

Winchester High School  
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter  
March 13, 2023



## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Good Morning WHS Families,

We've officially sprung ahead and the semester will begin to zoom by! Less than **TWELVE weeks until GRADUATION!** Keep reading and get ready to mark your calendar for all the exciting upcoming events.



**Tonight** is our **WHS PFA meeting** at 7pm in the WHS Library. **Ms. Chakladar**, WHS Advisor to the National Honor Society, will be our guest speaker. Come learn what it takes to be in NHS and what it entails once your student is a member. **Principal Mahoney** will also be there to give us an update on "WHS Happenings" and answer questions. He never misses a meeting and we don't want you to miss out either! Please come.

This coming weekend is the much anticipated **WHS SPRING PLAY "Guys and Dolls"**– **Friday, Saturday and Sunday ONLY!** Tickets are \$20 for Adults, Students \$10. Tickets available at the door.

This time of year is so exciting! Encourage your child to join the fun! There is something for everyone!

Hope your week is luckier than a leprechaun!

Fondly,  
Brenda Mandile & Adrienne Spignesi  
WHS Co-Presidents  
[whspfa@gmail.com](mailto:whspfa@gmail.com)



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Friday, Principal Mahoney circulated an important message about a concerning trend at the High School. Please review the [communication](#) about the increase in social media manipulation (“sextortion”) at this [link](#) and consider discussing with students at home. Also, please note that the **NEWS AROUND TOWN** Section of the newsletter below frequently includes information about seminars, lectures and other resources for understanding and addressing such issues facing teens.

## WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### [2022-2023 District School Calendar](#)

**Q3:** January 23- April 7

**Q4:** April 10- June 14 (with no snow days)

**Mid quarter:** Monday, May 15

**Seniors' last day of classes: Friday, May 26**

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**MON 3/13** - WHS PFA MEETING 7 PM

**WED 3/15** - FINANCIAL LITERACY FAIR

**FRI-SUN 3/17,18 &19th** - WHS MUSICAL "Guys & Dolls"

**FRI 3/24-** WHS Freshmen Dance

**SUN 3/26-**WHS ROYALS \*ALL are welcomed!

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

**THU 4/27** - Early Release Day

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## **STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Congratulations WHS Students!

Zo Clarke, Grade 10, competed in the English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Competition for the Massachusetts Chapter and came in second!

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Dahlia Lubin, Caterina Miotto and Penelope Ratz each have won the creative writing competition by the Italian Consulate. WHS brought home three prizes out of three! Congratulations. Their original work is now published in the Harvard hosted [site](#). Great Job!

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Photography Teacher Cait Engels and her students [Neave Bunting](#), Mairin Norton, Maggie Shevland, Leo Wang, Natalie Taylorour were part of this year's online exhibition: Singular Vision | New England Photography Students

Griffin Museum Director Crista Dix and Photographer Marky Kaufmann have collaborated to create the opportunity to celebrate

the unique and individual narratives from twenty two New England schools with Singular Vision. The work will be on view from March 1 – March 31, 2023. You can view the [exhibition here](#).

Awards were given to three students with recognition of first, second and third place, and each school had one student artist receive an honorable mention. Our own Neave Bunting received an Honorable Mention Award for her piece entitled [The Husband](#).

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## CHECK OUT THE WHS ONLINE STORE

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



**HEY  
RED & BLACK  
FANS**

**SCORE YOUR SPIRIT  
WEAR HERE**

BSMSPORTS | **SIDELINE  
STORE**

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

**MAKE HISTORY**  
**TRADITION STARTS HERE**

**25% OFF  
SITEWIDE** | GRAND OPENING SALE  
USE CODE **SPIRIT**

The advertisement features a dark background with white fireworks. It displays a collection of school spirit wear including a red t-shirt with 'MAKE HISTORY' and a 'W' logo, a grey backpack with a 'W' logo, a white zip-up jacket with a 'W' logo, a grey hoodie with 'TRADITION STARTS HERE' and a 'W' logo, a red baseball cap with a 'W' logo, and a white tumbler with a 'W' logo and the number '22'. The Sideline Store logo is in the top right corner.

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## WHS PFA GRANTS PROGRAM

The mission of the PFA Grants program is to support teachers,

organizations, and leaders who take the initiative to challenge, reach or support Winchester High School students in creative and engaging ways, but who need supplemental funding to realize their goals. Recently, WHS PFA was able to grant a request to replenish supplies for Roisin O'Brien's English class. Students chose famous artworks to emulate as a means of understanding the artists' process a bit more clearly. This is part of a unit reading the historical fiction novel about Johannes Vermeer, *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. Click [here](#) to see a few amazing examples of students' work from this year. This is one example of your Direct Appeal dollars at work!

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## PARKING PERMITS

Parking passes for Seniors and Juniors are now available!

Please fill out the [Google Form](#) and then see Ms. Hanlon in the main office or Officer Chiocciariello with your license to get your hang tag.

Please remember Juniors need to have had their license for 3 months before they can receive a pass.

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## CRADLES TO CRAYONS

Cradles to Crayons is a nonprofit organization that provides school supplies and clothing to children who are homeless or have low income. Cradles to Crayons is collecting donations for pajamas for children ages 12 months to 20 years old. All pajamas must be new!

If you would like to donate please drop new pajamas in the bin labeled "Cradles to Crayons Pajamas Drive" located in the **main office** from **now until March 15th**.

Our goal is to donate 200 pajamas!

If you want more info [click here](#) or [email](#)

Thank you for your support!

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## FINANCIAL LITERACY FAIR

The Social Studies department at WHS will host a Financial Literacy Fair for the entire Junior class (Grade 11) on the afternoon of **Wednesday, March 15th**. This Fair will introduce students to the financial basics of post-collegiate life.

We are looking for volunteers from the community to assist with the Fair. Volunteers will help guide students through their activities, provide deeper explanations for any of the financial tasks, and/or help with the Fair's functioning. If you've made any adult decisions like getting a job, buying a car, or renting an apartment, then you have the required experience to assist us!

The Fair should run for about one hour, from approximately 2:00-3:00 PM. Volunteers should arrive at WHS between 1:30 PM and 1:45 PM, in order to receive assignments and a short training before the Fair begins. More information will be provided to volunteers in advance.

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this [Google form](#).

Please forward this notice to any interested parties or local organizations.

If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact [Scott Spencer](#) or [Andrew Langlois](#) at Winchester High School.

Best wishes,  
Scott & Andrew

# CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

[The Class of 2023 Spring Event Schedule](#)

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## FROM THE NURSES DEPARTMENT

Voluntary HPV vaccine clinic for WHS Grade 12 students:

Please see the link below for information regarding the Town of Winchester/WHS voluntary HPV clinic.

[HPV Vaccine Clinic 2023](#)

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## STEAM Certificate

There is a short mandatory meeting of all seniors who are planning on receiving the STEAM Certificate on **Monday, March 20th** during WIN Block in the library. We will start promptly at the start of the block and the meeting will be no more than 10 minutes. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Grace

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**WHS ROYALS**  
**SUNDAY, March 26th at 7pm!**

An event much anticipated every year by all, come see this pageant-like competition among several seniors competing to be named a "WHS Royal."! Our Senior contestants always have something super entertaining up their sleeves! WHS Faculty Judges are ready for yet another year of fun and excitement!

Meet our wonderful contestants below!

ALL are invited (not just a Senior event!!)  
Please spread the word to friends and family!  
Tickets will be on sale soon!





**WHS ROYALS SPONSORSHIP**

Class of 2023 Parents,

We are seeking sponsors to be featured on the back of the program. If you are interested in your business being advertised, please fill out this [form](#) and email your logo to [mhanlon@winchesterps.org](mailto:mhanlon@winchesterps.org). Additional information such as pricing and payment methods can be found on the form linked above. Thank you, and it's going to be a great show!

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## THURSDAY IS BUNCO NIGHT!

For Class of 2023 supporters who signed up for Bunco night, here are a few reminders:

**Event Timing:** Thursday, March 16th, 7:00 pm  
**Event Address:** Lohnes' Home 80 Myopia Road  
**Theme:** St. Patty's Day! The best Dressed wins a prize!

- This is an adult event and drop-off only (no parking).
- Snacks, desserts, and beverages will be provided.
- Bring some cash for your chance to win a raffle!

All money raised will help pay for upcoming Class of 2023 Events!  
Questions? [Contact - Maria O'Connor](#)

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

- Applications for the Christopher Mitropoulos Memorial Scholarship are due **April 8th**. Please see the guidance office and Naviance program for more information.
- 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.
- The Association of Teachers of Mathematics in Massachusetts will

be awarding 3 scholarships for high school seniors. Students can apply online by filling out the google form linked [Here](#). The application is due **March 14!**

## CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

Only a limited number of Musical Bingo tickets are left! Don't wait to get yours before it's too late! We will be featuring food from Peppercorn House Restaurant, fun games for great prizes, raffles and silent auction items you won't want to miss!

**THE VITA GROUP**  
presents

# *80's Musical Bingo*

**FRIDAY**  
**MARCH 31**  
**SONS OF ITALY**  
**7:00 PM**

**COME READY TO PARTY**  
**LIKE IT'S 1988!**

**TICKETS: \$50**  
**BREAKFAST CLUB**  
**TABLES OF 10**  
**AVAILABLE**

**CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS**

Questions? email Danielle Adams - [awesome.adams@yahoo.com](mailto:awesome.adams@yahoo.com)

Sponsors Include: The Vita Group, Peppercorn House, Pediatric Dental Associates, Stretch Med Winchester, Winchester Sports Foundation, Sole Amour, Integral Hockey Winchester

Funds raised support the Class of 2024! This is not a WHS run event



[Click to Purchase Tickets](#)

**CLASS OF 2025 NEWS**

Check Here for Class Updates

**CLASS OF 2026 NEWS**



**Our kids FIRST HIGH SCHOOL DANCE is COMING! Save the Date: Friday, March 24th at 7pm!**

ALSO, a FUN tradition... after you drop off your kids at the dance, swing by **Lucia's for a Freshmen Parent's Night Out** until we have to pick them up again!

Don't Miss Out! Buy Tickets NOW- [\*\*CLICK HERE!\*\*](#)

We are still looking from some FUN raffle items too! Please [\*\*SIGN UP HERE!\*\*](#)





## 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](#)

# THIS WEEK'S SPORTS COVERAGE

## SPRING SPORTS

Spring Sports Registration is now open on [FamilyID!](#)

Click [here](#) to register.

[Click here](#) for additional Spring Sports Information

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

After a strong regular season and 2 tourney wins, including #1 seed Catholic Memorial, the boys lost in the Sweet 16 at Waltham (59-47). Congrats to the team on a great run!







## GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Wednesday, the Girls Basketball team won 43-36 over a tough and skilled Framingham team to move on to the ELITE 8! See photo coverage of that game [here](#). The team gave it their all in the next round against Woburn on Friday night, ending in a tough loss, 36-54.

Thank you for the great season girls!





**LACROSSE**

WHS Lacrosse starts in March!

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

password: winchester



**ORDER HERE**

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## NORDIC SKI

The WHS Nordic ski team had a great day at the State Championships in February, held at Prospect Mountain in Vermont. The girls team placed 10th out of 17 teams, with skiers Alta Oswald (27th), Julia Campo (39th), Jordana Eichel (46th), Emily Houllahan (48th), Lauren Corr (67th), Corina Arnet (70th), Claire Alvares (110th), Ila Shanley (124th), and Leila Flummerfelt, alternate. The boys team placed 14th out of 16 teams, with skiers Jonathan Gilmer (80th), Andrew Buck (81st), Michael Lanz (94th), Thomas Mourier (102nd), Mason Casebeer (104th), Quinn Shanley (108th),



Barrett Davidson (110th), Robbie Torres (111th), and Jack Baker qualified but did not race.

A great season for the Red and Black!



## INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

The Winchester track season concluded this weekend with 15

outstanding student-athletes representing our community at the New Balance Indoor Nationals. Awesome performances by all. Highlighted by the boys 4 x 200, setting a new school record.

Parker Chao: Freshmen 400

Violet Arone: Freshmen 400

Tessa Geddes: Championship 400

Rising Star Boys 4 x 200 (Kuzey Kaya, James Yazici, Paddy Galvin, Danny Killian)

Rising Star Girls 4 x 200 (Lucca Ventura, Madison von Mering, Ellie Wang, Tessa Geddes)

Rising Star DMR (Gabe Watson, Dante Perrone, Tedy Cutting, Brett Luthern)

Danny Killian: Championship 200

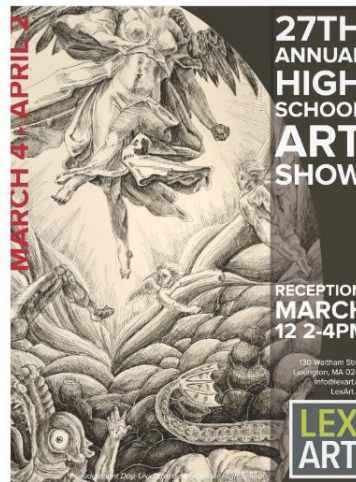
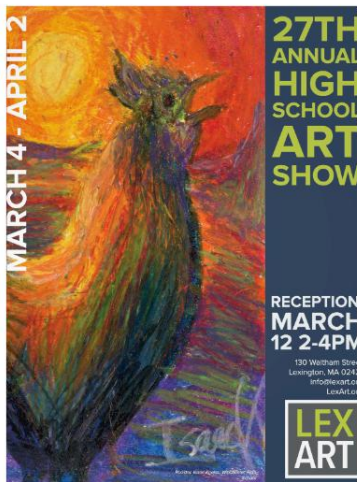
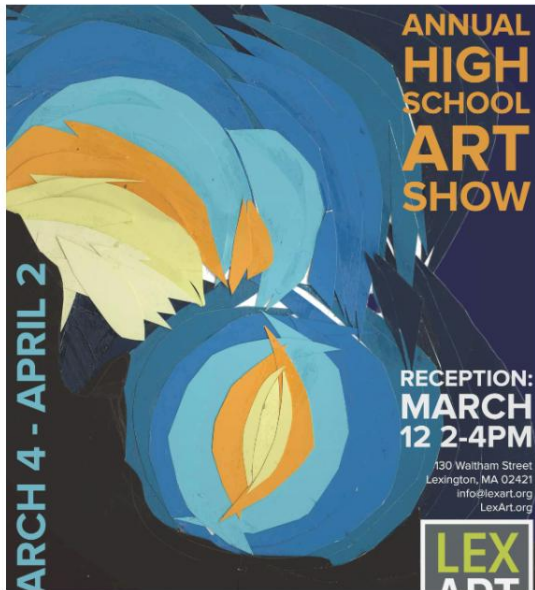
Caroline Herlihy: Rising Star Shot Put



# WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER







**27th Annual Regional High School Exhibit at LexArt  
March 4, 2023 - April 2, 2023**

**Featuring the work of students from Bedford, Burlington, Lexington, Minuteman, Waltham, and Winchester high schools, this exhibit showcases the creativity and innovation of area students and high school art programs and helps raise funds for LexArt's high school scholarship program.**

**[Learn more about our scholarships for graduating](#)**



**seniors and apply here.**

Deadline April 3rd.

Exhibit and gift shop hours:

Tuesday thru Friday 11:00am - 5:00pm

Sat and Sun 10:00am - 5:00pm

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## **COME SEE GUYS AND DOLLS THIS WEEK**

WHS is thrilled to present its own rendition of *Guys and Dolls*. We have many students involved in all aspects of the production, and they are all having a lot of fun.

**Friday, March 17th and Saturday, March 18th (7PM)**  
**Sunday, March 19th (2PM)**

WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

# GODS & DOLLS

*A Musical Fable of Broadway by  
Frank Loesser, Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows*

## Tickets

\$10 Students

\$20 Public

*Tickets for Sale  
at the Door*

*Rolling the dice on...*

*March 17th, 7 PM*

*March 18th, 7 PM*

*March 19th, 2 PM*

Winchester High School  
80 Skillings Road



WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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