

# Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter October 12, 2021

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Fellow WHS Families,  
We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend! It's awesome to see our students spirited in pink for "PINK OUT" Friday, supporting a special cause: Breast Cancer Awareness month!

***Things to keep on your "radar screen":***

- **Today, Tuesday, October 12th is an Early Release Day ~Teacher Professional Day.**
- **Thursday, October 14th~ Special Concert to benefit Winchester Got Lunch** (see details below) Buy \$40 tickets [HERE](#)



- **Donate to Direct Appeal!** Our “Grants” Committee is busy accepting “Teacher Grant Request” Applications. This is where the vast majority of our PFA Direct Appeal funding goes~ directly to teacher grants that benefit our kiddos. Please consider donating to our Direct Appeal ~ more information below.
- **ORDER YOUR 2022 WHS YEARBOOK!** It's time to order your 2022 yearbook! Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) & enter school code 13780. The cost is \$85. Seniors~ If you are using a private photographer for your senior "portrait" it is your responsibility to submit picture by Dec. 1st. More info on how to submit below under ~class of 2022.
- **We love to include pictures from ALL clubs and teams but we need your help!** Please take some for us and submit to [whsfanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:whsfanewsletter@gmail.com). A huge thank you to Tara Salvietti and Audrey Siciliano our newsletter editors and mavens!

Warmly,  
Abbie DiMatteo & Brenda Mandile  
*Co- Chairs*

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead*

**THE MASKED WHS STAFFER Week #6!**



1. What high school did you go to? **Malden Catholic**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **History-1960s & Psychology**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **Golf, Basketball, Track & Field**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? **I am a good cook.**
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **The Godfather/The Outsiders/The Beatles/Raw Oysters**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies. - Andy Dufresne**

*\*Don't forget to scroll all the way down to find our who this is!*

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## WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

**TUE 10/12** - Early Release day

**SAT 10/16** - PSAT at WHS, 8 AM

**MON 11/1** - Picture Day (make-up day 12/7)

**TUE 11/2** - No School

**THU 11/11** - No School

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## SIGN UPS FOR AP EXAMS

AP Exam 2022 sign up will start on October 11th. Students who are in AP classes need to join the class ( Code available from your teacher) for exams to be ordered. **Forms** are available outside B208 and completed forms should be handed in to Mrs.Chakladar, B208 by **Nov.1st**.

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## COLLEGE VISITS

The following colleges will be visiting the **Guidance Office from 8:00-8:25 AM**

**All Juniors and Seniors are welcome!**

TUES 10/12 Bryant University

WED 10/13 13th - Fairfield University & Lasell University

During WIN block:

UNH - Auditorium

University of VT - Room A101

THURS 10/14 - Brandeis & Catholic University of America

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## FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

It is important that we have updated medical information for your students each school year. Please take a moment to complete our Annual Nurse Emergency Form. Here is the link to the [form](#).

As always feel free to [reach out](#) to the WHS nurses with any questions or concerns about your student's health. Email

[whsnurses@winchesterps.org](mailto:whsnurses@winchesterps.org).

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## SHOW YOUR RED & BLACK!

Looking to show some Winchester pride? Student Council has opened pre-ordering for Winchester sweatshirts, T-shirts, and bags.

[This link](#) will take you to the pre-ordering google form.

We hope to see your school spirit!

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## 9th Annual Spirit Fair

### The In-Person Spirit Fall Spirit Fair is BACK!

One-stop shopping for holiday gifts for friends and family while you support WHS's teams, clubs, and organizations!

**WHAT:** WHS teams, clubs, and organizations will be selling RED AND BLACK branded gear, as well as Winchester-themed items

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 20, 2021, 10 AM - 1 PM

**WHERE:** WHS Dining Commons

Come and show your support and be part of the fun. You won't want to miss it!

To sign up, fill out this [form](#).

In addition, the ENKA Society Food Pantry will be collecting Chunky Soup cans. Please bring a can or more to the Spirit Fair to help the cause!

For questions contact:

[Maria O'Connor](#) or [Kim Savage](#)

Student reps: Addison Adams, Elle O'Connor & Charlie Savage

SPIRIT FAIR PARTICIPANTS:

Friendly reminder that sales should not include Sachem-logo'd gear.  
Thank you!

Doors open for set-up at 9:15 AM

## WHSPFA Direct Appeal

*We're on our way...*

***Thank you parents and guardians  
who have supported  
this important fundraising activity!  
We are ½ way to reaching our \$30,000 goal!***

We have received many grant requests from WHS faculty and staff. The requests are being reviewed and will be approved based on our fundraising efforts – please help us now! A sampling of requests from previous years include:

- Scientific calculators
- Digital microscopes
- Supplies for Learning Center
- Software to support the Music Department
- E-readers for World language
- Registration fees for conferences and competitions
- Books and subscriptions
- Authorfest
- Full-size human skeleton

**No amount is too small or too large.** All grants support WHS faculty and staff create a richer learning environment.

**DONATE NOW via PAYPAL**

or mail a check payable to:

WHSPFA

10 Cranston Road, Winchester, MA 01890

**Don't forget Corporate Matching Gift programs offered by your employers. You could double your impact to WHS. Keep in mind that we're a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) so each dollar is tax deductible.**



## UNIPAY



## IMPORTANT! UNIPAY INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATHLETICS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### UNIPAY LOGIN & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

When making payments for Athletics, follow these steps:

Log on: [Unipay](#)

Scroll down to search bar, type Winchester Public Schools

Select *Winchester Public Schools* and click GO

Select Athletic Fees Transaction Tab

Click subtab ATHLETIC FEE

Follow the prompts:

Fill out Payment Information

When making payments related to Student Activities, follow these steps:

Log on: [Unipay](#)

Scroll down to search bar, type Winchester Public Schools

Select *Winchester Public Schools* and click GO

Select *WHS Student Activity* Transaction Tab

Click Student Activity

Follow the prompts:

Example

Pay Amount: \$25.00  
Student Name: Jane Doe  
Grade: 10  
WHS Student Activity: Student Council  
Payment for: T-Shirt  
Parent Name: John Doe

**It is VERY IMPORTANT to fill in the WHS STUDENT ACTIVITY and the PAYMENT FOR fields for accurate deposit into the appropriate student activity account.**

Fill out Payment Information

# WINCHESTER

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### WPS TEST & STAY PROGRAM

The Winchester Public Schools (WPS) is implementing a COVID-19 testing program in coordination with the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE). The main goal of this program is to provide an extra layer of protection in preventing the spread of COVID-19. We strongly encourage participation as a way to help keep our students healthy and in school throughout the year.

This program has 2 components, which you can find at the links below:

**Test and Stay** for students who have been exposed while in school but are not showing symptoms.

**COVID-19 safety checks**: Weekly surveillance testing of asymptomatic students and staff

#### **Why should students and staff participate?**

- It will help minimize the spread of COVID-19 and keep our students in school
- The more students who participate, the more our community will be protected



- All tests are non-invasive, short nasal swabs or saliva samples
- There is no cost to you

***\*\*Only one consent form is needed to participate in these testing programs\*\****

**[Click here to register](#)**

### **Test & Stay Rollout**

We will begin the roll out of the Test and Stay Program on a limited basis this week. This testing program is optional; however, please know that if you choose to opt-out of testing, it may result in your child missing school due to having to quarantine if identified as an in-school close contact. You will be contacted directly if your child qualifies for this program.

### **COVID-19 Safety Checks**

More details will be sent out next week by building principals.

For more information [visit this website](#)

Questions? Please submit to us on our [Q & A form!](#)

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## **ORDER YOUR 2022 WHS YEARBOOK!**

It's time to [order](#) your 2022 yearbook!

Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) & enter school code **13780**.

The cost is \$85.

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## **NHS TUTORING**

If any WHS student needs tutoring please fill out [this form!](#)  
We will match you with an NHS member for complementary tutoring!

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## **PARKING PERMITS**

Juniors and seniors wishing to park in the student lot must complete this [online form](#) to register for a parking pass.

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## **MIAA SPORTSMANSHIP ESSAY/MULTIMEDIA CONTEST**

The MIAA Sportsmanship Essay/Multimedia Contest is back! If interested please see below and submit entries to the Athletic Office by **Thursday, October 14th**. This year's subject is Title IX and sportsmanship make high school sports better because....”

### **CONTEST GUIDELINES:**

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

Contest is open to students in grades 9-12 at MIAA Member Schools

#### **ESSAY ENTRIES**

Must be typed, double spaced, and contain no more than 500 words

#### **MULTIMEDIA ENTRIES**

Must be a video that is no longer than 3 minutes

#### **CONTEST THEME**

Entries must answer the prompt “Title IX and sportsmanship make high school sports better because ....”

#### **PRIZES:**

First Place (\$400) and Runner-Up (\$200) prizes will be presented in two categories (essay and multimedia).

Contest winners will present their entries as honored guests during the 27th Annual MIAA Sportsmanship Summit.

First Place and Runner-Up entries in both categories will be available on the MIAA website.

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## **HELP NEEDED**

**Wanted:** WHS students who are interested in interpreting and translating for Winchester families at school events.  
High need for Chinese and Portuguese speakers.

If you speak a language other than English and would interested in helping out other families, please [email Ms. Shanahan](#) or you can stop by Room C302.

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## STUDENT SURVEY

All 10th, 11th, and 12th graders, please consider filling out this form! We are collecting data on lessons learned during the pandemic. Please take a moment to fill out this [anonymous survey](#). Thank you very much in advance!

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## STUDENT COUNCIL

Have any concerns, ideas, comments, or questions regarding the school? Contact your own student council representatives using the contact section of the student council website [here](#). All submissions are anonymous if one so chooses!

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## THE RED & BLACK SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Attention WHS students and families: All are welcome to subscribe to The Red and Black school newspaper today. As an entirely student-run newspaper, your support is instrumental in keeping our publication running, and subscribing is a great way to stay involved with the school and hear student perspectives.

A subscription to The Red and Black is only **\$25/year**. Subscribers will receive monthly digital and/or physical copies of The Red and Black. Please note that newspapers are **free** for WHS students, but subscriptions are for parents and people who would like to financially support the club.

Payments should be mailed in cash or check to:  
Winchester High School  
80 Skillings Rd  
Winchester, MA 01890

Checks should be made out to:  
**“Winchester High School, attn: The Red & Black”**

If you wish to subscribe, please also fill out our [Google Form](#)  
For more information, [please email us](#)

# WHS SPORTS

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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

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

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## SUPPORT THE GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM'S GOOD WORKS!

Please watch the Winchester Girls Varsity Soccer Team as they  
LACE UP FOR PANCREATIC CANCER on  
**Saturday October 16th at 6:30 PM on Knowlton Turf.**

There will be a bake sale with 100% of proceeds going to benefit Pancreatic  
Cancer Research at The Dartmouth Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center.  
Please come help cheer on the Red and Black!!





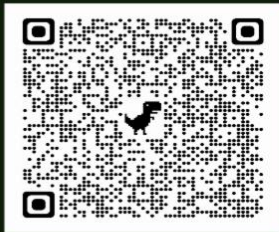
# SENIOR NIGHT

WHS v BELMONT



**BAKE SALE,  
RAFFLE & PIZZA  
TO SUPPORT THE  
ELLIE FUND**

TO DONATE NOW:  
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



## OCTOBER 20

Festivities Begin at 6PM  
Game Time: 6:30PM

KNOWLTON STADIUM

Let's pack the stands as we recognize the WHS Senior Varsity Boys Soccer players and support the Varsity team's charity, The Ellie Fund.

## WINCHESTER HIGH FIELD HOCKEY GOALIE KIERA DONAHUE VOLUNTEERS FOR EN KA PANTRY

Winchester High Field Hockey goalie Kiera Donahue has been transporting and delivering fresh produce from our town farm to the En Ka Pantry all summer and continues to do so this fall.



PROMOTING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & COMMUNITY GIVEBACK THROUGH ATHLETICS



# THIS WEEK'S SPORTS COVERAGE

Here's this week's fall sports schedule!  
All games live on the public channel, and streamed [live online](#)

## CHEER

We'd love some photos! Please [email them](#) to us!



## CROSS-COUNTRY

Boys Varsity lost 41-20, but A Gosselin took 1st!

JV won 25-31

Girls Varsity won 20-43 against Reading!

## FIELD HOCKEY

Last week, Varsity Field Hockey beat Stoneham 5-0 and Melrose 6-1 but had its first loss of the season in a close 2-1 game against league rival Watertown. Maddie Dengler's goal against Watertown was the first scored against Watertown this season!





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## FOOTBALL

Tough loss to Belmont: 41-14

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## GOLF



The golf team celebrated its 4 seniors on Senior Day at Winchester Country Club, where they beat Watertown 50.5-21.5 and Wilmington 56.5-15.5. They also defeated Stoneham and Belmont this week.

## SOCCER

This week the boys beat Stoneham in a tough game: 1-0  
but lost to Lexington: 4-1

Great bicycle kick assist for Quinn Murray in 10/2 Belmont game - boys won 2-1



Girls varsity soccer tied Stoneham: 2-2  
Beat Lexington: 2-1  
Beat Ashland: 4-0 Final - Sophomore Carly Blumsack with her first varsity goal



Girls soccer 7-0 win vs. Belmont on 10/2



PIC·COLLAGE

**Swimming SENIOR Meet was celebrated last Friday! Underclassmen made sweet posters for each Senior and gifted them with roses, and Coach Rick delivered a heartwarming speech! The WHS Seniors felt the love! And we won against Woburn!**

Left to right: Enna Huseinovic, Kayla Harrison, Amy Luo, Donna Zhang (capt), Tabitha Chen-Fiske (capt), Laura Wagner (capt), Apoorva Uppal, Lyn Doubman, Laney Zimmerman (capt), and Charlotte Kaduson (not pictured Vivian Brooks (capt))

## SWIM & DIVE

See below for the Sectional and State Qualifiers!

### **Sectional Qualifiers**

400 Free Relay - Morgan Landry, Mary Arangio, Lane, Zimmerman & Julia Valcourt

### **State Qualifiers**

200 Medley Relay - Emma Kawai, Amy Luo, Elle Michaud & Charlotte Kaduson

200 Free - Emma Kawai

100 Back - Morgan Landry & Emily Moh

200 IM - Elle Michaud

100 Free - Elle Michaud & Charlotte Kaduson

400 Free Relay - Emma Kawai, Elle Michaud, Charlotte Kaduson & Phoenix Chamberlin

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## **VOLLEYBALL**

Boys Varsity lost 41-20, but A Gosselin took 1st!

JV won 25-31

Girls Varsity won 20-43



## **WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER**

Check this section for updates about WHS Arts, Music & Theater

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## WHS's GOT TALENT!

Get ready for the 2021 NHS Talent Show! Right now the prospective date is **Tuesday, November 23**. We cannot give that much information since so much is up in the air right now, but we are interested in looking for participants! Participants can be from any grade, and since we are most likely going to have an in-person talent show this year, this is a perfect opportunity to show off all the talents you learned during quarantine!

Use this [google form](#) to sign up if you want to perform!

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## CALLING ALL ART MAKERS AND ART LOVERS ALIKE!

Come hang out at the Institute of Contemporary Art to eat pizza, make art, check out the exhibits, and meet other teens!  
The Teen Programs Fall Kick-Off will be on **Thursday, October 14th**, from 5-6:30pm at 25 Harbor Shore Drive, Boston! Learn more [here!](#)  
If you have any questions, please [email Judy Li](#).

## WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

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Do you like to draw, paint or sculpt? Do you wish you had more time to make art? Then the **Art Club** is for you. The Art Club provides space in one of the art classrooms for students to hang out and be creative.  
The club meets every other Thursday.

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The **WHS Artificial Intelligence Club** - from eloquent speech to autonomously driving cars, artificial intelligence can do almost everything. Together, we'll learn how to design, program, and create the next generation of artificial intelligence and compete in the first-ever true artificial intelligence competition! Come to be part of the forefront of

computer science and [join at this link](#) today!

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Welcome to **WHS Baking for Brightness!** We are a club that bakes/makes food during meetings and donates it to non-profit organizations and charities. If you would like to join, please use [this form](#) to sign up.

We look forward to seeing you there! If you would like more information, please see this [slideshow](#), which has club info and the names and contact information of all of our officers.

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**WHS Battlebots** will be meeting on Thursdays after school in the CAD lab from 3:00-4:30 PM. In previous years, the team has created robots that have brought back awards at regional and national levels.

If you're interested in the technicalities of making a gladiator-style robot, are a CAD/3D Printing enthusiast, or want to gain hands on experience in advanced manufacturing this club might be for you.

We hope to see you there!

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Join **Blitzball club** every Monday in **Mr Bond's Room B210 at 3:15 PM**. Blitzball is the "ultimate backyard baseball" with rules similar to wiffleball but with a twist. The unique hexagon shaped blitz ball makes the ball spin and move at ridiculous rates!

Come join and try it out.

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Attention all debaters! Interested in taking your argumentative skills out of the dining room? In that case, we are SUPER excited to invite you to **Winchester Debate Club**, a loosely Public Forum-based club that focuses on honing your research and reasoning abilities through weekly debates, feedback sessions, and interactive activities in a fun and supportive environment.

If you've never done anything remotely debate-related before, fear not! We'll be sure to answer any questions along the way.

Sign up at this [form](#) - we hope to see you there!

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Want to try out the sport of fencing? Winchester High School's first ever **Fencing Club**, which meets at **3:15 every Thursday** and trains in the outside courtyard by the gymnasium exit.

No experience is necessary! You do not need to bring anything—the club will provide all equipment for its members.

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Grab your hooks and your yarn, and dive into another year in the **Fiber Arts Club!** Our goal is to not only provide our members with the opportunity to take a break to crochet, sew, or knit, but to also introduce any beginners into the world of Fiber Arts.

We have worked on all sorts of projects, ranging from amigurumi to blankets, and even hats! Everyone is welcome!

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If you are a figure skater and participate in group and/or private skating lessons, join the **WHS Figure Skating Club!**

If you are interested in joining or would like more information about the club, please [send us an email](#) or reach out to one of our captains, [Caitlin Fass](#) or [Erin Langridge](#).

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The **garden club** is back.  
There are posters around the school with information on how to join.

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Are you interested in learning more about how the American government is run? Do you want to know what it is like to be a senator or a representative? Do you like to debate with your friends? Then join **Harvard Model Congress** We'll hold debates over specific briefing topics, write bills, and have so much fun! Email [Sarine Meguerditchian](#) with any more questions !!!

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JSA IS BACK! Winchester **JSA** will be having weekly meetings from **5-6 PM** in **B208 every Wednesday**. JSA is a country-wide organization created by and for young people interested in a wide array of topics - from politics, to how government works and contributing to their community.

Join us for fun debates and thought talks!

We'd love to hear your opinion and all are welcome!  
If interested, please fill out [this form](#).

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Want a super chill start to your week with people who want to spread kindness? Join the **KINDNESS CLUB!** We invite ALL to join us **every other Monday morning** before school (**7:50 AM** in the choir room) for munchkins and fun activities to help spread kindness around the WHS community! Our goal is to create a space where you can be unapologetically YOU and help spread love to others.

[Email](#) us with any questions.

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**Magic:** The Gathering is a card game in which wizards cast spells, summon creatures, and exploit magic objects to defeat their opponents. Build your own decks to suit any play style, being lots of small creatures used to rush or even spells that can quickly damage your enemy across the battlefield. Join the **Magic: The Gathering club** after school on **Thursday in B106!**

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Anyone interested in learning more about the **Math team** is encouraged to attend.

For more info email [Mr. Lucas](#)

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Interested in law, love to debate, or want to learn more about the US legal system? Join us for **Mock Trial's**.

We will start off with an introduction to mock trial and then play some fun games! No prior experience is necessary. If you have any questions, feel free to [email us](#). Hope to see you there!

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With **Model United Nations team**, students act as delegates for the United Nations and represent nations worldwide. If you enjoy debating, meeting new people, or just like the sound gavels make when they hit hard surfaces, Model UN is the club for you!

Please feel free to [email](#) if you have any questions, see you there!

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Want to join **NHS** email NHS president [Judy Li](#) with questions Thank you!

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Calling all WHS students: Writers are encouraged to share their ideas and be heard throughout the WHS community. All students are welcome to write.

Do you love to draw or design? Would you be interested in creating original art pieces every month? The school newspaper **The Red & Black** is also introducing the new graphic and visual designer position. For more details, please look at the guidelines and application below for consideration. Reach out to [redandblacknewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:redandblacknewspaper@gmail.com) with any questions! Graphic and Visual Designer [guidelines](#) and [application](#).

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Join the **Science Olympiad!** We're a team of students competing in monthly science competitions that have events in a diverse range of topics in science. There is something for everyone -- from circuits, to forensics, to ornithology and much more -- so come join us to learn more about the world of science around us, and join our team!

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**CLASS OF 2022 NEWS**



ACT FAST

LIMITED SPACE

**COME ON Y' ALL**

put on your boots and mosey on over

for an

**ADULTS ONLY**


**HARVEST HOEDOWN**

Hosted by the Class of 2022 Parents



**FRIDAY**  
THE **5<sup>th</sup>**  
OF  
**NOVEMBER**

**7-10PM**



**SONS OF ITALY**  
masks required indoors  
there will be a tent for those  
who would like to go outside

**AUCTION \* RAFFLES \* DJ \* DESSERTS \* CASH BAR**

**BEST DRESSED COUPLE, COWGIRL, COWBOY CONTEST**

CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS  
POP IN OR STAY ALL NIGHT!

**TICKETS \$30**



Checks payable to "WHS Class of 2022". Mail to: WHS c/o Mai Harrison. 80 Skillings Road  
If you are unable to attend but would still like to make a donation — either an auction/raffle item or a  
donation to the Senior Class fund, we are so appreciative — any amount makes a difference!

**This is not a WHS or WHS PFA sponsored event.**

WHSPFA | 80 Skillings Road, Winchester, MA 01890