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PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ May 2012
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FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN

This month I am providing an update on the Winchester High School Focus on the Future Strategic Plan. We knew from the start that this was an ambitious plan and that has turned out to be the case, but progress has been made on many fronts. Here is a partial list of accomplishments and work in progress:

- Established a Protocol and Policy committee to review handbook policies and protocols.
- Established, published (in the handbook and online), and implemented a WHS Homework Policy
- Defined and disseminated an Edline use policy. The WHS policy (consistent with the McCall policy) is that teachers (at a minimum) are required to post grades/gradebook on Edline at mid-quarter and the end of the quarter. The district also has a goal to examine an Edline use policy.
- Developed, published (in the handbook and online) an Honor Code policy.
- Implemented a 9th grade Advisory program.
- Established a committee to review and develop goals for the Guidance department.
- Scheduled professional development for incorporating formative assessments this summer for some high school staff. Teachers receiving this professional development will train other WHS faculty in 2012-13. This is also part of the district Student Learning Initiative.
- Formed a 1:1 committee to develop a proposal for 1:1 computing at WHS.
- Scheduled, published, and promoting wellness activities for all grades. In partnership with Winchester Hospital, WHS has offered after school yoga and Zumba programs. We also offered Tai Chi but did not have a strong student response. Assembly programs on bullying prevention, dating violence, and social host liability have also been presented to students,
- The Connect and Commit Steering Committee is developing a plan for senior-year service learning.
- The district is in the process of developing the plan to implement the state's new teacher evaluation system.
- Revising curricula of college prep and honors courses to address the gap between curriculum levels. Principals and directors are spending almost all department and release day meeting time with faculty to develop course achievement targets through the district's Student Learning Initiative. WHS will meet this benchmark through this process.
- Established the use of the Professional Learning Community (PLC) model in all departments. Teachers are working in PLCs through their work on the Student Learning Initiative.
- Establishing consistent academic expectations and curriculum content. Again, this is taking place through the district's Student Learning Initiative.

Parents, teachers, and students will be surveyed later in the spring as part of the strategic plan process.

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.

Guests ~ 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.

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

Working Papers ~ All of the forms may be obtained from your Edline account.

- Promise of Employment (14 to 16 years needs to be filled out prior to receiving Employment Permit)
- Employment Permit (14 to 16 years)
- Educational Certificate (16 to 18 years)

Attendance in Academic Block is mandatory. Students listed as absent without permission will be reported to the Administration. Students are subject to office detentions and suspension from school.

Areas of Building and Grounds for Student Use ~ Playing ball or other games in corridors is prohibited.

- Games may be played on the athletic fields.
- Roaming corridors and loitering are prohibited.
- Only junior and senior students with Good Standing are allowed to leave campus during lunch.
- Students are not allowed to gather or loiter in parking lots or in vehicles.
- Students leaving the school without permission will be suspended.

Bicycles/roller blades/skateboards ~ The campus is reserved for pedestrian traffic. Students who bike, roller blade, or skateboard to school should lock their bikes in the bike racks; remove roller blades or skateboards for storage in lockers.

CLASS NEWS

CLASS OF 2012

To All Senior Athletes and Their Parents: The **Winchester Sports Foundation** invites you to the **Annual Hall of Fame Dinner**, Thursday Evening, May 3rd at the Woburn Hilton, 2 Forbes Road, Woburn.

- Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm
- Dinner Promptly at 7:00 pm
- **Seniors please register with Mrs. Branley**

Tickets are \$45 per guest. Please make checks made out to Winchester Sports Foundation, (tables of ten are available). **All Senior Athletes are guests of the Winchester Cooperative Bank**

The Winchester Sports Foundation is honoring the following Inductees:

- Mark Micciche (82)
- Patty Riccardelli (83)
- Anthony Fortunati (85)
- Ded Maida (87)
- 1986 WHS Football Team
- 1986 Boys' Soccer Team
- 1986 Girls' Soccer Team
- Coach Tom Kline
- Donna Gildersleeve (Community Service Award)

Please R.S.V.P. to - Dot Butler, 30 Wildwood St. Winchester, MA 01890. Butlermail@aol.com

SENIOR PROM!

Our Senior Prom will take place on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. The Luau will be held at Borggaard Beach on Thursday, May 31, 2012 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contracts for the Senior Prom and Luau can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/open?id=0B2_QUFKtsZFLeVZjMUpwd1JTSTA, on Edline (in the "Dance Contracts" section) and in the Main Office of the High School.

We are proud to announce that tickets are \$35 this year! Tickets will be sold May 1 - May 4 by the greeter's desk by the main office during both lunch periods by Ms. Kean, Ms. Simeone and Ms. Roberts. If you have any questions, please see a class officer or Ms. Roberts in Guidance or Ms. Kean in the Foreign Language Department.

Thank you,
The Senior Class Officers

CLASS OF 2014

Practice PSAT
Saturday, MAY 12, 2012
9 - 11 AM

There will be a Practice PSAT held in the Cafeteria of Winchester High the morning of May 12th. This is a great way for Freshman and Sophomores to get a feel for what some of the College Exams are like. There will also be a feedback session to help you understand your scores and know what areas you may

want to start working on over the summer. ALL juniors at Winchester High take the PSAT's in the Fall. This is the only test that determines National Merit Scholars. Please bring #2 pencils and a calculator!

The cost is only \$10.00 and will be collected at the door. Anyone is welcome. Please watch e-blasts and morning announcements for more information. If possible, please pre-register online at Kaplan.com or by phone at 1-800-KAP-TEST. If you have any questions, please email whs2014@gmail.com

CONNECT AND COMMIT

**Connect and Commit Service Club Meets the Last Tuesday of the Month
from 6:30-7:30pm in the WHS Library**

You can sign up for the opportunities listed below at the 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 connectandcommit@gmail.com. **Check out our new website at www.connectandcommit.org**

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

Volunteer Opportunities & Events

Saturday May 5th ABC Bottle Drive- 8am-3pm Meet in the Sons of Italy Parking Lot, across from the Transfer Station. Help raise money to support the ABC Program, by sorting recyclable bottles and cans. Help is needed whenever you are able to come, but especially toward the end of the day when donations pour in and energy flags.

Saturday May 5th - Winchester Garden Club- The club is in need of 3-4 volunteers to assist them with their annual fundraiser. They will be having a furniture and plant sale to raise money to support their programs such as providing flowers for the meditation room at Winchester Hospital and providing flowers to Meals on Wheels participants at the holidays. At the end of their fundraiser, they will need help getting items from their sale into people's cars or back onto the truck for delivery.

Sunday May 6th - Walk for Hunger- There are many opportunities to serve as a volunteer at the Walk for Hunger. Check out the Connect & Commit Facebook group and join in the discussion. We'll put together a team if there is enough interest in doing the walk. Please visit www.projectbread.org for more information

Saturday May 12th - Aberjona River Cleanup- 9am-12pm work with the Conservation Commission to help clean up the Aberjona river and its shores. You will meet behind Town Hall at 9 to be assigned to an area and pick up trash bags and gloves. There will be an emphasis this year on pulling back some of the bittersweet that is overgrown in much of the area. Long pants, closed toe shoes are a must and work gloves if you have them. *30 vols needed*

Saturday May 12th WFEE Prom & Aid Fundraiser- 6-11:30pm at Chevalo Park. Help the Winchester Fund for Educational Excellence with their annual fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of ways including helping the caterers to set up, pass appetizers, act as runners for the kitchen tent, bus dishes, sell raffle glasses and also help with the auction itself. All of the funds raised at the event help WFEE to fund wonderful grants for the school. *20-25 volunteers needed*

Thursday May 17th - EnKa Book Tent- 2:30-4:30 Help set up the EnKa Book tent for the EnKa fair. Their tent is located at the town hall end of the Jenks parking lot. They will need help unloading and

setting up books from small boxes. Volunteers can take a few books as a thank you for their help.

Friday & Saturday May 18th, 19th Enka Fair Game Tent- Volunteers are needed to help run games and activities for preschool and elementary aged kids. You will be helping by taking cash payments, handing out prizes and explaining the games to the children who visit the tent. Sign up to work a two hour shift on either day. Volunteers will be in pairs and you may request to work with a friend.

Saturday May 20th- EnKa Book Tent- 9:30-10:30pm Help Pack up the EnKa book tent. Organize the unsold books and pack them into small boxes to be picked up. Volunteers can take a few books and a thank you for their help.

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Ongoing Service Opportunities

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.

Mentors Needed- two students are needed to mentor a girl and a boy at McCall. More details upon request. The student and mentor would be supervised by Mr. Synan at McCall.

Summer Service Opportunities

Read the Write Way- This summer program is held at the 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 you are interested at cwolfe@winchester.k12.ma.us

WFEE NEWS

20 years of dedication to education + 20 years of community support = 20/20 vision!

Please join WFEE as we celebrate our 20th anniversary at this year's **Prom 'n Aid, May 12th at Chehalo Park, 6:30pm – 11:00pm**. Enjoy an evening of dancing to live music, fabulous food and an exciting live auction including: behind the scenes tours of Boston's best museums, tickets and backstage passes to one of the hottest shows of the summer, the KISS Concert 2012, and the chance to host your friends at a private comedy show. If you haven't SEEN enough to get you interested, don't forget that we will be raffling off an iPad 3! Tickets to the Prom 'n Aid can be purchased at Book Ends or at www.wfee.org, \$350 per couple. We hope you share our FOCUS on education; we want to SEE you at the Prom!

SCHOOL NEWS

SUPPORT WHS BASEBALL!

WHS Baseball Red Sox Raffle and Trash Pick-Up

Saturday, May 5th will be **Presale Day** at the transfer station from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. \$10.00 per ticket. **Saturday, May 12th** is **Trash Pick-up Day**.

If you are interested in having your trash picked up or being entered in to the Red Sox Raffle, please e-mail ron@capworld.com or call Ron at 617-799-1102.

Thank you for your support!!!

MAY 2012 MUSIC DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Wednesday, May 2	time TBA	Spring Sing Fling- (WHS & 5th Grade Choruses)	WHS
Wednesday, May 9	7:30pm	Orchestras (WHS Symphony, Orchestra and Sinfonietta)	WHS
Saturday, May 12	8pm	"In the Mood Band Dance" (includes WHS School Jazz Band, Concert Band and McCall Jazz Band)	St. Eulalias Church Hall
Tuesday, May 15	6:30pm	Strawberry Pops (all WHS music groups)	WHS Front Lawn
Thursday, May 17	7:30pm	Octets Final Concert	Unitarian Church
Saturday, May 19	9:00am	EnKa Parade- WHS Marching Band	
Monday, May 21	7:30pm	Chamber Singers Final Concert	Location TBD
Monday, May 28	9:00am	Memorial Day Parade WHS Marching Band/McCall Jubilation Singers	

PARENT CONVERSATIONS

Please join Parent Conversations Wednesday, May 9th, 2012 at 8:45 in the Guidance Conference Room. The monthly discussions are casual and drop in yet always confidential. New and "seasoned" parents offer stories and experiences and through these conversations, ideas are exchanged, questions are answered and many problems are solved. Shafiya Ciccarelli, WHS Clinical Counselor facilitates the group discussion. Please mark your calendars and join us!

“IN THE MOOD” BAND DANCE***Saturday, May 12th, 8:00 pm***

Are you “In the Mood” for a night of dancing to the music of the Winchester School Bands? All are invited to bring friends and family to the semi-formal benefit dance for the Winchester School Bands on Saturday, May 12th at 8 pm in St. Eulalia’s Manion Hall, 50 Ridge Street, Winchester. The WHS Concert Band, McCall Jazz Band, and WHS Jazz Band will provide the dance music. Elegant desserts will be available throughout the evening. Advance Ticket Sales are \$20 each for adults, \$10 each for senior citizens and students and will be available at BookEnds in Winchester Center **after April 1st**. To purchase tickets or reserve a table for 8-10 people in advance, please contact Shawn Macannuco at [781-729-3865](tel:781-729-3865) or email smacannuco@comcast.net. Tickets will also be available at the door: \$25 each for adults, \$15 each for senior citizens and students.

The Guide

***A Monthly Newsletter from the
WHS Guidance Department
May 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

Dear Class of 2013 and Parents:

Reminder: Please complete the ***Counselor Report Form*** and ***Parent Brag Sheet*** in ***Naviance*** by June 1st. Guidance Counselors use this form to write secondary school report that goes out to every college you apply to next year. Please go to:

<http://connection.naviance.com/winchester> and log into your account to complete the survey. If you don't remember your account, email your guidance counselor and we will provide you with your account information.

Please Note: For security reasons, Naviance is designed to sign you out automatically if your

session is inactive for 45 minutes. If you are signed out in less than 45 minutes or if your session ends unexpectedly while you are actively using the system, it is likely that a small file written to your computer while you use Naviance known as a “session cookie” has become corrupted

or that your school is using a proxy server that is ending your session.

To address this issue, you should first delete cookies on your computer and clear the cache your browser keeps of the sites you visit. In most cases, completing these steps resolves any issues relating to sessions ending prematurely.

NACAC College Fair

May 3 & May 4

World Trade Center

Boston, MA

WWW.NACACNET.ORG

Final Transcripts for Class of 2012 *SENIOR SURVEY*

Seniors will be meeting with their guidance counselor the first week of May to complete the annual *Senior Survey* in *Naviance*. Seniors should log-in to their *Naviance* accounts and click on “Graduation Survey”. The survey asks seniors to indicate to which college or post-secondary institution they want their final transcript sent, as well as to provide the results of the colleges’ decisions on their other applications. Seniors are required to complete this *Senior Survey* as part of their graduation requirements before receiving their caps and gowns.

The Guidance Department is aware that plans do change. A number of seniors pay a deposit to one college to hold a space for next fall, but choose 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.

REMINDER
Winchester Scholarship Foundation
Applications are due May 15th

Vacancy Lists Keep College Option Open

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. Two organizations compile vacancy lists of colleges that are still accepting students for Fall 2012. The New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) maintains a list of New England colleges and universities that still have openings. Students may visit www.nebhe.org to view this list in mid-to-late May. The National Association for College Admission Counseling posts its Annual Space Availability Survey on its website, www.nacacnet.org/space to assist college counseling professionals working with students who have not completed the college admission process. This annual survey indicates openings not only in Fall 2012 freshman classes, but also openings for transfer students, as well as the availability of financial aid and campus housing.

Helping Your Child Handle Rejection and Acceptance

The College Board’s website contains helpful information for parents of seniors who receive a “letter of denial” from a college. The information offers suggestions on how to help put admissions decisions in perspective. Go to www.collegeboard.com and click on the link “For Parents” to read the entire article.

Spring 2012: SAT Program Test Dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012

Please enter the WHS CEEB Code 222-440 Winchester High School as a recipient of your admissions test.

SAT PREP SUPPORT THROUGH NAVIANCE

WHS is pleased to offer SAT preparation support to our 11th grade students through our college counseling web site, Naviance Family Connection. SAT Method Prep provides every student with online resources to prepare students for the rigorous college admissions tests and offers support to help students elevate their scores. SAT Method Prep is available online through students’ current Naviance Family Connection accounts. Students can access the program from any web-enabled computer at any time, allowing them to study when it’s most convenient for them.

To access SAT Method Prep, students simply sign onto their current Naviance Family Connection page and under the Colleges Tab, click on the words “Test Preparation” found on the left side of the screen. If students need assistance or have misplaced their Naviance Family Connection passwords, they should contact their Guidance Counselor.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS FROM THE WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The 2nd annual "Hottest Reads for Summer" Presentation

Thursday, May 3rd, 10:00 a.m.

Winchester Public Library Large Meeting Room

The *Friends of the Winchester Library* invite you the 2nd annual "Hottest Reads for Summer" presentation on Thursday, May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. **BookEnds business owner, Judy Manzo**, will present some of the best reads for this summer, both fiction and non-fiction, with just enough information to pique your interest. Hand-outs for note-taking will be available as well as light refreshments afterwards. This is a great opportunity to screen potential book gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, your summer vacation or general reading pleasure. The program will be held in the large meeting room on the main floor of the library located at 80 Washington Street in Winchester.

The program is sponsored by the John & Mary Murphy Educational Foundation and is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Questions: Jann Sheehy [781.729.6096](tel:781.729.6096)

International Book Club

One Winchester, Many Traditions sponsors an international book club which will meet on **Monday, May 14 at 7 pm** to discuss *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie.

In 1971, as Mao's Cultural Revolution swept over China, shutting down universities and banishing "reactionary intellectuals" to the countryside, two teenage boys are sent to live on the remote mountain known as Phoenix in the Sky. When the narrator and his best friend Luo bargain their way into obtaining a forbidden Balzac novel from their friend Four Eyes, a new world opens up to them. When Luo falls in love with the beautiful Little Seamstress, life and literature come together in a passionate romance. The two young boys were sent to the mountains to be re-educated, yet they re-educate the farming village and the Little Seamstress. *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* highlights the transformative power of literature.

Copies of the book are available on loan through the Library: ask the Circulation Desk for book clubs. For more information, check the library website, winpublib.org, or contact Marie Ariel at mariel@minlib.net or 721-7171x20.

RUMMAGE SALE—May 4th and May 5th

The Parish of Epiphany Rummage Sale, at 70 Church Street, Winchester, returns May 4th from 4-7:30 and May 5th from 10-1 pm with many great spring bargains! Find designer clothing for all ages, toys, games, kitchenwares, home and holiday décor, antiques, books, collectibles and more. There will also be delicious goods at the bake sale. The rummage sale is a biannual tradition that benefits numerous Epiphany charities. For more information visit: www.3crowns.org or call [781-729-1922](tel:781-729-1922).

ABC BOTTLE DRIVE

Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Sons of Italy's parking lot which is located just before the entrance to the town transfer station.

As always, ABC needs your returnable bottles and cans to help support the Winchester ABC House and the eight scholars living there while they attend Winchester High School. The scholars and volunteers will be in the parking lot from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on May 5th to accept your returnables which include soda, sparkling water, and beer cans and bottles. Volunteers will stop taking donations at 3:00 p.m. in order to finish sorting the donated cans and bottles and to completely clear the area of the boxes, bags, crates and other debris generated in the process.

A Better Chance (ABC) is the oldest and only national organization of its kind changing the life trajectory for academically talented youth of color via access to rigorous and prestigious educational opportunities for students in grades 9-12. Winchester's ABC Program has been operating since 1971. The organization holds two or three bottle drives each school year.

Derek Stone, the Bottle Drive Coordinator, wants everyone to know that "If you have a free hour or two, please join us. We are always looking for volunteers to help." You can reach Derek at [781-729-4380](tel:781-729-4380).

PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS:

Worried About Your Worrier: Creating Calmer Kids in a Stress Filled World

with Lynn Lyons, LICSW

Monday, May 14 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Lincoln School Auditorium

Childhood fears and worries are a normal part of growing and developing, but, sadly, excessive worrying and anxiety in kids (and parents) are on the rise. The good news? Parents and children can learn HOW to manage fears, interrupting and even preventing the “worrying cycle” of thoughts and behaviors.

Lynn Lyons uses a concrete and humorous style to give parents and caregivers the skills and information to help their child:

- Accept and manage “normal” worries and transitions
- Calm and control the physical symptoms of anxiety
- Choose exploration of the world over avoidance
- Recognize and change the most common thought patterns of anxious thinkers

Lynn Lyons, LICSW is a psychotherapist who specializes in the treatment of anxious children and their parents. Her presentation is more applicable for parents of elementary school aged children, but all are welcome to attend. For more information, visit: www.parenttoparentwinchester.org

ENKA NEWS

“Let the Sunshine In” En Ka Street Fair

Friday, May 18th, 5-11pm and Saturday, May 19th, 10am-10pm

Across from Town Hall, at the corner of Skillings Road and Mt. Vernon Street

Advance ticket sales – Thursday, May 17th 12-6pm and Friday, May 18th, 10am-4pm

Help us kick-off this year's En Ka Fair with ...

En Ka Yard Sale – May 4th and 5th, 9 am – 1 pm

En Ka Exchange, 1037 Main Street, Winchester

Our annual yard sale featuring household goods, vintage and collector's items, china, crystal, crafts and decorative items galore!

En Ka Day at Mahoney's – May 16th, 10 am – 5 pm

Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center, 242 Cambridge Street, Winchester Mahoney's will generously donate a percentage of the day's sales on May 16th to the En Ka Society to support grants to Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Buy flowers, plants, tools, gift certificates and more!

En Ka Parade – May 19th, 9 am

Line the streets of downtown Winchester for our annual tradition! The parade departs from Winchester High School and concludes at the fairgrounds, with our flag raising.

En Ka Quilt Raffle – May 19th, 9 pm

Tickets now available at Bookends and the Ex Ka Exchange. This year's amazing quilt truly "Let's the Sun Shine In" by transitioning from vibrant yellows to luscious oranges to rich reds from the quilt center to the outer edges.

En Ka Book Donations – until May 12th

Please drop lightly-used children's and adult books (wrapped in plastic and placed in small boxes) at the collection bin at the Sanborn House's Carriage House, adjacent to Ambrose School.

Please join us in these efforts for some "Let the Sunshine In" fun and fundraising so that we may continue to provide aid to many local charities and non-profit organizations that impact the lives of Winchester residents.

If you would like to volunteer at the "Let the Sunshine In" 2012 En Ka Street Fair or would like more information, please email jodiemul@gmail.com or johnmikia@verizon.net.

WINCHESTER SPORTS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration is now open for the Foundation's annual golf tournament, to be held on **Monday, May 7 at the Winchester Country Club**. Registration for golf and for sponsorships at varying levels is available on-line at <http://winchestersportsfoundation.com/golf.html>. The Foundation has been raising money to preserve and promote the sports programs at Winchester High School for more than 20 years. In just the last year, for example, the Foundation made substantial donations towards the fund-raising for Phase 2 of the Manchester Field development and the recent renovation of the weight room/training facility at the High School. The Foundation also provides the funding for the baseline concussion testing that all student athletes at the high school receive. The golf tournament is the Foundation's flagship fund-raising event. At a dinner following the afternoon of golf, the Foundation honors a person who has made a significant contribution to the Winchester athletic programs. Two student-athletes from Winchester High School also speak at the dinner about the major impact the sports programs at the high school have had on them.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR TOWN DAY!

Kick off Town Day, Saturday June 2nd, with a hearty pancake breakfast at the McCall Middle School cafeteria sponsored by the [Winchester Rotary Club](#). \$6 a ticket will buy you hot pancakes and sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from a Rotary member. Breakfast goes from 8am to 11am at the McCall Cafeteria. Music, face painting and raffle prizes including a new bicycle will make this a special morning for you and your family. Proceeds support Rotary grants to local school activities, sports programs and cultural organizations.

Sachems FC 2012-2013 SEASON TRYOUTS

If your child is motivated and interested in playing club soccer -- we'd love to see him/her at one of our upcoming tryouts in June!

The tryout schedule is now available online at www.sachemsfc.com

U10 : June 12 & 14

U11 : June 13 & 15

U12 : June 19 & 21

U13 : June 19 & 21

U14 : June 20 & 22

U15 : June 20 & 22

U16, U17, U18 : June 23 & 24