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

This month, parents should follow town budget discussions in the local papers and websites. In current budget discussions, WHS would lose the equivalent of 3.0 faculty positions and \$34,000 in instructional supplies and equipment money if the March 29th override does not pass. Those staffing reductions would be distributed among the core and elective departments. The result of this would be larger class sizes and potential loss of academic programs. Stay tuned for more information in my weekly email updates.

March features the course registration process that will kick off during the week of March 7th. From March 8 to March 14, guidance counselors will visit social studies classes to give out the *2011-12 Student Guide and Course of Studies* and discuss the registration calendar, graduation requirements, new courses, and other important registration-related information. The *2011-12 Student Guide and Course of Studies* is currently available on the WHS Edline website.

The *Course of Studies* includes new courses including Adobe Creative Suite for the Visual Thinker, Developing Mobile Applications Using Flash, Mandarin 2, AP Environmental Science, Robotics, and a series of advanced math classes for students who have successfully completed AP Calculus.

Faculty will make course recommendations for students during the same time period. Teachers make recommendations based on the current course level and student performance during the year. Please consider teacher decisions seriously as courses are recommended that both challenge your children and provide them the best opportunity for academic success. There is an appeal process if the parent/guardian(s) and student disagree with the teacher recommendation. Course appeal forms are also available on Edline website, and should be submitted to the appropriate director by Friday, March 25. Parents will be notified of appeal decisions by April 15.

A special evening for parents of incoming 9th graders will take place on Monday, March 7 at 7 pm in the WHS auditorium. The evening includes a presentation from the directors on ninth grade course options as well as a Parent-to-Parent program featuring current WHS students and parents.

March also brings the first round of MCAS testing for 10th graders. English Language Arts testing will take place on the mornings of March 22-24. Later in the year, 10th graders will also take the MCAS mathematics while 9th graders will complete a biology MCAS.

I hope you are able to attend our musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*, taking place on the nights of Thursday-Saturday, March 10, 11, and 12 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. Please come and support our young performers.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Cell Phones ~ Student cell phones must be turned off at all times. There are no exceptions. A cell phone cannot be visible, it must be put away. A student in violation of this policy will have their cell phone confiscated, given to an administrator, and a parent must pick up the phone in the main office. Refusal to give up a cell phone to any staff member is insubordination and is subject to immediate suspension.

Visitors ~ All visitors to the high school must check in and sign a Visitors Log in the Main Office. All visitors must wear a visitor's name tag. Students are not allowed to bring guests to school, and shadowing is not allowed at any time during the school day. Individuals who do not attend Winchester High School but are on the school grounds or in the school building will be treated as trespassers. This offense is a violation of the General Laws of the Commonwealth and carries a fine and/or imprisonment. Police will be notified.

Dance Policy ~ WHS Dances are traditionally sponsored by a class. WHS joins with the Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community to co-sponsor and chaperone these events. A dance proposal must be presented, reviewed and approved by the WHS principal. Students may not purchase a ticket to the dance without having signed a Dance Contract specifying expectations and specific guidelines. Parents are also expected to sign this contract. Unless receiving prior approval from an administrator, every student must be present in school for the entire day of the dance, including any assigned detentions, in order to attend. Students with unapproved absences or cuts in classes or Academic Blocks on that day will not be allowed to attend the dance.

PFA NEWS

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Ann Hibbard and Martha Sampson

Happy almost-Spring to everyone. Here's hoping that the groundhog got it right this year!

Among the many cancellations and postponements that have happened this winter, one was our February PFA meeting. But just because we didn't meet, it doesn't mean that the PFA hasn't been busy! Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we have just about reached our fundraising goal for the year. This means that we're able to fund more teacher grants than we anticipated and we're looking forward to hearing more about that from our grant co-chairs Brenda Reishus and Carol Savage.

The class officers and their parent advisors have been busy planning events to promote class unity in addition to their fundraising efforts. Unfortunately, the junior class dinner was another victim of the winter weather, but has been rescheduled for March. Please check the newsletter and watch for emails regarding these activities.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2. As usual, Principal Gwin will give an update, both on things happening in the school as well as things in the community that affect our school. As many of you already know, the budget process for next year has begun and there is an override on the ballot for the March 29 election, the outcome of which will undoubtedly affect the school budget. Please make sure to learn about the implications of this important vote. We will also get an update on the strategic plan for WHS - Focus on the Future and the vision they have for the school as we move through the 21st century. And finally, we are looking forward to having Kristen Ritchie, Director of the Connect

and Commit program, speak to us about all of the interesting things our students are doing to benefit our community and the world around us.

We look forward to seeing you on March 2 at 7:30 in the WHS Library.

UPDATE ON THE WHS PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION'S 2010-2011 DIRECT APPEAL

It's not too late to make a contribution to this year's Direct Appeal. If you have not yet made a contribution for this school year, please be sure to mail your check today to Joanne O'Donnell at the address below, or pay via the 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. So far this year, we have approved grants totaling \$21,000. The grants cover 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!*

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 35%. 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

2011-2012 CALENDAR

The School Committee has voted on the preliminary school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year. While certain events such as early release days are incomplete, families should note that **the first day of school will be Tuesday, August 30, before Labor Day**. We will try to keep you updated as the schedule is finalized, or go to the district web site www.winchester.k12.ma.us or for more information.

PARENT CONVERSATIONS

Parent Conversations has been growing steadily in numbers since its inception at WHS 5 1/2 years ago. Each month parents of students from all grades gather together to discuss a particular topic, hear a speaker or have open conversations about what is going on at the high school. Recently, after requests from

working parents, the group decided to move their meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:45AM (unless this conflicts with vacation). In February, the discussion was very lively and many concerns and questions were brought forth regarding grading at WHS. WHS's new clinical counselor, Shafiya Ciccarelli, who helps facilitate the monthly meetings, will be looking into some of these issues and we will continue our discussion in March. Please join us with your questions and concerns **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th** at 8:45 in the Guidance Conference Room for conversation and coffee.

WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SIGN UP MEETING

When: Monday, February 28, 2011 @ 2:45pm

Where: WHS Cafeteria

Who: Any student (grades 9-12) who is interested in playing baseball this spring

The meeting will provide players with information about the program and it will specifically cover tryout procedures. Anyone who wishes to play should make every effort to be at the meeting. Please help pass the word to as many people as possible. We would love to have a large turnout at tryout this year. *WHS Coaching Staff*

NEWS FROM THE CLASS OF 2011

It is not too late to sign up for the **Senior Class Family Dinner & Auction Thursday, March 3rd 6:30 - 8:00PM** in the *WHS Cafeteria*. The new deadline is Monday, February 28. Please return the form (http://whspfa.org/clientimages/39852/miscellaneous1011/Senior_Class_Dinner.pdf) with payment to Kate Wendell, 15 Sheffield Road or drop it off at the Main Office. We hope to see you there at our last family dinner!

NEWS FROM THE CLASS OF 2014

"Tubing" at Nashoba Valley was where some WHS freshman took advantage of a fun and cold night. A special thank you to Mrs. Troiano and Mrs. Kudlate for chaperoning the evening. Moving forward, the Freshman class officers are busy planning more "Class Unity" activities. A class trip to Kimball's in May and a class cookout June 10th are scheduled. The officers welcome any suggestions or ideas anyone may have. 2014 T-shirts are still available for \$20. Just send an e-mail to 2014whs@gmail.com to make a request. Also in the planning stage is the freshman semi-formal dance and the parent social for April 29th. **Freshman**, decorating ideas and donations are welcome. **Parents**, the freshman parent-reps will be requesting donated items like gift baskets, gift cards, tickets to sporting events and the like for the silent auction held during the parent social. More information will be forthcoming.

The Guide



A Monthly Newsletter from the **WHS Guidance Department** **March 2011**

Course Selection for 2011-2012

Course selection for the 2011-2012 school year will begin in March. Students will meet with Guidance Counselors to select courses based on teacher recommendations. Additional scheduling information can be found on Edline or the high school guidance website.

Course schedules may seem like a random selection of classes, but college admissions officers see it as the blueprint of a student's high school education. College admissions officers are looking for a solid foundation of learning that students can build on in college. Students should take at least five solid academic classes every semester. www.collegeboard.com

Senior Parents

2011-2012 Winchester Scholarship Foundation Application Available

The Winchester Scholarship Foundation (WSF) annually awards grants to students residing in Winchester who need financial assistance in order to attend a post-secondary institution. The WSF will award aid even if a student is receiving scholarships from several other sources, as long as it appears that there is a gap between what the parent can fairly be expected to contribute and the yearly costs of the school or college the student will be attending. WSF scholarships are often used to reduce inordinate amounts of loan or campus work. WHS seniors

who are graduating in June are eligible to apply for WSF aid. The new 2011-2012 applications are now available in the Guidance Office. Deadline for submission of the WSF application with required tax documents is May 15, 2011. The WSF maintains a policy of strict confidentiality in regard to all information submitted by applicants.

Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities are posted on Naviance. Please allow at least 10 days to process transcripts for scholarships.

How to Spot a Scholarship Scam

A recent article on collegeboard.com highlighted tell-tale signs that a scholarship service is a scam. According to the College Board, "...nearly all available financial aid comes from the federal government or from individual colleges." In Winchester, a significant source of assistance is provided by the WSF (see above) and there are often private scholarships for very specific applicants with particular career interests, or memberships in certain churches or other social organizations. Collegeboard.com lists the following guidelines as a sign that you may be getting duped:

- The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.
- You can't get this information anywhere else.
- I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship.

- We'll do all the work.
- The scholarship will cost money.
- "You've been selected by a national foundation" to receive a scholarship or "You're a finalist" in a contest you never entered.

Scholarship Scams from FinAid.org provides advice on how to identify scams, how to distinguish between legitimate and fraudulent organizations, how to protect yourself from scholarship scams, and what to do if you are scammed. The basic rule to follow—"Free money shouldn't cost a thing."

Senioritis

Colleges can revoke their offer of admission.

This seems harsh, but many colleges have revoked their admission offers to students due to senioritis. Many college acceptance letters even include warnings to students such as, "Your admission is contingent on your continued successful performance." If your grades start to slip during your senior year, many colleges take that as a sign that you don't want to continue your education. So, don't slump on academics once those college acceptance letters arrive. **Your college performance can be affected.** If you choose to slack off during your senior year, you will not be ready for the challenges of college. Many students who were affected by senioritis in high school required remedial help once they entered college

Junior Parents

If you were unable to attend Junior Parent Night, the information presented is available on the Guidance Website.

In February Guidance Counselors met with all eleventh grade students to review post secondary options and the college process. Juniors received a folder of information which included a Junior Handbook. The handbook is also available on the Guidance Website.

Advice For Students Attending A College Fair

Students can create a brief profile and leave it at the table of the college they wish to receive either information or a personal contact. The profile can be a card with the students name,

address, telephone number, email address, the name of the high school the student is attending with a graduation date, descriptions of areas of interest, and a statement that the student would like to meet personally with the college representative should that person be in the area.

The student and parent can divide the table-hopping task and each deliver profile cards. While delivering profile cards, pick up the college representative's card for future reference. It is helpful to have a specific name (reference) when requesting information/ interview.

NACAC College Fair

Tuesday, April 12th

World Trade Center, Boston, MA

9:00 am-12:00 pm

6:00 pm-9:00 pm

WWW.NACACNET.ORG

Colleges of the Fenway

The Colleges of the Fenway (COF) gives students the benefits of a university—access to a wider range of social and academic experiences and opportunities—while maintaining the personal touch of a small college. COF is a consortium that brings together the resources of six colleges in Boston's famed Fenway Cultural District, to offer more classes, more clubs (225 clubs on the six campuses), and more social activities, just by attending one of the six COF colleges: Emmanuel College, Massachusetts College of Art, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Simmons College, Wentworth Institute of Technology, and Wheelock College. COF's joint initiatives, including cross registration and student programs, aim to improve the quality of education and enrich student experiences while ensuring each college maintains its individual identity. Together, COF represents more than 11,000 undergraduate students—16 percent of the total Boston population of undergraduates attending four-year colleges, and more than 2500 course offerings. To learn more about the Colleges of the Fenway, go to www.colleges.fenway.org.

Smith College, Northampton, MA “Simply Smith” March 26, 2011 is a traditional pre college program for secondary school women. It is a day at Smith College which in many instances will be a high school student’s introduction to college life. Contact the Smith College Admissions Office at (413) 585-2500 or send an email message to admission@smith.edu

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI. The Admission Department will host a number of Open House & Information Session type programs during the spring of 2011. Each program will consist of a three hour presentation which will commence at 1:00 pm and consist of a discussion regarding Admissions and the Application Process and a Tour of the facilities. Especially note that each presentation is

designed to be student and family friendly. The Schedule will be as follows:

1. March, April & May, 2011 on Wednesdays and Fridays
2. RISD will host Saturday Programs: March 5 & 12, 2011 and April 17, 2011 & May 8 & 23, 2011. The Saturday Programs are subject to change thus call to check the date/time of any program. These programs are expected to attract more families and applicants than can be accommodated at one sitting therefore prospective participants are urged to call well ahead (three to four weeks) of the intended program date and secure a reservation. Call the RISD Admissions Office at (800) 364-RISD



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

ROCK FOR YOUTH

Round 2 of the Battle of the Bands Friday, March 18th 7:00-11:00pm Winchester Town Hall Auditorium
Doors open at 6:45 Admission is \$10. Proceeds from the Rock for Youth benefit the WYC's Youth Service Award Scholarships

All audience members should be aware of the following rules and regulations:

- All audience members must pay the admission at the door
- The doors will open at 6:45 pm
- No one under the influence or in possession of alcohol or other drugs will be permitted into the auditorium
- No smoking is allowed inside or outside the auditorium
- Students are required to stay on the main floor of the auditorium
- Students are not allowed to re-enter once they leave the auditorium

WYC COFFEE HOUSE

Friday, April 1st 7:30-10:30 Featuring: Fabulous 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

SUPPORT THE WYC PEER LEADERS' APRIL VACATION HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TRIP

During April vacation 32 of the WYC Peer Leaders will be participating in our 6th annual Habitat for Humanity trip. We will be traveling to Southern New Jersey to complete a week-long service-learning experience building homes for families in need. We are currently working toward fundraising 100% of the expenses for our trip including a \$5000 donation to the Habitat affiliate. Please contact us if you would like to make a donation toward this amazing service-learning experience. Proceeds from all of the following fundraising efforts will benefit our trip:

DUMP RUNS

Let us take care of your trash on Saturday, March 26th. We are currently selling \$10 dump run vouchers. Contact the WYC for more information.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Buy your \$10 tickets for the chance to win: Xbox 360, GPS Navigation System, \$50 Dunkin Donuts Gift Card. Drawing: April 11th. Contact the WYC for more information

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, NORTHEAST ANIMAL SHELTER

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

COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Parent to Parent has rescheduled "Coffee With The Superintendent". The new date will be **Monday, March 14, 2011, 8:45 to 10:30 am - McCall Middle School Library**. Please join us for a "state of our schools" report and open dialogue with Superintendent McAlduff. Topics may include the school budget, curriculum, new programs, school building maintenance, sports and fields, and more. Feel free to stop by as your schedule permits. To submit your questions ahead of time to the Superintendent, please send them to info@parenttoparentwinchester.org. **Please note that this event will be held in the morning.**

FORUM FOR GENERAL OVERRIDE VOTE AND BOARD OF SELECTMAN ELECTION

The Winchester League of Women Voters will hold an educational forum on the General Override as well as a candidate debate for the open Board of Selectmen position on March 20th. **Audience Questions:** The League is requesting that any person who wishes to, submit questions for the candidates or for the town officials discussing the General Override immediately to WinchesterLWV@gmail.com. Questions will be taken until Friday March 11 at 5:00pm. There will NOT be open questions at the forum, in light of time constraints. All questions must be submitted in advance and the questions that represent the most public interest and concern will be selected.

The League of Women Voters of Winchester is a nonpartisan political organization that seeks to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. www.lwvwinchester.org

WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF ART - THE PARTY FOR THE ARTS - MARCH 26

Does your child love art? Would you like to be involved in helping Winchester Friends of Art continue to provide support to the art programs in the public schools in Winchester? One way you can do that is to come to the Party for the Arts on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 8-11 p.m. At the Son's of Italy. Better yet, invite your friends to share a table with you at the Party. This year's party features a K-12 art exhibit and silent art auction, Dessert, cash bar and dancing to the Liz Lannon Band For more information about this event and to purchase your ticket online, please go to:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e3d15c8ha7abba68&llr=q7myddda>

COMMUNITY EVENTS AT WINCHESTER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

Thursday, March 3 7:30-9PM Open Mic Night Join us in Nichols Performance Hall for the next "First Thursdays" Open Mic Night. We welcome performers, families and friends for this lively emceed, coffee house-style event. Solos, duos, and bands welcome. This month's host and performer, guitarist & songwriter Mike Verge with special guest guitarist Eliot Hunt. Free admission and open to the community, performer sign-ups begin at 7 PM. Refreshments served. Check out the full event description here: <http://winchestermusic.org/the-underground/open.aspx>

Tuesday, March 8 7:30-9PM Fat Tuesday Blues Jam Session, come play or sing with the Underground House Band as we celebrate Mardi Gras. 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>

TASTE OF WINCHESTER

The 5th annual "Taste of Winchester", to benefit the Griffin Museum of Photography, will be held on Friday, March 25, 2011, from 7 to 10pm at the Griffin Museum. This popular community event is a chance to sample delicious food from favorite local restaurants and shops while enjoying live music and the current exhibition. Wine for the event is being provided by Pairings Wine and Food, and beer from Winchester Wine and Spirits. Tickets are \$65 and include all food and beverages. They will be available at the end of February at BookEnds and through the Griffin Museum (781) 729-1158 www.griffinmuseum.org. The event has sold out the last 3 years, so be sure to get your tickets early!

PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS:**Responding vs. Reacting To Your Kids: Techniques For Effective Strength-Based Parenting**

Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Lincoln School Auditorium

Charlie Appelstein, whose motto is "There's no such thing as a bad kid", has worked with children and youth for over 25 years. A much sought after speaker, Charlie delivers his strength-based approach with humor and hope. Charlie presents ways for parents and caregivers to keep their cool and respond positively when children are experiencing emotional and behavioral challenges. Communication strategies, building self-esteem, and helping children self-manage their behavior will be discussed. Charlie's real-life examples can help kids and parents make better choices and lead happier lives. This program is appropriate for parents and caregivers of children from preschool age through adolescence. Attendees will receive a handout of Charlie's strength-based approach with tips and techniques. For more information visit: parenttoparentwinchester.org and www.charliea.com. This program has been generously funded by a gift from the ENKA Society.

WINCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:**Maribel Vinson Owen and Her Influence on American Figure Skating**

Who were the Vinson Owens and why is a Winchester elementary school named after them? Winchester was the home of Maribel Vinson Owen, a nine-time U.S. ladies figure skating champion, and her daughters, Maribel, Jr., and Laurence, both of whom were members of the 1961 United States World Figure Skating Team. They lost their lives in a plane crash in Belgium, along with 16 other members of the U.S figure skating team on its way to the world competition in Prague. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the crash and a time to look back at the lives of the girls and their mother, all of whom left their imprint on the figure skating world. To mark the anniversary, the Winchester Historical Society will sponsor a program at the **Jenks Center, Winchester, at 7:30pm. Tuesday, March 1st.**

Ed Swift, a special contributor for Sports Illustrated, will present a program on his research for his recent article on the Vinson Owen ladies and their contribution to the art of figure skating.

MULTICULTURAL NETWORK PRESENTS

Jubilee Trio - March 6 at 3:00 p.m. A concert of songs and spirituals -- Giving Voice -- by the renowned Jubilee Trio will be performed on Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church on the Common in Winchester Center. The concert ushers in the Multicultural Network's 20th year and honors both Black History and Women's History Month. Winchester's own Marion Dry, contralto; pianist Leslie Amper; and baritone Robert Honeysucker make up the Trio, founded in 1995. The concert is free and all are welcome. For information, call the Multicultural Network at 781-729-7100 or e-mail office@wmcn.org.

Community Workshop, FRIDAY evening, MARCH 11, 2011, 7 to 9 pm., and continuing **SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 9:30 am. to 4:30 pm,** First Congregational Church. For everyone who lives and works in Winchester and is interested in fostering multiculturalism—the ongoing process of recognizing, understanding, and appreciating differences as well as similarities. Leave with your own personal toolbox, including guidelines for discussion, a common language and vocabulary for having

difficult conversations, a framework for understanding and more... No charge; pre-registration required. Call the WMCN office (781-729-7100) or email office@wmcn.org

WILSON FARM FUNDRAISING DAY

Tuesday, March 8. Once again, Wilson Farm has generously offered a Winchester Public Schools Fundraising Day! All Winchester families and school faculty, administrators and staff are welcome to shop at Wilson Farm on Tuesday, March 8th from 9am-7pm and 20% of their total purchase will go directly to Winchester Public Schools! NOTE: The official flyer MUST be presented at the register in order to benefit Winchester Public Schools. The flier will be available on the school website (www.winchester.k12.ma.us) or click here http://whspfa.org/clientimages/39852/miscellaneous1011/Wilson_Farm_Flyer.pdf. Please join us at Wilson Farm on Tuesday, March 8th. Contact Heidi Driscoll at hdris40923@aol.com or Maria O'Connor at mariatoconnor@gmail.com with any questions. Co-Sponsored by Wilson Farm and the Winchester Parents Inter-School Council.

ROTARY CLUB CAREER WORKSHOP

The Winchester Rotary Club is pleased to offer a new program called "Design your Career! Turning Adversity into Opportunity". This free program has been specifically developed to assist experienced professionals who are looking for a rewarding position or considering a career change. This interactive workshop will cover a variety of topics, including best techniques for interviewing, marketing yourself, managing your finances, developing and maintaining a competitive resume and ways to use the internet and other resources to research the right position. The workshops will be held on five Thursdays beginning on March 10, 2011 and ending on April 7, 2011, from 3:30-5:30pm. Space is limited so register early with Marnee Walsh at walsh424@verizon.net.

WINCHESTER SPORTS FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME DINNER

Save The Date!! The Winchester Sports Foundation will be holding their annual Hall of Fame Dinner on **Thursday, May 5th** at the Woburn Hilton Hotel, 2 Forbes Road. Time: 5:00 Social / 6:00 Dinner. The Winchester Sports Foundation Hall of Fame Committee is proud to announce the Inductees for the 2011 Hall of Fame. The Inductees for 2011 are Vern Slack, Ice Hockey, Baseball, Football '49, William Lamarche, Ice Hockey '60, Barbara Morton, Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball '65, Kathy Levinson, Tennis, Basketball, Field Hockey '73, Kim Donlon Bono, Basketball, Soccer '83, Joe Lawrence, Wrestling '85, Paul Sughrue, Soccer, Tennis '85, Coach Suzanne Ontso, WHS Girl's Lacrosse, and the 1956 Winchester High School Cross Country Team

More information pertaining to this evening will be published at a later date or you may visit the Winchester Sports Foundation Web site at www.winchestersportsfoundation.com

All Senior Athletes and all WHS Coaches are invited to attend as guests of the Winchester Cooperative Bank. Reservations may be made by contacting Dot Butler @ Butlermail@aol.com

REVOLUTION PREP SAT COURSES

50 HOUR GROUP SAT CLASS: \$499 at Winchester High School (and our Hybrid private tutoring option is \$799). Need-based scholarships are available. Contact Revolution Prep for details. Courses include: 200-point satisfaction guarantee (250 for the Hybrid); 6-three hour classroom lectures and 5 full-length practice exams – an intensive 50-hour program; engaging, knowledgeable instructors; customized homework assignments; personalized feedback on your essays; online access to test scores and detailed analysis. **NEW! 2 live online booster classes included in group course.** These classes can be taken at any time (they do not expire) and there are 22 subjects to choose from; ex. AP exams, SAT subject tests, College Application.

Revolution Prep will be holding group classes leading up to the May 7th and June 4th test dates. Please call 1-877-738-7737 or go to www.revolutionprep.com to register for courses.

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

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

NEWS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MAXIMIZE YOUR COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID (for parents)

Instructor: Don Anderson, College Funding Advisor

This one night workshop is a must for all parents of college-bound high school students, especially freshmen and sophomores. We will demystify the college financial aid process and teach you how to access the more than \$90 billion in financial aid dollars, monies that are even available to “high income” families and business owners. Strategies will be presented that will help you protect your assets by maximizing your eligibility for aid, effectively lowering your college costs. You will learn the optimum time to set the strategies in place (Hint, best before junior year) and why if you wait until the financial aid deadline to file your forms, you may miss out on the full amount of aid you qualify for. You will also learn how to minimize the equity in your home. A free comprehensive analysis will be provided for those attending the class. One session.

111-BF-05A	Tu. Mar. 8	\$25/single
111-BF-05B	Tu. Mar. 8	\$29/couple
Winchester High School	Skillings Rd.	7-9pm

WAYS TO REGISTER

On-line Registration: www.winrec.com

Phone-In Registration: Call 781-721-7126, 24 hours.

Mail-In Registration: Refer to the registration form and instructions on the inside back cover of the brochure that was mailed to Winchester residents. Include the signed waiver.

FAX Registration: Refer to the registration form and instructions on the inside back cover of the brochure that was mailed to Winchester residents. Include the signed waiver.

Walk-In Registration: Register at the Recreation office at 263 Main St. between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.