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PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ JANUARY 2011
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FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN

Happy New Year and I hope you had a wonderful holiday break! I hope that 2011 brings the best to all of you. It's difficult to believe but WHS has almost reached the halfway point for the year. Second quarter ends on January 14th, and mid year exams will take place during the week of January 17th after the Martin Luther King holiday. Exams will be given from Tuesday, January 18th to Friday, January 21st (see the midyear exam schedule below). Students will be dismissed at the end of the last exam each day.

WHS is in the midst of planning for next year and we're well into the FY12 budget process. The budget process begins in November when departmental directors submit their initial FY12 requests to me. Those requests are for curriculum related expenses, equipment, and additional staffing. WHS has requested new staffing for expanding the Mandarin and Latin programs and adding a part-time nurse and a second clinical counselor. These requests are combined to develop the high school budget proposal which is then submitted to the superintendent and director of finance. During the months of December and January the principals and central office administrators work in conjunction with the school committee to review and prioritize items in the initial proposal. Invariably reductions will be made so the final budget approved by the school committee will be more in line with what the town can actually afford to pay.

In November and December, directors also submit new curriculum proposals (new courses, course modifications, curriculum level changes) to me and we meet to determine which of these proposals will be included in our 2011-2012 course selection book. The directors then revise their sections of the course selections book which goes to press in February. The registration process for the next school year then begins at the beginning of March. At the moment some of the proposed new courses include second year Mandarin Chinese, Adobe Creative Suite 5 for the Visual Thinker, Developing Mobile Applications Using Flash, and advanced online math classes for students who complete AP Calculus or AP Statistics in their junior year.

Mid-Year Exam Schedule

Tuesday, January 18:	7:45-8:40	B Block class (Day 4)
	8:45-9:40	G Block class (Day 4)
	9:45-11:15	A Block Exam
Wednesday, January 19:	7:45-9:15	B Block Exam
	9:30-11:00	C Block Exam
Thursday, January 20:	7:45-9:15	D Block Exam
	9:30-11:00	E Block Exam
Friday, January 21:	7:45-9:15	F block Exam
	9:30-11:00	G Block Exam

Principal Drop-in: This month, principal drop-in will take place on Wednesday, January 5th (5:30-7 pm), the same night as the PFA meeting.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Foreign Exchange Trips

Qualifications: Students must have good academic standing and good attendance in all courses. Students must not have any disciplinary problems. Students must be currently enrolled in the language of the host country and demonstrates an ability to communicate in the language. If a student has completed the formal curriculum prior to the exchange and is thus not taking the language s/he may participate with the approval of the exchange leader.

Participation in the exchange is subject to the approval of the exchange leader and completion of the required application materials. Students must apply for participation in the exchange by providing the following:

- A formal application, which includes an essay describing the reason for wanting to go on the exchange. This is to be accompanied by a refundable deposit.
- A teacher approval form. Participants in the exchange will be required to get recommendations from their current or previous-year's teachers (depending on the time of year the process begins) before being accepted into the exchange program.

Exchange trips will not be counted toward the absence policy. Students may not participate in more than one exchange per semester.

Expectations: Exchange students must get assignments from teachers and make arrangements for makeup of missed quizzes and tests prior to departure. There will be a clear schedule for makeup established in writing with all teachers.

If a disciplinary, academic or attendance issue arises after acceptance into the exchange, students may be required to withdraw from the exchange and risk financial loss.

Students are expected to do schoolwork while away and the group leader will arrange time and space for studying wherever possible. Students are expected to attend classes at the host school every day that there is not an excursion or other group activity planned. Students will be expected to maintain a journal and/or do a project as assigned by their language teacher.

Consumption of alcohol or other illegal substances is forbidden. Driving a vehicle or a motorcycle is forbidden.

Exchange students are expected to adhere to the standards of behavior required of them at WHS. Students must participate fully in all exchange activities and follow the rules of the host family. Any student who fails to comply with these standards will be subject to the penalties they would incur at home. Students who commit infractions may be sent home early at their own expense.

PFA NEWS

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Ann Hibbard and Martha Sampson

We're almost halfway through the year, which seems hard to believe. It's been a busy fall, with lots going on around town and in the schools, and the winter and spring will continue to be busy as well. Many of you were able to attend the presentation of "The Race to Nowhere" and the follow-up parent conversations. Both the film and the conversations sparked some good dialogue, which we hope will continue throughout the year. On that same note, Parent to Parent is sponsoring a talk by Rick Irving in February, which will address the issue of student stress, and will be a good opportunity to learn more about how to help our children.

Our School Resource Officer, Stephen Palmer, will be attending our next meeting, on January 5, to introduce himself to those of you who don't know him and discuss some of the issues facing our high-school students. We're very lucky to have him as a resource and we encourage you to come and hear what he has to say.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the Direct Appeal so far. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to distribute over \$16,000 in grants to our teachers this fall. Many of them are trying to do innovative things on a very tight budget and are very appreciative of our support. If you haven't made a donation yet, please consider doing so. A contribution of any amount is welcome.

Enjoy the upcoming vacation, and we look forward to seeing you on January 5 at 7:30 pm in the WHS Library.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE PFA WEB SITE?

You may already know that the PFA Newsletter is posted on our web site (whspfa.org) each month. Have you see what else is posted there? You can find:

- Minutes of PFA meetings
- 2010-11 faculty and staff voice mail and email addresses (based on information given to us by the school)
- 2010-2011 calendars (Edline, District, WHS, and Music Department)
- Links to various town organizations and resources
- Inclement weather notification procedures
- PFA Board members
- PFA meeting schedule
- Newsletter deadlines

If you need information check us out; we try hard to make sure the most current information is posted. If you have any suggestions for additional information we should include, email us at whspfaneewsletter@gmail.com.

The WHS Parent Faculty Association's 2010-2011 Direct Appeal

If you recently received a yellow postcard reminder and haven't yet responded, please be sure to mail your check today for the Direct Appeal to Joanne O'Donnell at the address below, or pay via PayPal as instructed below. **Your contribution matters!** To those who have already contributed – thank you!

Last year, the PFA distributed over \$24,000 in grants, accounting for more than two-thirds of the moneys raised by the Association's Direct Appeal program. The grants covered thirty-two wide-ranging initiatives, providing support for teachers, organizations, and leaders in our High School who needed academic supplies, equipment, curriculum or enrichment expenditures not covered by the school budget. ***So parents, please participate in the Direct Appeal! It has a direct benefit in awakening the potential of our high school children!***

The PFA's goal is to raise Direct Appeal funds through the contributions of 100% of WHS families. **We hope to increase this year's participation rate, which is currently 34%.** 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, which includes PFA dues.

Contributions may be made by check or via PayPal (\$75 per family is recommended):

- **Checks** may be made payable to the "WHS PFA" and sent to **Joanne O'Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890**. Please include your child's name and grade on the memo line of your check.
- **Contributions via PayPal** may be made by clicking on the link on the Direct Appeal page on the WHS PFA Website. Click on the yellow "Donate" button at the bottom of the Direct Appeal page and follow the directions provided.

Thank you for your consideration, and your donation!

SCHOOL NEWS

The Class of 2012, partnering with KAPLAN, hosts **SAT Prep Events at WHS**

Practice SAT Exam Saturday, January 29, 2011 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Pay \$10 at the door (Class of 2012 Fund Raiser)

You can register online but you cannot pay online!

Bring #2 Pencils & a calculator

SAT Test Strategies Workshop Wednesday, February 9, 2011 7:00 pm - 8:00pm

(test score reports returned) Parents & Students are invited to this free event.

Call or go online to register for one or both of these events! www.kaptest.com / 1-800-KAP-TEST

CONNECT AND COMMIT

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

You can sign up for the opportunities listed below at the weekly meetings or in the Connect and Commit

office, 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 phone 781-721-7020 x1999.

Areas of Interest for 2011

Poverty
HIV/AIDS
Support of the Troops

This year, the students of the Connect & Commit club have chosen to focus their efforts around three different areas of interest. With each topic, the students will be designing ways to both educate their peers through awareness campaigns, sharing news articles and research, inviting experts to speak, etc. In addition, they will also be supporting the efforts being made to alleviate these problems through service work and fundraisers.

As we have begun to discuss the issue of poverty, leaders have already begun to work on setting up regular volunteer opportunities for the students of the club with organizations such as The Dwelling Place and Boston Rescue Mission. All of these efforts are student driven and we hope that your son or daughter will come to a meeting and get involved. We would like to give every student the opportunity to help plan and execute one meeting or event around these issues. I look forward to seeing where the students take these initiatives.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE DISNEY TRIP

Thanks to everyone who has provided hard copies of flight itineraries (not needed if you booked with Cruises and Tours) and if you've made your final payment. There are a few final payments and itineraries outstanding, thanks for taking care of these soon. Also please send in a new itinerary if your airline makes a change in your booking. A few other families who booked with Cruises and Tours and paid them a total of \$318 still owe \$25 to the trip for the deposit. If you're not sure if the \$25 deposit was paid on your behalf please check with Ms. Miller at pmiller@winchester.k12.ma.us.

After vacation Mrs. Costello will distribute health forms, contact information and behavior contracts. Please return these all together by the end of January.

We will have an informational meeting for parents, students and chaperones at 7:00 pm Monday evening, January 31 at WHS. This is not mandatory but is a chance to clarify as needed.

If tag-along families would like to add their ticket purchase to our group purchase or use one of our rooms at All Star Music Resort please send in a check to WHS Music by January 10. The cost of a 3 day Park Hopper is \$138, a 4 day Park Hopper is \$151. The hotel rooms are \$107 a night.

Our kick off concert is Monday evening, February 28 at WHS. We will present the two programs prepared for Disney, the first set features the girls of Concert Chorus with the members of the WHS Orchestras, the second includes the boys of the Concert Chorus added to Sachem Choir with members of the WHS Concert Band and Jazz Band. These performances include all our students whether they're going to Disney or not. This should be a terrific concert!

Please contact your music teacher or me at jmccann@winchester.k12.ma.us for information or recommendations. Information for the trip is also posted on the winchesterhighschoolchoir.com website.

The Guide



A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department January 2011

PSAT/NMSQT Score Reports Mailed in December

PSAT scores were mailed home in mid-December. The Guidance Department has each student's original PSAT test booklet. Students or parents should pick up this test booklet in the Guidance Office.

Students who took the PSAT in October 2010 are able to use

www.collegeboard.com/quickstart free of charge for the duration of their high school careers. This is the College Board's online tool for career, major, and college exploration that also includes a personality assessment.

For additional information regarding the interpretation of the PSAT scores please refer to the WHS Guidance Website, under the 2012 Class Link. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's guidance counselor with any questions you may have about your child's scores.

Freshman Parents

An informative coffee for ninth grade parents hosted by the Guidance Department will take place on Wednesday, January 19th at 8:00 am at the high school. If you plan to attend, please RSVP no later than January 10th to slewissholler@winchester.k12.ma.us

Sophomore Parents

An informative coffee for tenth grade parents hosted by the Guidance Department will take place on Thursday, January 20^h at 8:00 am at the high school. If you plan to attend, please RSVP no later than January 10th to

slewissholler@winchester.k12.ma.us

During the month of January, Guidance Counselors will be meeting with all tenth grade students. Students will receive their password for Naviance and can begin utilizing career exploration tools available through Naviance.

Junior Parents

In February Guidance Counselors will be meeting with all eleventh grade students to review post secondary options and the college process.

Junior Parent Night Scheduled For February 1, 2011

The Guidance Department's Early College Planning Night for parents of juniors has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, February 1, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. The program will be held in the auditorium and will feature speakers David Hautanen, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, Northeastern University, and Walker Coppedge, Associate Director of Enrollment, Tufts University. The admissions professionals will describe the admissions process from the colleges' perspective. Guidance Director Sherri Lewis-Sholler will discuss how to get started on the college selection process and provide an overview of how to use Naviance. The Early College Planning Night is the first in a series of workshops designed to equip parents with as much information as possible about the college process. Juniors are encouraged to attend this workshop with their parents.

Important Information for Parents of Seniors

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 card 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. Volpe in Guidance.

Johnson & Wales University will be available in the Guidance Office on January 19, 2011 from 10:00am-2:30 pm for "On-the-spot Application Review Day". Seniors may schedule appointments to meet with an admissions representative in the Guidance Office. Students should complete an application and return it to the Guidance Office prior to January 12th. The application fee is waived for students who participate in "On-the-spot Application Review Day" and no essay is required. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

Plan Now for Free College Goal Sunday, January 30, 2011

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 various locations across the state. Students and their parents should bring completed 2010 or 2009 Federal tax returns, W2 statements and other 2010 or 2009 income and benefits information, current bank statements, untaxed income (Social Security, Welfare, Veterans Benefits records, etc.), drivers license and alien registration card, if applicable. This

information is helpful, but not required. To learn more or to register go to:

www.FAFSADay.org

Financial Aid ...Get Your PIN Now!

Although the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) cannot be filed until after January 1, 2011, 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. 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.

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.

Scholarships

Winchester Scholarship Foundation applications will be available in January 2011 in the Guidance Office. Additional scholarship information can be found under the *Scholarship* tab in Naviance.

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

click on the link to **FAFSA4caster**.

Joint Admissions Programs at Middlesex Community College

The Joint Admissions Program at Middlesex Community College allows students to earn their Associate Degree at Middlesex in one of the 25 possible Joint Admissions majors. Students who graduate with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average are guaranteed admission to a participating Massachusetts state college, the University of Massachusetts or Suffolk University. (Massachusetts College of Art and Massachusetts Maritime Academy do not participate at this time.) Participation in the Joint Admissions Program simplifies the transfer process, since there is no need to fill out another application or pay an application fee. This allows a smooth transition into the bachelor's degree program. Students may decide not to participate in Joint Admissions as there are many other transfer options available, but if they fulfill the Joint Admissions requirements, they know there will be a space waiting for them at their choice of a participating state college, UMass campus, or Suffolk University. To learn more about Joint Admissions, call: 1-800-818-3434, or go to www.middlesex.mass.edu.

Best Wishes for 2011!



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

It's our 10th anniversary
The WYC has been in its current space at McCall for 10 years. Come celebrate with us!

If you are a teenager who wants: to do something good for others...something fun to do after school...cool events and activities to attend...to spread the word about important issues...to be a role model to others...to give something back to the community...to learn more about yourself and what you're capable of...then the WYC is the place for you

The WYC offers something for everyone, come check us out and find out how you can get involved. Go to www.wynec.com for more information.

All WYC leadership programs, special events, and service-learning projects are open to all WHS students. Anyone who is interested in doing something good in the community, being a role model for others, working and hanging out with other great kids, and making good decisions should check out the WYC!

PEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Do you have what it takes to be a peer leader? If you have natural leadership skills, want to have a positive impact on the community, like to have fun and make good decisions then the answer is yes! Anyone interested in joining this awesome group should stop by the WYC for more information.

SSA: STUDENTS SPREADING AWARENESS

Want to really make a difference in the lives of your peers? Then join SSA. Thursday evenings, January 13th & 27th at 6:00 pm in the WYC. SSA is a peer education group for WHS students. Throughout the year we are focusing our efforts on issues facing Winchester teens including academic pressure, body image, alcohol & drug abuse, stress, depression, bullying, and school spirit. We hope to help build a stronger and more supportive community environment for all youth. All WHS students are invited to join us!

WYC COFFEE HOUSE

Friday, January 28th 8:00-11:00 Featuring live music, delicious homemade desserts, frappes, and coffee drinks. \$5 admission. High school students only. As with all WYC events, there is no re-entry and outside drinks are not allowed. Proceeds will benefit the WYC Peer Leaders' April vacation Habitat for Humanity trip.

VALENTINE'S JEWELRY PARTY

Saturday, January 29th 1:00-4:00pm. 1 Alden Lane. Featuring WYC Jewels, Valentine's ornaments, cookie jars, and many additional original crafts. All items are handcrafted by the Peer Leaders. Come pick up something for your sweetheart! All proceeds will benefit our April vacation Habitat for Humanity trip. Check our website for more info.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Buy your \$10 tickets for the chance to win: Xbox 360, GPS Navigation System, or a \$50 Dunkin Donuts Gift Card. Drawing is April 11th Contact the WYC for more information. All proceeds will benefit our April vacation Habitat for Humanity trip.

ALS COMMUNITY OF HOPE

Please support our efforts to defeat ALS a.k.a. Lou Gehrig's Disease. Go to www.alsa.org/goto/haleyscomets Help us support people in our community with ALS and spread awareness of the urgency to find treatment and a cure for this disease. Please also check our website for upcoming fundraising events to benefit the ALS Association.

WOBURN FOOD PANTRY, LOWELL WISH PROJECT, ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

The Peer Leaders are collecting donations for these local charities. Please stop by the WYC any day from 2:00-5:00 to drop off any of the following items: non-perishable foods, lightly used pots & pans, jeans & sweatshirts, winter jackets & outerwear, and baby gear, clean cotton bath towels, laundry detergent, and new dog & cat toys.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Please join us on January 6th for a presentation by Donna Marcotte-Rizza, the Assistive Technology Specialist with the Winchester Schools. Donna will be talking about and demonstrating various technologies that can help students of all abilities both in school and at home. The meeting will take place in the Lynch Library from 7-9 P.M. Donna has a wealth of information to share so we hope to see you there. Sponsored by The PAC Support Group for LBLD/Dyslexia. Amy Kraft akpk1282@verizon.net and Kim Lazarus kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net

WINCHESTER ABC BOTTLE DRIVE

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, January 8, 2011, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans help to finance the ABC Program.

As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242 or Mary D. Jordan at 781-729-8397. Thank you for your continued help.

VINSON-OWEN PUBLIC OVERRIDE FORUM

Sunday, January 9th, 2 to 4 pm
Vinson-Owen School, 75 Johnson Road

Do you have questions about the V-O project and upcoming Proposition 2 1/2 Override vote on 1/11/11? The Winchester League of Women Voters and its co-sponsor, WFEE, invite you to a **Public Forum on Sunday, January 9th from 2 to 4 pm at Vinson-Owen School.**

Come **tour the V-O facility** and then gather in the gym for a **panel presentation** on the project and debt exclusion override with:

Tom Howley, Chair, Board of Selectmen
Sarah Girotti, Chair, School Committee
Bill McAlduff, Superintendent of Schools

There will be an opportunity for **questions from the audience** and answers from the panel. Hot chocolate and light refreshments; wheelchair accessible. More info about the League of Women Voters can be found at <http://www.lwvwinchester.org/>

MLK DAY CELEBRATION

West African Drumming & Dance, Art Display, Crafts & More

Monday, January 17 at 3-5pm Metcalf Hall of the Winchester Unitarian Church

The Winchester Multicultural Network and the Family Action Network (FAN) invite all members of our community—and particularly families with children—to join in a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on Monday, January 17. This free event will take place from 3-5pm in Metcalf Hall at the Unitarian Church, corner of Main St. and Mystic Valley Parkway. Craft activities begin at 3:00 and a performance by Teranga Freedom Dance & Drumming will start at 4:00. The event will also feature a display of art and writing by Winchester students, a book fair, and refreshments. For information email Susan Lewis at sklfree2be@yahoo.com or call 781-729-3785.

FRIENDS OF ART

If you would like to help support the art program in your child's school please join us as we plan for the Party for the Arts! The theme for this year is "20/20 Visions" and the date is set for March 26, 2011. Mark your calendar!

Our next meeting will be on January 3, 2011 at 7 PM in the Winchester High School Photo Lab (diagonally across from the cafeteria). For more information email winchesterfoa@hotmail.com. Please join us and learn more about how you can help keep the visual arts a meaningful part of your child's school experience.

90TH WINTON CLUB CABARET

The Winton Club is holding its 90th annual Cabaret to benefit Winchester Hospital. This year's show is entitled Wincennial, celebrating 110 years of the Winton Club. The show will run from Tuesday February 1 to Saturday, February 5 at Winchester Town Hall. Be a part of the fun and help raise money for a worthy cause! For more information about the show and tickets, go to www.cabaret.wintonclub.org.

JANUARY COMMUNITY EVENTS AT WINCHESTER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 11 7:30-9PM Blues Jam Session. Come play or sing with the Underground House Band. Open to the community, all ages. \$7 at the door to participate, audience free. For complete list of this month's songs, visit <http://winchestermusic.org/the-underground/jam.aspx>

Saturday, January 15 11AM-12:30 PM Junior District Mock Audition Workshop for instrumentalists in grades 6-9 auditioning for the MMEA Jr. District Festival. Try out your audition piece for WCMS faculty members before your auditions. Get great tips about auditioning, calming your nerves, and presentation. \$25 to participate. Must register by Monday, January 10. Visit winchestermusic.org/classes/workshops.aspx.

Sunday, January 23 3:00 PM Faculty Chamber Music Concert Celebrates Robert Schumann. WCMS faculty and friends perform a concert to celebrate the 200th birthday of composer Robert Schumann. Full concert details at www.winchestermusic.org. Suggested donation: \$10 at the door.

REVOLUTION PREP TEST PREP CLASSES

When evaluating other test prep options, Revolution Prep recommends parents look at score improvements, parent satisfaction, quality of instructors and cost, as we did. Revolution has in-home and online private tutoring, on- campus and online group classes and a hybrid course that combines tutoring and group instruction at fair prices. They also have a unique feature where you can go to revolutionprep.com and read the bios and reviews of instructors who are likely to teach and tutor in this area.

Revolution Prep will be holding group classes leading up to the March 12th, May 7th and June 4th test dates.

Winchester High School: Mondays 5-9PM and Wednesdays 6PM – 9PM First Session **Monday January 24th**

Winchester High School: Wednesdays 5-9PM and Mondays 6PM-9PM First Session **Wednesday March 16th**

Winchester High School: Tuesdays 5-9PM and Thursdays 6PM-9PM First Session **Tuesday April 26th**

WINCHESTER MULTICULTURAL NETWORK FILM SERIES

Monday, Jan. 10: *Outsourced* (India/US)

After his entire department is outsourced, an American novelty products salesman heads to India to train his replacement.

Monday, Feb. 14: *I Not Stupid* (Singapore)

This satirical comedy portrays the lives, struggles and adventures of three Singapore pupils who are placed in the academically inferior EM3 stream.

All films begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room and are free

2ND ANNUAL WINCHESTER TOPS FOR HOOPS

Bringing the joy and excitement of basketball to young athletes with disabilities. Winchester Youth Basketball Association announces the second annual TOPS for Hoops program. This program provides children with disabilities the opportunity to play basketball through rule and equipment adaptation. Athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in a modified game of basketball once a week. A volunteer group of “junior coaches” serve as one-on-one buddies with TOPS athletes.

Schedule:

- Beginning in January, the Program runs six Sundays from Jan 9th to Feb 13th
- Location is Lincoln School in Winchester
- Time is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- Everyone from anywhere is welcome.

If you are interested in Winchester’s TOPS for Hoops program as either an athlete or junior coach, please contact Jeff Calnan, TOPS for Hoops Director, at jfcalnan@yahoo.com. No prior basketball experience necessary.

PARENT TO PARENT BOOK GROUP

Parent to Parent presents a book group discussion on Loving Without Spoiling, and 100 Other Timeless Tips for Raising Terrific Kids by Nancy Samalin. In this easy-to-read book, Ms. Samalin helps parents find effective ways to set loving limits without spoiling or indulging children. She outlines 100 topics that focus on actual situations that occur in families. For each situation, she provides suggestions for what to do *right now* to resolve the conflict. In short, the book may be considered a daily guide to skillful parenting - the instruction manual all parents wish came with their children. Widely recognized and respected as a parenting authority, Ms. Samalin focuses on showing parents how to balance discipline, love and humor, by presenting practical, guilt-free, and parent-tested ways to handle any parenting issue that may be thrown at you. Come join other parents on **Monday, January 31, at 7:00pm in the Winchester Library meeting room** as we discuss these “timeless tips.” Books will be available ahead of time through the Library (ask at the Circulation Desk), and at Book Ends. You do not need to have read the book to join in the discussion. For a full calendar of Parent to Parent events, please visit www.parenttoparentwinchester.org.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 507 CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Saturday, January 8, 2011
\$10.00 per Tree (Donation)

Let Boy Scout Troop 507 help recycle your Christmas tree. The Boy Scouts will collect old holiday trees from Winchester residents **on Saturday, January 8, 2011 starting at 7:00 am**. The Scouts will collect trees and bring them to the Transfer Station from those residents who have pre-registered with a \$10 donation. This is the seventeenth year that this successful fundraiser has helped Winchester residents dispose of their old trees, while helping the troop raise money for equipment and trips. Send coupon below and check, payable to BSA Troop 507, to BSA Troop 507, c/o Tom Eid, 28 Maxwell Road, Winchester, MA 01890. Order deadline is Monday, January 3, 2011. Or, you can sign-up with a Boy Scout from Troop 507 at the Transfer Station on Saturdays in December. *Please remove all ornaments, lights, plastic and trim from the tree.* Please have your tree curbside **by 7 am on Saturday, January 8, 2011**. If you have any questions, email us at boyscout507trees@gmail.com or call 781-820-2141 for more information.

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

of Trees @ \$10 _____ Additional Donation _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for supporting Boy Scout Troop 507!
