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**PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ FEBRUARY 2012**

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**FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN**

One of the action steps in the *School Culture* focus area is to expand the integration of service learning into the curriculum. The development of a proposal by June 2012 for senior year service learning is a benchmark for this action step. The Connect and Commit Steering Committee will be working on this proposal for the rest of the spring. If all goes according to plan, the proposal will be available for feedback from parents, faculty, students, and the community in June. A number of high schools in the area have end-of-year senior projects/internships that take place during the last few weeks of school. (It should be noted that Advanced Placement students remain in their AP classes until the AP exam is given.) These programs encourage students to experience education in the real world, something that can be very valuable and productive during the last days of senior year. Ms. Baker's second semester Senior Focus course will concentrate on the community of Winchester and pilot this kind of end- of-year project with her seniors. You will be hearing more about this throughout the year.

**MESSAGES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**

Parking and Driving on Campus ~ Students will not park in the visitor parking spaces that are located in the front driveway of the school. Students who do not park in designated areas, and/or who do not use good judgment in operating their vehicles, will be denied the privilege of parking on school property. Violators of the parking regulations will be ticketed and/or towed. Students who receive two parking violations will lose their right to park on campus. The expectation of all drivers on school property is that they obey the traffic signs posted on school grounds. The Police Department will be notified of any violation of these posted signs and appropriate measures will be taken. While parked on school property, a student's car can be searched by the administration at any time if there is reasonable suspicion about illegal substance or safety issues.

Winchester High School supports an on campus safety belt policy. Students who do not use seat belts may lose their parking privileges at WHS.

Lost and Found ~ Items, found by staff or students, should be turned in to Lost and Found in the Main Office. Students may check this area for lost items. Unmarked books will be returned to the subject department. All unclaimed clothing items are donated periodically to a local charity.

## MESSAGE FROM SRO PALMER

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 lockers at Winchester High School. Under NO circumstances does the Town of Winchester, Winchester High School, its administration, or its staff assume liability for personal possessions brought to school.

## PFA NEWS

### FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

*Carol Cashion and Jody Collins Skinner*

#### **An iPad in every backpack?**

Last month we began an open conversation with Principal Tom Gwin about the future of educational technology at WHS. How might we use technology to improve teaching and learning in Winchester in the years ahead? Will tablets replace textbooks? Will better technology lead to better learning outcomes? What will it all cost?

As part of the “Focus on the Future” Strategic Plan, a working group of WHS faculty, students and parents are looking at the possibility of introducing “one to one” technology in our school – one laptop or tablet device per student to deliver content and support instruction.

How would it work? Right up the street at Burlington High School, such a “one to one” experiment is already under way. In September, 2011, iPads were distributed to all students, school-wide. **On Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30pm, Burlington High Principal Patrick Larkin will be our special guest and talk with us about the launch of his school’s iPad program.** Bring your questions, bring your concerns and help us continue the conversation. Members of the “One to One” working group will be present as well.

As a starting point, you may wish to listen to the January 24, 2012 discussion on WBUR’s “On Point,” which framed some of the key questions very well:

<http://onpoint.wbur.org/2012/01/24/future-of-textbooks>

Happy listening, and we look forward to seeing you Wednesday February 1 at 7:30pm in the WHS Library!

## THE WHS PFA 2011-2012 DIRECT APPEAL

Please be sure to make your donation to the WHS PFA’s DIRECT APPEAL!

The Direct Appeal is the sole source of funding for the PFA’s budget, and **funds raised through the Direct Appeal fund important and innovative programs for students through the PFA Grants Program**, as well as the cost of equipment and supplies not included in the high school budget. In recent years, Direct Appeal funds have been used to provide grants to all WHS academic departments, the school library, and many extracurricular, enrichment, and support

programs for your students. Your contributions are important to our school community as they are reinvested in programming, equipment, and supplies that your children benefit from. Please help us to meet our budget!

The PFA's goal is to raise Direct Appeal funds through the contributions of 100% of WHS families. Please be sure to participate! Although a contribution of any amount is very much appreciated, we ask that each family consider making a one-time contribution for this school year of \$75.00 or more.

**Thank you for your donation!**

**Checks** made payable to the "WHS PFA" may be sent to Joanne O'Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890. Please include the following information:

Name of WHS Student(s)

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Grade(s)

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

**PayPal** - You may also contribute by making a quick and easy online transaction through a PayPal account that the PFA has set up for the Direct Appeal. Make your contributions via PayPal by clicking on the following link to the Direct Appeal page on the WHS PFA Website. Direct Appeal Page. Please then click on the "Yellow Donate Button," which will open up another page. On the check at the top of the page, please enter the amount of your donation in the field under "Donation Amount" and then click "Update Total." This will bring you to the bottom of the page where you can either log into your PayPal account (on the lower right hand side) or pay by credit card (on the left hand side.) If you don't have a PayPal account, you don't need to open one to pay by credit card.

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

**CLASS NEWS**

**CLASS OF 2013**

**Hosting Practice SAT & Free Follow-Up Strategies Workshop for Participants**

*Practice SAT, Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM—WHS Cafeteria*

*Strategies Workshop, Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-7:30 PM—WHS Auditorium*

The SAT is a reasoning test that most students at WHS take for purposes of applying to colleges. There are three main reasons to take the **practice** SAT. First, it is a low-pressure way to take a diagnostic SAT to see where you are and what you need to work on before you take the *actual* SAT that will be reported to colleges. Second, SAT scores tend to improve with practice, so the more practice tests you take, the more your scores should improve over time. Third, by taking the practice SAT you will be entitled to attend a *FREE* Strategies Workshop to review your test results.

Register online at [www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com) or by phone at 1-800-KAP-TEST (While walk-ins are welcome if space is available, we urge you to reserve your spot by registering now.) The cost is \$10 collected at the door. Bring #2 pencils and calculator!

*REMINDER: The actual SAT is given several times during the school year so watch for info from Guidance!*

## **THE RETURN OF THE JUNIOR PROM!**

The Junior Prom will be held on April 27th, the Friday after vacation, at the Lincoln School.

Like their successful fall fundraising sweatshirt, the *theme is RETRO*--the decor, photo backdrops, and *some* music will harken back to the 50s, 60s 70s and 80s. So, we encourage students to talk to their parents and grandparents, pull out those old yearbooks and take a look at what the fashions were way back when, and start planning your own version of a Junior Prom.

Committees for decorations, entertainment/photo, food and beverage, and set-up/strike have been formed. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact either the class officers or the teacher advisors. Class Officers: Kenzie Koss, Mike Marotta, Dan Boulanger and Alex George.

Teacher Advisors: Krystin Morin and Stephanie Kudlate

Anne Marie Hill & Lia Borrelli  
Parent Advisors to the Class of 2013

## **CONNECT AND COMMIT**

**Connect and Commit Service Club Meets The Last Tuesday of the Month  
from 6:30-7:30pm in the WHS Library**

You can sign up for the opportunities listed below at the 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 [connectandcommit@gmail.com](mailto:connectandcommit@gmail.com) or phone 781-721-7020 x1999. **Check out our new website at [www.connectandcommit.org](http://www.connectandcommit.org)**

### **Volunteer Opportunities & Events**

**Wednesday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>- WFEE Trivia Bee** Help WFEE set up for and run their annual Trivia Bee!

**Saturday Feb 12<sup>th</sup>- TeenLife Boston Community Service Fair** 12-4pm at the Chestnut Hill Mall check out the TeenLife website for more information and to pre-register. C&C student leaders will be attending to find new service opportunities for students. Go on your own or join in with us. Email [connectandcommit@gmail.com](mailto:connectandcommit@gmail.com) if you're interested. [www.teenlife.com](http://www.teenlife.com)

**Monday Feb 13<sup>th</sup>- Dessert Auction Fundraiser** 6:30-8pm in the WHS Cafeteria. Join us for an evening of sweet treats to benefit a great cause. More information to come!

**Saturday Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>- Boston Rescue Mission** 7:30-10:30am, Volunteer for Saturday morning outreach. Prepare sandwiches, soups and hot cocoa to hand out to the homeless on Boston Common. **1 Parent Volunteer/ Driver Needed**

**Saturday Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>- Greater Boston Food Bank** 9:30am-12pm, The GBFB acquires food through food industry product donations, food drives and financial contributions that enable them to purchase additional high nutrient quality food. Help them feed Massachusetts residents in need by sorting and packaging food in their warehouse. **3 Parent Volunteers/ Drivers Needed**

**Saturday April 28th- The Food Project** 9:30am-12:30pm, Get your hands dirty at one of the Food Project's farms. Their organizational mission is to engage young people in personal and social change through sustainable agriculture. The food raised on the farms is distributed through Community Supported Agriculture programs, Farmer's Markets and hunger relief organizations. **Parent Volunteers/Drivers Needed**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### NHS STUDENTS OFFER "HANDYMAN" SERVICES TO THE WINCHESTER COMMUNITY

For four weekends in March, the NHS of Winchester High School will be offering their time, talent, and "elbow grease" to provide help with any jobs that are needed throughout the Winchester community. Groups of students, in teams of two, four or six depending on the size of the job, will be providing assistance to those who cannot get to all the jobs on their to-do list. Students are available for such tasks as painting, raking, shoveling, cleaning, shopping, moving, etc. Community members may schedule the students for just one task or a number of activities for which they might need more manpower.

Students are available to work:

- March 3-4;
- March 10-11;
- March 24-25;
- March 31 – April 1

Please e-mail the NHS Advisor at [nsmith@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:nsmith@winchester.k12.ma.us) to add your name and task to the list, along with what weekend day works best. Arrangements will be made to coordinate the effort.

### NEWS FROM THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Computer Education Departments course "Developing MobileApplications" taught by Daniel Downs is proud to announce the beta release of its mobile application on the Android Market. Please search "Winchester High App" in the Android Market. Please visit the class's work at <http://www.androidapplicationsclass.com>. The app is a school utility designed and created by students for students.

### NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

On January 13, the WHS Swim Team met perennial Middlesex League champion, Reading High, losing 89-75. The meet began with a strong second place finish by the 200-yard medley relay team of Baynes, Dinardo, Reid and Gable in 1:49.57. Reid placed second in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:59.04 and Kruszelnicki added a 5th place point in 2:16.99. In the 200-yard Individual Medley, Gable came in second at 2:13.57 and Fosburgh took 5th. The team point total increased with Baynes' 3rd place and Morreale's 5th in the 50-yard freestyle.

Reid swam a personal best time of 58.85 to second place in the 100-yard butterfly. Garber cut off 6 seconds from his best time finishing 5th. Reid's time qualifies for North Sectionals. Gable raced to an impressive 54.06 for second place in the 100-yard freestyle. Pompeo edged Morreale for 5th. Dinardo's 5:29.83 was good for first in the 500-yard freestyle. Donald Feng and Timothy Wong finished this challenging event in 5th and 6th.

A time of 1:53.41 brought second place to the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Stoyanchev, Pompeo, Fosburgh and Morreale. Brian Carney, Ian Park, Garber and Kruszelnicki finished 4th in 1:57.56 and 5th went to Corey Miller, Eduardo Draetta, Ahmad Greene-Hayes and Marotta. In the 100-yard backstroke, Baynes finished 3rd in 1:05.14 and Ryan 5th in 1:12.30. Dinardo was in 2nd place in the 100-yard breaststroke with 1:12.30, Stoyanchev in 3rd with 1:16.33. Reid, Gable, Dinardo and Baynes finished the meet with a 4:01.09 for 2nd place in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

### **NEWS FROM THE WINCHESTER FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (WFEE)**

**A Big "Thank You" to the Class of 2011!** January brought an unexpected and very generous donation to WFEE. The Class of 2011 has given \$5,000 to WFEE in support of a future WHS grant. In a letter accompanying the donation, class officers Kate Wendell, Pawan Mathew, Kate Smith-Lin and Don Muir wrote, " Because of your generosity and support of the Winchester Public School system, we have received an exceptional education and a great experience which we will never forget." The Board of Trustees of WFEE is very appreciative of this donation and looks forward to funding a WHS grant this spring.

**Time is growing short to sign up for the WFEE Trivia Bee on February 8th!** Forms are available on line at [http://www.wfee.org/documents/2012WFEEBeeEntryForm\\_000.pdf](http://www.wfee.org/documents/2012WFEEBeeEntryForm_000.pdf). Even if you can't attend the Bee, please join us in supporting our Event Sponsors, the En Ka Society, John Moriarty & Associates, Pediatric Dental Associates of Winchester and Waterfield Sotheby's International Realty. All proceeds from the Bee will support the WFEE 2012-2013 grants program.

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***A Monthly Newsletter from the***



**WHS Guidance Department**  
**February 2012**

### **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](http://www.sss.gov).

### **Senior Parents**

Winchester Scholarship Foundation Applications are available in the Guidance Department. Applications are due no later than May 15, 2012. Additional scholarship opportunities are available on Naviance.

### **Senior Mid-Year Grades**

During the senior year, when a student requests that his/her transcript be sent to a college, the transcript of the first three years is sent to colleges. In February, after mid-year report cards have been issued, **a copy of the mid-year report is automatically sent to all colleges to which a senior has applied.** The mid-year

report sent to the colleges reflects **only the student's mid-year grades in each course.** Quarter grades, mid-year exam grades, and teacher comments are not included in the mid-year report. If a college requests to see the first quarter report card prior to mid-year reports, please see Mrs. Wilson in Guidance.

### **Sophomore Parents**

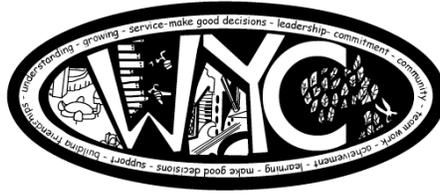
An informative coffee for tenth grade parents was held in January. If you were unable to attend, please refer to the Guidance website for the information presented.

During the month of January and February, Guidance Counselors met with all tenth grade students. Students received their password for Naviance and completed the ***Do What You Are*** personality assessment. Using results from this assessment, students were then instructed on how to use the career exploration tools. Please review the results of these assessments on Naviance with your child as this is the first step in the postsecondary planning process.

### **Junior Parent Night**

An informational meeting about the college selection process was held on January 31. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please refer to the guidance website for the information presented.

Guidance counselors met with all juniors during the week of January 23. Students received a yellow folder of information to help them begin their post secondary planning. If your student has misplaced their folder, a complete packet is available on the high school guidance website.



### **Winchester Youth Center**

458R Main Street

Winchester MA 01890

781-721-0906

[www.wincyc.com](http://www.wincyc.com)

[wincchesteryouthcenter@gmail.com](mailto:wincchesteryouthcenter@gmail.com)

[www.facebook.com/pages/Winchester-Youth-Center](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Winchester-Youth-Center)

**The WYC offers something for everyone, we invite all WHS students to come check us out and find out how to get involved.**

### **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. We invite all WHS students who are interested in doing something good for our community to stop by the WYC and find out how to get involved. Please check out our website for a complete description of our service efforts.

### **RELAY FOR LIFE OF WINCHESTER**

Help us bring Relay to Winchester!

Relay For Life is the signature fundraising event of the American Cancer Society  
WHS students from the WYC and Connect & Commit are working with the American Cancer Society to bring the first annual Relay For Life to Winchester.

**Please join us at the**

***Community Interest Meeting***

**Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

**@ the WYC**

Please like us on Facebook and show your support at [www.facebook.com/pages/Relay-For-Life-Winchester/286394611417158#!/pages/Relay-For-Life-Winchester/286394611417158](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Relay-For-Life-Winchester/286394611417158#!/pages/Relay-For-Life-Winchester/286394611417158).

We encourage everyone to start forming your teams of 8-15 people to participate in this incredibly fun overnight event, raise money for the American Cancer Society, raise awareness about cancer, and honor all of the Winchester residents who have battled this disease.

Please contact the WYC or Connect & Commit for more information.

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

During April vacation 28 of the WYC Peer Leaders will be participating in our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Habitat for Humanity trip. We will be traveling to Franklin, West Virginia to complete a week-long service-learning experience building homes for families in need.

We are currently working toward fundraising 100% of the expenses for our trip including a \$5600 donation to Habitat for Humanity. 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:

### **Dump Runs**

Let us take care of your trash on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. We are currently selling \$10 dump run vouchers.

### **Raffle tickets—drawing April 9th**

Buy your \$20 tickets for the chance to win:

- iPad 2 \*
- 4-pack Red Sox tickets \*
- Live performance by The Dirt Dogs \*

## **LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

### **PEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

#### **Does your son or daughter have what it takes to be a peer leader?**

If s/he has natural leadership skills, wants to have a positive impact on the community, likes to have fun and make good decisions; then the answer is yes! The WYC peer leadership program is a youth group for Winchester High School students who are committed to their community and serving as role models for their peers. The Peer Leaders have weekly youth group meetings 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. Anyone interested in joining this awesome group is invited to stop by the WYC for more information.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **WINTON CLUB CABARET**

The Winton Club presents its 2012 Annual Cabaret Fundraiser, "It's About Time", January 31 through February 4, 2012, in the Winchester Town Hall Auditorium, 71 Mount Vernon Street, Winchester. Cabaret Chairwoman/Producer Jean Buckley and the Winton Club invite you to join the fun and support Winchester Hospital at the same time. Winton Cabaret is a great tradition and always enormous fun. PLEASE JOIN US! For more information and tickets, go to: [www.cabaret.wintonclub.org](http://www.cabaret.wintonclub.org).

### **FROM THE WINCHESTER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL**

*Come celebrate WCMS's 30th Anniversary at our "Celebrating 30...Let the Music Play! Gala. Save the date for March 31, 2012. Hope to see you there!*

#### **February Community Events at Winchester Community Music School**

Thursday, February 2 7:30 PM-9:30 PM **Open Mic Night**. Open to the public, all instrumentalists and vocalists welcome including solo acts, duos, and small ensembles/bands. A PA system, acoustic grand piano, amps, and drum set are provided. Bring your friends and family to cheer you on as you try out your latest song. Sign-ups begin at 7 PM or contact us to sign-up in advance. Light refreshments provided. The event is free and open to the public. Held regularly on the first Thursday of each month.

Free. For more information, check out [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org) or call 781-721-2950

Monday, February 13 7:00 PM **Faculty Recital**. WCMS piano faculty member Sarah Tocco performs in a concert featuring the works of Chopin and Rachmaninoff. Nichols Performance Hall. Free and open to the public. Proudly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Winchester. For more information, check out [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org) or call 781-721-2950

Tuesday, February 14 7:30 PM-9:30 PM **Blues Jam**. These jams are fun, spontaneous, and a great way to experiment with new techniques and skills in the company of fellow musicians. All instruments & vocalists are welcome! Admission: \$7 at the door. For more information, check out [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org) or call 781-721-2950

Wednesday, February 15 7:30 PM-9:00 PM **Broadway on Highland**. If you love Broadway, come over to WCMS and sing your favorite Broadway hit or join the crowd during our sing-a-long numbers. All ages and ability levels are welcome! Singers from beginners to seasoned professionals are cordially invited to strut their stuff during this fun evening. Accompanist is provided; run-throughs available from 7-7:30 PM. Free and open to the public. For more information, check out [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org) or call 781-721-2950.

### **The Cornerstone Coffeehouse Presents an Evening of "Classic Rock Unplugged" With Winchester's Premier Party Band, "SIX"**

Winchester's self-acclaimed "premier party band", "SIX" will perform acoustic renditions of some of their classic rock repertoire in their hometown on Saturday February 4th at 7:30 PM. The "unplugged" format, popularized in the 1990s on by artists appearing on MTV, will be on display at the Cornerstone Coffeehouse (located at the Second Congregational Church of Winchester – 485 Washington St.). Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for students/seniors), and are available at the door. Coffee, tea, and a variety of desserts will also be available prior to the performance and during intermission.

Five of the band's six (hence the name SIX...) members are Winchester residents. They include lead guitarist/vocalist Walter Ogier, guitarist/vocalist Bruce Lauterwasser, bassist/vocalist John Swartz, drummer Scott Gilmour, and keyboardist/vocalist Steve Bratt.

The Cornerstone Coffeehouse is a volunteer-run series of concerts sponsored by the Second Congregational Church of Winchester, MA. The primary goal of the coffeehouse is to provide quality local entertainment in a smoke-free, alcohol-free environment. Proceeds from coffeehouse events are either used to fund the work of the church, or are donated to local charities. For more information, call 781-729-1688. More information about the band, including bios, photos, video links, and a listing of their repertoire can be found at the band's website: [www.ILikeSIX.com](http://www.ILikeSIX.com).

### **PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS**

#### **Talking to your Child about Body Image and Nutrition**

Thursday, February 9 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
Next Door Theater, 40 Cross Street

Our culture is bombarding us with confusing nutrition and skewed body image messages. How can we expect our children and teens to make sense of these messages that we struggle to understand ourselves? Psychologist Jodi R. Galin and nutrition therapist Amy Aubertin will help you talk to your son or daughter about body image, counter-act the idealized images in the media, and emphasize healthy food without going overboard. This panel discussion will bring to life key protective factors that parents and

caregivers need to know in order to help their growing children develop healthy eating and exercise habits. Learn warning signs of childhood obesity and eating disorders that may signal a need for professional attention.

Jodi R. Galin, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist with over fifteen years of experience specializing in the treatment and prevention of eating disorders. She co-authored, *Growing Together* (2004), an obesity and eating disorders awareness and prevention program. Amy Aubertin, MS, RD, LDN is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist who specializes in eating issues, weight issues and mindful eating.

Appropriate for parents of children of all ages, especially late elementary school and middle school. Questions for the panelists may be submitted ahead of time by emailing [info@parenttoparentwinchester.org](mailto:info@parenttoparentwinchester.org) and at the talk.

## **FROM THE MULTICULTURAL NETWORK**

### **Winchester In Transition**

The Winchester Multicultural Network invites your participation in a town-wide conference, *Winchester In Transition (WIT)*, to be held on **Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium**. The purpose of the day's conversations is to help an intergenerational mix of people representing non-profit organizations, local businesses, faith communities, and town government to understand, embrace, and capitalize on a Winchester population that is becoming increasingly diverse. Throughout the day, round-table discussions, a panel, keynote address, and group activities will enable us to build a community that will remain socially welcoming, economically resilient, and environmentally healthy for decades to come.

The Network's goal is participation from each of the town's organizations and governmental boards and departments. Please visit the conference web site, [www.gettowit.org](http://www.gettowit.org), for more information. The date has been chosen to avoid conflicts with other major town activities, so we hope as many people as possible will be able to attend. It is important that we work cooperatively in carrying out our respective activities, and the conference program will foster collaborative working relationships.

We invite you to add your unique perspective to the community conversation on 2/11/12. Contact [www.gettowit.org](http://www.gettowit.org) to register, ask questions, and offer your suggestions for the day.

### **Announcing Women Helping Women 2012**

#### **PROJECT RUNWAY: "WHO'S WHO IN THE HEADLINES"**

CREATE A RUNWAY ORIGINAL INSPIRED BY YOUR FAVORITE CELEBRITY OR HEADLINE!!

Thursday April 5, 2012 at Burlington Marriott Hotel

Tickets on Sale February 1, 2012 at Winchester Chamber of Commerce 25 Waterfield Road Winchester [info@winchesterchamber.com](mailto:info@winchesterchamber.com) or call 781.729.8870