

WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL
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PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ JUNE 2012

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FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN

Congratulations to the students of the Class of 2012 as they graduate from Winchester High. The seniors will finish with their prom at the Seaport Hotel on Wednesday, May 30, a luau at Borggaard Beach on May 31 (6:30 pm), graduation rehearsal/senior luncheon on June 1 (10:30 am- the gym), graduation on Sunday, June 3 (2 pm- the gym), and the all-night graduation party (9:30 pm, June 3, McCall). Please note that the required reception for the seniors and parents before the prom will be held in the WHS cafeteria beginning at 6 pm. The promenade will begin at 6:30 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 finished up their last few weeks of school with dignity and class. I would also like to thank the senior parents for all of their support during the last four years.

Final exams for the rest of the students will take place beginning June 6. Tuesday, June 5 is a regular day of school for everyone with 9th graders taking session 1 of the Biology MCAS during the first two blocks of the day. Ninth graders will complete session 2 of the Biology MCAS on Wednesday, June 6 from 7:45-10:00. Students taking a G block exam will need to be in school at 10:30 am on June 6. Students will complete a mini-schedule of all of their classes on Tuesday, June 12. Here is the schedule:

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

Wednesday, June 6

7:45-10:00 - Session 2: Biology MCAS (9th graders only)
10:30-12:00 - G block

Thursday, June 7

7:45-9:15 am- F block
9:30-11:00 am- E block
12:30-2 pm- Makeups/Conflicts

Friday, June 8

7:45-9:15 am- D block
9:30-11:00 am- C block
12:30-2 pm- Makeups/Conflicts

Monday, June 11

7:45-9:15 am- B block
9:30-11:00 am- A block
12:30-2 pm- Makeups/Conflicts

Tuesday, June 12

Mini-schedule with all blocks. School ends at 11:10 am

WHS 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. WHS is open from 8 am- 3 pm all summer. Taking final exams early to accommodate vacation, camp or travel plans is, unfortunately, not possible.

As part of the Focus on the Future Strategic plan, parents/guardians, students, and staff will have the opportunity to complete an online survey. You can expect that survey during the first week of June.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

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 and school related items 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.

CONNECT AND COMMIT

SPECIAL EVENT

Friday June 16th-17th- Relay For Life 6pm sat-6am sun, Connect & Commit and the Winchester Youth Center are working together to bring Relay For Life to Winchester. Relay is the signature fundraising activity for the American Cancer Society. It is a place to celebrate cancer survivors and caregivers, remember those we have lost and to fight back against this disease that takes too much from too many. At Relay For Life teams of 8-15 people take turns walking around a track and commit to raising funds to support the American Cancer Society. We invite anyone in town who is interested in participating in Relay For Life in Winchester to visit our website at www.relayforlife.org/winchesterma

Ongoing Service Opportunities

TOPSoccer- Run by the Winchester Soccer Club, this community-based program provides an opportunity for all children with disabilities to play soccer through rule and equipment adaptation. Athletes between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in a modified game of soccer once a week. Volunteers are needed to serve as Junior coaches who serve as one-on-one buddies with the TOPS athletes. TOPS meets every Sunday afternoon from 1-2pm at Lynch Front Field. This Spring session runs April 29th-June 10th (excluding Memorial Day weekend). If you are interested please contact Jeff Calnan, TOPSoccer Director at jfcalnan@yahoo.com No prior experience is necessary.

Books for South Africa- This local organization is looking to train 5-8 students to be regular volunteers, helping them to sustain their donation containers at the transfer station. Volunteers would receive training from the organization's reading specialist so that they could, once a week, sort through the books that have been donated to the container.

Winchester Farmers Market- They are interested in taking the next step in promotions through social media; They're looking for help photographing or filming events at the market; They could use some help doing market research like price comparisons of products with S&S or Whole Foods; organizing for the Environmental fair for the fall; or just helping out the day of the market. The degree of participation can be up to the students.

Summer Service Opportunities

Read the Write Way- This summer program is held at Lincoln school from June 18th-July 13th (with 4th of July off). The program runs from 8-9, and then another group comes in from 9-10. Volunteers are needed to help these students improve their k-4 literacy skills by reading to them or being read to. Volunteers would be trained and the teachers running the program will develop all of the activities for the program. They would like volunteers to commit to at least 1 visit each week but would love to do more

than that if they wish. Volunteers will work with the same teacher and students for consistency. Please contact Christine Wolfe if interested at cwolfe@winchester.k12.ma.us

SCHOOL NEWS

The 2012-2013 transportation rates and application are now available on the Winchester Public Schools website: www.winchester.k12.ma.us (click transportation) Applications are also available in the main offices of each school. Every student from kindergarten through grade 12 that takes the bus must purchase a pass and carry it with them each day. Bus passes will be mailed to your home approximately 7– 10 days prior to the opening of school.

WHS FEASIBILITY STUDY NEWS

Tuesday, June 5th

7PM in the WHS auditorium

The EFPBC, School Committee, and Winchester Public Schools hope you will attend the first Community Meeting for this exciting project on June 5th. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the project's goals, process, and schedule, as well as to ask questions of the project team and offer input. All Community Meetings are open to Winchester residents (students welcome), property owners, business owners, and anyone interested in Winchester High School's future and its role as a community resource. We look forward to seeing you!

WinCAM will be broadcasting this event live on Comcast 22/Verizon 38.

Visit www.wincam.org for rebroadcasting schedules and future events.

NEWS FROM THE WINCHESTER FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (WFEE)

TEACHER TRIBUTE:

It is time to say "thank you!" to your favorite teachers, administrators or school staff members with a WFEE Teacher Tribute. A tax deductible gift to the **WFEE Teacher Tribute** program brings your honoree a card inscribed with your message plus a small gift at the end of the year.

You can make your Teacher Tribute on line, www.wfee.org, or print the tribute form (attached pdf) and mail it, with a check payable to WFEE, P.O. Box 1005, Winchester, MA 01890. The amount of your gift is kept confidential; donations are eligible for employee matching gifts.

WFEE grants will be funding iPads, android tablets and other technology here at WHS in 2012. Thanks to the support of the WHS Class of 2011, WFEE is also bringing a professional theater company to Winchester next year. High school students will participate in theater workshops and enjoy a live performance. Your Teacher Tribute supports these and other grants. Thank you!!

The Guide

*A Monthly Newsletter from the
WHS Guidance Department
June 2012*

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 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 2012 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/space

Summer Mailing to the Class of 2013

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.

Attention Class of 2013 and Class of 2014

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 20. **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 2013. 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 Metropolitan Regional

Vocational Summer School

Session 1: July 9 – July 20

Session 2: July 23 – August 3

Class Time: 7:45 am – 12:00 pm

Address: 100 Hemlock Road,
Wakefield, MA

Tuition: 42 hour course is \$270
84 hour course is \$540

Telephone: 781-246-0810, ext. 1640
FAX: 781-246-2976.

Registration: May be made by mail, fax, online, or in person. Tuition must be paid in full prior to the first class. Website:

www.neadulted.com.

Belmont Hill Summer School

Session 1: June 25 – July 13

Session 2: July 16 – August 3

Address: 350 Prospect St.,
Belmont, MA 02478

Tuition: One-period course is \$575
Two-period course is \$875

Three-period course is \$1,175

Registration: Now through June 1.

Full payment must accompany all registrations after June 1st.

Telephone: 617- 993-5215

Registration is only by mail or online: <http://www.belmonthill.org>

Minuteman Technical High School Summer School

Dates: July 5 - July 29

Class Times: 8:30 am – 11:30 am,
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Address: Community Education
Office, 758 Marrett Rd.,
Lexington, MA 02421

Tuition: Varies by course.

Telephone: 781-861-7150

FAX: 781-861-7250

Registration: May be made by mail, fax, online, or in person.

Website:

www.minuteman.org.

Arlington Catholic HS

Dates: June 27 – July 25

Class Times: 8:00 am -10:00 am,
10:15 am -12:15 pm

Address: 16 Medford Street,
Arlington, MA 02474

Tuition: One class: \$250

Two classes: \$475

Telephone: 781-643-6718
 Email: Linda Butt lbutt@achs.net
 Registration: Mail only
 (forms available online) Deadline:
 June 22
 Full payment is required by the first
 day of class. Website:
www.achs.net (select
 "Academics", then "Summer
 Session 2012")

Matignon Summer School

Dates: June 21 - July 17
 Class Times: 8:00 am -10:00
 am, 10:00 am -12:00
 pm
 Address: One Matignon Road,
 Cambridge, MA 02140
 Tuition: \$240 per course plus a \$25
 registration fee
 Due in full at time of registration by
 Cash, Money Order or Cashiers
 Check payable to Matignon High
 School. No personal checks will be
 accepted.
 Telephone: 617-876-1212, ext. 10 or
 ext. 15
 FAX: 617-491-0290
 Email: Joseph Carabello, Director
 at jcarabel@matignon-hs.org
 Registration days: June 11 – 21
 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the
 school. Website:
www.matignon-hs.org

Woburn High School Summer School Program

Dates: July 7 - August 6
 Class Times: 8:00 am – 10:00
 am, 10:15 am – 12:15
 pm
 Address: 88 Montvale Avenue,
 Woburn, MA 01801
 Tuition: \$250 per course
 \$450 for two courses
 Telephone: 978-758-6970
 Email: Ralph Deldon at
rdeldon@woburnpublicschools.com
 Registration days: June 30, July 1,
 July 2, and July 6 at the school
 From 8:00 am to 10:30 am

Website:
www.woburnhightanners.com

Wilmington Public Schools Summer School Program

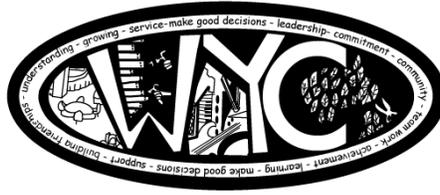
Dates: July 2 – August 2
 Class Times: 7:45 am – 9:45
 am, 9:50 am – 11:50 am
 Address: All classes to be held at
Wilmington Middle School
 25 Carter Lane, Wilmington, MA
 01887
 Tuition: \$190 or \$220 – only bank
 checks, money orders, or cash
 accepted.
 Telephone: 978-694-6060
 FAX: 978-694-6074
 Registration: Registration
 forms available online. Send to:
 Linda Peters at Wilmington High
 School
 159 Church St., Wilmington, MA
 01887
 Website:
www.wilmington.k12.ma.us

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 21st 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

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www.facebook.com/pages/Winchester-Youth-Center

ROCK FOR YOUTH

Friday, June 1st 7:30-10:00pm

Mill Pond/Town Day Stage

Featuring our 4 finalists: *The LPS, The Coppertones, Wizeden Man Face, and The Country Bumpkins* Admission is free; Ballots are \$2 each. Proceeds benefit the WYC's Youth Service Scholarships and help support all WYC programs. Special thanks to our sponsors: The Real School of Music & Winchester Community Music School.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF WINCHESTER

6:00pm Saturday, June 16th – 6:00am Sunday, June 17th

Skillings Field Track

Fight Cancer! Have Fun! Join us for the first annual Relay For Life of Winchester!

Relay For Life is the signature fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. Relay is an overnight event to symbolize that "cancer never sleeps". Teams of 8-15 people camp out and take turns walking or running around the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times, while special entertainment, music, and fun activities keep things lively. Teams raise money prior to the event then celebrate their fundraising efforts while honoring survivors and remembering those lost to cancer in special ceremonies during the event.

WHS students from the Winchester Youth Center and the Connect & Commit program have teamed up with the American Cancer Society to create the first annual Relay For Life of Winchester. Our goal is to bring community members of all ages together to raise money for the American Cancer Society, raise awareness of cancer, and honor all of the Winchester residents who have battled this disease. We encourage everyone to get together with your friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors to form your teams and join us for this amazing event! Go to www.relayforlife.org/winchesterma to register your team, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter @winrelayforlife. Please contact the Winchester Youth Center 781-721-0906 or wincchesteryouthcenter@gmail.com for more information.

Congratulations to all of our seniors: Jill Stone, Victoria Salemme, Lauren Burchard, Allie Silverman, Beryl Emmerich, Dani Siegel, Sean Cronin, Mike Miller, Robbie Torrey, Jenna Czeck, Andrea Fusco, Victoria Galante, Sarah Craven, Jenn MacAuley, Nicole Wong, Erin Mayo, and Erica Pedersen. We wish you all the best and we will miss you at the WYC!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

WINCHESTER GOT LUNCH – Summer Lunch Program

When the school year ends, access to a healthy lunch shouldn't. During the school year, a federally subsidized lunch program provides nutritional lunches to more than 200 Winchester students who qualify for assistance, but what about during the summer? Winchester Got Lunch will extend the nutritional support over the summer by providing a weekly bag of free groceries and milk to families with children who request assistance. To enroll your child in the program, please visit winchestergotlunch.org and complete the confidential registration form by June 4th. A week's worth of healthy lunch foods, including whole wheat bread, fruit and vegetables, will be delivered to your home on Mondays, from June 18th to August 27th.

To volunteer to pack or deliver lunches, please sign up at winchestergotlunch.org. Winchester Got Lunch is a collaborative effort of Winchester faith-based organizations, schools, businesses and civic organizations.

TOWN DAY BREAKFAST AND RAFFLES

Winchester Rotary Club Annual Pancake Breakfast McCall Middle School Saturday June 2, 2012 8 AM to 11 AM

Start off your Town Day activities with a hearty Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Winchester Rotary Club. Participate in this long-standing tradition and see your Rotarian neighbors serving up hot pancakes and sausages, along with orange juice, milk and coffee. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and may be purchased from a Rotary member or at the door. There will also be a number of exciting raffle opportunities! This is a terrific way to gather with your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy a nourishing breakfast, while being entertained! Simon the DJ is returning again to liven it up and organize line dances. Children can get their faces painted and then have a free picture taken in our new-this-year Photo booth! Proceeds from this event go back into our community through financial grants to support local school activities, sports programs and cultural organizations among other worthwhile causes.

THE NEXT DOOR CENTER FOR ARTS PRESENTS "13"

A musical by Jason Robert Brown, directed by MaryAnn Zschau, music directed by Matt McGrath and choreographed by Caylin Campbell. Tickets are \$15 and performances are:

- Friday, June 8th at 8:00 pm
- Saturday, June 9th at 2:00 pm and 8:00pm
- Sunday, June 10th at 2:00 pm

The story concerns the life of 13-year-old Evan Goldman as he moves from New York City to Appleton, Indiana, and his dilemma when the move conflicts with the celebration of his Bar Mitzvah. Please go to http://www.nextdoortheater.org/Nextdoor_Theater/THEATER_SHOWS.html to purchase tickets and for additional information.

ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING NEWS

Monday, June 4th at 7:00 pm – Winchester High School
School Committee will host a final public hearing on Proposed Boundary Map

Thursday, June 7th at 7:30 pm – Winchester High School

School Committee Meeting will include a final vote on Proposed Boundary Map

**WINCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR JUNE IN BLOOM**

June 7, 2012 12 Noon to 4:00 P M

Please mark your calendars for June 7th when the Winchester Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual Garden Tour. Step into seven of the finest gardens in Winchester. Enjoy a luncheon in an elegant carriage house. Lunch by D'Agostino's with complimentary dessert by Flower Drum Boutique. Tickets available at Book Ends. Lunch and Tour \$30. Tour will take place Rain or Shine.

WINCHESTER BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP

Join your friends for basketball skills, drills, games and FUN! This popular Winchester Basketball Association Program is led by Winchester High School Varsity Basketball Coaches Quinton Dale (Boys Coach) and Jason Cacciapuoti (Girls Coach) and their high school players. Open to boys and girls entering grade 3 through grade 12 in the fall.

Dates: June 25th – June 29th

Time: 9:00 – 3:00 pm

Locations: Boys: McCall Middle School and outdoors on Manchester Courts, weather permitting
Girls: Winchester High School Field House

Registration: \$190 per player. Register at www.wybahoop.com

All participants must submit a Medical Release Form in order to participate. You can download the form on our website under Registration. Space is limited!

Registration Open for Sachems FC Club Soccer Tryouts Fielding Teams for Boys & Girls U10-U18 Sachems FC is looking for talented, motivated players looking to play club soccer at the premier level. If that's you, please join us at one of our upcoming tryouts. They're coming soon -- so don't wait! Tryout Dates: June 12-24 (see website for full schedule, times & locations) Register @ www.sachemsfc.com

Summer Vacation is Almost Here. Looking for a fun summer clinic? This one is for you. The Sachems FC will run a fun and dynamic soccer skills clinic for boys & girls U6-U17. We have 2 sessions to choose from: - half-day session (9-12) \$125 - full-day session (9-3) \$215 Our clinics are very popular and fill up quickly. Guarantee your spot and Register Today. Register @ www.sachemsfc.com

Save the Date: An Evening of Dreams with the North Suburban YMCA
Friday, October 12th, from 6:30-10:30 pm at the Woburn Hilton.

Don't miss this fun celebration of community! Dine, dance to your requests, and bid in an exciting live/silent auction. *All proceeds support the Y's Reach Out Campaign, providing scholarships and financial support for its many programs that encourage youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.* Last year's event sold out, so sign up now! \$75/pp or \$750 for table of 10. **Would you like to join our committee or donate an auction item?** RSVP to Jodi Crowley @ jcrowley@ymcaboston.org. Questions? Contact Patty Castro (patty@castrofamily.org) or Jill Diorio (jilldiorio@comcast.net).