

WHSPFA Newsletter

September 18, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Good Morning, WHS Family,

There are so many exciting things happening at WHS. Last week, we started with a bang. School picture day was on Tuesday in the gym, and it was smoking hot in there! Thank you to **Pragati Bansal, Theresa Beach, Lisa Gallagher, Adrienne Lavidor-Berman, Stacey Meyer, Ellen Newman, Erik Nottleson, Chan Park, and Patty Stone** for braving the heat with us (and the crowd) and making picture day run smoothly. Last Friday, students could also visit various clubs they could join by attending the activities fair. Encourage your student(s) to get as involved as possible in school activities to help them and our school thrive.

Don't forget that **Open House** is this **Thursday, September 21st, at 7 p.m.** Now is your chance to walk in your child's footsteps through the halls of WHS, sit in their classes, meet their teachers, and hear Mr. Mahoney speak. It's a great night that you don't want to miss. Clubs may also be selling their "wares" in the Cafe area, so take a break, browse their goods, and support their causes.

Please keep in mind that this **Friday, September 22nd**, is an **Early Release Day** as well as the kick-off to the **3rd Annual**

Winchester Spirit Fair Weekend, which will be from 4-9 p.m. downtown. Click [here](#) for all the details.

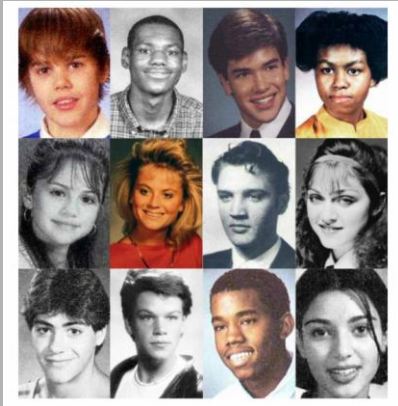
Our next **PFA Meeting is next Monday, September 25th, at 7 p.m. in the Library.** Hope to see you there!

As always, please reach out with questions, concerns, or just to say "hi." Look for us on Thursday night!

Very Fondly,
Adrienne Spignesi & Mai
Harrison
WHS Co-Presidents
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Are our pictures super enlarged again?!? It only looks like that when you look at our newsletter through your phone- we are really trying to make them smaller! Please know we don't mean to be super zoomed 😊😊 but we do try to make things fun!



Let's start off Monday with some FUN!

Guess the Celebrity! Answer by 10am, Tuesday, September 19th and if you get all the celebrities right, not only are you AWESOME, your name will be put in a raffle and one lucky respondent will win a prize! We will announce winner in next week's newsletter! Stay tuned! Email guesses at whspfa@gmail.com! A & M :)



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](#)

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

WHSPFA DIRECT APPEAL

Let's get the 2023-2024 school year off to a great start!

WHAT? Direct Appeal is WHSPFA's only fundraiser. Monies raised support our WHS faculty and staff with their extra needs during the school year. Your donation will help them enhance students' learning, teaching, and counseling experiences.

WHY? It's an investment in our kids' educations. Direct Appeal funds are used to support programs and activities beyond what is covered in the regular school budget. By contributing, you will be helping to fund valuable in-school enrichment programs, teacher grants, and more!

For example, previous fundraising efforts have purchased:

- a new sound system at Knowlton Stadium
- bought art materials for specialized art classes
 - risers for the music department
- a human skeleton for the science program
 - new student events
- materials for the Cooking for Life program
- AED trainers, laptops, books, software programs
 - social/emotional programming, and more!

WHEN? Now!

HOW? Click the link below. Any amount is appreciated! Keep in mind that we're a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) so each dollar is tax deductible.

DONATE NOW via [PAYPAL](#) or [VENMO](#)





WinchesterHS ParentFacul...
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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.

NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Breakfast is served for free to all students in the dining commons
every school day from 7:30 to 8:30 and again between 9:35-
9:45. Menu options are viewable [here](#).

PSAT

PSAT/NMSQT exam is on **Saturday, October 14th 2023** at
Winchester High School. The PSAT is the qualifying test for the
National Merit Scholarship. All Juniors take this test. There are
limited seats for Sophomores to take the test as practice.

This will be a Digital test.

Forms are available outside Room B208. Completed forms with check should be handed to Mrs. Chakladar (Room B208) only to get a registration ticket.

STUDENT ASSISTANT

Any JUNIORS interested in being a main office student assistant, please fill out [this form](#). Please see Ms. Conis with any questions. There are a very limited number of spots available, so please be aware that not all interested students will get a spot.

All semester 1 TA forms for ANY teacher are due to the main office by Friday, September 22nd.

UPDATE FROM GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Fall newsletter is available [here](#) and will also be available for download on the WHS website. Please see your child's guidance counselor directly with any questions.

COLLEGE VISITS

The following colleges will be visiting WHS in the Guidance Department from 8-8:30am unless otherwise noted.

Monday, September 18th

Denison University & University of Toronto

Tuesday, September 19th

University of Richmond & College of Charleston

Wednesday, September 20th

Fordham University & Vanderbilt University

UMass Amherst during WIN in the Auditorium

Thursday, September 21st

PARKING PASSES

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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. ZHOU

The U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign

Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that Xiaojie Zhou of Winchester High School in Massachusetts has received a **Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Program** award.

We are so proud of Chemistry teacher Ms. Zhou for this amazing honor!

CANOBIE LAKE

The Spanish Exchange Students visiting Winchester enjoyed a trip to Canobie Lake on Sunday.



CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

COLLEGE APPLICATION INFO NIGHT

Wednesday, September 27th

WHS Auditorium

6:30-7:30pm

Parents & guardians of seniors are invited to join members of the

WHS Guidance team to hear highlights from the recent student workshops and a general outline of the college application process at WHS. This in-person presentation is for parents & guardians only which will cover information shared with seniors during their upcoming workshops. The presentation will be shared on the WHS Guidance website the following day for those unable to attend.

More details to follow from your class officers but keep these important dates for the Class of 2024 on your calendar!

10/11 - Class Dinner
11/18 - Parent Fundraising Event
12/1 - Semi-Formal Dance

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2027 NEWS

NINTH GRADE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Friday, September 22nd
9-9:30am

The Guidance staff will be holding a brief informational Zoom to share information about WHS Guidance services and helpful tips for families of 9th grade students. The presentation will be shared on the WHS Guidance website the following day for those unable to

attend.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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 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



THIS WEEK'S SPORTS COVERAGE

CHEERING

[Please email us photos and updates!](#)

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country team is off to a running start!



FIELD HOCKEY

[Please email us photos and updates!](#)

FOOTBALL

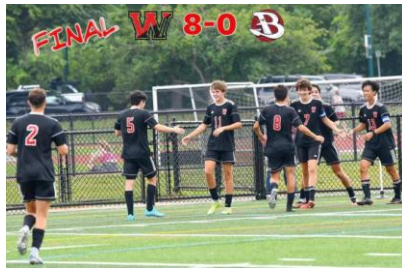
Winchester continues undefeated after playing Waltham last Thursday -- such a great team spirit with a win 16-6!



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BOYS SOCCER

The Boys Varsity Soccer team are off to a great start with three big wins! Check the schedule and come and support the team.



The wins continued as the JV boys soccer won both games this week against Wilmington (5-2) and Stoneham (3-0).

GIRLS SOCCER

Please email us photos and updates!

GOLF

The WHS Varsity Golf Team is off to a great start with a 4-0 record! To help raise funds, the team is selling a limited supply of our best-selling umbrellas, string backpacks, shirts, and hats! To order, please go to the WHS Golf team's website [here](#). These sell out fast, so please order soon!

The roster and schedule are also posted on their site, so please join them at their next home match on **Thursday, September 21st**, versus Arlington and Watertown.

SWIMMING

The WHS Girls Swim and Dive team had their first swim meet this year against Woburn/Burlington Swim team and came out with a victory 91-71! Their next meet is against Wakefield High School on Tuesday 9/18!



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](#)

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

OPEN HOUSE MARKETPLACE

WHS Open House will be on September 21st and will once again be featuring our clubs and activities in the dining commons. Groups interested in having a table to sell items should complete [this form](#). Please see Ms. Conis with any questions.

BOTBALL

Are you passionate about the creative design and programming of robots? Are you itching to compete against others in a fun environment, all while using the simplicity of Legos and metal pieces? Come be a part of Botball (also the Competitive Robotics class), where you'll have the freedom to unleash your imagination, designing and programming your very own robots to complete tasks and score points against others! Join us on Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00 PM in E102 through [this form!](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

*Are you interested in pursuing a career in the Criminal Justice Field? Have you considered becoming a police officer, lawyer, crime scene specialist, or federal agent? Well, then the Criminal Justice Club is for you! We partake in many hands-on experiences and community service opportunities to help you get insight into the field and figure out *your* path. By joining, you'll learn how to pull over a motor vehicle, search buildings, negotiate hostage situations, handle a firearm, and MUCH more. Later, you'll get to apply these skills at Law Enforcement Explorer Day, field trips to the Woburn District Courthouse and Police Academies, and the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Explorer Competition! Email SRO Chiuccariello*

at mchiuccariello@winchesterps.org or 2406001@wpsstudent.com for further information and/or to join!

DEBATE CLUB

Hey all! Are you passionate about debate, seeking to improve your public speaking skills, or looking to compete and further your debating experience? If so, then debate club is the perfect place for you! Please fill out [this form](#) if you are interested in joining. We meet

every Monday from 3:15 - 4:15 in A107.

MATH TEAM

Join Math Team! Whether you like winning or simply like math, we have what you're looking for. Hone your problem solving skills while collaborating with friends on practice problems, learn new strategies and concepts for solving problems, and compete against other schools! We meet every **Tuesday & Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:00 PM**. Fill out [this form](#) here if you're interested in joining us!

MODEL UN

Are you interested in joining one of the biggest clubs at WHS? Want to try out debate and public speaking while having fun and learning more about governments across the world? Come join us at Model UN from 5:30 to 7:30 on Tuesday the 19th in the LG rooms! At each meeting we will tackle issues from the response to 9/11 to limiting blackmarket drug trade! For our first meeting we will be doing a Legal Committee on Euthanasia. Look out for our booth at the club fair for more info!! We can't wait to see returning members and newbies there! Email 2405001889@wpsstudent.com if you have any questions! (Follow us at @thewinmun and join our Google Classroom [kuvxjzk](#))

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Do you like science? Then join Science Olympiad today! Compete with teammates in biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering events against other schools in Massachusetts! Explore your interests while also having fun! Join our first meeting THIS Friday, September 15 at 5:00 PM in the LG rooms for an epic game of quizbowl (science trivia) and to find out more! Every meeting thereafter will be on Fridays from 5:00 - 7:15 PM in B208 (Ms. Chakladar's room). Fill out [this form](#) if you're interested in joining!

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.

VOLUNTEERS & RUNNERS NEEDED

Let's Run For Glen!

Help the Glen Doherty Memorial Foundation continue Glen's legacy by running the 11th Annual Memorial Hometown 5/10k Road Race Sunday, September 24th @ 12pm. Celebrate a hometown hero and help our Special Ops Veterans transition to civilian life with continuing education. Run on your own, run with a friend, or run with your team. A beautiful event for all!! Run with a friend, Run with your child's team, Walk, Volunteer, or Cheer!!

REGISTER [HERE](#)

VOLUNTEER [HERE](#)



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH 12PM
START TIME

WINCHESTER, MA

RACE DETAILS & REGISTRATION INFO

- **REGISTRATION**
 - Register online before September 22 and save \$10
- **T-SHIRTS**
 - FREE to first 500 registered participants
- **RUCK DIVISION**
 - All Ruckers get a GDMF GORUCK patch
- **RACE WEEKEND**
 - 9/23 BIB PICKUP: 12 - 2pm Winchester Town Hall Auditorium
 - 9/24 BIB PICKUP: 9:30 - 11am Jenks Center Parking Lot, 109 Skillings Rd
 - New runner registration and GDMF gear sale available both days

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