students:

- Look for the best in others and eliminate prejudices
- Dare to dream, write out your goals, and keep a journal
- Choose positive influences; input can determine output
- Do small acts of kindness as they can reap huge benefits
- Start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion

The program included the following bit of research into setting goals. A study completed at Harvard University revealed that in 1979, 3% of the student body wrote out their goals. In 1989, the 3% that wrote out their goals were making ten times as much money as the other 97% combined. The 3% were also impacting the world around them in a very significant way. (I immediately wrote down my goals!)

Rachel's Challenge will reinforce the Climate (school climate) Control training that has been taking place in the school. Twenty-four students have completed the three day training intensive and are now ready to facilitate a larger scale (about 65 students) Climate Control event like we had last May. There will be two of these larger scale trainings on November 7 and February 27. When those trainings are complete, about 200 students will have experienced this kind of leadership development training. Our plan is to expose this kind of training to as many students and staff members as possible with the ultimate goal of creating a stronger school environment where every student feels safe, cared for, and celebrated. The faculty will participate in the same kind of training during the early release day in December.

Statistic of the Month: Spring, 2008 MCAS Scores

Grade and Subject	Advanced/ Above Proficient %		Proficient %		Needs Improvement %		Warning/ Failing %		Students Included
	SCHOOL	STATE	SCHOOL	STATE	SCHOOL	STATE	SCHOOL	STATE	
GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	63	23	32	51	4	21	0	4	272
GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS	71	43	21	29	7	19	1	9	271
GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	31	14	57	43	10	31	2	12	257

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

PARENTS: Please remind your student/s to carry their identification cards. These cards are used for library book access, the cafeteria and for their attendance.

VISITORS: All visitors to the high school, including parents, must check in and sign a Visitors Log in the Main Office. All visitors must wear a visitor's name tag. Individuals who do not attend Winchester High School or are not on official business but are on the school grounds or in the school building will be treated as trespassers. This offense is a violation of the General Laws of the Commonwealth and carries a fine and/or imprisonment. Police will be notified.

SENIORS: If a Senior in Good Standing is scheduled for an Academic Block either first or last block, they may come to school at the close of first block or leave school at the beginning of last block. **PRIVILEGES DO NOT INCLUDE ACADEMIC BLOCKS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY** i.e. if you have an academic block before or after lunch, you must attend that academic block. Leaving school without permission is subject to suspension.

MESSAGE FROM SRO RUSSO

When dropping off or picking up your student in the front of the school, please pull as far forward and to the right as possible. Please do not park at the mouth of the driveway as this causes congestion on Skillings Road. The fire lane and emergency exit door area number 33, is also a "no parking zone", temporary cones will be placed in this area ~ please adhere to this rule. Also, please allow extra time during poor winter weather conditions. Your cooperation and assistance will greatly improve the free flow of traffic.

Math Peer Tutoring Lab Now Open!

Is your son/daughter struggling with math? Or would they just like some help with their math homework? If so, they can visit the Math Tutoring Center in the math open area during their academic blocks (study halls). Students can get a pass from their math teacher, or they can see Ms. Donovan in the Math Department for a drop-in pass. If you need any further information, please feel free to email Ms. Donovan at: adonovan@winchester.k12.ma.us

MUSIC DEPARTMENT - SAVE THE DATES

- **Sunday, November 2, 6-8 PM Friends of Music fundraiser Crate and Barrel -Burlington Mall** The Friends of Music is holding its fun-filled fundraising benefit on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the stand-alone Crate and Barrel store at Burlington Mall. (PLEASE SEE FULL PAGE FLYER AT END OF NEWSLETTER.)
- **Sunday, November 23, 3PM Mission of Deeds fundraiser St. Mary’s Church, Winchester** The 80 member Scituate High School Chorus, William Richter, Director, will join the WHS Symphony for a joint performance of Schubert’s Mass in G on Sunday, November 23, at St. Mary’s Church in Winchester. This event is a fundraiser for the Mission of Deeds.
- **November 1, 7:30 pm Fall A Cappella Fest (WHS Octets & Chamber Singers) Town Hall Auditorium**
- **WHS ensembles to perform November 11, 9:00 am Veterans Day Parade**
- **Marching Band November 22 Senior District Festival Auditions Peabody**

CLASS NEWS

The **"PIE GUYS AND GALS"** are BACK!!!

The WHS Senior Class of '09' is holding their 4th Annual (and Final) Wilson Farm Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser!!!! This year's pie choices include Pumpkin, Lemon Meringue, Apple Hi-Pie, Boston Cream, Southern Pecan and Blueberry Hi-Pie. All pies will be sold for \$12.00 and must be ordered by Wednesday Nov. 12!! Pick up will be on Tuesday, Nov. 25 in the high school cafeteria between 2:30 and 5:00 pm. Order forms are available in this newsletter and at the Main Office. Please order your pies early and support your favorite Senior!!! All proceeds will support our end of the year activities. Thank you!!

Winchester HS SENIOR Class Wilson Farm Pie Fundraiser

Interested in buying dessert for Thanksgiving or buying some pies? The WHS Senior Class is taking orders from **Wilson Farms**. You have an option of 6 pies to choose from. They are:

1. **Pumpkin** (Thaw and Serve)
2. **Lemon Meringue** (Thaw and Serve)
3. **Apple Hi-Pie**
4. **Boston Cream** (Thaw and Serve)
5. **Southern Pecan** (Thaw and Serve)
6. **Blueberry Hi-Pie**

Price: \$12.00 per pie.

Payment: If paying by check, then please make the check out to WHS Class of 2009. Send order form with money to Tim Mitropoulos, 16 York Road or you can drop it off in the main office of the high school. Last day for orders will be Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Pick Up: Pick up pies on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at the High School cafeteria from 2:30 to 5:00 pm.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to deliver any pies that are not picked up.

ORDER FORM

Name: _____ **Phone#** _____

Kind of Pies	Number
Pumpkin	_____
Lemon Meringue	_____
Apple Hi-Pies	_____
Boston Cream	_____
Southern Pecan	_____
Blueberry Hi-Pie	_____

Total # of pies: _____ **Total Price:** _____

From the PFA Co-President Caren Connelly, caren.connelly@gmail.com

No matter what the calendar says, November winds often herald the start of another New England winter. Ours is not a skiing family, so that can lead to a sense of gloom or at least a bit of whining at my house. But this year there is a different feel in the air. One reason is the incredibly positive things going on at WHS.

In October all of the students and many parents saw the program Rachel’s Challenge, the story of the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Rachel was a girl like many at WHS – caring, compassionate and determined to make a difference in the world. Her diaries, found after her death, urge all of us to go out of our way to show a little kindness to everyone we meet, maybe starting a chain reaction of compassion. That message comes to WHS as the Student Leadership Development program ramps up for its second year. It too brings a message of acceptance and compassion to our students, 25 of whom participated in two days of intense training last month. I sat in on one session and was impressed by the leadership skills these students have already developed. The program will be presented to the larger community in November. I am leaving it to Tom to provide further details but wanted to underscore the important link between Rachel’s Challenge and the Leadership Development program.

Events and people often come together in a way that the whole is much bigger than the sum of the parts. I think that is going on at WHS. On their own, both Rachel’s Challenge and the Leadership Development program are impressive. But, put together, they signal a major and very positive shift in our school’s environment. As Rachel Scott taught us, it starts with a very small step, looking for, and respecting, the light in someone else’s eyes.

The next PFA meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 7:30pm in the school library. Please join us!

WHS PFA Direct Appeal / 2008-2009

The Board of the WHS Parent Faculty Association would like to thank the 304 WHS families who have contributed to the Direct Appeal in the beginning weeks of this school year, and asks those families who have not yet contributed to please consider doing so now. Your generous contributions will be 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. For your convenience, the PFA now offers two methods of making a contribution to the Direct Appeal:

- **Check** - As always, you can contribute by mailing a check made payable to WHS PFA to Joanne O’Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890.
- **PayPal** - Now, you can also contribute by making a quick and easy online transaction through a PayPal account that the PFA has set up for the Direct Appeal. If you wish to make your contribution through the new PayPal account, please go to the PFA Website at: <http://www.whspfpa.org>

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!

The Guide

A Monthly Newsletter from the



WHS Guidance Department November 2008

Financial Aid Workshop

The W.H.S. Guidance Department is holding a Financial Aid Workshop for parents of seniors on **Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. in the cafeteria.** Liz Bassett, Associate Director of Financial Aid at Suffolk University, and an educational loan representative from a local bank will present the program. Ms. Bassett will provide step-by-step instructions on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA), the form required to apply for all types of financial aid. She will also present information on the *Profile* form required by many private institutions, in addition to the FAFSA. The bank representative will explain the various educational loan programs. A representative from the Winchester Scholarship Foundation will present information on how to apply for scholarships from the WSF, and WSF applications will be available. Students are welcome to attend this informative workshop with their parents.

Academy & R.O.T.C. Information Night

The 19th Annual Service Academy and R.O.T.C. Information Night will be held at the Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers, MA on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, from 6:30 – 9:30 P.M. Admission representatives from the following colleges will be available to speak with students and parents:

- U.S. Military Academy, (West Point, NY)
- U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY)
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT)
- U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO)
- Norwich University (Northfield, VT)
- Maine Maritime Academy (Castine, ME)
- Mass. Maritime Academy (Cape Cod, MA)
- New York State Maritime Academy
- The Citadel
- Valley Forge Military Institute
- Virginia Military Institute
- Mass. National Guard

In addition to these military colleges, representatives of the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC Programs and representatives of area Congressional Officials will be present to meet with any students in grades 9-12 and their parents who are considering attending a military academy. For further information about this Information Night contact Capt. Ed Bryant, USNIA, at 978-356-5453 or email captecba@aol.com.

Plan Now for Free College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday is a volunteer-driven effort to provide free assistance to students and families in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA). The program is supported and administered by a volunteer committee comprised of members of the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (MASFAA). College Goal Sunday workshops will be held at 17 locations across the state. To learn more about how to participate, go to:

www.MassCollegeGoalSunday.org

This includes specific information about current site locations, coordinator contact information and site directions.

NCAA Eligibility

High school athletes who would like to participate in any sport at an NCAA Division I or II school must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Eligibility requirements change from year to year, but the current requirements are 16 core courses in the following areas:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science, including one lab
- 1 additional year of English, Math or Science
- 2 years of Social Studies
- 4 years of additional core courses from any of the areas mentioned above, or from foreign language, non-doctrinal religion, or philosophy.

It is the student-athlete's responsibility to register with the Clearinghouse, preferably during their junior year. Students may register and obtain additional information on the Web at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

Start the Financial Aid Process... Get Your PIN

Although the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) cannot be filed until after January 1, 2009, seniors and their parents planning to apply for financial aid can get a **PIN** (Personal Identification Number) now which will be used to electronically sign the FAFSA when completing and filing the application online. Applying for a **PIN** now will avoid holding up the process of filing the FAFSA online after January 1, since it takes 7-10 days to receive the **PIN** by mail. To obtain a **PIN**, students will need to supply their name, social security number, date of birth and mailing address and submit the **PIN** request. Parents of a dependent student must also request a **PIN**, since both parent and student must sign the FAFSA. To obtain the **PIN**, go to: www.pin.ed.gov.

MIT's Splash Weekend

The weekend before Thanksgiving is known as "Splash Weekend" at MIT, an event that has taken place every year since 1988. This year Splash Weekend will be held on November 22 & 23, 2008. It is expected that over one thousand high school and middle

school students will converge on the MIT campus where MIT students and other local college students teach lectures, workshops and seminars on everything from Duct Tape Design to Algebraic Number Theory to Harry Potter. This year Splash online registration will open around November 1 and is available until Splash Weekend. For more information, visit the MIT Web site, and look under the Educational Studies Program (ESP).

**November College Visits to the
WHS Guidance Office**

** Please refer to the WHS Guidance Website for the most up to date information**

November 5 @ 2:15: Endicott College	Lesley University	Unity College
November 12 @ 2:15: Emmanuel College	U. of Rhode Island.	UMass., Boston
November 19 @ 2:15: Lasell College	Assumption College	

Out-of-State Tuition Break Through RSP

The New England Board of Higher Education's (NEBHE) Regional Student Program (RSP) gives thousands of New England college students a significant out-of-state tuition break each year when they enroll in approved degree programs at out-of-state public colleges and universities in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Through the RSP, the New England states cooperate to share academic programs offered by their public higher education institutions and provide eligible New England residents with a tuition break when they pursue approved programs not offered by their home-state public colleges and universities. The NEBHE website www.nebhe.org features comprehensive RSP information.

New College Financing Tool

The U.S. Department of Education has announced a new online tool to help students and families financially prepare for college before a student's senior year of high school. The FAFSA4caster provides parents with an early estimate of their eligibility for federal student aid, including grants, reduces the time it will take to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance) and clarifies the financial aid process for students and parents. To use the FAFSA4caster, go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov and click on the link to FAFSA4caster.

IMPORTANT: Notice to College-bound Seniors and their Parents:

Please be sure to adhere to the Guidance Office Deadlines when requesting transcripts. In order for transcripts to reach colleges on time, it is critical that the Transcript Request Forms be submitted by the specified deadline.

If a college notifies you that something is missing from your admissions file, check with the Guidance Office about the date the materials were sent. Remember, colleges manage thousands of pieces of information. Recording and filing them can take weeks. Ask someone to physically check your file, not just the computerized database.

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

On December 9th, we will be hosting Nikki Fountas from Boston Cares as our guest speaker. She will be explaining the numerous volunteer opportunities through Boston Cares including Booyah projects geared toward families and teens.

You can sign up for the opportunities listed below at the weekly meetings or in the Connect and Commit office, which is in the library of the high school. 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.

Volunteer Opportunities in November

- **Saturday November 1st 2-5:30pm**

Social Concern Food Pantry, 2 Merrimack St. Woburn

Assist Social Concern Food Pantry as they unload and sort goods donated by the Woburn Postal Service through their food drive.

- **Sunday November 2nd 4:30-6:30pm**

International Residents of Winchester Pot Luck Dinner- First Congregational Church of Winchester at 12 Church Street in the lower level of Chidley Hall

Help the Multicultural Network host their International Dinner. You will be assisting with set up as well as serving dinner to the guests and other tasks as needed.

- **Saturday, November 15th 10am-2pm**

Thanksgiving-away- *The Everything but Blood Drive*, WHS Café (PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR FLYER.)

Help the Students of Connect & Commit by donating food, clothes, athletic gear, toys, arts & crafts supplies, eyeglasses, cell phones, toiletries etc. All goods will be separated and donated to local charities such as Rosie's Place, Horizons for Homeless Children, Nike Reuse a Shoe, the Medford Food Pantry, the Council of Social Concern, Women's Lunch Place and others. In addition to donations, we will also need volunteers to help staff tables on the day of the event as well as volunteers willing to drive donations to the local charities in need.

- **Saturday, November 22nd**

National Family Volunteer Day, Lowell Wish Project or Somerville Boys and Girls Club

Celebrate National Family Volunteer day with one of these local organizations.

Lowell Wish Project, 9-11am- help sort donations including clothing, baby items and furniture. Lunch will follow the project as well as T-shirts and raffle prizes. The Lowell Wish Project works with social work programs to connect goods and services with residents of the Merrimack Valley.

Somerville Boys and Girls Club, 10-Noon or 1-3pm

Participants will be making Book Folders for Generations Incorporated and Indoor Recess Workbooks for children at the Eliot School. Creativity is encouraged, so this would be good for the artists in the group! Lunch is served for both groups in between the sessions and there will also be T-Shirts and raffle prizes.

THANKSGIVE-AWAY

"The everything but blood drive"

Saturday, November 15th, 2008
Winchester High School Cafeteria
10am – 2pm

**We will be collecting items that will be
donated to charities in the Boston
area.**

Please Bring:

- Clothes**
- Non-Perishable Food**
- Books**
- Toys (gently used or new)**
- Games**
- Cell Phones**
- Old Running Shoes**
- Eye Glasses**
- Suitcases/ Bags**
- Toiletries**
- Bedding (cleaned)**



If you have any further questions you can contact the Connect and Commit Program Director, Kristen Ritchie at kritchie@winchester.k12.ma.us (781)721-7020 ex 1999

***We will not be accepting furniture or electronics.**



Winchester Youth Center

458R Main Street

Winchester MA 01890

781-721-0906

www.winyc.com

The Winchester Youth Center (WYC) is committed to fostering leadership skills and a long-term commitment to community service through healthy social and experiential-learning activities for teens.

The goals of the WYC are to:

- Provide Winchester teens with their own space that will foster healthy, safe, and enriching alternative activities outside of school hours. This is a place for Winchester teens to engage in substance-free activities and develop healthy social skills.
- Supply valuable work and service-learning opportunities in the community that enhance leadership development through real life experiences.
- Strengthen the relationship between teens and the community and instill a commitment to civic responsibility and community involvement.
- Promote positive and healthy youth development.

ROCK FOR YOUTH - Friday, November 21st - 7:00-11:00pm - Winchester Town Hall Auditorium

Admission is \$8 - Doors open at 6:50pm - There is no re-entry

Proceeds benefit the Harrison Chadwick Youth Service Scholarships that are awarded to WHS seniors.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

WYC Peer Leaders

The WYC Peer Leaders are a group of Winchester High School students who are committed to their community and serving as role models for all Winchester teens. The Peer Leaders meet on Monday evenings to work on further developing their leadership, communication, interpersonal, and decision-making skills; plan for upcoming projects; and have a lot of fun. They staff the Drop-in Center after school and serve as Project Leaders for all of the WYC's service-learning projects including all of our special events and community service projects. This group is open to any WHS student who has natural leadership skills and the desire to further develop them. Anyone interested in joining this awesome group is welcome to come in and talk to Rebecca at the WYC.

SSA: Students Spreading Awareness

SSA is the WYC's peer education group for WHS students. This group hopes to inspire positive change in our world and provide opportunities for students to become active in the community. We identify issues of concern that we feel our peers are uninformed about and spread awareness in unique and interactive ways. Currently we are preparing for World AIDS Day on December 1st and focusing our efforts on the issues of Hunger & Homelessness and Body Image & Eating Disorders. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact the WYC. Our meetings take place on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm, this month we will meet on November 18th and 25th.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Throughout the year the WYC Peer Leaders coordinate and participate in a huge variety of community service projects. The Peer Leaders are committed to making a positive difference in the world and encouraging others to do the same. If you're interested in doing something good for our community, stop by the WYC and find out how you can get involved. Please check out our website for a complete description of our service efforts.

WYC Jewels

The WYC's first entrepreneurial endeavor is our jewelry business. The Peer Leaders have created beautiful jewelry made of fresh water pearls, glass beads, turquoise, and more. All of our hand-crafted jewelry is on display in the WYC and can be purchased Monday-Friday from 2:00-6:00 pm. The proceeds from all jewelry sales go to benefit the WYC and our youth development programs. Please check our website to find dates of upcoming jewelry parties.

Lowell Wish Project: Collection of Pots & Pans, Jeans, and Baby Items

The Lowell Wish Project provides emergency, basic, and seasonal goods to low income families in the Merrimack Valley. The Peer Leaders volunteer several times throughout the year sorting and organizing donated items and are collecting a wide variety of greatly needed items including new/lightly used pots & pans, jeans for school-aged children, clothing and other gear for babies. We respectfully request that all items be in new/lightly used condition. Please bring your donations to the WYC any day between 2:00-6:00pm or contact us and we'll pick them up from your home.

Animal Rescue League: Collection of Dog & Cat Toys and Cotton Towels

The Animal Rescue League of Boston is a non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing domesticated animals and wildlife from suffering, cruelty, abandonment, and neglect. The Peer Leaders are collecting clean cotton bath towels and new dog & cat toys to donate to their 3 local shelters. Please bring your donations to the WYC any day between 2:00-6:00pm or contact us and we'll pick them up from your home.

Woburn Council of Social Concern food collection

Throughout the month of November the WYC Peer Leaders and Little Brother s& Sisters will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Woburn Council of Social Concern's food pantry. Please contact the WYC if you have food items that you would like to donate.

Habitat for Humanity

For 3 years the Peer Leaders have participated in a week-long service-learning project with Habitat for Humanity to help build homes for needy families. Throughout this school year we are going to work with Habitat for Humanity Boston and work to make a difference in our local communities. During April vacation we will travel to a different area of the country to participate in our fourth

annual week-long service trip. Throughout the fall and winter, the Peer Leaders will be running a variety of events in an effort to fundraise donations to Habitat for Humanity Boston and to cover 100% of the expenses for our trip in April. Please contact us if you would like to make a donation toward this amazing service-learning experience.

SCHOOL RELATED NEWS AND EVENTS

The Electric Vehicle Conversion Club has made terrific progress converting a 1992 Chevy S10 from Gas to Electric. The truck was inspected to insure that all the systems were in working order, and then the old engine was removed and the truck prepared for its new life. Students are being asked to sign up for different teams according to their interests so we can focus on specific aspects of the conversion. Each team has an adult volunteer leading it so that we can proceed on several fronts simultaneously. The teams are: • Chassis Team (suspension, steering, brakes, drive train) • Battery Pack Team (battery selection, battery charger, battery box construction, tilt bed) • Controls Team (electronic controls and associated wiring) • Twelve Volt Systems Team (electronic systems that continue to operate from 12 volts) • Body and Interior Team (interior, paint, body repair, graphics) We meet on Monday afternoons until about 9:00 pm and students are encouraged to drop by for as much time as they chose. Membership on a particular team does not exclude a student from participating in the work done by other teams, but your primary focus should be on helping your team complete its work. We generally break for a quick pizza supper around 6 pm and students who want to eat need to bring \$5 to cover the cost. Any student who wishes to participate must have a signed parental permission form, which is available in the Auto Lab during Club time. To see pictures of the shop in action, please visit the student run web site at web.mac.com/tim_costa..... For answers to questions or more information contact Debe Holland at debe.holland@comcast.net

SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC EVENTS

November 6, 2008: Social Skills Speaker McCall Middle School 7-9pm

The Academy North presents, A psychologists' view of the challenges and solutions to kids learning and using social skills

November 18, 2008: Out of District Social 7-9pm

Join us for our 2nd annual Out-Of-District Social at Cara Falconi's, 62 Water St, Come and meet other special education parents who have children in out-of-district placements.

WFEE News

Helping students take the lead in creating a more positive high school climate is the goal of a program now in its second year at WHS. Thanks in part to funding from WFEE; a small group of students trained in leadership will be reaching out to the larger WHS community in November. Their goal is to build bridges between students from different ages and groups, making for a more accepting and supportive school environment. The Student Leadership Development Program will continue throughout the year. For information on other WFEE grants and programs check our website, www.wfee.org

Stand for Children Announcement

This November 4th, Winchester's Chapter of Stand for Children urges residents to make an informed vote on Question 1, a citizen petition ballot question that would eliminate the state income tax in Massachusetts and dramatically affect the Massachusetts budget and funding for public education. For more info, visit our website: www.stand.org/ma/question1 or read the independent report published by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation: www.masstaxpayers.org. Stand for Children is a statewide citizen voice that advocates on behalf of children and public education. Questions? Email Carol Savage at csavage@stand.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wednesday evening, October 29th at 7 PM at McCall Middle School

This event will be free and will be held in the McCall Middle School auditorium. **The Winchester Reads project** is sponsored for the seventh year by the John and Mary Murphy Educational Foundation. **Ann Patchett** is the author of the modern classic novel BEL CANTO which has won many literary awards and has been translated into more than 30 languages. Her previous novels and nonfiction have won awards also, including a Guggenheim Fellowship. For more information call 781-729-7100 or email office@wmcn.org.

Multicultural Network News

The International Connections Committee of the Winchester Multicultural Network is continuing to sponsor meetings for international parents on issues related to the schools. Although there will be no meeting in November due to the election, the December meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, December 2nd at 7 PM at the McCall Middle School library, 458 Main Street. All parents who have come to Winchester from other countries are welcome, whether they are new here or not and whether they have school-aged children or not. For more information call Liz Sayre at 781-729-9242 or email office@wmcn.org

Winchester Cooperative Theatre Presents "The Music Man"

The Winchester Cooperative Theatre presents "The Music Man," featuring the singing, dancing and acting talents of an entertaining 6th, 7th and 8th grade cast. The Music Man tells the story of traveling salesman, Harold Hill, and his visit to a small Iowa town in 1912 where he meets and falls in love with the spinster librarian, Marian Paroo. With his fast-talking style, "Professor" Harold Hill convinces the town that unless they adopt his revolutionary music program, the youngsters of River City will be forever doomed. He gets the parents to buy instruments and expensive uniforms in order to form the River City Boys Band. Chaos ensues as Hill's credentials are questioned and he is called upon to prove himself to the citizens of River City.

Performances are Friday, November 14 at 7:30pm, Saturday, November 15 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, November 16 at 1:00pm and 4:00pm at the Winchester High School Auditorium, 80 Skillings Road, Winchester. Tickets are \$15.00. Appropriate for ages 3 & up. For tickets call: (781) 721-PLAY. WHS Auditorium is handicap accessible.

Fall is in full swing and the holidays are upon us so treat yourself and your family this Halloween season to fun programs at the **North Suburban YMCA in Woburn**.

Have a great time with your friends playing in our new Water Volleyball League (ages 11 to 16 years). Also for those beginner level swimmers that are ready to swim without a bubble sign up for the Polliwog Zero class. This new swim class covers the same skills as the Polliwog class, but is taught with zero bubbles. Youths can also keep busy with sports and enrichment classes like Make and Take Crafts (6 to 10 years), Intro To Hip Hop (6 to 12 years), Rock Climbing, Elementary Spanish (K through 5th grade), Flag Football (6 to 12 years) and Jr. Celtics Basketball (3 to 8 years).

The Fall 2 Session runs from October 27th to December 21st. For more information about the Fall 2 Session classes offered at the North Suburban YMCA call 781-935-3270 or visit www.ymcaboston.org/woburn to view the Fall 2 Session Brochure. The North Suburban YMCA is dedicated to improving the health of mind, spirit and body of individuals and families in our community. We welcome men and women, boys and girls of all incomes, faiths and cultures. We will never turn a family away due to inability to pay.

WINTON CLUB - *Holiday Fair - To benefit Winchester Hospital*
MIDNIGHT MADNESS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 6:00 P.M. TO 12 MIDNIGHT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 10:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Come see our exciting assortment of holiday gift items for everyone on your shopping list and the much anticipated Winton Club cookbook. **WINCHESTER HOSPITAL LOBBY, 41 Highland Avenue, www.Wintonclub.org**

The Winton Club Holiday Fair will be held Wednesday November 19 through Friday, November 21 in the main lobby of Winchester Hospital located at 41 Highland Avenue in Winchester. Hours are 6 p.m. -12 p.m. November 19, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. November 20 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. November 21. Fair selections include gifts for everyone on your shopping list – toys and clothing for the little ones, jewelry and accessories for her, specialty food items and seasonal gifts for the host, and gifts for all the special men and women in your lives. And, don't forget to pick up several copies of the brand new Winton Club Cookbook – it's a gift that will be used year round.

Winton Club is a women's non-profit organization devoted to the support of Winchester Hospital. Volunteers operate the hospital gift shop, run a number of special lobby sales like the Holiday Fair and present the Winton cabaret show in late January/early February. Proceeds for all Winton events benefit Winchester Hospital.

Have an old scouting uniform?

Consider donation!



Cub Scout Pack 506 is asking for your donation!

Have an old scouting uniform lying around? Donate it to Gosselin Law (1026 Main Street) between Monday, November 3rd and Friday, November 14th! Cub, Boy and Girl Scout uniforms will be accepted and donated to local and inner-city scouts! Please drop off your clean uniforms in the box by the front desk. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Brickley at mbricklev@gosselinlaw.com or at (781) 729-0313. Thanks!

Studio Art Classes

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 Winter term of art classes at the Sanborn Cultural Center on High Street in Winchester will start January 6, 2009 and will run through March, 2009. **There will also be a Spring term to be announced at a later date.** 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 **life drawing and painting** 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 on the art education faculty at Mass College of Art. For David Ardito's resume, a registration form and for more information about fees and curriculum please email David at ydpaa@yahoo.com or david.ardito@massart.edu or call 781 910 7119.



FRIENDS OF MUSIC FUNDRAISING BENEFIT

When: Sunday, November 2nd
Where: Crate and Barrel
Burlington Mall
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Friends of Music is holding its fun-filled fundraising benefit at the stand-alone Crate and Barrel store at Burlington Mall. You will be able to enjoy food preparation demonstrations, food tasting, hot beverage tasting, wine tasting all while shopping for holiday gifts for others and yourselves during a private shopping opportunity during which the store is open specifically for those attending the benefit. The high school select music ensembles will be providing the wonderful background music during the event.

Crate and Barrel will generously donate 10% of all sales made during this benefit to Friends of Music. Also included at this event will be a raffle of wonderful packages assembled and donated by Crate and Barrel. Gather neighbors, do a friends night out, call your book clubs, call your relatives and come get a great start on your holiday and personal shopping at a really fun event, all the while helping to support the music opportunities our children have in the schools.

Tickets are available for this benefit at the low suggested minimum donation price of \$25 per ticket—**and you get a \$15 Crate and Barrel giftcard with this donation!** You may purchase these by submitting your name, phone number, number of tickets you want, \$25 per ticket (checks made payable to Friends of Music), **and** a self-addressed stamped envelope in the container marked “Friends of Music” in the school office. If you have questions or you are placing your order after October 27th, please contact Wendy Jo New at 781-721-1675.

Name:

Phone:

of tickets:

\$ enclosed:

Remember: Self-addressed stamped envelope