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**PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ OCTOBER 2012**

Visit our website at [www.whspfa.org](http://www.whspfa.org)

**FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL TOM GWIN**

I have never been prouder of our students. On Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, the students and faculty walked to Washington and Mt. Vernon Streets to line part of the route for Glen Doherty's funeral procession. With flags in their hands, the students stood quietly and respectfully as the procession went by. They exited and returned to school in a very orderly way. While I'm sure that most of our students did not know Glen, Winchester Class of 1988 and former Navy seal, they were clearly touched and moved by the entire event. Director of English, Judy Hession, was Glen's British Literature teacher. She clearly remembers him as a special student with blonde hair, freckles, and a big smile. In a story by WBUR's Delores Handy, Judy is quoted as saying "I've taught for over 30 years and he's one of the most memorable students I ever had." At the visiting hours, I met a former colleague from Newton North High who grew up in Winchester. He said Glen had been his best friend growing up. He went on, "But then again, there are probably 25 others who would say that he was their best friend. He was that kind of guy."

Symmes, Maini & McKee Architectural Associates (SMMA) continue work on the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) for the WHS Feasibility Study. Earlier in September, SMMA brought noted education design guru, Frank Locker, to lead an "educational visioning" workshop with students, teachers, parents, and community members. Locker led participants through a process to vision the educational components of a new WHS. Locker's report from this workshop should be available soon. SMMA reports on progress of the study at the bimonthly Educational Facilities Public Building Committee (EFPBC). These meetings take place on the second and fourth Wednesday's of the month at 7 pm at Town Hall. At the last two meetings, SMMA started to show differing design options. The public is invited to those meetings. Slides of those designs can be found at the Skanska USA website:

<https://partners.myskanska.com/usa/clients/TOW/WHS/SitePages/Home.aspx>

In the last week of September, teachers received training in the new state education evaluation system. In the first part of the evaluation cycle, the teachers will complete a self-assessment and develop goals based on the assessment.

The first Principal Drop-in will take place on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-7 pm in the Main Office before the PFA meeting. I am available at that time to talk to parents about any concerns. No appointment is necessary.

***From the Co-Presidents******Jody Collins Skinner and Audrey Loria***

On behalf of the PFA, we'd like to thank Carol Cashion for organizing the Student Activities Fair at this year's Open House. We hope that everyone had a chance to enjoy all the offerings from the myriad of groups represented during the fair. We also hope that you enjoyed the new format. Of course, we would love to hear from you with any feedback that you might have about the evening. There is certainly a lot going on at WHS this year...from a new teacher evaluation system to the feasibility study for a new or renovated high school. We encourage you to stay informed by visiting our website and attending the monthly PFA meetings. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3, in the WHS library. Please join us and share your ideas, opinions, perspective and support. We look forward to seeing you!

**CLASS NEWS****CLASS OF 2013 FUNDRAISER**

For the past few years, the Class of 2013 has brought you high quality Sachem Spirit-Wear--"the original" black sweatshirt in 90% cotton, with the word "Sachems" on the front and a Sachem head on the back and the "Retro Sachem" sweatshirt in prewashed grey with the words "Winchester Sachems" circling the Sachem logo and the year our high school was established. They were both so popular; **we sold out at Open House!**

This year we have a new design: a sophisticated black Sachem quarter-zip polo pullover sweatshirt featuring a stitched Sachem head sewn onto the left breast, with the words "Winchester Sachems" stitched into the fabric surrounding the logo. It is full cut, with rib knit cuffs and hem. Incredibly soft and durable, and, like our previous sweatshirts, no pilling! The price is \$45. All proceeds go towards our **senior week** activities. **Email Lia Borrelli with your order today at [liaborrelli2002@yahoo.com](mailto:liaborrelli2002@yahoo.com)!**

Thank you for supporting the Class of 2013 in what we hope is our last major fundraiser!

**SCHOOL NEWS****MESSAGES FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**

**Dismissal from School** ~ Students who are to be dismissed from school must be excused with an explanatory note or telephone call from a parent to the Main Office **PRIOR TO THE DISMISSAL**. A **NOTE AFTER THE FACT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. A student may also be dismissed from school at the discretion of the Assistant Principal and the school nurse. Parents will be contacted prior to dismissal. Any student who leaves school grounds without following the dismissal policy is subject to school suspension. If a student has an excused dismissal, he or she must see the teacher no later than the following day or the first day the student returns to school to make arrangements to make up the quiz or test and receive information regarding future projects or assignments.

**Late Opening and Cancellation** ~ If the school is cancelled or having a delayed opening the superintendent will use the emergency calling service to inform all families. Announcements will also be

made on radio stations: WRKO, WBZ, WEZE, WBUR, WHDH, and television stations: Channels 4, 5, 7 Cable Channel 8. For an hour delay, school will begin at 8:45 and for a two-hour delay, school will begin at 9:45 A.M.

### **A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE ANDREWS FAMILY**

*"It's not where you are in life; it's who you have by your side that matters." Unknown*

We are truly thankful for all the love and encouragement we received following our house fire. Our appreciation is heartfelt and sincere and we extend our thanks to the Winchester High School community for reaching out to us during the months following the fire. Thank you sincerely for the overwhelming support and the many generous gifts; it lightened our burden and reminded us how grateful we are to live in such a caring community. *Bob, Doreen, Bobby, Brendan and Lorraine Andrews*

### **BOYS SOCCER TEAM CAR WASH**

*Saturday, Oct. 6th, 10-3*

McCall Middle School Bus Loop

Car Wash Ticket - \$5.00. You can buy Car Wash Tickets from anyone on any of the Boys Soccer Teams, or simply pay at the car wash on Saturday, Oct 6.

### **PARENT CONVERSATIONS**

*Wednesday, October 10th 8:45 am*

Please join Parent Conversations Wednesday, October 10th at 8:45am in the Guidance Conference Room. Parent Conversations invites you to join us for coffee and informal conversation about our kids, WHS and our community. 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. The monthly discussions vary among open topics, specific topics and guest speakers. Past guest speakers have included Head of Guidance, The Athletic Director and the School Resource Officer. This month, we will welcome new parents and discuss any issues parents may be having now that the 2012-13 school year is underway. **Shafiya Ciccarelli, WHS Clinical Counselor facilitates the group discussion.**

### **WFEE NEWS**

**You Won't Want to Miss This!** A sexist boss and feisty office staff star in the rollicking musical "9 to 5," brought to Broadway by Dolly Parton. Dolly isn't coming to Winchester but the musical will soon open at Winchester's NextDoor Center for the Arts. Buy a ticket ([www.nextdoortheater.org](http://www.nextdoortheater.org)) for Thursday, October 18th and 20% of your purchase price will be donated to the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence. For that night only, WFEE Executive Director Caren Connelly will be featured as the boss' clueless wife. Will she sing or not? It will be worth the price of admission to find out! Don't forget, gather some adult friends and come to the show October 18th . 20% of the purchase price of each ticket sold will be donated to WFEE. Proceeds will support the WFEE grants program which impacts all Winchester public schools, to see what is happening at your school check the website, [www.wfee.org](http://www.wfee.org).

# The Guide



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

## Senior Parents

### **Senior Parent Financial Aid Night October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

A representative from MEFA will be presenting information on financial aid for senior parents and students. This information session is designed to help plan and assist in the decision making process as students are completing their college applications. Seniors are invited to accompany their parents to this informative evening presentation.

### **Guidance counselors met with seniors during the week of September 26<sup>th</sup> to review the College Application Process.**

Students were given green information folders. Please review this folder with your child.

If you were unable to attend Senior Parent Night on September 27<sup>th</sup>, please refer to the Guidance Website for information regarding the College Application Process.

## Junior & Senior Parents

### ***FALL COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES' VISITS TO THE WHS GUIDANCE OFFICE***

WHS guidance counselors believe it is an essential part of the college search process for senior and junior 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

three. Please check the list on Naviance for days colleges will visit WHS. These visits allow for a great deal of personal interaction between Admissions personnel and students.

### **Middlesex League College Fair on October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Students and parents from Winchester High School are invited to attend the Middlesex League College Fair co-sponsored by the WHS Guidance Department in cooperation with the Guidance Departments at several other Middlesex League high schools. The College Night will be held at the Shriners Auditorium on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Representatives from more than two hundred colleges will be in attendance to speak with students and parents and provide admissions information.

Directions to the Shriners Auditorium: Take exit 39 off Route 93N. Bear right off exit and take the first left at the Fordham Road traffic lights. Shriners Auditorium is at the end of Fordham Road.

### **ADDITIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS/SPECIAL INTEREST COLLEGE FAIRS & PROGRAMS**

### **NEACAC (New England Association for College Admission Counseling) Rhode Island College Fair:**

Sunday, October 14, 2012 at Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, 1:00 – 3:00 PM visit: <http://www.riiao.com/> for info

## Performing & Visual Arts College Fair

For students interested in pursuing a program of study in the area of performing or visual arts, the National Association of College Admission Counseling (N.A.C.A.C.) is sponsoring a Performing & Visual Arts College Fair where attendees can learn about educational opportunities, admissions and financial aid, portfolio days, audition and entrance requirements from representatives of educational institutions with specialized programs in the visual and performing arts. The program will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at The Boston Center for the Arts. For additional information, directions, and a list of colleges attending, go to the website [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)

### Suggestions for Attending College Fairs:

Planning ahead can make attendance at a college fair a much more productive experience.

- Identify the colleges you definitely want to visit.
- Prepare a list of questions to ask.
- Bring mailing labels if you have them to save time when filling out cards.
- Bring a pad and pen.
- Only pick up brochures you really need and want.
- Search in Naviance before to find colleges that meet your criteria.

### New SAT Security Measures

The College Board has set new guidelines in place beginning with the OCT 6th test sitting.

Standby testing and venue changes for test centers are no longer allowed. All registrations MUST happen online and during the designated registration window. Testing students MUST bring their Admission Ticket & a photo ID.

Please visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for more details.

## SAT Fee Waiver Service

During the 2012 – 2013 academic year, CollegeBoard will again offer a fee waiver service to assist students for whom the payment of fees for the SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT Subject Tests presents a serious barrier to testing and applying for college admission. To be eligible for a fee waiver, a student must apply through his/her guidance counselor and must meet financial eligibility guidelines such as participation in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program or household income eligibility guidelines which your guidance counselor will share with you. Only students in grades 11 and 12 are eligible for fee waivers. Eligible students may receive up to a total of four fee waivers (two for the SAT, two for Subject Tests). The fee waivers do not cover late fees. Students who qualify for fee waivers may also qualify for up to four college application fee waivers. Parents who would like to learn more about fee waivers are encouraged to contact their child's guidance counselor.

### Parents of Sophomores and Juniors

#### **2012 PSAT Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered at WHS on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. **This is the only date the PSAT is given for 2012.**

**Juniors** will register for the PSAT during their Math classes starting October 1<sup>st</sup>

**Sophomores** can register during lunch outside of the cafe October 2-4<sup>th</sup>

#### **Test Day Information:**

On the day of the test (10/20/12) students should bring \$30 (check made out to WHS or cash), 2 pencils, and a calculator.

Students should arrive between 7:15am and 8:00 am through the courtyard by the cafe as doors

close sharply at 8:00. No admittance will be allowed after 8 am. Once the test starts, it will be 3 hours long (unless you have pre-approved extended time). No one is allowed to leave before the entire classroom finishes the test.

**Why take the PSAT/NMSQT?** The PSAT is the qualifying test that students (usually juniors) must take to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) competitions for college scholarships that will be awarded in 2013. Information about NMSC programs, entry requirements, and scholarships can be found in the 2012 PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin that will be provided to students when they register for the test. Other reasons sophomores and juniors may want to take the PSAT are:

- To get feedback about critical academic skills.
- To seek information from colleges.

### **Parents of Freshman**

Guidance Counselors will meet with all ninth grade students during the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All students will receive an informational handout about Guidance Services which will be available on the Guidance Website for your review.

**Keep up with the latest information: Visit the WHS Guidance Website!**

## **CONNECT AND COMMIT**

**Connect & Commit Community Service-Learning Club**  
**Meetings are every other Tuesday in September & October**  
**Starting in November, meetings are the last Tuesday of the month**  
**All meetings are 6:30-7:30pm in the WHS Library**

The Connect & Commit club is open to all students. You can get involved at any time. 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](mailto:connectandcommit@gmail.com) or phone 781-721-7020 x1999.

### **Volunteer Opportunities & Events**

**Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>- Connect & Commit Meeting- WHS Library 6:30-7:30pm**

We will be hosting special guest speakers from The Giving Project. They will be presenting students with information on an opportunity to travel abroad with other Winchester students to do service. The Giving Project seeks to bring the gift of education to the developing world's children. They make learning possible by building safe and inviting learning environments, driving the supply of critical learning materials, training teachers and building the capacity of parents to help their children learn. For more information, please visit [www.thegivingproject.net](http://www.thegivingproject.net)

**Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> - ABC Bottle Drive- Son's of Italy Parking Lot 8-3**

Students are needed to help the ABC program with their fundraiser, sorting donated bottles and cans. Help as long as you are able. They are also accepting donations so save your bottles and cans and bring them to the Drive. It is located across the street from the Transfer Station.

**Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> - ALS Walk- Wakefield**

We need a couple of students to captain the walk this year. It would be great to have a sign-up sheet ready to go for the meeting on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> so freshmen can sign-up right away. It would also be wonderful to have a guest speaker again.

**Tuesday October 16th- Connect & Commit Meeting- WHS Library 6:30-7:30pm**

We will be hosting a special guest from the Books for South Africa Organization. They will talk about opportunities for students to get involved with their organization locally in Winchester throughout the year. There are opportunities for ongoing weekly involvement or one-time events etc. when they will need more assistance. For more information on Books for South Africa in Winchester, please visit [www.booksforsouthafrica.org/ma](http://www.booksforsouthafrica.org/ma)

**Tuesday October 30th- Connect & Commit Meeting- WHS Library 6:30-7:30pm**

At this Connect & Commit meeting, we will be working on creating lanterns for the Lantern Walk that will take place in November. We will be making the lanterns out of empty 2 liter bottles. While we are making lanterns, we will also be talking about stress and how it affects our lives. If you have empty 2 liter bottles you would be willing to donate, there will be a collection bin outside the C&C office in the library.

**Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> - Lantern Walk- Winchester, MA**

The Lantern Walk grew out of the recognition of the role that stress plays in all of our lives. The goal of the walk is to shed some light on the issue of stress, learn about ways to combat it, find local resources that will help, and make a pledge to take some small step toward reducing stress in your life. \* We will be decorating lanterns at our October 30th Open Club Meeting. Please save and bring in to the office any 1 or 2 liter empty bottles you have at home.

**Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> - Rock The Ages Basketball Tournament- 8:30 am-2:30 pm in the WHS Gym**

Student volunteers needed to help manage the scoreboards etc. Volunteers are needed from 8:30am-2:30pm, but students are not expected to stay the whole time. Volunteers can sign up to help for as long as they would like. \* free food and drinks are offered for volunteers\*

**Friday-Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> RELAY FOR LIFE.** We are looking for a Planning Committee Chair as well as Planning Committee Members. This will be a big commitment for most of the year, especially second semester, but the rewards are great, so please take that into consideration when thinking about your interest.

**TBD- Winchester Housing Authority- Palmer Street Building**

Residents received plants from Mahoney's and after planting them, dumped the plastic containers behind the building. They are looking for some nice volunteers to come and restore the grounds to a clean and friendly environment.



## Winchester Youth Center

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**The WYC offers a wide range of leadership, service-learning, and good-decision-making activities for WHS students.**

**We encourage all WHS students to check out our website and stop by the WYC anytime to find out how to get more involved in all the cool things that we have going on!**

### ***SERVICE PROJECTS and SPECIAL EVENTS***

*Throughout the year the WYC coordinates and participate in a huge variety of community service projects. Members of the WYC are committed to making a positive difference in the world and encouraging others to do the same. If you're interested in doing something good for our community, stop by the WYC and find out how you can get involved. Please check out our website for a complete description of our service efforts and special events and mark your calendars for all the things you won't want to miss.*

#### **ALS COMMUNITY OF HOPE: Haley's Comets**

##### **North Shore Walk to Defeat ALS**

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Please support our efforts to defeat ALS a.k.a. Lou Gehrig's Disease. Join our team at the North Shore Walk to Defeat ALS in Wakefield on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact us at the WYC to learn more about how you can get involved.

#### **WINCHESTER COMMUNITY LANTERN WALK**

**Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm**

**Winchester Town Common**

Bringing community members together to shed light on the issue of stress and its negative impacts on the youth and families in our community. The Lantern Walk represents a peaceful and beautiful statement of support, awareness, prevention, and change. The goal of the Lantern Walk is to raise awareness of the

negative impacts of stress and the resources available in our community for dealing with stress. We are inviting families with school-age children to take one night off from stress-inducing activities and to gather on the Common for a lantern-lighted walk through downtown. Walkers will return to the Common where we will hang lanterns of hope that have been created by students during art class. There will be information regarding community resources and a pledge board where all participants can write one thing that they each plan to do to reduce stress in their lives. Please check our website at [www.winchesterlanternwalk.org](http://www.winchesterlanternwalk.org) for more information, resources, and lantern-making instructions.

### **HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE**

**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Peer Leaders will create a spooky, scary house of horrors for your entertainment. Location to be determined, please check our website for more details in October. Admission to the Haunted House is \$5 and all proceeds will benefit WYC Habitat for Humanity trip.

*ROCK FOR YOUTH*

**Battle of the Bands**

**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

**Town Hall Auditorium**

If you are interested in registering your band, contact the WYC or email us at [rock4youth@gmail.com](mailto:rock4youth@gmail.com). If you have friends in a band or just like to listen to great, live music be there to select the bands that will move on to Round 2. Admission is \$10 and each audience member receives one ballot to vote for their favorite bands. As with all WYC events, no outside drinks are allowed and students are not allowed to re-enter. Proceeds from Rock for Youth benefit the WYC's Youth Service Award Scholarships.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**April vacation**

For the past 7 years the Peer Leaders have participated in a week-long service-learning project with Habitat for Humanity to help build homes for needy families. During April vacation we will return to West Virginia to participate in our 8<sup>th</sup> annual week-long service trip. The Peer Leaders will be running a variety of events throughout the fall and winter in an effort to fundraise 100% of the expenses for our trip. Please contact us if you would like to make a donation toward this amazing service-learning experience.

### **LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

#### **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!

The WYC peer leadership program is a youth group for Winchester High School students who are committed to their community and serving as role models for their peers. The Peer Leaders have weekly youth group meetings to work on further developing their leadership, communication, interpersonal, and decision-making skills; plan for upcoming projects; and have a lot of fun. They serve as Project Leaders

for all of the WYC's service-learning projects including all of our special events and community service projects. This group is open to any WHS student who has natural leadership skills and the desire to further develop them.

### **SSA: STUDENTS SPREADING AWARENESS**

SSA is a group dedicated to spreading awareness about issues that we care about and feel our peers should be better informed about. In past years we have addressed issues including alcohol abuse, drinking and driving, the genocide in Darfur, world hunger, and more. This fall we will be focusing our efforts on supporting the Winchester Community Lantern Walk which is an event that has been created to raise awareness and create community support around the negative impacts that extreme stress and pressure are having on youth and families in our community. We invite all WHS students to come join us to help identify the issues that are of most concern to Winchester teens and develop plans to spread awareness.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **NEWS FROM THE MULTICULTURAL NETWORK**

#### **Digging Up Winchester's Past: Native Americans Along the Mystic**

*Tuesday, October 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.*

Jenks Center, 109 Skillings Road, Winchester

Discover Winchester's Native American past through documents and artifacts with Peter Wild and Ellen Knight.

#### **An Evening with Geraldine Brooks**

*Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.*

McCall Middle School, 458 Main St., Winchester

**Winchester Reads** has chosen *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks as its 2012 selection. The novel is based on the fact that a young Wampanoag from Martha's Vineyard becomes the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College in 1665. During her evening at McCall Ms. Brooks will discuss her books and, time permitting, answer questions about her work.

#### **Please Join Us at Our International Drop-In Gatherings!**

The Winchester Multicultural Network hosts informal drop-in gatherings so that all Winchester residents have an opportunity to meet one another and make connections. Many friendships have been established over the years thanks to these wonderful weekly get-togethers. Starting September 20th, we will hold our Thursday morning drop-in meetings at Bruegger's Bagels, 600 Main Street. Please feel free to come in any time between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Share conversation with familiar AND new faces while imbibing in coffee and enjoying a snack! Children are welcome! Any questions, please call 781-729-7100 or email [office@wmcn.org](mailto:office@wmcn.org). Looking forward to sharing a Thursday morning with you!

## **An Evening of Dreams North Suburban YMCA**

Join us! An Evening of Dreams with the North Suburban YMCA on **Friday, October 12th, from 6:30-10:30pm at the Woburn Hilton**. Don't miss the fun celebration of community! Dine, dance and bid in an exciting live/silent auction. Proceeds support the Y's Annual Fund Campaign, enabling financial assistance to families and individuals so that nobody is turned away from the Y due to an inability to pay. Tickets: \$75/pp or \$750 for table of 10. To purchase tickets by phone using credit card: Call the Y @ [781-935-3270](tel:781-935-3270). Questions? Contact Jodi at [781-305-2908](tel:781-305-2908) or [jcrowley@ymcaboston.org](mailto:jcrowley@ymcaboston.org).

## **PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS**

### **What Kids Need From Their Dads...But Won't Ask For October 18, 2012, 7:00—8:30 PM, Lincoln Elementary School**

John Badalament, recent author of *The Modern Dad's Dilemma: How to Stay Connected to Your Kids in a Rapidly Changing World*, will share his expertise on the role dads play in children's lives. In his powerful presentation, he will help parents understand how their children are changing, and offer road-tested activities that dads can use to lay a foundation for a lasting, loving adult relationship. Drawing on stories from his book, video clips from his films, the latest research and his extensive parenting tools, John will offer key insights on meeting the challenges of modern fatherhood. He will outline his Four Practices of a Modern Dad and address:

- **How dads impact** their children's lives academically, cognitively, and emotionally according to the latest research
- **How men can make a difference** in the lives of children growing up without a father
- **How to handle conflict** and keep lines of communication open
- **How to parent on the same page**, balance work and family, and deal with media influences
- **How women can support** and encourage their children's dad to be and do his best.

A graduate of Harvard's Graduate School of Education, John is the director of the acclaimed PBS documentary, *All Men are Sons: Exploring the Legacy of Fatherhood*. His work on modern fatherhood has been featured on ABC News, NPR, and The Boston Globe, among others. John Badalament's book, *The Modern Dad's Dilemma*, will be available for purchase.

This program was made possible by a generous donation from the **John and Murphy Foundation**. For more information please visit [www.parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://www.parenttoparentwinchester.org)

## **ABC NEWS**

### **Oktoberfest in Winchester**

Winchester's chapter of A Better Chance (ABC) is hosting its annual fall fundraiser on **Saturday, October 20, 2012** from 7:30-11:00 pm at the Sons of Italy Hall in Winchester. The theme of this year's

event is "Oktoberfest." The event will feature silent and live auctions, a DJ and dancing, dinner, dessert bar and complimentary beer and wine for a portion of the evening. Tickets (\$75) are limited and can be purchased at Bookends, An Elegant Affair or online at [www.winchesterabc.org](http://www.winchesterabc.org).

The ABC program is a national organization that provides talented scholars of color with expanded educational and career opportunities. Winchester's program began in 1971 and has seen more than 70 scholars graduate from Winchester High School and pursue a college education. Winchester ABC relies entirely on donations and gifts from local residents and organizations. To learn more about the Winchester ABC program and how you can get involved please visit [www.winchesterabc.org](http://www.winchesterabc.org).

### **League of Women Voters--A Day at the Races**

The Winchester League of Women Voters is soliciting questions from the public for a Day at the Races Candidate Forum between George Georgountzos and Jason Lewis, candidates for Massachusetts State Representative from the 31st Middlesex County District. The questions will be used at the Candidate Forum to which the public is invited on Monday, October 22, 7-8 pm at the Stoneham Town Hall Auditorium. The Candidate Forum will also be rebroadcast on Stoneham TV and WinCAM from October 23-November 5. **Submit questions for the October 22 Candidate Forum by Wednesday, October 17, 2012 to [candidatequestions@lwvwinchester.org](mailto:candidatequestions@lwvwinchester.org).** PLEASE VOTE ON Thursday, November 6, 2012. Polls are open 7 am-8 pm.

- October 17 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATE FORUM
- October 22 Day at the Races Candidate Forum, 7-8 pm, at Stoneham Town Hall Auditorium, 35 Central Street, Stoneham. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

### **SYBS Fundraiser!**

**Friday, October 26th, 7 p.m. to midnight**

**Sons of Italy, Winchester**

You're Invited To A Halloween Costume Party (costumes optional) The SYBS Baseball & Softball community invite you to enjoy a frightfully fun evening featuring:

- All-Night Dancing with DJ Todd
- Costume Contest: Wear your V-themed costume (think Vampires, Veterinarians & Visionaries) to be included in the contest. Not into "V"? Choose any one of your favorite costumes. Not into dressing in costume? Join the party anyway. It's going to be a great night.
- Great Food & Libations
- A Wicked-Good Time with your Winchester Friends
- An opportunity to support Winchester's youth baseball & softball program
- Heavy Appetizers, Desserts & Cash Bar

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