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PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ JUNE, 2013

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FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN

Congratulations to the students of the Class of 2013 as they graduate from Winchester High. The seniors will have their prom Wednesday, May 29th at the Danversport Yacht Club. On May 30th at 6:30 pm a luau at Borggaard Beach. May 31st will be graduation rehearsal at 10:30 in the gym and their senior luncheon. Graduation will be on Sunday, June 2 (2 pm- the gym), and the all-night graduation party, start time 9:30 pm, June 2, 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 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.

Ninth graders will take the Biology MCAS on Tuesday-Wednesday, June 4-5. Final exams begin on Thursday, June 20 and end on Tuesday June 25. Students will complete a mini-schedule of all of their classes on Wednesday, June 26. Here is the schedule:

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

Thursday, June 20

7:45-9:15 am- G block
9:30-11:00 am- F block
12:30-2 pm- Make-ups/Conflicts

Friday, June 21

7:45-9:15 am- E block
9:30-11:00 am- D block
12:30-2 pm- Make-ups/Conflicts

Monday, June 24

7:45-9:15 am- C block
9:30-11:00 am- B block
12:30-2 pm- Make-ups/Conflicts

Tuesday, June 25

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

Wednesday, June 26

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.

PFA NEWS

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Jody Collins Skinner and Audrey Loria

This is our last newsletter of the year—it sure flew by quickly! The WHS PFA congratulates the graduating class of 2013—all our best wishes to you as you begin this new chapter of your life!

Of course, we also extend our best wishes to everyone at school for a successful end of school year and a summer of fun to follow!

Before you all get too busy with your summer plans, please consider volunteering for a role with the WHS PFA next year. We still have a number of openings that need to be filled, including the very important task of Newsletter and the Board position of Secretary. Any of the openings can be job-shared for more fun. Please contact us at whspfa@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering or learning more. We need you!

Instead of a June PFA meeting we invite you to attend some important meetings regarding the renovation of the high school.

The first meeting is on Wednesday, June 5 from 2:30-4:30 in the WHS auditorium. SMMA will host a Sustainable Design Charrette to discuss design ideas that will be incorporated into the High School Project. This will be an interactive workshop, so please bring your ideas and be prepared to participate. Please note: students are also invited to this working session.

Website:

<https://partners.myskanska.com/usa/clients/TOW/WHS/Lists/Calendar/DispForm.aspx?ID=34&Source=https%3A%2F%2Fpartners.myskanska.com%2Fusa%2Fclients%2FTOW%2FWHS%2FSitePages%2FHome.aspx>

Also on Wednesday, June 5th, from 7-8:45pm in the Winchester Public Library large meeting room, Swim Winchester will have guest speaker, Kevin Post of pool design firm Counsilman-Hunsaker to discuss the design options and possible features of a community pool in the town of Winchester. Please visit their website for more information: www.swimwinchester.org

Additionally, on Wednesday, June 19th at 7pm, the Winchester Educational Facilities Planning and Building Committee (EFPBC) will have a public meeting for the WHS Project at the high school.

These meetings are for you to have input about the High School Design before it gets sent off to the State for approval. Let your voice be heard!

CLASS NEWS

CLASS OF 2013 NEWS

Click here http://whspfa.org/clientimages/39852/miscellaneous1213/Class_of_2013_Activities.pdf for a listing of Senior activities.

CLASS OF 2016 NEWS

This year has been very successful for the freshman class, raising over \$4,000. We had a very good fundraiser in selling the sweatshirts and sweatpants, an absolute wave of support for an excellent class dinner, and great attendance for the class semi-formal this spring. We just want to give a shout out to everyone who has pitched in and helped us out this year, particularly the parents. Their support helps make events possible and the student support help make those events successful. Looking ahead, next year we're hoping to do even better. We'd like to form a cabinet of student volunteers to meet with us regularly and to have help running class events and give valuable opinions and feedback. This cabinet is something you can put on your college applications, and will be extremely useful to the class and the class officers. Wishing you all a great end of the school year and a nice summer!

SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ATHLETES

Please join Athletic Director Brian Carroll and the Winchester HS Fall Coaching Staff on June 17th at 6PM in the WHS Auditorium. **This meeting is required for all student-athletes who will be in grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2013-14 school year.**

At this meeting we will provide each athlete and their family with the August pre-season practice schedule for each sport as well as important information about Family ID and the WHS concussion program, and we will hear from 2 recent WHS graduates that will talk about their transition from high school to college.

This meeting is a great way to come together at the end of the school year to help make the fall season sign-up as easy as possible for our athletes and their families. Parents are welcome to attend.

Each athlete should bring the following to the June 17th meeting:

1. A copy of current physical dated after July 19, 2012 for Football and July 22, 2012 for all other sports
2. User Fee (bring check made out to WHS Athletics that evening or pay online through FamilyID link) Waivers are available by contacting Brian Carroll.

Below is a brief look at the schedule for the evening of June 17th

6:00 PM	Opening Remarks
6:10PM	Winchester Police Remarks
6:20PM	Concussion Program
6:40PM	Former WHS Athlete Remarks
6:50PM	MIAA Chemical Health Rule
7:20PM	Report to Field House for Registration

2013-2014 TRANSPORTATION SIGN-UP

The 2013-2014 bus application is also available [on the school department web website](#) or [here](#). Bus routes will be posted online by mid August and passes will be mailed 10 days prior to the opening of school.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Across the district, Winchester educators and administrators are repeatedly asking: *How do we successfully prepare our students for the future utilizing 21st century instructional strategies and technology?* This question begs an understanding around three issues: infrastructure, curriculum and professional development, and end-user devices. Families will have two opportunities in June to participate in these important discussions.

Presentation of Technology Audit to School Committee

Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 PM, Lynch Library

This spring Sun Associates was hired to conduct a full audit of technology within the Winchester schools. All major stakeholders were interviewed about: how technology is used at home and in schools to support learning; what professional development is being provided and how it should be expanded; and the number, age and quality of equipment available to both staff and students. An Executive Summary of this review will be made available on the Schools website.

Technology Capital Fund Ballot Question

Tuesday, June 25

On Monday, April 22, the Board of Selectmen approved an override question that would establish a stabilization fund to upgrade the technology infrastructure for the school district and also the municipal government. The override question will be on the ballot of the United States Senate special election on June 25. If the override passes, Winchester taxpayers would pay a total of \$350,000 in FY2014 to initiate the stabilization fund. The amount generated for the fund would increase by 2.5% each year and the override would cost the average household about \$50.

The stabilization fund would pay to advance and expand the wireless infrastructure in all the schools. The network is slow and frequently the internet and email are down, greatly hindering the work of the administrative staff and the faculty. Teacher lesson plans frequently integrate the use of their laptops, LCD projectors, interactive whiteboards, and the internet. When the internet is down, many important activities grind to a halt.

The new stabilization fund would finance infrastructure improvement, not salaries or hardware. A new and improved wireless infrastructure (that is unlikely to go down) will allow our teachers to further integrate technology into instruction without the worries of an inconsistent network. Students will be able to use their electronic devices in school to enhance their learning.

WFEE NEWS

Thanks to a grant from WFEE, WHS physics students will be working with updated equipment next year. Lis Angus wrote a successful grant to purchase accelerometers and software to allow accurate measurement and data collection. High school teachers will also be participating in the highly regarded Teachers as Scholars program. TAS allows teachers to return to top colleges and universities to participate in seminars that span the curriculum.

As the school year comes to a close, it is time to say "thank you" to the many teachers who made a difference in your child's life. An easy and meaningful way to say thanis is with a WFEE Teacher Tribute. A tax deductible gift to the WFEE Teacher Tribute program brings your honoree a card inscribed with a personal message from you plus a small gift. Gifts to WFEE support teacher driven projects. In the last four years, WFEE has given nearly \$115,000 in grants to Winchester High School alone. Grants to WHS have:

- Created the ArtMac Lab, giving hundreds of students access to state of the art technology
- Brought Shakespeare alive for all WHS students with a professional theater company

- Continuously updated the WHS Physics Lab
- Purchased student lap top computers and iPads for the WHS Library

Help WFEE continue funding grants at WHS and other schools by participating in the Teacher Tribute program. You can make your Teacher Tribute donation on-line at www.wfee.org. Or, if you prefer, use the [attached form](#) and mail it, with a check payable to WFEE to: WFEE, P.O. Box 1005, Winchester, MA 01890.

The amount of your Teacher Tribute gift is kept confidential; donations are tax deductible and eligible for employee matching gifts. Donate now through June 21st, teacher tribute cards and gifts will be delivered at the end of the school year.

The Guide

A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department

June, 2013

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. They will not be able to pick up their caps & gowns until all high school fees are settled.

Summer Mailing to the Class of 2014

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 2014 and Class of 2015

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.

2013 PSAT Date is Saturday, October 20th

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered at WHS on Saturday, October 19th. **This is the only date the official PSAT test is given.**

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 2014.

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.

2013 Summer School Information

The Guidance Office has been receiving information from summer school programs that Winchester High School students have attended in past years.

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 courses. Approval forms are available in the Guidance Office.

Students considering summer school, whether for remediation or for enrichment, should refer to the ***Summer School Policy*** in the Course of Studies booklet.

Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational

Dates: Session 1: July 8 - July 19
Session 2: July 22 - August 2
Class Time: 7:45 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Address: 100 Hemlock Rd., Wakefield
Tuition: 42 hour course = \$270.00
84 hour course = \$540.00
Telephone: 781-246-0810, ext. 1640
FAX: 781-246-2976
Mandatory Orientation:
1st Session: July 8th @ 7:30 a.m.
2nd Session: July 22nd @ 7:30 a.m.

Tuition must be paid in full prior to the first class.
Website: www.neadulted.com.

Belmont Hill School Summer School Program

Dates: Three-week Session 1: June 27 – July 19
Three-week Session 2: July 22 – August 9
Six Week Session: June 27 – August 9
Class Time: Varies per class
Address: 350 Prospect St, Belmont, MA
Tuition: One-period course is \$575
Two-period course is \$875
Three-period course is \$1,195
Registration: \$100.00 non-refundable deposit per class

Tuition must be paid in full by May 31, 2013
Telephone: 617- 484-4410
Register by mail or online at:
<http://www.belmonthill.org>

Minuteman Technical H. S. Summer School

Dates: July 8 - August 2
Class Times: 8:30 am – 11:30 am
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Address: Community Education Office
758 Marrett Rd., Lexington,
Tuition: Varies by course
Telephone: 781-861-7150
FAX: 781-861-7250
Register at: www.minuteman.org

Arlington Catholic H.S. Summer School

Dates: July 1 - July 30
Class Times: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Address: 16 Medford St, Arlington, MA
Tuition: One class: \$250.00
Two classes: \$475.00
Must be paid before 1st day
Telephone: 781-643-6718
Email: Linda Butt at lbutt@ach.net
Registration: Mail only (forms available online)
Registration fee: \$40.00
Registration deadline is Wed., June 26, 2013
Website: www.achs.net
Select "Academics"/"Summer Session 2013"

rdeldon@woburnpublicschools.com
Registration: Before July 13, 2013
Online registration only.
Website: www.woburnhightanners.com

Wilmington Public Schools Summer School

Dates: July 8 - August 1
Class Times: 7:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m
10:15 a.m.-12:45
Address: Wilmington MS, 25 Carter Lane
Tuition: \$220.00 for full year credit
\$190.00 for half year credit
Telephone: 978-694-6060
FAX: 978-694-6074
Registration: Forms available online -
Deadline: July 2, 2013
Website: www.wilmington.k12.ma.us

Matignon H. S. Summer School Program

Dates: June 24 - July 19
Class Time: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Address: One Matignon Rd, Cambridge
Tuition: \$240.00 per course.
Due in full at registration
Telephone: 617-876-1212, ext. 10 or 15
FAX: 617-491-0290
Contact: Joseph Carabello
jcarabel@matignon-hs.org
Registration: June 10 - 21
Registration fee:\$25.00
Website: www.matignon-hs.org

Summer Guidance Office Hours

Guidance Counselors are out of the office beginning July 1st 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 you all a safe, and enjoyable summer!!

Woburn H. S. Summer School Program

Dates: See website
Class Time: Available upon registration
Address: 88 Montvale Avenue, Woburn
Telephone: 978-937-8210, ext. 303
Contact: Ralph Deldon

COMMUNITY NEWS

TOWN DAY INFORMATION

Town Day Road Race Returns to Benefit Marathon Bombing Victims

The Winchester Highlanders Running Club invites you to run or walk in the 2013 Town Day Road Race, beginning at 8:30 am on Saturday, June 1. This long-standing Town Day tradition has returned as a benefit for One Fund Boston and the Fund for MBTA Officer Richard Donohue, a native of Winchester. Participants of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join the fun and support a great cause.

We will host a 2.5 run or walk, and a 5 mile run, both beginning at 8:30 at the Winchester Recreation Center, 263 Main St. Adult entry fee is \$25 in advance, \$30 on race day, or \$15 and \$20 for those under 18. All net proceeds will be donated to the marathon charities. For more information or to sign up in advance please visit <http://www.lightboxreg.com/2013-winchester-town-day-road-race-and-walk>

Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast

Get Town Day off to a great start on Saturday, June 1st with pancakes, sausage and more at McCall Middle School. The cost is \$6 per person, includes face painting and a photo booth, let your kids run off some energy dancing to tunes provided by our DJ! Breakfast is served from 8:00am - 11:00am. Proceeds benefit Rotary Club charities including grants to Winchester Public Schools.

UNPLUGGED - A NIGHT OF MUSIC TO SUPPORT CANCER RESEARCH

Saturday, Jun 15 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
[Winchester Town Hall](#) Winchester, MA

This exciting benefit concert features an array of our best local performers including Agona Hardison Sam Chase, Brittanica, Jim Mouradian and Jono Gray! These amazing artists are donating their time and talent to help Voices of Hope raise funds for the Termeer Center for Targeted Therapies at the Mass General Cancer Center. Tickets are \$25 for sale at Bookends & Mouradian Guitar in Winchester or by phone [\(781\)281-6523](tel:7812816523). Please come and enjoy an evening of incredible music!

Please visit our website www.voicesofhopeboston.org to learn more about Voices of Hope and the Termeer Center for Targeted Therapies.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CANCER PREVENTION STUDY

Ever wonder how we learned that smoking causes lung cancer? Or that obesity shortens longevity? This was discovered by the American Cancer Society's CPS-1 (Cancer Prevention Study) and CPS-2 studies. What was learned has changed our lives.

The residents of Winchester now have an unprecedented opportunity to participate in the historic, next generation American Cancer Society study, Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3). CPS-3 expands on CPS-1 and 2, examining the impacts of lifestyle, behavioral, environmental and genetic factors in relation to cancer risk and mortality.

Participating is easy, free and completely confidential – no one will ask for a donation. If you are between the ages of 30 and 65 and have never been diagnosed with cancer, you can enroll between 5:30 and 9:30 PM on Saturday, June 22nd at the at the Relay For Life of Winchester taking place at Skillings Field. It takes only

about ½ hour at the event, and you will be sent an additional survey to be filled out at home. Short mail follow-ups will occur every few years.

For more information please contact us at CPS3Winchester@gmail.com. Don't miss this chance to honor someone you have lost, who is still fighting, or to learn something that will help future generations avoid this horrible disease.

WINCHESTER BASKETBALL SUMMER PROGRAM

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 John Fleming (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.

Please note that we have had to adjust the dates for this program due to the extended school year:

Dates: Friday, June 28

Saturday, June 29

Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

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 www.winchesterbasketball.org

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! Don't miss out on one of the best summer programs around!

SCHOOL THE WORLD

School the World, a non-profit organization that educates children in developing countries is organizing a Student Service Learning Trip for February and April vacation breaks in 2014. Four Winchester High School Students just completed this trip over April break and were amazed by their experiences. They, along with one of the parent chaperones (Linda Fontana) will be speaking at our next meeting to students that want to attend for next year. The program is open to all current high school students and incoming 9th grade students (currently in 8th grade at McCall).

The facts:

- Each student makes a deposit and then would be required to fundraise all or part of the cost (don't worry, the four girls each exceeded their fundraising goals by over \$1,000)
- School the World holds four pre-trip seminars for the students to learn about the history, culture, economy and geography of Guatemala
- Students work side-by-side with the local villagers to build a 3-classroom school
- Daily afternoon trips for students to experience Guatemalan culture such as visiting Mayan ruins, climbing the Pecaya volanco, zip lining at a local coffee farm in the mountains.
- Total of 9 days spent in Guatemala

Our website is <http://www.schooltheworld.org> where you can download an application and obtain more information. Also, please check out this link to our slideshow presentation from the February trip, <http://youtu.be/yWXNjhBZ Js>

Please join us at our next informational meeting scheduled for June 6th, 7:00 PM at the Winchester public library.

For more information or questions, contact Tobey Kelly at tobey.kelly@schooltheworld.org or Joe Lawler at lawlejm@aol.com. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

REVOLUTION PREP SAT COURSES AT WHS

Class Begins July 29th! Revolution Prep's Group Course (\$599) consists of:

- 6 three-hour classes tailored to the SAT
- 5 full-length practice exams in a proctored environment
- Parent and student online access to test scores
- Personalized homework and feedback on essays
- PREPFEST: Unlimited test prep 2 weeks leading up to the SAT/ACT. Choose from 170+ live micro-courses and make your time count

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- 5 students or less per class
- Tons of schedule options
- Anywhere internet is available

Private Tutoring - call us today for options and pricing

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