

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
April 10, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Hello WHS Families,

We hope everyone had a fabulous weekend! Some items of note to keep on your radar screen:

- All items left in the Lost & Found will be donated after **Friday, April 15th**, so please have your student stop by to check for lost items.
- PFA Meeting: NEW DATE~**Tuesday, May 2nd at 7pm**, WHS Library. LAST PFA meeting of the school year. This is rescheduled from original date of 5/15.

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon~ **Friday May 5th**, honoring our AMAZING Teachers & Staff. Stay tuned as A "Sign Up Genius" will be coming this week ~ as always we are grateful for your support!

Have a wonderful week and as always, please reach out for any reason.

Fondly,
Brenda Mandile & Adrienne Spignesi
WHS Co-Presidents
whspfa@gmail.com

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022-2023 District School Calendar

MON 4/10 - Q4 starts

MON 4/17 - FRI 4/21 - No School - April Vacation

THU 4/27 - Early Release Day

SUN 4/30 - School-Wide Corn Hole Tournament

TUES 5/2 - Final PFA Meeting, 7pm, WHS Library

FRI 5/5 - Early Release Day,

MON 5/15 - Mid-Quarter

FRI 5/19 - Battle of the Bands

MON 5/29 - No School

FRI 5/26 - Seniors' Last Day of Class!

The School Committee approved the 2023-2024 school year
calendar

2023-2024 District School Calendar

PRACTICE DIGITAL SAT

PRACTICE DIGITAL SAT[®]

Saturday, May 6th, 2023

9 am - 12 pm ET



\$20 - All proceeds
go to Winchester HS



PARKING REMINDER

Students are reminded that they are to park in the student lot **ONLY**. Students should not be parked in the Stop and Shop lot at any time during the school day. Please help WHS be a good neighbor and community member.

CONGRATULATIONS

This past weekend, several Winchester High School sophomores competed in the Massachusetts State History Day competition.

Sophie Kim won a special prize from the Tsongas Industrial Center for her paper on the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire and **Nathalie Ly, Joy Wang and Hanlin Zhang** won 2nd place in the Senior Group Documentary category for the website on the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act. As a result of their second place finish, **Nathalie, Joy and Hanlin** have advanced to the National History Day competition in College Park, MD in June.

Congratulations to **Sophie, Nathalie, Joy and Hanlin**, as well as all of the students who competed, for a job well done! A special note of appreciation also goes to Mr. Artigues, Dr. Spencer and Mr. Weiss for guiding their students through this process.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to WHS Computer Science Club students **Kyle Plosky, Andrew Ren, and Eric Pan** for placing first in their category in a hackathon at Tufts University!

If you're interested in programming fun projects or competing in future hackathons (contests in which participants build their own apps/websites), come attend the Computer Science Club every WIN block by registering on SignUpGenius.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ARCHITECT

Have you ever thought of becoming an architect? WHS parent and professional architect Jessica Lohnes will be at WHS during WIN Red on **4/10** in the library to discuss what it takes to become an architect! Ms. Lohnes will introduce the architectural education process and culture; the broad professional directions one might take with an architecture degree and the fun and camaraderie of

the architecture community. An architectural degree can prepare you for many different career directions in architecture, urban and environmental design and planning, construction project management, real estate development, computer graphics and new world architecture.

Sign up for this event using the tab in SignUpGenius!

J.C. HISPIANOLA FUND

Student council is collecting new and gently used shoes for the J.C. Hispianola Fund. The J.C. Hispianola Fund is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to fighting poverty in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and the shoes will be donated to those families in need.

Please bring your new or gently used shoes to the main office so that they can be donated. Keep in mind that these shoes will be going to places with warm climates, so donate accordingly.

The drive will begin **April 10th, and go until April 28th.**

Please consider donating, thank you!

LOST BUT NOT FOUND

WHS's lost and found is beyond overflowing with clothes and water bottles and so much more.

All items left after **Friday, April 15th**, will be donated, so please stop by before then to check for your lost items.

SYRIAN HUMANITARIUM RELIEF DRIVE

The Class of 2025 will be holding a Syrian Humanitarian Relief Drive to support displaced and vulnerable families in Syria.

Donate *non-perishable foods, hygiene, and medical items*,

and new to like new *clothing* into the bins outside the
main office from **April 24th to May 5th.**

Give something to those who have nothing, one person at a time.



*One Person at a Time,
One Humanity Closer*

**GIVE SOMETHING
TO THOSE WHO
HAVE NOTHING.**

**NON-
PERISHABLE
FOODS (RICE,
LENTILS, BEANS)**

**HYGIENE &
MEDICAL
ITEMS**

**NEW AND
LIKE-NEW
CLOTHING**

**SUPPORT
DISPLACED
AND
VULNERABLE
FAMILIES IN
SYRIA**

**WHERE
OUTSIDE WHS
MAIN OFFICE**

**WHEN
APRIL 24 -
May 5**

**HOW
DROP OFF IN
DESIGNATED
LABELED BINS**

**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF
TO PEOPLE AFFECTED BY
THE CRISIS IN SYRIA**

<https://www.nudaysyria.org/>

[More Information Here](#)

ATTENTION EVERYONE!

The Class of 2023 is very excited to be hosting the first ever school-wide Cornhole Tournament. It will take place **April 30th** from 12-3 PM.

The form to sign up is [here](#) and be sure to register early as there is a limited number of slots. Each team must contain 2 participants and there will be a \$30 registration fee per team.

There will be a prize for the 1st place winning team, concessions and other fun activities!

We hope to see you all there!

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Have you and your band always wanted to perform in front of the school? Well now is your chance! Battle of the Bands is back!

Friday May 19th from 6:30-9:00 PM, come see your favorite student bands and show your support! Also a great way to kick off senior week! It will be an awesome night full of awesome music!

Hope to see everyone there!

If you are interested in performing, [Here](#) is the link to sign up.

ONLINE SCHOOL STORE

The [Winchester Online School Store](#) is now live!

Order your Red and Black gear and show your WHS spirit.

HEY RED & BLACK FANS

SCORE YOUR SPIRIT WEAR HERE

- ✓ OPEN 24/7/365
- ✓ FAN WEAR FEATURING YOUR COLORS & LOGO
- ✓ PERSONALIZATION OPTIONS
- ✓ SHIPS DIRECT TO YOU



**25% OFF
SITEWIDE**

GRAND OPENING SALE
USE CODE **SPIRIT**

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

CLASS OF 2023 ~ EVENTS

Cornhole Tournament

Date: Sunday, April 30th

Time: 12:00-3:00 PM

Location: TBD

Senior Awards Night

Date: Monday, May 15th

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: WHS Auditorium

Parents/Guardians will be notified by letter and email if their student is receiving an award. Families are encouraged to attend with their student receiving an award. All classmates are welcome to attend.

AP Exams**Date: May 1-12****Time: Various****Location: WHS**

AP exams for those students taking them will take place between May 1st and May 12th. Students will know when their specific exams are scheduled prior to the testing date. Late testing for any students who may need it will take place between May 15th and May 19th.

Seniors' Last Week of Classes**Date: May 22-26****Time: 8:30 AM - 3:07 PM****Location: WHS**

This will be a full week of regularly scheduled classes for all seniors. Any final assessments, if they are taking place, will happen during regular class meeting time. Students will miss the last three blocks on Friday, May 26th for cap and gown pick up and other activities (see below).

During this week, students should be clearing all obligations, so that they may receive their cap and gown on Friday. Please make sure **all materials** are turned in so that you may receive your "golden ticket."

Senior Week Activities:**Monday - Future Day****Tuesday - Neon Day****Wednesday - Senior T-Shirt****Thursday - Senior Citizen Day****Friday - Dress up Day****Class Dinner / Musical Bingo / Senior Sunset****Thursday, May 25**

Time: TBD

Location: WHS Dining Commons and outside grounds

**Last Day of Class, Cap & Gown Pick Up and Elementary Visits
Friday May 26**

Time: 11 AM; Elementary clap out visit via bus @ 12:45 PM;

Final countdown at 3:06 PM

Location: Skillings Field and various elementary schools

Cap and Gown Pick Up: Students **must** clear all obligations (returned textbooks, Chromebooks, uniforms, any fees), before receiving their caps and gowns and cumulative folders. Once students have cleared their obligations, they will receive their "Golden Ticket" to obtain their cap and gown and cumulative folder. This must be done **before 11 AM Friday**.

Elementary Clap Out: Buses will depart Skillings Field to visit elementary schools at 12:45 - Students visiting Lincoln School will walk. Any student who did not attend a Winchester K-5 is invited to attend any school of their choice. *Wearing your graduation gown, not cap, is mandatory for this event*

Senior Countdown: Buses leave the elementaries to return to WHS at 2:00 PM (Lincoln students will walk) to return to WHS for yearbook signing and music on Skillings Field from 2:20-3:07 PM. Senior countdown will take place on Skillings Field.

** All WHS grades will be invited to attend the countdown event**

Promenade and Prom

Wednesday May 31st

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston

** More information will come closer to the event date**

Walking Parade and Commencement Ceremonies

Friday, June 2nd

Time: 5:00-8:30 PM

Location: WHS Parking lots, downtown Winchester, and Knowlton Field at McCall

** More information will come closer to the event date**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

- Check Naviance for scholarship applications available
- Applications for the Rotary Club of Winchester Scholarship are available in the guidance office.
- Applications for the Joseph M. Murphy III Scholarship are now available in Guidance and in Naviance.

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

THANK You to all who helped make our 80s Musical BINGO night so TOTALLY RAD!!!

What a night we had for the Class of 2024!!! We want to thank everyone who came and/or donated to make The Vita Group 80s Musical Bingo night a huge success!! We also appreciated how much everyone got into the theme!

We would also like to thank the fundraising committee: Angela Winn, Maureen Conway, Kerridan Crowe, Kristine Welch, Kim Kavanaugh! Couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to Becky Reuland, Kate Carpini and Jen Cafarella for helping to set-up!

The Parent Advisors
Michelle, Pam, Leigh and Danielle

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

[Check Here for Class Updates](#)

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

Check Here for Class Updates

WHS SPORTS

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have scores from games and pictures of WHS athletes in action [please email them to us!](#)

All team schedules can be found at [WHS Team Schedules](#)



ALPINE SKI

Last Sunday night the WHS Alpine Ski Team honored its team at their annual banquet. Despite tough conditions this season, Winchester made a great showing. The Boys Team came in first and the Girls Team finished third in the league. In addition, nine boys and five girls placed in the top 25 in the league.

Pictured below (L to R)

Coach Matt Rose and All Stars Cody Pagan, Capt. Erik Bergstrom, Capt. Liam Carlin, Capt. Maddy Taylor, Capt. Gracie Preston, Capt. Charlie Easton & Lucas Schemmel



Pictured below (L to R)
Seniors: Capt. Charlie Savage, Gaby Durand-Morris,
Cathy Jones, Colin Norton, Cam Sullivan, Colby Beliveau,
Helena Schmitt, Stephanie Matrondola, Capt. Charlie Easton,
Capt. Gracie Preston & Capt. Maddie Taylor.

Not pictured: Josie DiMatteo, Doug McCallion,
Ricky Lohnes & Nirav Padukone



BOYS TENNIS

Winchester Boys Tennis is off to a great start with wins over Burlington, Wilmington, and Stoneham!

Congrats boys!

GIRLS LACROSSE

Girls lax started off the season with a bang!
Big wins over Bedford (23-12) and Boston Latin (20-10)!
Their winning streak continued with wins against
Burlington (13-10), Wilmington (16-7) and Beverly (15-12)!

Way to go girls!



[Read this great article](#) about Senior Tessa Geddes! (pictured

below)



ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Pictures below from St. John's Prep



WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER



Congratulations to Music Faculty and Students! Spring Fling Concert series is a wrap!

Bravo to all of our fantastic instrumental musicians and their teachers for a wonderful pair of system-wide concerts. On Monday and Tuesday of this week, the music department held its annual Spring String Fling and Spring Band Fling, featuring the progress of students from grades 3 through 12!

Over the two evenings we heard more than **675** student performers play their instruments, tuned more than 1300 strings, moved more than 600 chairs and 375 music stands, hosted countless parents, grandparents and friends; and enjoyed 30 pieces of music.

Music is alive and well in Winchester!

Many thanks to the parent volunteers and the high school students who assisted with set up and shepherding, the custodial staff for their invaluable assistance and the entire music faculty who develop students' knowledge, experience and love for music.

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

Click here for a [list](#) of WHS Clubs and Organizations
Check this section for current club news, meetings & events

WHS BOOK EXCHANGE FOR PEACE

The Book Exchange for Peace is a space where people can donate and find meaningful books that promote peace in all its facets. For the month of March, you can find us by our tables in the cafeteria at lunchtime to donate or grab a free book. By giving students a space to discover and share literature, we hope to bring the value of peace into people's consciousness.

NEWS AROUND TOWN

The WHS PFA does not specifically endorse events and organizations and shares information on events and activities that may be of interest to the WHS community as a courtesy for informational purposes.

A new local community project needs volunteers

Gardens For Good **Growing food locally for our neighbors**

Gardens for Good is a newly formed community group who have committed to turning parts of our lawns into gardens and/or volunteering our time to grow fresh produce for neighbors who are patrons of the Council for Social Concern, the En Ka Food Pantry and the Crawford Memorial Church Food Pantry.

Gardens for Good is a project of the Winchester Farmers Market Community Hub and is supported by Wright-Locke Farm. We aim to:

- Increase the availability of fresh, local, healthy food to the diets of local food pantry patrons
- Emphasize regenerative growing practices to increase awareness for growing food in an ecologically sustainable way that recarbonizes the soil
- Foster a more communal effort in food production

IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THIS MOVEMENT
TO SHARE GOOD FOOD AND COMMUNITY, CONTACT

gardens4good@wfmchub.org

We really appreciate any time you can give us to help us realize our efforts with this new project!

Sincerely,

The Gardens for Good neighbors

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING



WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

INCLUSION • SERVICE • INNOVATION

Winchester School Committee

Michelle Bergstrom, Chair

Karen Maruyama Bolognese

Tom Hapcraft, Vice Chair

Christian Nixon

Shamus Brady, Recording Secretary

Winchester School Committee Meeting

April 11, 2023: 6:00 PM

Remote:

<https://winchesterps-org.zoom.us/j/89014975730?pwd=anNsSzJoNzBpTlRSeitMeXRvUTdKdz09>

Passcode: 696887

Live streaming via **WinCam**: <https://wincam.org/watch/education>

- I. Call to Order (6:00 PM)
- II. Consent Agenda (around 6:05 PM)
 - A. Consideration of Approval of Social Capital Inc. grant for \$1,000
 - B. Consideration of Approval of Disposal of Surplus Technology
- III. Executive Session: (around 6:10 PM)
 - Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Winchester Education Association (WEA) regarding a Memorandum of Agreement as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee;
 - Purpose (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion administrative personnel as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee;
 - Purpose (4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto.
- IV. Consideration of FY24 Budget for Town Meeting (around 7:00 PM)
- V. Adjournment (around 7:25 PM)

The above topics represent what the Chair of the Winchester School Committee reasonably anticipates will be discussed at this meeting at the time this meeting was posted. If you require additional accommodations or translation services, please contact the Superintendent's office prior to the meeting date. Agenda times are approximate.

80 Sullivan Rd, Winchester, MA 01890 | (781) 721-7000 | winchesterps.org

WinCam Streaming

SUMMER SERVICE INFORMATION SESSION

April 12th @ 7:00 PM
Winchester Public Library - Large Meeting Room



WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

TRAVEL WITH



**SCHOOL
THE WORLD**

THIS SUMMER!

- BUILD A SCHOOL
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE
- FULFILL SERVICE HOURS
- CHANGE LIVES

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE:

**APRIL 12TH @ 7PM
WINCHESTER PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

SCHOOLTHEWORLD.ORG



Mental Health After High School: How To Help Your Young Adults Help Themselves

Did You Know that 75% of all mental health conditions start by age 24?

The life of an 18-24 year old can be hard. College, job search, gap year, life exploration and living on their own for the first time are some of the things they face.

- 12:00-12:30 lunch & viewing of *What Made Maddy Run*
- 12:30-1:30- Panel Discussion
 - Young adult speaker- experience; signs & symptoms
 - College resources: Support for students on campus
 - Community mental health provider resources

JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND A PANEL DISCUSSION!

*Facilitated by WHS Adjustment Counselor
Amber Haines, LICSW*

Panelists:

Madison Murphy, Boston University Student Services
Chris Robinson, Boston University, Student Services
Christiana Benoit, WHS Transition Specialist
Lori Karim, WHS alum (21'), Northeastern University (25')

**April 13, 2023 @ Noon
WinCAM
32 Swanton Street
Winchester, MA**

**FREE & Open to
the Public!**



RSVP
winchestercoalition@gmail.com
so we can plan for food!

RSVP Here

POP WARNER ADAPTIVE CHEER TEAM



Winchester Cheer is a youth cheerleading program promoting leadership, team work, and academics. We offer competing, non-competing and adaptive programs. Dedicated coaches work with athletes ages 5-17 of all abilities. Compete in 2-3 local competitions in order to qualify for the National Competition in Florida. Welcoming the towns of Winchester, Lexington and Stoneham.



Winchestercheer.com

One Spirit, One Team, One Win!

Join the Winchester Pop Warner Adaptive cheer team! This adaptive team provides children, ages 5-17, of diverse abilities the opportunity to be a part of a spirited team and cheer for our Pop Warner football players. This is a very fun, non-competitive team that practices for one hour per week in a modified structured environment, and may exhibit at Nationals in Florida!

Visit our website and register at winchestercheer.com

Join our facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/783878938300805

Sign up by April 15 for a Winchester T-shirt

[Register Here](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

GOLF CADDIE OPPORTUNITY

Winchester Country Club is holding a caddie orientation for the 2023 golf season. Any interested students should go to the club on **April 17th /18th** for orientation. If you would like a caddie packet please contact [Mark Bezjian](#).

EARTH DAY ABERJONA RIVER CLEANUP

Earth Day is **Saturday, April 22**. Join volunteers from Winchester's Conservation Commission and others from 9 AM to 12 PM to help remove trash or cut and remove invasive plant species.

This annual event is a great opportunity for all ages to help beautify our town, improve the habitat, environment and water quality of the Aberjona River, and meet other residents who care. This year, the Winchester Cultural District and the Griffin Museum have commissioned two "found art" sculptures of animals native to the Aberjona - a herring and a heron - by Winchester resident & sculptor August Westner and photographer & conceptual artist Stefanie Timmerman. Fill up these art sculptures with the trash from your efforts.

Meet at the corner of Mystic Valley Parkway and Main Street across from the Unitarian Church.
Parking at McCall Middle School.

For more information and to let the organizers know you'll be there [click here](#).

Questions?
Email Conservation Agent [Elaine Vreeland](#)



Help fill a heron or herring sculpture with trash
(example fish sculpture from the same artist)

SAFE DISPOSAL DAY



Saturday, April 22

9 am to 1 pm

Tent Outside Transfer Station Gate

15 McKay Avenue, Winchester



Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

Safe Options for Medication & Needle Disposal

April at En Ka Pantry



Make your appointment today!

Pantry Hours
by Appointment Only
Sunday & Monday

Text, Email, or Call
781-369-5844
enkapantry@gmail.com



1037 Main Street
Winchester, MA 01890
Same location as the En Ka Exchange

Open to Winchester Residents

- Providing non-perishable food and personal care items to individuals and families living in Winchester who do not have adequate financial resources to meet basic needs.
- Use of the En Ka Pantry is limited to one time per month and does not prohibit individuals or families also visiting the Woburn pantry.
- The En Ka Pantry is open to all households, through pre-arranged appointments.

Email for an Appointment

SPORTS FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME

The Sports Foundation Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on Thursday, 5/4 at the Burlington Marriott. Tickets for the event are \$70.

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

The class of 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees are:

1988 Ritika Bowry – Field Hockey, Basketball & Softball

1991 Mike Morrison – Basketball & Football

2008 Girls Lacrosse Team

2010 Anna Senko – Swimming

Jack Squeglia Contributor Award

1966 Bill Chase – Baseball & Basketball Coach



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary International's leadership training program for young people. Rotary District 7930 has a long-running annual program for high school students.

High school, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited to attend a weekend-long event, where they learn life and leadership skills including goal setting, cultural understanding, problem solving, communication, public speaking, networking, community building, team building and more!

The cost for RYLA this year is \$325 per student (typically paid by sponsoring Rotary Clubs), plus a \$25 application fee (paid for by students).

Prospective students can apply by clicking [here](#).

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

Mass DCR is looking for Lifeguards

Become a Lifeguard! Learn CPR-Learn First Aid- Learn Water Rescue Skills! Free Training- Qualifies lifeguard candidates that work for DCR do not have to pay to take certification classes. All you need is to be at least 16 years old and be a strong swimmer. For more info go to mass.gov/guides/dcr-lifeguarding.



Spring is almost here, that means it is time for Winchester Baseball and Softball! Please go to Wybs.org to register for the spring season.

See you on the field this spring!

OUTBREAK! A STUDENT PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE

Outbreak! 2023 is a FREE online program for students entering grades 10-12 interested in careers in public health/medicine/epidemiology/bioethics/ nursing/virology/mental

health & more!

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS *ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS LED BY PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS* *Q&A PANELS WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS*

Mon-Fri July 24th to July 28th 9 am - 3 pm

*Mon, Tues, Wed, and Friday on Zoom, Thurs in person in Tewksbury, MA with a remote alternative for out-of-area students. Optional virtual college visits with faculty and college students on **Monday, July 31.**

REGISTER BY MAY 15th www.publichealthmuseum.org

Now in its 11th year! REGISTER **HERE**

ALUMNI NEWS



*Are you a WHS Senior?
Are you a parent of a WHS student or alumni?
Are you a staff member of Winchester Public Schools?*

**You are invited to join the Winchester Alumni Association
Become a member [HERE](#)**

Winchester Alumni Association was launched in 2018 to support WHS alumni, staff and families in the many transitions of their lives after the 01890.

Alumni who register through our [database](#) may receive information on upcoming Winchester events and volunteer opportunities, search for classmates, share news, and support current students

and young alumni through networking and mentoring activities.

Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for our Alumni Spotlight Series that celebrates past WHS students now around the world or check out our website [HERE](#).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have any pictures, news, updates, we want to hear from you. [Please email us](#). We would love to share with the WHS Community!

If you NO longer wish to receive the newsletter or you wish to change or add a new email address to your account, [please email us](#) or [click on this link](#).

To make a newsletter or a news blast submission, [please email us](#) NO LATER than 12:00 PM on Friday.