

WHSPFA Newsletter September 11, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Good Morning WHS Family,

We know the first few days back at school were hot but hope it was a great one! A huge thank you to the Administration and entire WHS Staff for making our students feel welcomed back.

Don't forget **PICTURE DAY is tomorrow.** (More information below) Thank you for all who have volunteered to help picture day run smoothly. We are still looking for a few volunteers from 11:30-2(ish). If you want to see your kids in action, please sign up [here](#).

You can count on receiving this newsletter every Monday morning or in the case of a long weekend, Tuesday morning! The newsletter is just waiting to be filled with your photos, announcements, news, and more - so don't hesitate to submit contributions to our awesome news editors -Tara Salvietti & Audrey Siciliano at whspfaneewsletter@gmail.com.

WHSPFA Meetings

Every year we look forward to working collaboratively with the Winchester High School teachers and administrators to make Winchester High School a terrific place for our kids to grow and learn. Please join us at our WHS PFA meetings, where Principal Mahoney will update us on events and happenings at WHS and guest speakers will address various topics relevant to our students and families. The following are our 2023-2024 PFA scheduled meeting date. (We apologize for giving you two separate September dates last week).

Monday, September 25th

Monday, November 13th

Monday, January 22nd

Monday, March 18th

Monday, May 20th.

Sports are beginning to ramp up and the student section at last Friday's Football game showed us all how to get into the spirit and cheer each other on! Please make an effort to attend ANY game and sport and cheer for our student athletes. (And send those pictures!)

Thank you SGT. Perenick for capturing our own "Black Out" in action!





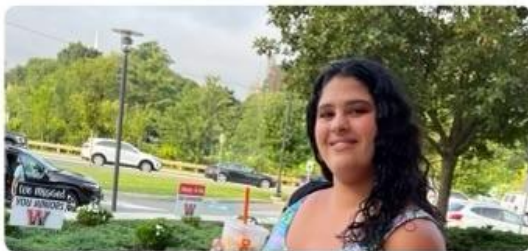
In case you missed it, here is the [Link](#) to Mr. Mahoney's Welcome to 2023-2024 School year letter and the [Link](#) to Mr. Hackett's Update.

Very Fondly,
Adrienne Spignesi & Mai
Harrison
WHS Co-Presidents
whspfa@gmail.com



LOTS of SMILES for the first two days of school! Let's keep it going!!!









WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Q1: September 7 - November 9
Mid quarter: October 5
Grades due: November 17
(44 days)

[Click Here for 2023-2024 District School Calendar](#)

MON 9/11 First "Day 1" Schedule

TUE 9/12 - School Picture Day

THU 9/21 - Back to School Night, 7pm

FRI 9/22 - Early Release Day - see [schedule](#)

MON 9/25 - First PFA Meeting, 7pm Library

MON 10/9 - No School

PICTURE DAY INFO & HELP NEEDED

Picture day is Tuesday, September 12 and Legacy Studios is the official photographer for Winchester High School. Keep an eye out for an email from Legacy Studios with a unique link for your student, or visit shop.legacystudios.com & enter your School Code **3634F24** to access the Pre-Order Website.

For the day to run smoothly, we are seeking **TEN VOLUNTEERS**. Please help with this special moment, see our beautiful kids in action, and help save the day.

We are seeking volunteers from 8:20 a.m. to early afternoon.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER](#)

WINCHESTER
HIGH SCHOOL

PHOTO DAY: **9/12** | MAKE-UPS: **10/17**



Due to the nature of green screen technology, DO NOT WEAR GREEN CLOTHING ON PICTURE DAY.

1 VISIT OUR WEBSITE **SHOP.LEGACYSTUDIOS.COM**
A safe and secure way to purchase your portraits.

2 ENTER YOUR ONLINE CODE **3634F24**

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ANNUAL STUDENT UPDATE FORM

All families are asked to complete their Annual Student Update form through Aspen as soon as possible. This form lets you update student emergency contacts and sign off on handbooks and policies.

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDER FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

See this [Civic Alert](#) from the Winchester Police Department with important safety reminders for parents, students, drivers and pedestrians.

PARKING PASSES

Student parking passes will be available starting Monday, September 11th. Seniors and Juniors* (*who have had their license for 3 months) can obtain a parking pass by filling out [this form](#) . Even if you had a parking pass last year you must fill out this form for a NEW parking pass each year. Once the form is complete they can pick up their pass at the main office with Mrs. Hanlon or Officer Chiuccariello in Room A102. Students must have their license with them to pick up the parking pass. You must have a parking pass (from 9/11/23 on) to park in the student lot or designated street spots on Skillings Road, failure to do so will result in a ticket or possible tow.

THE RED & BLACK

Winchester High School's student newspaper, the Red & Black will publish its 85th volume this year. You and your family can now subscribe to the newspaper for just \$30 annually! The newspaper covers a diverse range of topics including local and global news, student life, sports, entertainment, and more! As the paper is entirely student-led, the ability of WHS's talented journalists to continue to write for the Red & Black is largely thanks to the paper's supporters, especially parent subscribers. With a subscription, you will receive physical and/or digital copies of the newspaper each month mailed to your door as well as access to former editions on the Red & Black's website (whsredandblack.com). To subscribe, fill out this [form](#). Payments should be mailed to Winchester High School at 80 Skillings Rd, Winchester, MA 01890. Checks should be made payable to "Winchester High School, attn: The Red &

Black". Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTION/TRAFFIC UPDATE

The bridge across from the Winchester DPW at the intersection of Lake St. and Main St, will continue to be under construction as the school year starts. This WILL create significant traffic and commuting delays. Students are reminded that classes will still start at the same time, 8:30 AM, and they will be expected to be in class and ready to learn at that time. Please plan accordingly.



BUS ROUTES AND MORE

The 2023-2024 Bus Route Maps and Estimated Arrival Times are available online at <https://www.winchesterps.org/transportation> - select "2023-2024 Bus Routes" to view route maps and stop information. Please anticipate arriving at least 10 minutes early to estimated stop arrival times during the first two weeks of school.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The Health Services Department has prepared [this guidance](#) on COVID-19. Please be mindful about limiting exposure to others, especially those who may experience more severe illness.

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2027 NEWS

Welcome Class of 2027!

Visit this [site](#) for helpful information about starting at WHS.

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](#)

BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE BAGS FUNDRAISER

Need a new Lacrosse bag?

Order your personalized WHS lacrosse bags online from LaxGear
in Red and Black!

<https://laxgear.com/products/winchester>

password: winchester



CHEERING

Please email us photos and updates!

CROSS COUNTRY

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FIELD HOCKEY

Final Sat, 9/9/23
Girls Varsity - Field Hockey

Wilmington High School 0
Winchester High School 5

Please email us photos and updates!

FOOTBALL

Final Fri, 9/8/23
Boys Varsity - Football
Newton South High School 0
Winchester High School 31

Please email us photos and updates!

BOYS SOCCER

Big win for Boys Soccer in their home opener over Burlington.

Please email us photos and updates!

GIRLS SOCCER

Final Sat, 9/9/23
Girls Varsity - Soccer
Winchester High School 4
Burlington High School 1

Please email us photos and updates!

GOLF

Please email us photos and updates!

SWIMMING

Please email us photos and updates!

VOLLEYBALL

Please email us photos and updates!

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have updates or pictures of WHS Arts, Music & Theater students please email them to us!

Our Music students have already started to sign up for shifts for their Winchester Friends of Music Concession Stand at last Friday Night's Football Game! They had fun and did a great job! No experience needed! There will be a parent to help guide them! Please share the Sign Up with your child **HERE!** We have 4 more home games - remember all money raised goes back to our wonderful Music Department! **SIGN UP HERE**

CONCESSION STAND



Our WHS musicians have already started to practice! Can't wait to hear them play!



WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

PIC•COLLAGE

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

WHS CLUB FAIR

The WHS Club Fair will take place in the GYMNASIUM during WIN on **September 15th**. Groups may sign up if you are an approved WHS club with an advisor. All interested groups should [sign up here](#). Please see Ms. Conis or Ms. Paradis with any questions. PLEASE NOTE that there can be NO CANDY OR FOOD HANDED OUT.

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.



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Parent to Parent Book Group

"A central source of information for parents and their college-bound children!"
—DR. LARRY KIMBLE, Vice President for Student Affairs, Duke University

LETTING GO

A Parents' Guide
to Understanding the
College Years



Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Tregeer

SIXTH EDITION
THOROUGHLY REVISED AND UPDATED TO
REFLECT THE REALITIES OF COLLEGE TODAY

Are you a parent of a college kid? Or, do you have children heading to college soon?

Join us for a discussion of ***LETTING GO: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years****

*We will be prepared to discuss the whole book but will begin with a focus on:

Chapter 8: In and Out of Your Life (entire chapter)

Chapter 5: pages 177-185, Communication: How Will We Keep in Touch?

Books are available at Book Ends
(makes for a good summer read)

Monday, September 11th
7:00PM

Winchester Public Library
Large Meeting Room

All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public



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Winchester School Committee

Tom Hopcroft, *Chair*

Shamus Brady

Michelle Bergstrom, *Vice Chair*

Christian Nixon

Karen Maruyama Bolognese, *Recording Secretary*

Winchester School Committee Workshop

September 12, 2023: 5:00 PM

Wright-Locke Farm

82 Ridge Street, Winchester MA

- I. Call to Order (5:00 PM)
- II. School Committee Goals & Planning Workshop
- III. Adjournment (around 8:00 PM)

REPAIR CAFE Winchester

HAVE SOMETHING YOU'VE BEEN MEANING TO FIX FOR AGES?
BRING IT TO US, WE LOVE A MENDING CHALLENGE!

OUR BIKE REPAIR EXPERT WILL MAKE SURE MAKE SURE YOUR
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FROM 9.00AM TO 12.00PM**

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SUSTAINABLE WINCHESTER

AND MANY LOCAL COMMUNITY INDIVIDUALS AND REPAIR EXPERTS.
WE SHARE OUR KNOWLEDGE TO INSPIRE REPAIRING RATHER THAN REPLACING.



QPR Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention

Jon Mattleman

September 21, 2023 @ noon

**Town Hall, Winchester Room
(near Town Clerk's office)**



*QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer. QPR Gatekeeper Training provides instruction on these three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. The goal of QPR Gatekeeper Training is to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative, practical, and proven suicide prevention training. The signs of crisis are all around us. QPR Gatekeeper Training reinforces that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.

After completion of QPR Training, participants will gain the following knowledge:

- How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide.
- The common causes of suicidal behavior.
- The warning signs of suicide.
- How to Question, Persuade, and Refer someone who may be suicidal.
- How to get help for someone in crisis.

QPR Gatekeeper Training meets the requirements for listing in the National Registry of Evidence-based Practices and Policies (NREPP), which is required training for educators and health and social service professionals in many states.

**SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH
LET'S RAISE AWARENESS AND LEARN HOW TO HELP**

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



SPIRIT NIGHT

Once again, the Winchester Chamber of Commerce will be hosting "Spirit Night" on Friday, September 22 in the town center. Any clubs, teams, etc are invited to come down, set up a table and sell their spirit gear (with exception of sachem merchandise). If you are interested, please contact Dot Butler at (781 856-8700) or butlermaid@gmail.com.



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