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**PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ FEBRUARY, 2013**

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**FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN**

In early December, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) asked SMMA architects to resubmit its preliminary design proposal (PDP) as it wanted more information on the alternative sites that were rejected by the Educational Facilities Planning and Building Commission (EFPBC) and more detailed information on the square footage required for the WHS educational program. SMMA resubmitted the PDP with this information before vacation and are on schedule to submit the preferred alternative to the MSBA on February 14.

With the February 14<sup>th</sup> submittal of the preferred alternative, the MSBA is requesting a detailed analysis of 4 different options. Those 4 options are the preferred alternative (a complete renovation with additions), a scaled back version of the preferred alternative, a renovation that would bring the building up to code with no changes in the floor layout, and a new school on the town forest. The MSBA board will vote to approve (or not approve) the preferred alternative at its March meeting. If approved, SMMA will begin work on the schematic design of the project. Once the schematic design is completed, SMMA will determine the estimate for the project. If the fall Town Meeting approves the project, a January 2014 debt exclusion override vote will take place to approve funding for the project. The state will provide at least 33% of the funding for the project.

The School Committee approved a 4.82% increase in the education budget for FY14. This budget includes an additional 2.7 positions to the faculty and small increases in staffing for the school nurse and the guidance department. The budget for supplies and materials will stay about the same but there are additional funds for textbooks and technology.

**Principal Drop-in:** This month principal drop-in will take place on Wednesday, February 13 from 5:30-6:30 pm.

**PFA NEWS**

**From the Co-Presidents**

*Jody Collins Skinner and Audrey Loria*

Happy February everyone! It is hard to believe that mid-terms have come and gone and we are looking at enjoying February break. We want to remind you that the February PFA meeting was moved to Wednesday, February 13 due to the Trivia Bee by WFEE on February 6<sup>th</sup>. We have our own team, The Quiz-Knows,

representing WHS. Stop Peter Woolford, Ed Czeck and Jacki Santoro and wish them good luck at the BEE or go to the BEE and cheer them on. We expect great things from them.

The topic of the February meeting will be STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Our guest speakers will be David Petty: Technology/Engineering, Dan Downs: Computer Education, Tom Haver: Math Director and Mike Marchand: Science Director. They will discuss what is new in the departments and curriculum, how the new math curriculum in McCall is changing the Math sequence in WHS, taking CP and Honors courses, what your kids are learning in school and out about technology and other topics. It is great that we have these teachers at our meeting to address the questions you may have. Please plan on attending.

## CLASS NEWS

### CLASS OF 2014 NEWS

**Junior Parents Night:** Thursday, January 31st. the Guidance department welcomes parents and students of the Junior class for an informational meeting about the college application process.

**Practice SATs:** Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> Once again the Junior Class will host a Practice SAT Feb. 9th administered by Kaplan. Start time 8am and the cost is \$10.

**Junior Parents Dinner:** Thursday March 14th, join us for dinner and social time. Watch for an eblast with more details.

### CLASS OF 2015 NEWS

**The Class of 2015 is hosting a Pizza Party on Wednesday, February 6th at 11:15 in the cafeteria.** We are asking parents to donate drinks and desserts, including bottled water, soda, and other soft drinks, and cookies, brownies, and fruit. Please drop off your donated items at the cafeteria or at the front desk on Wednesday morning. Thanks so much for your generosity. We are looking forward to another successful event. Please contact Cheryl Eagan-Donovan at [eagandonovan@verizon.net](mailto:eagandonovan@verizon.net) with any questions.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PARENT CONVERSATIONS

Please join Parent Conversations **Wednesday, February 27th at 8:45** am in the Guidance Conference Room. GUEST: Dan Downs, Computer Education Department. Parent Conversations invites you to join us for coffee and informal conversation about our kids, WHS and our community. The monthly discussions are casual and drop in yet always confidential. New and "seasoned" parents offer stories and experiences and through these conversations, ideas are exchanged, questions are answered and many problems are solved. The monthly discussions vary among open topics, specific topics and guest speakers.

This month, we will welcome Dan Downs, a teacher in the Computer Education Department who will address our questions and concerns regarding the latest social networking and technology our students are using. Shafiya Ciccarelli, WHS Clinical Counselor facilitates the group discussion.

## **THANK YOU FROM THE WHS LIBRARY**

One of the main priorities of a high school library is to provide materials that support the curriculum. Often this does not leave much in the budget to buy books for leisure reading. Because of this focus, the WHS Library's fiction collection desperately needed a refresh. Thanks to a very generous grant from the PFA, we were able to order 100 new books for leisure reading! We bought a mixture of popular young adult and adult fiction and some narrative nonfiction. We will also turn the library into a 'reading salon' for a week to encourage students to read more. Here's a picture of some of our shiny new books. Thank you so much to the PFA for making this possible! We're very excited about our new books!

Amy Fiske  
WHS Library

## **FASHION SHOW BENEFIT FOR WHS ART DEPARTMENT**

*Alissa McGeehan, Mackenzie O'Connor, and Stephanie Latzanakis, Class of 2013*

Ever since freshman year we have been involved with the WHS Art Department, taking the amazing classes they have to offer and dedicating our time and growing our passion for art. Over the summer we began planning Winchester High School's first ever fashion show with the hopes of sharing our love of fashion and art with the community. Our goal is to raise money for the WHS Art Department. The theme of the show is Alice in Fashionland. With the help of Jennifer Levatino, Dot Butler, Heather Harris and Ingrid Li, we have successfully started our final plans for the show. Furthermore, we have support from Box and Bow, and more! The show includes about 100 high school students, broken up into sections of what they love to do (set design, makeup and hair, stylists, designers and models). Each high schooler is able to contribute their artistic talent and passion to help produce the final event.

WHS Art Department provides a place where students are able to find out who they are as artists and people. They have encouraged us to expand our creative minds and to produce art with endless possibilities. Without them we would not have gained the confidence to pursue our goals both artistically and personally. Our teachers' drive and motivation not only inspires us, but hundreds of other high school students. The money we raise will be given to the head of the Art Department, Ms. Levatino, and she will be able to use the money to buy materials and supplies for the WHS Art Department.

We are asking for donations from the community of the materials we need for this show. These materials will be used to create the set and atmosphere in which this fashion show would be held. Please click on this link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F49ADAE2BA31-alice> to sign up to donate.

We hope you consider helping us achieve our goals, both with the production of the fashion show and raising money for the Winchester High School Art Department.

## **WHS BASEBALL LONG TOSS PROGRAM**

Spring will be here in no time, which means baseball season is not far behind. Anyone interested in some off season training is encouraged to participate in the Long Toss Program on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:30 am at the WHS gym. No registration necessary. Just bring your glove.

If you have any questions please contact Bob Conron at [Bobconron@gmail.com](mailto:Bobconron@gmail.com) or Ryan at [rnc4258@hotmail.com](mailto:rnc4258@hotmail.com).

## The Guide

### A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department

#### January 2013

#### Senior Parents

Applications for the Winchester Scholarship Foundation are available in the Guidance Department. Applications are due no later than May 15, 2013. 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.

#### 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).

#### 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 (students & parents at WHS share the same account/password). Students 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 post-secondary planning process.

#### Junior College Information Night

An informational meeting about the college selection process was held on January 31st. 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 28th. Students received a yellow folder of information to help them begin their post-secondary planning. The complete packet is available on the high school guidance website.

#### Next Step: SAT or ACT?

After juniors have taken the PSAT they can begin to decide which standardized test best fits their testing style. Almost all schools accept scores



**RELAY FOR LIFE OF WINCHESTER**  
**Kick-Off Celebration**  
**Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00 Jenks Center**

Are you thinking about participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Relay For Life of Winchester? Please join us for the Kick-off event on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Jenks Center. Our first Relay included 30 teams and 300 participants and raised over \$60,000! We invite everyone to get involved in this year's Relay and help us reach our goal of \$75,000! Go to [www.relayforlife.org/winchesterma](http://www.relayforlife.org/winchesterma) to register your team, like us on Facebook , and follow us on Twitter @winrelayforlife. Please contact us at [winchesterrelay@gmail.com](mailto:winchesterrelay@gmail.com) for more information.

**ROCK FOR YOUTH**  
**Battle of the Bands Round 2**  
**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> (Please note date change)**  
**7:30-10:30pm Winchester Town Hall Auditorium**  
**\$10 admission**

Featuring the 8 bands that moved on from round 1:

100 Decibelz	The Coppertones	Klangfarbenmelodic Jazz Quartet	Trust Fall
Breaking E	Droopy Tubas	Los Pollos Hermanos	Wizened Man Face

Audience members will vote to select the bands that will perform in the final show on Town Day eve. Come out to support your friends, listen to some great live music! Contact [rock4youth@gmail.com](mailto:rock4youth@gmail.com) for more info.

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

During April vacation 26 WYC Peer Leaders will be participating in our 8<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 \$4800 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 16<sup>th</sup> We are currently selling \$10 dump run vouchers

**Raffle tickets—Drawing April 8th**

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

- \* iPad mini \*
- \* 1-night stay @ Marriott Residence Inn on Boston Harbor \*
- \* 4-pack Red Sox tickets \*
- \* Live performance by The Dirt Dogs \*
- \* Spring Clean-up by Taft Landscaping \*
- \* Gift Certificates and More \*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NEWS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Learn something new this winter! Classes begin soon, including Art (Drawing, Photography, Blacksmithing and Bracelets), Boating Skills & Seamanship, Dance (Belly Dance, Line Dance and Tap Dance), Health & Fitness (including Yoga and Zumba), and Finance (Long-Term Care, Retirement Planning. Register online with Mastercard or Visa at [www.winrec.com](http://www.winrec.com)

### NEWS FROM THE WINCHESTER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

#### **Open Mic Night at Starbucks – Thursday, February 7, 7:00-9:00 PM**

Join us for Open Mic Night at Starbucks, 542 Main Street, Winchester. Hosted by Winchester Community Music School and singer/songwriter Mike Verge. Open Mic Nights occur the first Thursday of every month and we welcome performers, families and friends for this lively, emceed coffee house event. Individual or small duo/trio performances are encouraged. We welcome all ages, all instruments, and all types of music. Bands are welcome but must be acoustic. Free and open to the public. For information, call [781-721-2950](tel:781-721-2950) or visit [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org).

#### **Broadway on Highland – Friday, February 8, 7:30-9:00 PM**

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. Solo, duo, trio, or family act? We're happy to include you. Just bring your sheet music (no lead sheets please) and a copy for our fabulous accompanist. (Please note that the piano music should be in the same key in which you plan to sing.) Run-throughs with pianist available between 7-7:30 PM. Free and open to the public. For more information, call [781-721-2950](tel:781-721-2950) or visit [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org).

#### **Faculty Recital Series with Karen Oosterbaan – Monday, February 11, 7:30 PM**

Winchester Community Music School will present the fifth concert in its 2012-13 Faculty Recital Series on Monday, December 3, at 7:30 pm. The concert will feature Karen Oosterbaan playing violin. A "Meet the Artist" reception will follow. Admission is free and open to the public. For further information on this and other WCMS events, call [781-721-2950](tel:781-721-2950) or visit [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org).

#### **Fat Tuesday Blues Jam – Tuesday, February 12, 7:30-9:00 PM**

Join our Underground Faculty Band with Host Tim Gartland for a Blues Jam session at WCMS. Our Fat Tuesday Blues 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! Amps, pianos, drums, and PA system provided. \$7 for participants, spectators free. Open to the public. For more information, call [781-721-2950](tel:781-721-2950) or visit [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org).

#### **Intro to Drum Set Workshop – Tuesday, February 19, 1:00-5:00 PM**

During school vacation week! For ages 11 and older. Our one-day Intro to Drum Set workshop at WCMS is perfect for those wanting to try their hand behind the kit but have no prior experience with the drums. With only 3 students per workshop, you'll be guaranteed plenty of hands-on time at the kit in this fun, low pressure introductory course. \$99 for a 4-hour workshop. For more information, call [781-721-2950](tel:781-721-2950) or visit [www.winchestermusic.org](http://www.winchestermusic.org).

## **FRIENDS OF THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Winchester resident, Kate Clifford Larson, PhD., will give a power point presentation and speak about her book "The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln" (Basic Books, June 2008) and the 2011 movie it inspired, "The Conspirator", on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Winchester Public Library located at 80 Washington Street in Winchester, MA.

Specializing in 19th and 20th century U.S. Women's and African American History, she is also the author of "Bound For the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero" (Ballantine/One World, 2004), and "Rosemary: An Interrupted Life," a biography of the profoundly disabled sister of President Kennedy (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, summer 2013).

"The Conspirator", directed by Robert Redford and starring James McAvoy, Robin Wright, Kevin Cline, Evan Rachel Wood and Tom Wilkinson, describes the wake of Abraham Lincoln's assassination when seven men and one woman are arrested and charged with conspiring to kill the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary of State.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Winchester Library and the John & Mary Murphy Educational Foundation. It is free and open to the public. Questions: Jann Sheehy [781.729.6096](tel:781.729.6096)

## **PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS PARENTING WORKSHOPS**

**Workshops on Understanding and Interacting with Pre-Teens & Teenagers.** Come to one, two, or all three!

Back by popular demand, **Rick Irving, LICSW** will speak to parents about effectively communicating with children even before they hit adolescence. Rick is a clinical social worker for the Andover Public Schools and has a private practice in Winchester.

**The Characteristics of Our Tweens and Teens That Make Us Lose Sleep (And how to respond without feeling helpless!)** Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 7 to 9 pm

**The Gift of Confidence, Resilience and Competence (So you can watch them handle the world)** Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 7 to 9 pm

These workshops are **free and open to the public.** Snow-date: Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

## **NEWS FROM THE WINCHESTER MULTICULTURAL NETWORK**

### **WIT 2013- A Conference About Community**

*Sign up for this dynamic community-wide conference at [www.GetToWit.org](http://www.GetToWit.org)*

Saturday, February 9, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Winchester Town Hall Auditorium

Thanks to a generous grant from the Community Health Network Alliance (CHNA-15), the Multicultural Network will again be sponsoring a community conversation open to all those who live, work, study, worship, play or conduct business in our town. Building on the success of WIT 2012, attended by more than 150 people, WIT 2013 will be an opportunity to deepen our exploration of four topics that surfaced prominently during last year's conversations:

- Stress, The role that stress increasingly plays in our lives, across all ages from youth to elderly.
- Accessibility, the issue of accessibility, particularly for those with limited mobility.
- Class: The class issue, often hidden and not discussed openly in our suburban community.
- Demographics: How is the face of Winchester changing?

And with your interest already sparked, you should know that longtime Winchester resident **Sol Gittleman will be our keynote speaker**. Known as a dynamic, engaging speaker, his impressive career includes the former position of Provost and Chairman of German, Russian, and Asian Languages and Literature at Tufts University, where he began teaching in 1964. In addition to teaching, Gittleman lectures extensively on topics of American immigration, the national pastime, and comparative religion. Professor Gittleman has received many awards for his work and has authored several books.

Join community leaders, friends and neighbors as we build on last year's success. Your perspective is important! For more information, please visit [www.GetToWit.org](http://www.GetToWit.org) or call [781-729-7100](tel:781-729-7100).

**Traces of the Trade: A Story From the Deep North with Dr. James DeWolfe Perry**  
Sunday, February 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in St. Mary's School Hall, 162 Washington St.  
Co-sponsored with St. Mary's Church

In the PBS documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*, Katrina Browne discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine cousins retrace the Triangle Trade, explore the ways in which slavery impacts our nation even today, and gain powerful new perspectives on the black/white divide. James DeWolf Perry, Executive Director of the Tracing Center, will introduce the film and lead the question-and-answer period following the screening. He was nominated for an Emmy award for his role as the principal historical consultant for the documentary and appears throughout the film as a descendant of U.S. Senator James DeWolf of Bristol, R.I. (1764-1837), the leading slave trader in U.S. history. Since the film's premiere, James has spoken across the nation and abroad about his family's, and the nation's, historic role in slavery. You won't want to miss this important program.

**Deepening Our Multicultural Understanding—our Annual Community Workshop**  
Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Winchester Unitarian Church, 478 Main St.

Now an established annual event and key community program, the workshop is free for those who live and/or work in Winchester.

The workshop provides an opportunity to foster growth in both personal and institutional awareness. How can one broach a difficult subject in ways that build authentic dialogue and bridge differences? On March 16, participants can learn about the foundation on which the Network models its multicultural efforts.

Addressing challenging topics such as race, religion, sexual orientation, class, and mental and physical abilities can be difficult, but the workshop will provide us with awareness, guidelines, and tools to stay in constructive dialogue and build collaborative relationships—all within a safe and structured environment.

This year's workshop will be facilitated by Amy Cipolla-Stickles, a consultant with a background in the VISIONS model for looking at multicultural issues of all kinds. Amy recently completed her Master's in International and Human Rights.

Although donations to help defray workshop expenses are welcomed, the workshop is open to all, regardless of a person's financial means. We appreciate your commitment to attend.

Register immediately to ensure your place: Contact the Network's office, [office@wmcn.org](mailto:office@wmcn.org), call WMCN at [781-729-7100](tel:781-729-7100), or contact Gloria Welch Legvold at [781-729-8247](tel:781-729-8247).

### **GIRL SCOUT WINTER VACATION CAMP - FEBRUARY 18 - 22ND**

Get the most out of your winter vacation week at Camp Wabasso in Bradford, NH with teens in grades 6-12 like you! Spend two days downhill skiing or snowboarding and an evening of tubing at a local ski resort. Back at camp enjoy snowshoeing, hanging out by the campfire, and various camp activities. This week includes all of your lodging, equipment rentals, lessons, food and transportation from Waltham, MA. Cost: \$350 per girl (plus \$12 registration fee for non-Girl Scouts). The bus will leave Waltham at 1 PM on February 18<sup>th</sup> (Monday) and return at 5 PM on February 22<sup>nd</sup> (Friday). Please follow this link for more information and to register.

[http://www.girlscoutseasternmass.org/search.html?textfield=winter%20vacation%20camp&agelevel=Any%20Age&category=Any%20Category&zip=Enter%20Zip%20for%20Locations&date\\_st\\_month=&date\\_st\\_year=&id=10930](http://www.girlscoutseasternmass.org/search.html?textfield=winter%20vacation%20camp&agelevel=Any%20Age&category=Any%20Category&zip=Enter%20Zip%20for%20Locations&date_st_month=&date_st_year=&id=10930)

### **THANK YOU FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 507**

Boy Scout Troop 507 would like to thank the entire Winchester community for its enthusiastic support of our 19th annual Christmas Tree Pickup fundraiser. On Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, nine crews of 65 scouts, former scouts and adults in eighteen vehicles began collecting trees at 7am, ending with a final run to the transfer station at 3:45 pm. The boys are proud to provide this service to their neighbors, and your donations help the troop raise money for monthly trips, summer camp, high adventure expeditions, and troop equipment as well as donations to other nonprofit organizations chosen by the boys.

A special thanks is due the Town of Winchester Department of Public Works, Perennial Landscape in Winchester, and Carole Kitchen and Bath Design and Jewett Masonry, both in Woburn, for assisting with the pickup and allowing us to use their trucks. In addition, we would like to thank the following merchants for their generous donations: Dunkin' Donuts, Gloria's Pizzeria, DeMoulas Market Basket, Roche Brothers, Starbucks, Stop & Shop, and Whole Foods, along with Stor-U-Self Penske truck rental in Woburn.

Finally, this event would not have been possible without the scouts, families, and friends of Troop 507, including former scouts and their families. We deeply appreciate the ongoing support of our chartering organization, Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church, which provides a home for our weekly meetings and served as "tree central" on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Troop 507 is proud of its diverse membership and knows no boundaries of race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, economic status, family structure, or physical or mental ability.

Christopher Rogers, Scoutmaster  
Rick Marks, Troop Committee Chair  
Boy Scout Troop 507, Winchester

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**PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**PERSONALITY TYPE AND THE COLLEGE STUDENT**

**College Major Match is the key to Student Success**

**Instructor: Karina Money, MA**

One of the most difficult decisions a college student faces is selecting their major. This one decision determines the individual's success in life. If one chooses the wrong major, they could be stuck in a career that they do not love resulting in a lifetime of unhappiness. If one chooses the right major they will succeed with their coursework, graduate and begin a career that is fulfilling and rewarding to them as an individual. Personality type assessment is the key in helping students choose their major early in the educational career thereby, ensuring the student defines their goals and graduate. This seminar will give an overview of personality type assessment and show how knowing one's personality type can lead to improved grades, persistence and graduation rate as well as successful careers. Two sessions

131-BF-09A	Th. Jan 31	7-9pm
Winchester High School	Skillings Rd.	\$49

**INSIDE THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID OFFICES:**

**Instructor: Catherine Valega CFP, CAIA and Alison Forbes, BA, M.ED.**

Is your child stressed out about applying for and getting into college? Are you stressed out about paying for college? If you can answer yes to either question we have the seminar for you. Join Alison Forbes, a former Ivy League admissions officer, and owner of AcceptU, a local and virtual college admissions counseling service, and Catherine Valega, a local resident, Certified Financial Planner, and owner of Green Bridge College Planning, for an inside look at the college admissions and financial aid processes.

At this class you will learn:

- Why college planning is for everyone, including high income/net worth families
- Why it is never too late or too early to plan for college costs
- Why college planning is not only saving FOR college, but also saving on the COST of college
- How applications are read and evaluated in college admissions offices
- What the most important factors and "hooks" are in the decision process
- Tangible steps applicants can take to stand out and improve their chances

131-BF-08	Tu. Feb. 12	7-9 pm
Winchester High School	Skillings Rd.	\$25

**MAXIMIZE YOUR COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID**

This one-night workshop is a must for **all** parents of college-bound high school students, **especially freshmen and sophomores**. We will demystify the college financial aid process and teach you how to access the more than \$140 billion in financial aid dollars, monies that are even available to "high income" families and business owners. Strategies will be presented that will help you protect your assets by maximizing your eligibility for aid, effectively lowering your college costs. You will learn the optimum time to set the strategies in place (*Hint, best before junior year*) and why, if you wait until the financial aid deadline to file your forms, you may miss out on the full amount of aid for which you might qualify. You will also learn how to minimize the impact of the equity in your home. A free comprehensive analysis will

be available for those attending the class. For more information about College Funding Advisors, please visit [www.collegefundingadvisors.com](http://www.collegefundingadvisors.com).

131-BF-04A	Wed. March 6	\$21/single
131-BF-04B	Wed. March 6	\$25/couple
Winchester High school,	Skillings Rd.	7-9pm

## **COLLEGE ESSAY BOOT CAMP**

**Instructor: John Halbrooks**

The thought of beginning your senior year—with the attendant pressures of maintaining good grades, playing sports, taking the SAT's, squeezing in college visits, applying for financial aid and filling out college applications—is stressful enough without worrying about writing the dreaded “college essay”. This course is designed to minimize your stress by helping you finish your college essay before you finish classes your junior year. Together we will work through a process of self-discovery that will free you up to write a clear, meaningful, perhaps even passionate essay that will give college admissions officers a very good sense of just who you are. Before classes end, you will breathe a sigh of relief knowing that you have in-hand an essay you can confidently include with your college applications. In this course, we will discuss and dissect a variety of creative approaches that will prepare you to tackle this writing project with confidence. We will meet twice as a class, with follow-up critiques by e-mail. Two sessions

*John Halbrooks is a long-time editor/writer for business magazines (Inc., Club Business International, Purchasing), and has contributed freelance articles to many others, including Boston Magazine, Parade, and TWA Ambassador.*

131-BF-05A	Thu. March 14 & 28	7-8:30PM
Winchester High School	Skillings Rd.	\$99

## **ACCEPTU INFORMATION SESSION**

Join Stephen Friedfeld, co-founder of AcceptU and former admissions officer at Cornell University and Princeton University, during a free information session from 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesday, February 5th at the Winchester Public Library (large meeting room). The title of the session is "*Inside the College Admissions Office.*"

AcceptU is a local college counseling group comprised entirely of former admissions officers that has provided one-on-one guidance to many Winchester families. AcceptU's counselors help students with academic, extracurricular and standardized testing planning as well as the college list, admissions strategy, essays, interview prep and financial aid.

Parents and students in 9th, 10th and 11th grades are encouraged to attend this event. It is open to all.

## **9TH ANNUAL SPRING WOMEN HELPING WOMEN EVENT**

**“THERE’S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS”**

The Winchester Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 9th Annual Spring Women Helping Women event. This year's event: “There's No Business Like Show Business” will light up the Runway with Designer teams featuring fashions inspired by Broadway Shows. The event will take place on Thursday,

April 4, 2013 at the Burlington Marriott. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 and you must be 21 and female to attend.

We are bringing you Dynamic Designing Duos who will double the pleasure and double the fun. Our teams of two will hit the stage and share their creations with everyone. And when the runway show ends, we invite all of you to stick around because we are bringing the After Party to YOU. The bars will be moved inside the hall as we transform our runway into a WHW Dance Party for All!

Tickets go on sale at the Winchester Chamber of Commerce, 25 Waterfield Road, on Thursday, February 7th. Chamber hours are Monday through Thursday 8am – 1pm. Tickets are \$60 /person. Individual tickets are available as well as tables of ELEVEN. Starting on February 7th, each person will be able to purchase only ONE TABLE for the first week of sales. As of Monday, February 18th, anyone may purchase as many tables as are available. We ask that you purchase tickets in person. Checks that are mailed or slipped through chamber door will not be processed. PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE COMPLETE DETAILS: <http://www.winchesterchamber.com/whwticketinfo.html>

So, call your friends and make plans to attend this sell-out event!! The following is a list of our fantastic designer duos who are participating:

Aggie Baker and daughter Catherine Baker  
Annie Baker and Megan Parsons  
Jackie Burchard and Melinda Stone  
Mary Ellen Rourke-Falvey and Jill Abrahamsen  
Kara Spelman and Meredith Conway

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the chamber office at 781-729-8870.