

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
December 13, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Fellow WHS Families,

WHS Teachers and Staff no PEEKING!

A huge thank you to all the WHS Families who have already signed up to help make the **Annual Holiday Teacher and Staff Breakfast** on Thursday, December 16th a huge success! We still need a few various food items (especially quiches/breakfast casseroles & Coffee-Box of Joe). If you are able to contribute, please sign up [HERE](#).

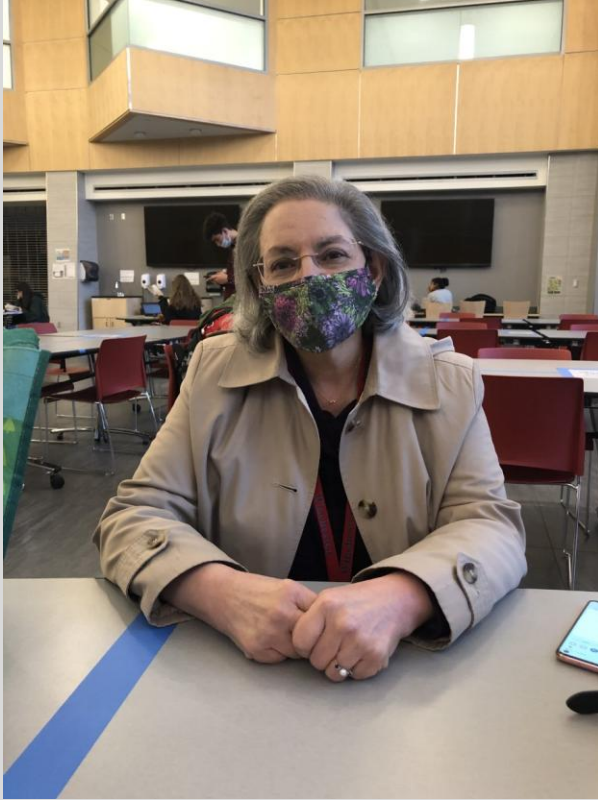


As always, please reach out with any ideas or questions!

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 #14!



1. What high school did you go to? I am a proud graduate of Livingston High School in New Jersey.

2. What was your favorite subject in high school? My favorite subjects in high school were History, Biology, and English.

3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? One highlight was spending the summer after my junior year on several Sioux Indian Reservations in South Dakota working with children. During the school year, I played the violin in the orchestra, performed in school plays, volunteered in numerous community service organizations, and enjoyed basketball and field hockey.

4. What is one of your hidden talents? One of my hidden talents is singing. I was in chorus throughout high school and was even asked to perform in a New Jersey youth opera summer program--which I declined, BTW.

5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? Too many to have one favorite, but I love a quirky little 1987 film, *84 Charing Cross Road*, that I saw years later on TV. I even visited some bookshops on the real Charing Cross Road in London in honor of the movie.

6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? *Strive for excellence!*

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

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

FRI 12/17 - Choral Concert, 7 pm WHS Auditorium

THU 12/23 - Early Release

FRI 12/24 - SUN 1/2 - Winter Vacation - No School

THANK YOU FROM WHS GIVES BACK!

This holiday season, 153 children, 74 families, will benefit from your generosity. Parents will receive a \$100 Target gift card and a \$25 Market Basket gift card for each of their children. It is truly amazing to see what we can do together to support our community!!

A few special thank yous to:

- WHS PFA for their work behind the scenes and constant support
- Winchester Rotary for their generous donation,
- everyone who donated hats, mittens, gloves and made holiday cards.

We couldn't have done it without you!
Have a fantastic holiday season and thank you for your continued support!

The WHS Gives Back Team

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Tabitha Chen-Fiske** on taking 2nd place in the 21st annual MIAA Sportsmanship Essay Contest. The contest was open to students in grades 9-12 at MIAA Member Schools with essay submissions containing no more than 500 words and multimedia submissions no longer than three minutes. Over 45 submissions answered the prompt, "Title IX and sportsmanship make high school sports better because..."

IMPORTANT STUDENT PARKING INFORMATION

Students are reminded that they are ONLY to park in the student parking lot. Any students parked on Skillings Road in teacher spots, in any of the teacher lots, or anywhere else not designated as student parking, are subject to ticketing and potential loss of their parking permit.

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

NEW TARDY PROCEDURE

We have a significant and increasing number of students who arrive at school each day after the **8:30 AM** start of school bell. As a reminder, it is expected that students are in class ready to learn when the 8:30 AM bell rings.

Students unexcused tardy to school are prohibited from participating in extracurricular activities (including athletics) on that day. Excessive tardiness places a student at a great disadvantage and disrupts the learning environment. In order to help prevent these disruptions, WHS is enacting a new tardy procedure.

Any student with 6 or more unexcused tardies (please see the [school handbook](#) for what constitutes an excused absence or tardy) in a quarter will lose their ability to access our open campus policy during that day's lunch block for day each tardy. The student will automatically be assigned to have a quiet, phone-free lunch in C111 on that day. Students will have time to access the cafeteria to acquire food. If the tardiness continues or the student fails to report for their assigned quiet lunch, progressive disciplinary action will occur.

FROM THE NURSES' OFFICE

We are thrilled to announce that we are rolling out weekly COVID-19 safety checks to WHS students, to keep our school and community healthy.

This will be a take-home PCR nasal swab test.
Both vaccinated and unvaccinated students can participate.

Click [this link](#) to find out more.

PARENT SQUARE

Winchester Public Schools invites you to join ParentSquare - the district's new tool for communications and family engagement.

If you have not already done so, [please join us on ParentSquare](#) to keep up to date with all things happening at WHS!

(Please Note: this newsletter will continue to be distributed by the Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association via Constant Contact.)

VOCATIONAL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School will again be offering a free Saturday Exploratory program open to all students in participating towns. The 4-week program is offered in 3 sessions (January, February and March) and students have the option of participating in all 3. Programs include automotive technology, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, dental assisting, CAD, design, electrical, fabrication, plumbing and robotics. Information and a full list of programs are available on the [Guidance website](#) under [News](#) along with a program application.

WHS SPORTS

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Winter Sports started this week!
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](#)

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 12 WINTER SPORTS ATHLETES

There will be a brief, but mandatory, meeting in the LG2 at the start of WIN Block on **Thursday, December 16th**. If you play a winter sport for WHS you are required to attend. Attendance will be taken at this meeting. The focus will be to discuss leadership and citizenship expectations of all student athletes but more specifically our senior athletes as positive leaders and role models. The meeting should last no more than 15 minutes.



Watch games live on the public channel,
and streamed [live online](#)
Please [email us](#) pictures and updates for Winter Sports!

CHEER

WHS seniors/cheerleaders took the mat one last time with their Winchester Pop Warner adaptive cheer team on December 6!
Congrats to these amazing athletes!



ALPINE SKI

BASKETBALL

GYMNASTICS

HOCKEY

INDOOR TRACK

GREAT gift(s)!

Anyone is welcome to purchase these items! Comfy long sleeves and pajamas pants--buy them together or separately! Don't miss out --our deadline is Tuesday, December 14th.

Click [HERE](#) to order!



NORDIC SKI

SWIM

WRESTLING

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

Click this section for updates on WHS Arts, Music & Theater

WHS CHORAL PROGRAM PRESENTS
A WINTER CHORAL CELEBRATION:

United, We Stand Together

December 17th • 7 PM
High School Auditorium



Concert Choir
Bella Voce
Chamber Singers
Octets

masks are **REQUIRED** for attendance

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

RED & BLACK SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Do you want to share your voice, engage within fun school activities, and show colleges your extracurricular participation? The Red and Black school newspaper is looking for new writers now! All students are welcome to publish work on topics that interest them.

[Please email](#) for more information.

MASTERCLASS COOKING CLUB

FOOD LOVERS!!! Master Class Cooking Club is BACK! Join us on **Wednesday, December 15** at 4:30 pm for an online French cooking lesson with Chef Missy Druley. Everyone is welcome to join-- click [here](#) for details and to sign up.

CALLING ALL CLUBS!

An exciting MLK Day of Service is in the works for January 17 at Winchester High School and we want you to be a part of it! This year's theme is Global Citizenship and we invite a diverse group of organizations to participate in a huge service-learning fair. Do your part for our community, and possibly win \$250 for a non-profit that is important to you.

All Winchester High School Clubs are invited to have a booth or room in the cafeteria to help spread awareness on MLK.

Club officers: If you are interested, please click on the link below for more details! The registration deadline for club participation is December 17th, and the essay contest deadline is January 7th.

Please email Ms. Edenhofner for more details about participating in the essay

contest, volunteering at the MLK Day of Service, or to find out more information about the day's events click [here](#).

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS



WHS Black Sweatshirts on SALE NOW!

Back by popular demand you can now buy your [WHS Black Hoodie online!](#) Please order [at this link](#).

Deadline to order is **December 14th**

THANK YOU for your support!

Please note this will not come by December 25th BUT you can always take a picture of it and print it out, put in a box and wrap it and let them know it is coming! :) Fun way to be surprised too!

WANT TO BE A ROYAL?

Attention all WHS Seniors! It's time to take the spotlight! Are you interested in showing your talents to the school? Do you want to show off your killer moves? Do you want to be ...A ROYAL?! Then Sign Up here to be considered as a candidate for the 2022 annual WHS Royals! That's right — it's back! Sign-ups will be closed by the end of next week on 12/17 so fill out [this form](#) ASAP! We can't wait!

SENDING GRADE REPORTS TO COLLEGES

Seniors wishing to have Q1 grades sent to schools must complete the [Q1 Grade request Form](#).

Please note:

Naviance no longer allows report cards to be sent to individual schools so students making requests for grades need to be aware that they will be sent

to all schools that the student applies to regardless of when they apply (but will never download to any schools until an application is submitted).

Requests are processed in the order in which they were received.
Mid Year Averages for all classes are automatically shared to all schools which students apply to (no request needed).

See your counselor directly with any questions.

FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE

Students who are thinking of attending college in the fall need to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible for federal, state, and local financial aid. Winter break can be a good time to finish the FAFSA. Please see the following links for helpful [events](#) and [resources](#), such as those posted at www.mass.gov/financialaid.

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

Check here for the latest 2023 class news

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

The Class of 2024's Tricon Online store is now open! Merchandise is not class specific and all Winchester High School students and families are welcome to place an order. Help support the class of 2024 by ordering spirit merchandise!

Check out the store at this [link](#).

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check here for the latest 2025 class news

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.



TIME TO MAKE YOUR DECEMBER APPOINTMENT !



Food Pantry Hours
by Appointment Only
Sundays & Mondays

Text, Email, or Call
781- 369-5844
enkanpantry@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.

Transportation available upon request.



Troop 507 Christmas Tree Pick Up
Order your tree pick-up [online!](#)

Pickup Date: Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022

How Much: \$20 per tree

Order Deadline: 11:59 PM, Monday, Jan. 3, 2022

Referring Scout: {Scout Name}

Please remove all decorations

Have your tree curbside by 7:00 AM

Trees will be collected by 4:00 PM on Jan. 8th

Pickups only available in Winchester.

[Click Here to Request Tree Pick Up](#)

LYNCH ELEMENTARY DONATION DRIVE

DECLUTTER BEFORE
THE HOLIDAYS

BOARD GAMES FOR INDOOR RECESS:

- *JENGA
- *KANOODLE
- *BLOKUS
- *SCRABBLE JR
- *TROUBLE
- *LIFE
- *UNO
- *CHARADES FOR KIDS
- *THE FLOOR IS LAVA
- *GUESS WHO
- *SORRY
- *CANDY LAND
- *TRIVIA PURSUIT JR
- *APPLES TO APPLES
- *BATTLESHIP
- *HEDBANZ
- *RUSH HOUR
- *ZOOB BUILDERZ
- *LARGE PCS LEGO SETS
- *LARGE CASE OF ASST
CRAYOLA MARKERS

NURSE OFFICE NEED:

1. GENTLY USED SWEATSHIRTS
AND PANTS FOR GRADE K-5
(ELASTIC BAND SWEATPANTS/ LEGGINGS)
2. NEW PACKAGED CHILDREN'S
UNDERWEAR SIZES XS, SM & MED

***PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS
IN THE MAIN OFFICE.**

***DOUBLE CHECK EACH BOARD GAME
CONTAINS ALL GAME PIECES.
THANK YOU!**



Unity Amongst Diversity
Festivities of light that delightfully
transform the world together



A family event hosted by
Network for Social Justice Interns & SoJust
When: December 16, 2021 4-5 PM
Where: Winchester Town Common



781.729.7100
www.nfsj.org
@nfsjorg

[Visit NFSJ website](#)

The Winchester Chamber of Commerce Merrily Presents

The Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest



\$25 to enter. www.winchesterchamber.com to register

REGISTER TO ENTER CONTEST

MLK Day of Community Service

Monday, January 17, 2022

When: 10am-1pm

Where: Winchester High School

To find out more about family programming and the student essay contest:



<https://sites.google.com/winchesters.org/win-mlk-day-of-service/home>



In collaboration with Service Learning at WPS and Network for Social Justice

Visit MLK Day of Service website

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](#).

THE WHS MASKED STAFFER UNMASKED!



**UNMASKED:
The one and only Suzanne Bolles
our fabulous WHS Social Studies
Teacher!**

Thank you Mrs. Bolles for participating and helping us get to know you better!

Stay tuned next week folks for our next mystery WHS Masked Contestant! :)

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.**

To make a newsletter or a news blast submission, **please email us** NO LATER than 12:00 PM on Friday.

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