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PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ JUNE 2011

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FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN

Congratulations to the Class of 2011 as they graduate from Winchester High School. The seniors will have their prom at the Danversport Yacht Club on Wednesday, June 1st, a luau at Borggaard Beach on June 2 (6:30 pm), graduation rehearsal/senior luncheon on June 3 (10:30 am in the gym), graduation on Sunday, June 5 (2 pm in the gym), and the all-night graduation party (9:30 pm, June 5th, at McCall). Please note that the required reception for the seniors and parents before the prom will be held in the WHS cafeteria beginning at 5:45 pm. The promenade will begin at 6:15 pm on the right side of the high school. The entire community is invited to view the annual promenade. I could not be prouder of our seniors as they have achieved academically, artistically, and athletically, committed themselves to service in the community, and modeled the characteristics of responsibility, integrity, dignity and excellence for the underclassmen. I would also like to thank the senior parents for all of their support during the last four years.

Final exams for the underclassmen will take place on Friday-Wednesday, June 17-22. Students will complete a mini-schedule of all of their classes on Thursday, June 23. Here is the schedule:

Final Exam Schedule- 9th, 10th, 11th Graders

Friday, June 17

7:45-9:15 am G block

9:30-11:00 am F block

Monday, June 20

7:45-9:15 am E block

9:30-11:00 am D block

Tuesday, June 21

7:45-9:15 am C block

9:30-11:00 am B block

Wednesday, June 22

7:45-9:15 am A block

9:30-11:00 am Makeups/Conflicts

Thursday, June 23

Minischedule with all periods

Our school policy states that students must take their exams during the regularly scheduled exam period. If, because of extenuating circumstances, students cannot take an exam during the scheduled time, they are asked to take their exam later in the summer. Teachers leave the exams in the office and the school administration will proctor the exam. We're here all summer, 8 am- 3 pm. Taking final exams early to accommodate vacation, camp or travel plans is, unfortunately, not possible.

At long last the Winchester High School Strategic Plan will be presented at the School Committee

meeting on Tuesday, June 14 at 7 pm in the Lynch Library and on Thursday, June 16 at 7 pm at Winchester High School. The Winchester High School community embarked on a strategic planning effort during the Spring of 2010. We recognized that in a rapidly changing world, the school needed to rise to the challenge of providing a top quality education for all of our students and the skills and knowledge to succeed in the new global society. There was a belief that we needed a strategic framework, a new mindset, and a break from current conventions. This report will describe what has been accomplished thus far as well as the work that remains before us.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Dismissal from School ~ Students who are to be dismissed from school must be excused with an explanatory note or telephone call from a parent to the Main Office **PRIOR TO THE DISMISSAL. A NOTE AFTER THE FACT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** A student may also be dismissed from school at the discretion of the Assistant Principal and the school nurse. Parents will be contacted prior to dismissal. Any student who leaves school grounds without following the dismissal policy is subject to school suspension. If a student misses a quiz or test, or fails to turn in a paper, due to an excused dismissal, he/she must see the teacher the same day and take the test or quiz or turn in the paper or project after school that day or by arrangement with the teacher.

School Transfer ~ A student who plans to move, leave school early, or withdraw from Winchester High School for any reason prior to graduation should secure a Transfer Sign-Out Form from the Registrar. This form needs to be completed and returned to the Registrar and should signify that all books have been returned and that all course work has been completed. Upon request the high school will forward student records to a school in which the student seeks to enroll only upon return of the completed Transfer form.

PFA NEWS

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Ann Hibbard and Martha Sampson

We have one PFA meeting left this year, so if you haven't made it to one yet, come on down! We've had many great presentations at our meetings this year, including one from Dr. Rhonda Cohen, our assistant superintendent, at the May meeting, and we really encourage you to come, listen, and participate. Usually the meetings evolve into a conversation between the parents and the speaker about topical issues facing our students and their families these days. Last month we had a long discussion about the number of AP classes students are taking these days, which was a perfect topic for that evening since Dr. Cohen was sitting right there and could offer her insight to the discussion. Other issues have been the student parking lot (a conversation that could have taken up the whole meeting), class dances, and how to get more students to attend athletic events.

We have two very important items on our June agenda. The first is voting on our new slate of officers for next year, and if you haven't volunteered yet, please think about it. There are jobs that will fit all sorts of different schedules and it's a wonderful way to keep up with what's happening in the school and around town. The other big item will be voting to update our by-laws and bring the PFA into the 21st century.

Please note that the June meeting will be held on June 8 - a week later than usual because the senior prom is being held on June 1. We hope to see you then - 7:30 pm in the WHS Library.

CLASS NEWS

CLASS OF 2011

An exciting year comes to a close for our seniors. The month of June is filled with these memorable events:

Wednesday, June 1, 6 pm: The Senior Prom/Reception. The Winchester High School Prom will take place at Danversport Yacht Club. The prom evening begins at the high school. All prom guests will be required to attend a thirty minute Pre-Prom Reception in the WHS cafeteria. Doors to the reception will open at 6:00 pm and remain open until 6:30 pm. The reception allows parents and seniors to see classmates before the prom and provides an opportunity for photos. Each WHS senior will need to have at least one of his/her own parents or guardians sign in. If one member of the couple comes from another class or from out-of-town, the parent of the senior will take responsibility for that person. We follow this process to ensure that the prom is safe, and alcohol and drug free. Any senior who violates the WHS substance abuse policy at the prom will not attend the senior luau and graduation.

Students and parents should enter through the auditorium door in the front of the building, and check in with the parents stationed outside the WHS auditorium doors who will issue them a "time card" for the reception. We encourage students and parents to arrive at the same time. The timed entry card will not be issued until parents and students are together. Once they have the time card, students and parents will proceed down the main hallway toward the cafeteria. The purse check-in area and the sign-in desk will be outside the cafeteria. Purses will be collected and made available to the students once they are at the State Room. The students will then proceed into the cafeteria and the parents can proceed to the senior parent viewing area. Students will be required to stay at the reception for thirty minutes.

After the thirty minutes, students should listen to the chaperone announcements and line up for the promenade. The promenade will proceed from the cafeteria, down the hallway to the red staircase doors, and out to the buses on Skillings Rd. Students may walk in couples or in small groups. Students can also opt out of walking through the promenade and take an alternate route to the buses. As soon as a bus fills with students, it will depart to Danversport Yacht Club. **All students are required to go to and from the prom on a bus.** Any student not taking the bus will not be allowed into the Stateroom. At the conclusion of the prom, buses will begin to board at 11:15 pm. Buses should arrive at the high school by midnight.

Thursday, June 2, 6:30- 8:00 pm: Senior Luau. The first senior beach party was held by the Class of 2006 and the event was a huge success. The seniors will enjoy good food, games, and a bonfire at Borggaard Beach. Seniors should arrive between 6:30 and 7 pm and must stay until 8 pm.

Friday, June 3, 9:30-10:30 am, Main Office: Obligations. Students should take care of any obligations – debts collected on lost textbooks, library books, Guidance Transcripts etc., in the Main Office. Caps and gowns will not be distributed to seniors with outstanding obligations.

Friday, June 3, 10:30 am: Graduation Rehearsal. All seniors are required to report to the Field House (the gym) at 10:30 am for graduation rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory.

Friday, June 3, 12 pm: Senior Luncheon. After graduation rehearsal, all seniors will report back to the courtyard on the back, left side of the high school (by the auditorium) for the Senior Luncheon. Caps, gowns, and senior gifts will be distributed in the auditorium along with the Students Cumulative Guidance Folder.

Sunday, June 5, 2 pm: Graduation. The graduation ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 pm in the WHS Field House. Seniors should report to the cafeteria to line up at 1:15 pm.

Sunday June 5, 9:30 pm- 5 am: All Night Party. The All Night Party is not a school event but watch for PFA emails for information.

We wish our teens much happiness and success! Congratulations to the Class of 2011!

CLASS OF 2012

On June 9th, 2011, there will be a Juniors only class cookout.

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm.

Location: Back courtyard at WHS-opposite the small faculty parking lot.

Free Food for Juniors! We will have hamburgers, hot dogs drinks, chips, salads, dessert, you name it! We are not asking for donations, as this is a gift from the class officers to our class. Thank you all very much for a great year. If you have any questions, send them to winchesterhigh2012@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 2013

Practice PSAT Results

Any student who took the practice PSAT, but was unable to attend the Strategies Workshop can pick-up their test results from our teacher advisors, Ms. Morin and Ms. Kudlate in the Foreign Language (Spanish) Department. Thank you for your support of the Class of 2013.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

“IN THE MOOD” WINCHESTER SCHOOL BANDS DANCE

Are you “**In the Mood**” for a night of dancing to the music of the Winchester School Bands? All are invited to bring friends and family to the **semi-formal benefit dance** for the Winchester School Bands on **Saturday, June 11th from 8 to 11 pm** at *First Congregational Church, Chidley Hall, 21 Church Street*. The **WHS Concert Band, McCall Jazz Band** and **WHS Jazz Band** will provide the dance music. Elegant desserts will be available throughout the performance. Tickets are \$20 each or \$10 each for senior citizens and students. To purchase tickets or reserve a table for 8-10 people, please contact Martha Sampson at 781-721-5143. Tickets will also be available at BookEnds in Winchester Center after May 15th. *Please note the change of venue for the dance this year.*

The Guide



A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department June 2011

Summer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities and enrichment programs are a key way for high school and college students to gain experience and try out career paths. Please refer to the WHS Guidance Website, Naviance, and www.teenlife.com for information on summer opportunities.

Final Transcripts for Seniors

The Guidance Department's annual **Graduation Survey** conducted on **Naviance**, asked seniors to indicate to which college or post-secondary institution they wanted their final transcript sent. The Guidance Department is aware that plans do change. A number of seniors have paid a deposit to one college to hold a space for next fall, but have chosen to remain on a waiting list at a second college. Graduates are asked to notify the Guidance Office **immediately** if they wish to change the college to which their final transcript will be sent. Final transcripts are sent to colleges by the end of June.

An unofficial copy of senior transcripts will be sent home at the end of June.

Gentle Reminder: Seniors who have not yet paid their transcript fees should make payment as soon as possible.

Space Still Available on College Campuses

Current seniors or past graduates who may have postponed the college application process for a variety of reasons should know that it's not too late to apply to college for next fall. The

National Association for College Admission Counseling's web site allows prospective applicants to use the **Space Availability Survey** to find colleges and universities throughout the U.S. that still have spaces available for qualified students in their Fall 2011 freshman and/or transfer classes. Many colleges and universities still have openings for next September. In Massachusetts, University of Massachusetts Lowell is among some of the colleges that still have openings for freshmen. Survey results may be viewed at: www.nacacnet.org.

Summer Mailing to the Class of 2012

A mailing will be sent to next year's seniors in July that will include an unofficial transcript with the student's grade point average (GPA) based upon six semesters. It will also include a list of important dates and deadlines. Juniors who have not yet established a **Naviance** account should do so as soon as possible so they may have access to the college planning tools that this web-based service offers. In addition, parents and students should complete the *Parent Brag Sheet* and *Counselor Form* on **Naviance** no later than June 1.

Rising seniors are encouraged to begin working on their Common Applications, which will be available on line beginning August 1st.

College Essay Workshop

At the College Essay Workshop, groups of six students and one teacher engage in interactive and intensive writing sessions, responding to one another's work to develop and hone ideas

through constructive questions and criticism. Teachers hold advanced degrees from the top universities in the country, and have significant experience as participants and overseers of competitive writing workshops. They work with the group and with individuals to ensure that each student leaves the workshop with an essay that stands out from amidst thousands of application essays.

Workshops begin the first week of July. For more information visit www.theessayworkshop.com or email theessayworkshop@gmail.com

Brown University, Providence, RI, Summer College Fair, Thursday, July 7, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Office of Summer Studies has invited over one hundred and twenty eight selective and very selective colleges to participate. Among those invited are: Amherst College, Bates College, Bennington College, Boston College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Brandeis University, College of William & Mary, Colby College, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Harvard University, Middlebury College, Oberlin College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Wesleyan University, and Yale University.

Prospective college applicants and their parents are invited to this program. For greater detail call Jacqueline Newcomb, Director of Summer Programs, Brown University, (401) 863-3429.

Attention Class of 2012 and Class of 2013

Fall College Representatives' Visits to the WHS Guidance Office

WHS guidance counselors believe it is an essential part of the college search process for students to meet with college representatives. In an effort to promote this contact between students and college admissions personnel, colleges have been invited to come to the Guidance Office Tuesday, Wednesday, and

Thursday afternoons at 2:15 p.m. The number of colleges on these afternoons will be limited to four. Please check the list on Naviance for days and times colleges will visit WHS. These visits allow for a great deal of personal interaction between admissions personnel and students.

2012 PSAT Date is Saturday, October 15

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered at WHS on Saturday, October 15. **This is the only date the official PSAT test is given at WHS.** Students will register at WHS beginning late September.

Why take the PSAT/NMSQT? The PSAT is the qualifying test that students (usually juniors) must take to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) competitions for college scholarships that will be awarded in 2012. For the latest information about the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT, go to www.collegeboard.com.

Transcripts to Private Schools

During the course of the academic year, some underclassmen have requested that their transcripts be sent to other high schools to which they are applying. When an underclassman has made a final decision to leave Winchester High School to attend another secondary institution, he/she must notify the Guidance Department, provide the name and address of the school, and request that a final transcript be sent to the receiving school. Without a written request, signed by a parent, neither the transcript nor any other records will be sent.

Summer School Information

The Guidance Office has been receiving information from summer school programs that Winchester High School students have attended in past years. Summer schools that have notified the Guidance Department of their schedules and programs are:

Northeast Metro Tech

Dates: Session 1: July 11 – July 22
Session 2: July 25 – August 5

Time: 7:45 am – 12:00 pm
Address: 100 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA 01880
Tuition: 42 hour course is \$270;
84 hour course is \$540.
Registration: May be made by mail, fax, online or in person. Tuition must be paid in full prior to the first class.
Contact by phone: 781-246-0810 ext. 1640
FAX: 781-246-2976.
Website: www.neadulthood.com.

Belmont Hill Summer School

Dates: June 27 – August 5
Three-week intensive programs: June 27 – July 15; or July 18 – August 5
Six Week Program: June 27 – August 5
Place: Belmont Hill School
350 Prospect St., Belmont, MA 02478
Tuition: Varies, depending upon sessions: \$625-\$1150
Registration: Now through **June 1** (requires \$100 non-refundable deposit). Full payment must accompany all registrations received after **June 1**. Phone: (617) 993-5215
Registration available online at: <http://www.belmonthill.org>

Minuteman Summer School

Dates: July 5 - July 29
8:20 am – 11:30 am; 12:00 pm – 3:10 pm
Place: Minuteman Technical High School
758 Marrett Rd., Lexington, MA 02421
Tuition: varies by course. Contact summer school office: (888) 441-5749 Online registrations at www.minuteman.org.

Arlington Catholic High School

Dates: July 5 - July 27
8:00 am -10:00 am or 10:15 am -12:15 am
Place: Arlington Catholic High School
16 Medford Street, Arlington, MA 02474
Tuition: \$250-\$475
Contact summer school office at 781-643-6718 or on line lbutt@achs.net

Matignon Summer School

Dates: June 23-July 20
8:00 am -10:00 am or 10:45 am -12:00 pm
Place: Matignon High School
One Matignon Road, Cambridge, MA 02140
Tuition: \$235 each course + \$25 registration fee
Contact summer school office at 781-646-7770 or on line www.matignon-hs.org

Medford Summer School

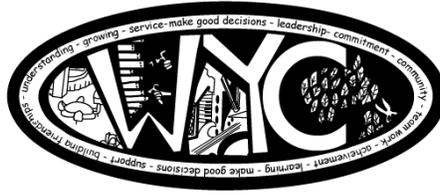
Dates: June 29 – August 10
8:00 am -10:00 am or 10:05 am -12:00 pm
Place: Medford High School
489 Winthrop Street, Medford, MA 02155
Tuition: \$250 per course
www.medfordpublicschools.org/2010/06/summer-school-information

REMINDER: Students who need summer remedial work to receive credit for a course they have failed during the year must receive **prior written approval** before enrolling in any summer school course. Approval forms are available in the Guidance Office. **Any student considering summer school, whether for remediation or for enrichment,** should refer to the **Summer School Policy** in the Course of Studies booklet.

Gentle Reminder

Guidance Counselors are out of the office beginning June 29th and return at the start of the new school year. If you need assistance during the summer, please contact the main office.

*The Guidance Department wishes
a safe, enjoyable and restful
summer to all!!*



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.

ROCK FOR YOUTH FINALS

Friday, June 3rd

7:00-10:00pm

Final round of the Battle of the Bands

Town Day stage, behind the Winchester Public Library

Featuring: Ad Astra, Border Patrol, Fun Machine!, Neglected Lawnmower, and The Country Bumpkins

Admission is free

Ballots are \$2 each

Proceeds from the Rock for Youth benefit the WYC's Youth Service Scholarships and help support the WYC

Special thanks to our sponsors:

Winchester Community Music School & The Real School of Music

WINCHESTER YOUTH SERVICE DAY

More than 150 WHS and McCall students participated in the 7th annual WYSD on Saturday, May 14th. We completed clean-up and beautification projects at 10 sites all over town, donated \$500 worth of non-perishable foods to the Woburn Council of Social Concern's food pantry, sent 25 care packages to our troops in Afghanistan, and had a really great day!

Special thanks to Winchester Rotary, En Ka Society, Winchester Savings Bank, Winchester Co-operative Bank, McCall Parents' Association, and the WHS PFA.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TOWN DAY—ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This year's Annual Winchester Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast will be held on Town Day, Saturday, June 4th, at the McCall Middle School from 8:00 AM until 11:00AM. Tickets are \$6.00 per person. They can be purchased in advance from a Rotary member or at the door. All proceeds are returned to the community through financial grants. There will be a number of raffles, balloons and a DJ. It is a great way to start off the Town Day activities and enjoy breakfast with family and friends!

“A RACE TO REMEMBER”

A Race to Remember” on Sunday, June 12, 2011 to celebrate the lives of Charlotte and Finn Mortimer, Laura Stone-Mortimer, and Ragna Ellen Stone. Funds raised from “A Race to Remember” will be used to build a memorial at Ginn Playground honoring the family. The road race will begin at 9am and will include a 3.6 mile Run/Walk as well as a Kids Fun Run beginning and ending at Ginn Field. Pre-registration fee is \$25 for individuals with 100 percent of the proceeds going towards the park and memorial. Registration information is available at www.beGINNagain.com.

WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF ART

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is right around the corner! This year we raised over \$8000.00 for the Winchester Public School's Art Department programs. In addition to the annual teacher allocations we continue to fund the Tom Tracy, Dave Ardito and the Friends of Art Scholarship programs for graduating WHS students seeking to further their formal education in the Visual Arts. These scholarships were awarded by Terry Lannon, WPS Art Director at the awards night on May 25th. Congratulations to all of this year's scholarship recipients!

Here is the schedule for upcoming "end of year" events. We invite you to join in the fun!

June 4th- Town Day Art Show in the Maurer Auditorium at Town Hall, 10am - 4pm. We are looking for volunteers to help set up on Friday during the school day, Saturday for two hour shifts through out the day and clean up after 4pm on Saturday. Art teachers may need help getting artwork to and from the town hall as well. If you are available to help please contact your school's art teacher to find out any specific needs. If you would like to help at the check in table at town hall on Saturday we have plenty of shifts available. Please let us know! Contact Sue Clark at sueclark64@gmail.com with Art Show Help in the subject line.

June 14th- Our annual end of year celebration pot luck dinner, this year our theme will be "Red, White or Blue Food". The pot luck will be held at the home of Sue Clark at 159 Horn Pond Brook Rd. 5pm - 9pm. This is a great way to get to know our wonderful art teachers and other members of the Friends of Art in a friendly, welcoming social atmosphere. Please RSVP to Sue Clark at sueclark64@gmail.com so that she will have an idea of what we will be having for dinner. As always the theme is meant to challenge your culinary skills so try to think outside the box or take out menu!

At the end of this school year a few of our Directors and Committee Chairs will be moving on as their youngest children graduate. As you look ahead and decide on your volunteer obligations for next year please consider FOA. We need volunteers that are dedicated and would like to ensure the success of the

Friends of Art by taking an active role on the board or as a committee chair. Most positions can be shared by more than one person. It is a passionate, fun and energetic group that believes that the visual arts are a vital part of every child's education. If you would like to learn more about any of the volunteer opportunities available please let us know.

Thank you for supporting art education in Winchester!

SACHEMS FC SOCCER TRYOUTS JUNE 1-25

The Sachems FC is looking for talented boys and girls to fill the following teams:

BU10 - BU11 - BU12 - BU13 - BU14 - BU15 - BU17 - BU18

GU10 - GU11 - GU12 - GU13 - GU14 - GU17

For more information about our tryouts (specific times, dates and field locations) or to register for tryouts, please go to www.sachemsfc.com.

BASKETBALL JUNE SUMMER CAMP IS COMING!

Winchester Basketball Summer camp is just around the corner! Tap off the Summer with your basketball friends Quinton Dale, and Jason Cacciapuoti, our WHS Varsity coaches.

Camp dates are June 27-July 1st from 9AM-3PM @WHS, Manchester Field outdoor courts and McCall Middle School. Players that are entering Grades 3-12 in the Fall are encouraged to attend.

Don't miss it! Registration is now open. Seating is limited. Go to www.winchesterbasketball.org for more information.