

**Winchester High School  
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter  
March 20, 2023**



## **PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

Good Morning WHS Families,

Whew! What a week! We had a PFA Meeting, a snow day, the successful Financial Literacy Fair, Sports Banquets and let's not forget the amazing musical "Guys and Dolls"! We are so proud of our students, teachers, coaches .. and YOU for making things happen in our school. And we are just getting started (we warned you it was getting ready to get busy)!

### **\* \* 2023 WHS ROYALS \* \***

**Clear your schedule . . . it's time for WHS ROYALS!  
This SUNDAY, March 26th at 7pm**

WHS Royals is one of the most anticipated events of the year. Don't miss this pageant-like competition and variety show. Five seniors will compete for the title of "WHS Royal" and they always have something entertaining up their sleeves. WHS Faculty Judges are ready for another year of fun and excitement. Keep reading to learn more about the wonderful contestants.

This event is open to the entire school - parents *and* students of all grades; not just seniors. Please spread the word to friends and family. Tickets will

be on sale day of and starting today at Bookends (cash and check only)!

*\*Royals is a fundraiser for the Class of 2023 and they are seeking sponsors to be featured on the back of the program. If you are interested in having your name or business on the back of the program, please complete [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; it's going to be a great show!*

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

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WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

# GO! DOLLS


*A Musical Fable of Broadway by Frank Loesser, Joe Swearing and the Marxians*

Tickets  
\$10 Students  
\$20 Public

Rolling the dice...  
March 17th, 7 PM  
March 18th, 2 PM

Tickets for Sale at the Door

Winchester High School  
www.wchs.edu

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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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**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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### **CONGRATS!**

WFEE has announced that WHS' Joyce Anderson is one of the 2023 winners of the Sarah Swiger Award - we are so proud! Congrats also to the other 2 winners: Melissa Testa, Muraco Elementary School, and Erika Guckenberger, McCall Middle School.

Given annually in memory of longtime community activist Sarah Swiger, the award recognizes educators who consistently go above and beyond the requirements of their job each day. The Swiger Award comes with a \$1,500 grant for each winner to be used for professional development or for a classroom project. Thank you to the many educators who graciously nominated their colleagues; it is never easy to pick just one teacher at each level.



## CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

### The Class of 2023 Spring Event Schedule

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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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#### CLASS OF 2023 BANNERS

Spring is here and so are the Class of 2023 Banners! The WHS PFA is organizing the 4th Annual Personalized Banner Drive for the **Class of 2023!** If you would like to order a banner for your student or for another deserving student, please fill out this [form](#) and submit it no later than **Friday, April 7th.**

Each banner is **\$65**. Payment must be made in full in order to process your banner request. **Banners can be picked up at WHS on April 28th, 4:00-6:00 PM or they can be delivered to your home for a \$10 fee.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to **contact us**. If your family would like financial assistance with purchasing a banner, please contact **Ms. Conis**.

You can pay either by check (payable WHSPFA) or Venmo (@whspfa). Checks can be dropped off at the main office.



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

Meet our wonderful contestants below!



ALL are invited (not just a Senior event!!)  
Please spread the word to friends and family!  
Tickets sales start today at Bookends (cash or check only please) !



## **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 or including your family as a sponsor, 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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## **BUNCO NIGHT A SUCCESS!**

Many thanks to the Lohnes Family for hosting the successful Bunco Night fundraiser for the Class of 2023! It was a great opportunity for the senior class' supporters to connect and catch up!



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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN**

- Check Naviance for scholarship applications available
- 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.

## 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 this Friday, March 24th at 7pm! Look out for Dance Contracts coming home this week! **Thank you for all those who have kindly signed up to help! We have just a few more slots we would really appreciate filling (especially the gift cards for volunteer chaperones)! Click [HERE](#)**

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 for Parent's Night NOW- [CLICK HERE!](#)**

We'd greatly appreciate help in ordering refreshments, decorations, donations, setting up and cleaning up. [Here is the signup](#) and a couple of notes to keep in mind. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

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](#)



## SPRING SPORTS

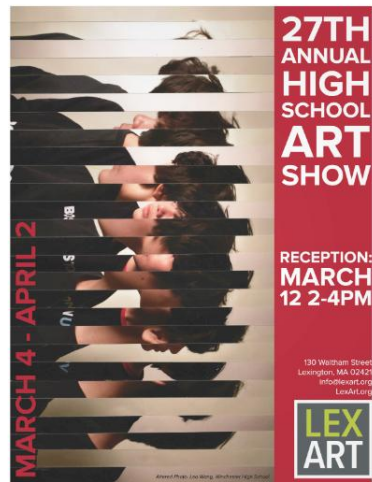
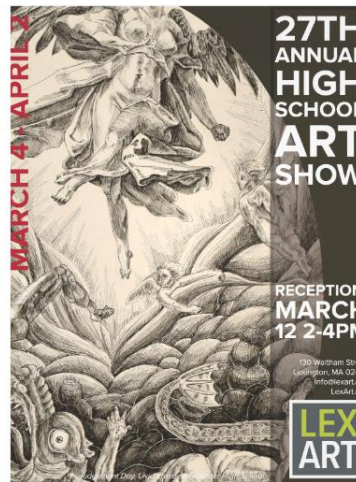
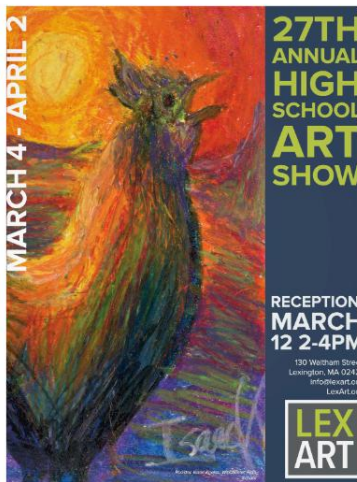
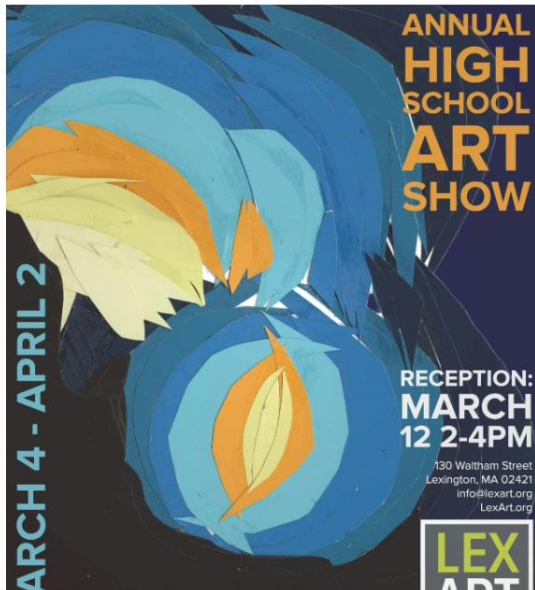
[Click here](#) for Spring Sports Information

Please [send](#) team updates and photos to us throughout the season!

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## 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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## 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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### INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK CLUB

Do you love to read? Do you want to get involved with senior citizens in your community? Join the Intergenerational Book Club in reading *A Man Called Ove*! Join us during WIN Block on March 31st & April 5th to connect with other high schoolers and senior citizens within your community. Snacks will be provided! Contact [Maleah Jensen](#) or [Micayla Fiore](#) with any questions, or visit the [the Sign Up Form.](#)

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### WHS BOOK EXCHANGE FOR PEACE

The Book Exchange for Peace is a space where people can donate and find meaningful books that promote peace in all its facets. For the month of March, you can find us by our tables in the cafeteria at lunchtime to donate or grab a free book. By giving students a space to discover and share literature, we hope to bring the value of peace into people's consciousness.

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### SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR AT WINBLOCK

Tufts sociology professor Natasha Warikoo will speak at WHS during WIN block on **Thursday, March 23** in LG1. She will discuss her recent book, "Race at the Top: Asian Americans and Whites in Pursuit of the American Dream in Suburban Schools" and sociological research in general. Please sign up on Sign-up Genius. We hope to see you there!

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### **SEE FEBRUARY EDITION OF THE RED & BLACK!**

**The Red & Black School Newspaper's** February Edition is out! Visit our updated website available to students and staff at **[www.whsredandblack.com](http://www.whsredandblack.com)**, or pick up your physical copy outside the library. Read about the importance of funding WHS extracurriculars, Florida's ban on AP African American studies, Winchester track team success, and more!

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### **CHECK OUT THE WHS ONLINE STORE**

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

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STORE**

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## 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.

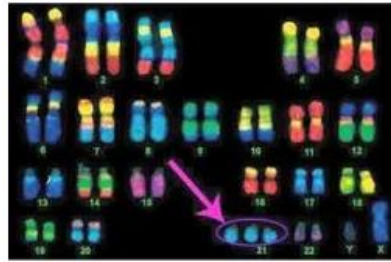
### **CRAZY SOCK DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

WinPAC invites all Winchester families to celebrate inclusion by wearing fun, mismatched, or crazy socks on March 21 for World Down Syndrome Day! Down syndrome, otherwise known as Trisomy 21, means that an individual has 3 copies of the 21st chromosome. When photos are taken of chromosomes, they look like socks! This is why we call March 21 a day to bring out our crazy and fun socks. Feel free to tag us on [Facebook at Winchester Special Ed PAC](#) !

# WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



Get your fun, crazy, or mismatched socks ready for March 21 to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day!



# March on over to...



Food Pantry Hours  
by Appointment Only  
Sundays & Mondays

Text, Email, or Call  
781- 369-5844  
[enkapantry@gmail.com](mailto:enkapantry@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.





## EN KA BLOOMIN

We are so excited to share that En Ka Pantry was selected to be part of the Stop and Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program for the month of **March!**

Each time a \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with a red sticker is purchased at the Stop & Shop in Winchester, \$1 will be donated to En Ka.

**Flowers can brighten a room, spread a smile or make someone's day. Supporters can purchase two, three or more bouquets throughout the month of March. The more bouquets sold, the more donations raised.**

Learn more about En Ka by visiting [www.enkasociety.org](http://www.enkasociety.org) or the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program by visiting [stopandshop.bloomin4good.com](http://stopandshop.bloomin4good.com).



## Transition to Kindergarten Panel and Resource Fair

**Wednesday, March 22nd, 6:30-7:00 PM Resource Fair**

**7:00-8:00 PM Panel with Q&A**

**Location: Winchester High School**

Parents and guardians, join us for this interactive panel to learn about the non-academic aspects of transitioning to kindergarten\*. Before the panel, visit the Resource Fair to learn about after-school opportunities for your school age child.

Panelists include Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Hackett, School Nurse, Kindergarten Teacher, School Psychologist and Elementary School Principal.

Resource Fair includes parent representatives from all five elementary schools, enrichment opportunities and after-school care.

*\*or 1st grader transitioning to the Winchester Public Schools*

**All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public**

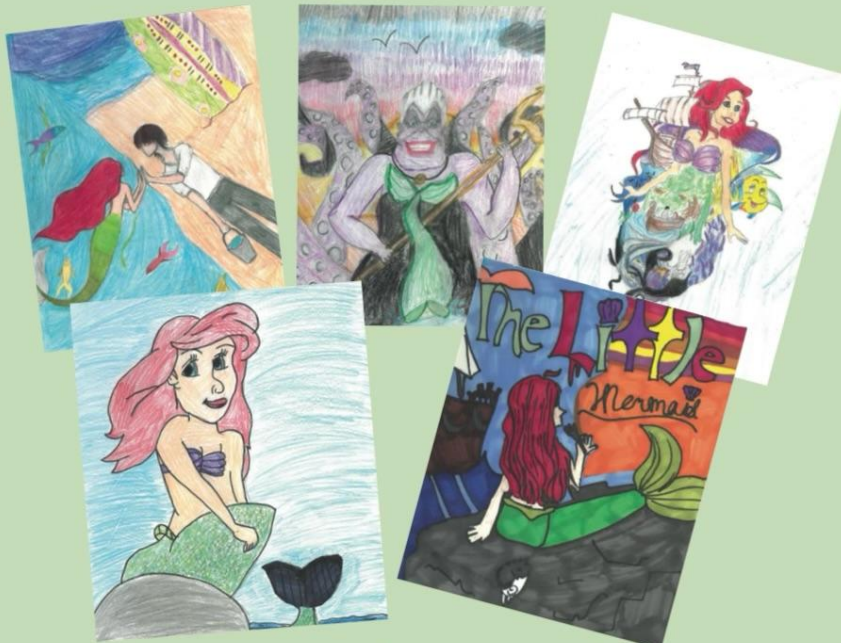
[Visit Parent to Parent Website](#)

The Winchester Cooperative Theatre for Children's  
Production of Disney's

# THE LITTLE MERMAID

MCCALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY MARCH 24 7:30 pm    SUNDAY MARCH 26 1:00 pm  
SATURDAY MARCH 25 1:00 pm    SUNDAY MARCH 26 4:00 pm  
SATURDAY MARCH 25 4:00 pm



Music by  
Alan  
Menken

Lyrics by  
Howard Ashman  
&  
Glenn Slater

Book by  
Doug  
Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Anderson Story and the Disney film produced by  
Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John and Ron Clements

Disney's The Little Mermaid is presented through special arrangement with MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI) [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.WINCHESTERCHILDRENTHEATRE.COM](http://WWW.WINCHESTERCHILDRENTHEATRE.COM)



**educate  
encourage  
empower**

## Romaine Calm! Tips to Feed Your Family For their Health



with Tara McCarthy, MS,  
RD, LDN

Please join Parent to Parent and Family Action Network at Wright-Locke Farm to hear Tara McCarthy, Clinical Nutrition Supervisor at Boston Children's Hospital.

Tara will provide parents with the tools and confidence to give their child the nutrition they need to grow and thrive. In addition, she can guide parents with children who have to eliminate foods from their diet for different reasons.

**Monday April 3rd 7:30pm \***

**Location: Wright-Locke Farm  
All Seasons Barn\*\***

\*6:30 - 7:30 doors open for light refreshments

\*\*Parking is limited, try to carpool, additional parking at Mullen Field

*While not required, please go to our website to register in advance to help us plan properly.*

[parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://parenttoparentwinchester.org)

*All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public*



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary International's leadership training program for young people. Rotary District 7930 has a long-running annual program for high school students.

High school, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited to attend a weekend-long event, where they learn life and leadership skills including goal setting, cultural understanding, problem solving, communication, public speaking, networking, community building, team building and more!

The cost for RYLA this year is \$325 per student (typically paid by sponsoring Rotary Clubs), plus a \$25 application fee (paid for by students).

**[Prospective students can apply by clicking here.](#)**

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## **GOLF CADDIE OPPORTUNITY**

Winchester Country Club is holding a caddie orientation for the 2023 golf season. Any interested students should go to the club on April 17 /18 for orientation. If you would like a caddie packet please contact **[Mark Bezjian.](#)**

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## **LIFEGUARDS NEEDED**

Mass DCR is looking for Lifeguards

Become a Lifeguard! Learn CPR-Learn First Aid- Learn Water Rescue Skills! Free Training- Qualifies lifeguard candidates that work for DCR do not have to pay to take certification classes. All

you need is to be at least 16 years old and be a strong swimmer. For more info go to [mass.gov/guides/dcr-lifeguarding](https://mass.gov/guides/dcr-lifeguarding).

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Pizza & Pajamas !  
Bingo & Prizes !  
50/50 Raffle !  
Groovy Dance Breaks !

Join us for PJ Bingo Night Friday, March 24th  
from 6pm-830pm at the Winchester Sons of Italy.

All proceeds will support the professional  
development of Kids' Corner's amazing teachers!  
Don't miss out on the fun! Spots are limited!

To register, visit us at:  
[linktr.ee/kidscornerwinchester](https://linktr.ee/kidscornerwinchester)



**"The Inside Scoop on Interior Design"  
with Kate Maloney Albani**

*Presented by the Winchester Chamber of Commerce*



Are you embarking on a home renovation and don't know where to start or how to assemble a team? Have you ever wondered what interior designers do, how firms are different, and what's the financial investment?

**Join Kate Maloney Albani, owner and principal designer of Kate Maloney Interior Design, and "Ask the Expert" all your burning questions.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 7:00-9:00 pm**

KMID Design Studio  
4 Mt. Vernon Street, Winchester, MA

Limited space available!  
Small bites and beverages provided

Register today! [www.winchesterchamber.com](http://www.winchesterchamber.com)

Brought to you by



Spring is almost here, that means it is time for Winchester Baseball



and Softball! Please go to [Wybs.org](http://Wybs.org) to register for the spring season. See you on the field this spring!

## **OUTBREAK! A STUDENT PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE**

Outbreak! 2023 is a FREE online program for students entering grades 10-12 interested in careers in public health/medicine/epidemiology/bioethics/ nursing/virology/mental health & more!

**\*INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS\* \*ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS LED BY PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS\* \*Q&A PANELS WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS\***

Mon-Fri July 24 to July 28 9 am - 3 pm \*Mon, Tues, Wed, and Friday on Zoom, Thurs in person in Tewksbury, MA with a remote alternative for out-of-area students Optional virtual college visits with faculty and college students on Monday, July 31. REGISTER BY MAY 15 [www.publichealthmuseum.org](http://www.publichealthmuseum.org) Now in its 11th year!  
REGISTER [HERE](#)

## **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](#).

## 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](#) or [click on this link](#).

To make a newsletter or a news blast submission, [please email us](#) NO LATER than 12:00 PM on Friday.