

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.

This year, each month will have a theme. Each meeting that month as well as the additional service activities and events will relate to that specific topic. For the month of March, we will be focusing on War & Peace. Below are events and other activities that the students have planned around these issues.

March: War & Peace

Thursday March 11th &

Friday March 12th – Winchester High School will be hosting Hoops for Haiti, an event to benefit the victims of the January 12th earthquake. Students from the high school are teaming up to run a 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament for which we invite students, faculty, staff and parents to register as participants. In order to participate in the tournament, each team must raise a minimum of \$200 to benefit Oxfam America and Partners In Health in their efforts to help the victims of Haiti. We are expecting a large turnout of both teams and spectators at the event.

Friday March 26th- Connect and Commit Book Club will be reading Power of Half and we will be discussing these books during lunch

Friday May 14th – Connect and Commit Book Club will be reading Three Cups of Tea

* There will be community service opportunities on weekends in March related to the war and peace theme, more specifics will be available through the Connect & Commit office in the coming week

Ongoing Service Opportunities

Muraco Tutoring, Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 Januray 6th- April 14th

Be a tutor and mentor to a student at the Muraco Elementary School. Students who participate must commit to coming every week as they will be paired up to work one-on-one with an elementary school student. High School volunteers will help the students with their homework or read together.

PAWS

Students can sign up to learn more about working with a local animal protection society called PAWS. The organization mainly works with cats. For more information you can sign up in the Connect and Commit Office.

HOOPS FOR HAITI

On Thursday March 11th and Friday March 12th Connect and Commit will be teaming up with many other WHS student organizations to host a 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament to raise funds to send to relief efforts in Haiti. We are inviting high school students, faculty, staff and parents to play. In order to participate in the tournament, each team must raise a minimum of \$200 to benefit Oxfam America and Partners In Health in their efforts to help the victims of Haiti. We are expecting a large turnout of both teams and spectators at the event.

How Parents Can Get Involved:

- Form a team and play. Register by contacting Kristen Ritchie for fundraising forms and official game rules.
- Sponsor a team- \$200 is a steep goal for many students to reach on their own and we would welcome the support of families in town to anonymously or not sponsor a team.
- Donate an item to our raffle.

Who to Contact:

For general information regarding the tournament or registration materials please contact:

Kristen Ritchie: kritchie@winchester.k12.ma.us

If you are specifically interested in sponsoring a team please email either:

Casey Leathers: caseyleather@yahoo.com

Lindsey Carlson: lkc1392@gmail.com

If you would like to donate an item to our raffle please contact:

Priyanha Nadanasabesan: pri.nada14@gmail.com