

Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter September 20, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



"To WHS Seniors! Your first 3 years of high school have definitely been an adventure! You made it to your final year and we are so proud of you! These lanyards are a little gift to remind you to keep "hanging" in there—it's going to be an AMAZING year! You've GOT THIS! And the WHS Parent- Faculty Association has your back!"

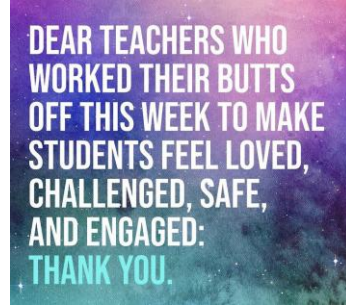


Above our super Senior Class Officers proudly wearing their gifts! (L-R) Vice President, Alessandro Cella, Secretary, Sarine Meguerditchian and Treasurer, Anna Caggioni. Not picture President, Brian Kavanaugh BUT lucky for us he is in the golf picture below in red shirt!

Dear Fellow WHS Families,

We hope you enjoyed this beautiful weekend! There are SO many fantastic happenings at WHS and around town this fall! We'll try to be concise! :)

We started off the week by gifting our Seniors with a little welcome back to last high school year gift! Thank you to Ms. Conis and all the English teachers who were able to pass them out for us and reading our attached note!



Thank you WHS Community (principals, teachers, students and families!) who participated in and volunteered at the **WFEE Town Day Road Race!** It was a BLAST! About 450 runners/walkers enthusiastically looped the beautiful course kicking off Town Day and supporting WFEE! A special thanks to **Sophie Wilson**, WHS Senior, who sang the National Anthem ([check our video clip below!](#)) and to the **Varsity Field Hockey Team** who ran the race together!

ZOOM! THIS Wednesday evening, **September 22nd** is the **WHS OPEN HOUSE!** Like last year, the Winchester Public Schools will be running Open House nights via Zoom. The evening will begin promptly at **7PM** in your student's A block class Zoom. We will proceed through the blocks A, B, C, D, E, F, G. All teachers will be sending links to their class Zoom to you, the parent/guardians only, via Aspen.

If you, like us, are impressed by and appreciative of all that the WHS faculty and staff are doing to create enriching academic experiences while making our children feel loved, challenged, safe, and engaged, please consider **donating to direct appeal!** The PFA Direct Appeal supports all of these important efforts—stay tuned for more details below from our great Direct Appeal chairs, Lori and Ann!

The WHS School Improvement Council (SIC) needs you! The WHS SIC is a collaborative group of WHS staff, students, parents and community members who meet with Principal Dennis Mahoney one morning a month to discuss what is happening in the school. Members of the SIC work in an advisory capacity with the principal to implement positive changes in our school. This year the PFA will hold an election for **two candidates to serve a 2-year term.** The Role of School Council: MA

law requires that there be a school council at each public elementary, secondary and independent vocational school in the Commonwealth. Responsibilities may include - Creation of the School Improvement Plan, student programming, examining new opportunities for students and staff and potential special projects. Interested parents and guardians can obtain the application form [here](#). The deadline for candidate forms is **Tuesday, September 21st**. We will post each submitted application for the WHS community to read and familiarize themselves with the candidates during the election period. On-Line voting will take place Thursday, September 23rd to Thursday, Sept. 30th. Results will be announced on Friday, October 1st. *Also, please reach out if you want to get involved in another capacity! We need all the help we can get!*

A few quick notes:

- Bookmark our WHS PFA website for great info: <https://www.whspfa.org>
- The USDA has approved **FREE breakfast and lunch for ALL students** for the 21-22 school year! This means that ALL WHS students will have access to nutritious meals in the cafeteria at NO COST.
- **Subscribe to The Red and Black** student-run school newspaper! See details below.
- There are a ton of fun things happening around town this month--take a look for yourself in our Community section!

Our athletic teams have launched themselves to an awesome start, earning numerous victories and demonstrating great efforts across the board! WHS clubs are kicking off the year with great enthusiasm and attendance! Don't forget to ask your student(s) how they are going to get involved at WHS!

As always, please reach out with thoughts, questions and ideas! Have a wonderful week! **Together we can!**

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 #3!



1. What high school did you go to? **Somerville High School**
 2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **English was my favorite subject**
 3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **I played Basketball and Volleyball in high school**
 4. What is one of your hidden talents? **It's hidden for a reason, hahaha.**
 5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **The Devil Wears Prada/Kindred by Octavia Butler/Coldplay/Sicilian cheese pizza**
 6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **"if you can see it, then you can achieve it"**
- *Don't forget to scroll all the way down to find our who this is!*

[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

WED 9/22 - WHS Back to School Night (on Zoom)

MON 9/27 - WHS PFA Meeting, 7PM

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

WHSPFA DIRECT APPEAL 2021-2022



WHAT? *Direct Appeal* is WHSPFA's only fundraiser. Our fundraising goal is \$30,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. Monies raised support our WHS faculty and staff with their extra needs during the school year. Your donation will help them enhance students' in-school learning, teaching and counseling experiences.

WHY? *It's an investment in our children's 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 supported Authorfest, bought art materials for specialized art classes, risers for the music department, a human skeleton for the science program, new student events, social emotional programming, and more.

WHEN? *Now!*

HOW? Click the link below. **Any amount is appreciated!** We understand that the pandemic has created unusual economic times for all. 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 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.



WFEE ROAD RACE

It was great to see so many High School participants - Staff and Students!







DID YOU KNOW...

The USDA has approved **FREE breakfast and lunch for all students** for schools on the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the **2021-2022 school year!**

THIS MEANS THAT ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS MEALS AT NO COST TO PARENTS!



**MEALS ARE APPROVED TO
BE SERVED BOTH
IN PERSON**

FOR ALL STUDENTS

**BREAKFAST WILL BE
OFFERED EACH MORNING
IN THE CAFETERIA**

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
IN THE CAFETERIA AT
YOUR DESIGNATED
LUNCH SCHEDULE
THERE WILL BE A CHARGE
FOR ALA-CART ITEMS AND 2ND**

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!](#)

COVID-19 Symptoms

If a student or a staff member is exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms:

If a WPS student or staff member exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms [WPS Symptom Checker](#) they are required to stay home.

Parents/guardians or staff will be required to provide the school nurse with a negative PCR Test result or MD/NP note with an alternate diagnosis AND must be fever free for 24 hours and symptoms must be much improved, to be cleared to return to school.

***NOTE:** per our health department and MA DPH, WPS nurses will not accept home COVID-19 test results.

Summary of Covid-19 Scenarios:

Individual Tests Positive (PCR or Antigen) OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL	Individual Tests Positive while in WPS Test & Stay Program	Close Contact: Exposure occurs during school (0-3 ft. close contact while indoors) Unvaccinated & no symptoms	Close Contact: Exposure occurs during school (3-6 ft. close contact while indoors) Unvaccinated & no symptoms	Close Contact: Exposure occurs during school (0-6 ft. close contact while indoors) Vaccinated & no symptoms
<p>Must isolate for 10 days from day of symptom onset or from date of positive test result.</p> <p>Stay home from school/work.</p> <p>Notify school nurse</p> <p>Answer call from local health department (HD).</p> <p>HD will provide return to school information & requirements.</p> <p>The HD may require a PCR Test.</p>	<p>Parent/guardian will be called to pick up student. Staff member will go home.</p> <p>Must isolate for 10 days from the day of onset of symptoms or from the date of a positive test result.</p> <p>HD will contact family/staff member with return to school information</p>	<p>These students/staff qualify for Test & Stay (registration required).</p> <p>ONLY students in Test & Stay can attend school/school activities.</p> <p>Must quarantine when not in school.</p> <p>Parent/Student review WPS Symptom Checker daily before school. If any symptoms develop, stay home.</p> <p>Test & Stay: Parent/ guardian consent for participation</p>	<p>If asymptomatic, (no symptoms) student/staff may attend school/ school activities</p> <p>HD will contact the parent/guardian, staff.</p> <p>Must quarantine at home when not in school/school activities.</p> <p>Monitor for symptoms for 14 days.</p> <p>Must review WPS symptom checker daily before school - if ANY</p>	<p>Attend school and school related activities</p> <p>Monitor symptoms for 14 days</p> <p>Must review WPS symptom checker daily before school - if ANY symptoms stay home & obtain PCR Test.</p> <p>HD recommends a PCR Test on days 3-5 post exposure for all 0-6 ft. vaccinated, close contacts.</p>
		<p>Register for Testing here</p> <p>Students will be tested for 5 school days by CIC through day 7</p> <p>Student/Parent, Staff who OPT OUT of Test & Stay must follow full quarantine guidelines OPTION 1: Full 10 day quarantine at home OR OPTION 2: Quarantine at home. Obtain PCR Test on day 5 post-exposure and if negative and no symptoms, HD will clear for return to school on day 8 post exposure.</p>	<p>SYMPTOMS develop stay home & obtain a PCR Test.</p> <p>Students quarantine when not in school/school activities</p> <p>Obtain PCR Test on days 5-7 post exposure</p>	

COLLEGE VISITS

The following colleges will be visiting the **Guidance Office @ 8AM**
All Juniors and Seniors are welcome!

September 20th - University of Richmond & James Madison University

September 21st - University of Pittsburgh & Regis College

September 22nd - Washington University in St. Louis

September 23rd - Xavier University & University of Southern Maine

During WIN block - University of Connecticut (room A101)

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 the deadline. 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.

SNACK TIME!

Student Council will be having a cookie walk after school on **September 21st** in front of the school!

Pay \$3 to stuff as many baked goods into a bag as you can!

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 be interested in helping out other families, please [email Ms. Shanahan](#) or you can stop by Room C302.

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 will also be downtown selling pieces from previous years at the football game on **Friday, 9/24 from 5:30 - 9:00 PM**.

We hope to see your school spirit!

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](#)

THE NFSJ IS RECRUITING FALL INTERNS!

These part-time positions are available to Winchester high school students and will begin in **October**. Students will support the **Network for Social Justice's** programming and help to plan events and be involved in leadership and anti-racism trainings.

Applications are due by the end of the day **Friday, September 24th!**
To apply [email Liora](#)

FOLLOW WHS!

Want a peek into what is happening at WHS?

Check out our [twitter](#) and [instagram](#) feeds!

We highlight some of the creative, smart, inspiring things our WHS students do there!

STUDENT ID CARDS

All 10th-12th grade students should have their ID cards from last school year, and should be carrying them with them to school every day.

New and 9th grade students will receive their ID cards after school picture day.

PARKING PERMITS

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

Once registered, students must then see Ms. Hanlon in the main office or SRO Chiucarello with their license to receive the actual permit and guidelines for parking on campus.

A reminder that grade 11 students must have had their license for at least 3 months in order to qualify for a permit.

Students who do not have the pass
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARK IN THE STUDENT LOT

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](#)

CHEERLEADERS

The girls getting ready to cheer on the Football Team!





FIELD HOCKEY

The **Varsity Field Hockey** team had 2 wins! 8-0 against Reading and 6-0 against Wilmington! GO TEAM!





The **JV Field Hockey** team had 2 wins as well! **WAY TO GO!**



FOOTBALL

The boys had a tough loss (21-13) to Waltham at their first away game. **Senior Derek Gianci** had 2 touchdowns!





GOLF

The WHS Golf Team won their first two matches vs Concord Carlisle and Burlington on Tuesday.

Pictured are seniors, Niko Fortier, Brian Kavanaugh, Liam Doherty, and Philip Sughrue.



SOCCER

Winchester Boys Varsity Soccer, led by Senior Captains **Brian Shen**, **Jude Munson** and **Max Durand-Morris**, lost against Burlington 0-2 at their home opener on Tuesday and won 4-0 in Wilmington on Friday.

In Wilmington, goals were scored by **Juniors Arjan Biemans**, and **Soren Patel**, **Sophomores Owen Gallagher** and **Christian Calderon**.



The **Girls Soccer team** won a tough battle against Wilmington with the final score of 1-0 and had a great game against Burlington with a final score of 4-0.

SWIM & DIVE

The **Girls Varsity Swim & Dive team** had their second meet of the season against Burlington High School - water and air conditions were not ideal, but the girl still had some great swims and won 77 to 56!

SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS

200 Free: Morgan Landry

STATE QUALIFIERS

200 Free: Charlotte



Kaduson
200 IM: Elle Michaud



Cross Country Boys & Girls

The **Cross Country team** had a great time running the 3k McDougal Invitational at Tewksbury on Saturday. First meet against Wakefield will be this Tuesday, September 21st!

VOLLEYBALL

The **Girls Varsity Volleyball team** beat Reading 3-0 and Wilmington 3-0!

The **Junior Varsity** team won **2-1** against Reading and 2-0 against Wilmington and the **Freshmen** team won 2-0 against Reading and 2-0 against Wilmington!

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

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



MUSIC FEATURE THIS WEEK!

Our very own WHS Senior **Sophie Wilson** started the WFEE Town Day Race with her beautiful voice singing the National Anthem!

Here is a **CLIP** in case you missed it!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qbIXhKIQ3fEtIStJpDLa6EUSHsiPCITp/view?usp=drivesdk>

The Fall Play, organized by Curtain and Cue (**WHS Drama Club**), is upon us! If you want to learn important information about the Fall Play, please fill out **this form**.

Do you want to learn about the technical aspect of school plays and events?

Join the WHS Tech Crew!

Anyone interested in technical theater, sound production, lighting design, live broadcasting, and more should fill out **this form**. No experience is

necessary.

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

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. To learn more and get involved, come to our first meeting on **Thursday, September 23rd, at 3:15 PM, in room C109.**

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!

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.

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!

Join **Blitzball club** every Monday in **Mr Bond's Room B210 at 3:15 PM starting 9/20**. 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.

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!

Want to try out the sport of fencing? [Sign up](#) for the high school's first ever **Fencing Club**, which meets at **3:15 every Thursday** and trains outdoors on school campus.

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

The first meeting will be on **Thursday, September 23rd**.

We hope to see you there!

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!

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](#).

The **garden club** is back.

There are posters around the school with information on how to join.

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 !!!

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! This weeks topic is Resolved: Winchester High School should return to unmasked learning because of high vaccination rates in the community.

We'd love to hear your opinion and all are welcome!

If interested, please fill out [this form](#).

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!**

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

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

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!

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!

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

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.

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!

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in people's lives? **Village Mentors Club** is just the way to do that! We use online tools to mentor and support children in underprivileged communities as well as raise money to help them improve their schools and facilities.

Our first meeting is this **Tuesday 9/21 from 8:00-8:20 AM** in Ms. Costas' Room (A301). We hope to see you all there!

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

Senior Parent/Guardian College Application Info Night Thursday, 9/30 6:30 - 8:00 PM

This webinar shares highlights from the student workshops and outlines the college application process at WHS. The presentation will be shared on the WHS Guidance website the following day for those unable to attend.

[Join the webinar](#)

Any SENIOR who wants to qualify for the [Seal of Biliteracy](#), but has

not yet taken the ELA MCAS must see Ms. Conis right away to sign up for the November test.

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

PSAT is on **Saturday October 16th**, 8 AM at WHS.

All juniors can take the exam.

Forms are available in B208 and have to be submitted by **October 8th**.

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

PSAT is on **Saturday October 16th**, 8 AM at WHS.

Limited number of seats available for Sophomores.

Forms are available in B208 and have to be submitted by **October 8th**.

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

9th Grade Parent Information Session, **Tuesday, 9/28 9:00-9:30 AM**

The Guidance staff will be holding a brief informational Zoom to share information about WHS Guidance services and helpful tips for parents 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](#)

Class of 2025 Class Officers

Grade 9 students interested in running for class officer (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer) need to email **[Mr Dupuis](#)** to receive the forms to fill out.

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.

Winchester Public Schools Health & Safety Information

WPS COVID-19 Protocols

September 6, 2021

Dear Winchester Students, Families, Faculty, and Staff:

We hope you all have had a nice weekend! This message is to provide you with a few updates since school started last week.

COVID-19 Protocols

We understand the importance of regular communication regarding COVID-19 information and data, which we will provide in several ways throughout the continuation of the pandemic: (1) School **close contacts** are identified through contact tracing by Winchester Public School Nurses and the Winchester Health Department contact tracers. Close contacts will typically be notified within 24 hours of identification; (2) Our new **WPS Dashboard** is now available and is where you can find positive case counts by school, updated at least once a week (Fridays), and (3) The Town of Winchester's **COVID-19 Dashboard** is where you can find town-wide case counts, regional and state comparisons, as well as vaccination and testing information.

As we have previously shared, WPS will be offering a free and voluntary COVID-19 testing program for PreK-12. Testing will allow us to maintain in-person learning while ensuring that everyone is safe at school. We strongly encourage students and staff to participate. What are the benefits?

Keep Kids and Staff Safe: catch cases before they spread to other students and staff; Keep our Schools Open: prevent further time away from in-person learning and friends; Stop the Spread: prevent infecting another member of your household or community.

This Friday you will receive more details, including a link to a new WPS COVID-19 Testing Website, as well as registration information for the Test and Stay Program for students who have been identified as close contacts

to a COVID-19 positive individual while in school, but who are not showing symptoms.

Vaccination is a critical tool in keeping our students, staff, and community safe from COVID-19. Individuals who are vaccinated against COVID-19 are less likely to develop severe illness. Persons 12 years of age or older are eligible for vaccination. If you have not been vaccinated it is not too late! Please speak with your healthcare provider. You can also call your local pharmacy or visit [MA vaccination locations](#).

Finally, please make sure you are using the [Daily Symptom Checker](#) prior to sending your children to school, and do not forget to print & sign a copy of the [WPS Student Illness form](#) and return to your student's school nurse by September 15th.

Once again, you can find all kinds of information about COVID-19 protocols and the start of school at our [WPS 2021-2022 School Opening website!](#)



The Winchester Soccer Club TOPS program provides children with different abilities the opportunity to play soccer through rule and equipment adaptation. This adaptive program invites athletes ages 5+ to participate in a modified game of soccer once a week. The program is run by Winchester Soccer Club in collaboration with the Winchester Recreation Department.

Winchester Soccer Club volunteers called "Junior Coaches" are matched with a player during each session. The Junior Coaches will incorporate a

few formal activities to encourage learning of soccer but the goal of each session is for the coach and player to make a connection and have fun together. The Junior Coaches are Winchester students in grades 8-12. No specific training and no prior soccer experience is required. Junior coaching is a great opportunity to connect with TOPS players and provide them with an opportunity to participate in an athletic activity and to have fun! WSC organizers will be on hand to help.

The Fall 2021 program runs **Sundays, September 19th - November 14th** (no session on Sunday, October 10) from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at Skillings turf field.

Interested TOPS athletes and Junior Coaches please go to [Winchester Soccer Club](#) for more information and registration.



THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER IS GEARING UP FOR 3 DAYS OF CELEBRATING GLEN!

GDMF, with the Winchester Chamber of Commerce & the Town of Winchester, is so excited to announce the **First Annual Glen Doherty Spirit Weekend!**

Winchester raised a hero and we will never forget him.

Please join us, our local businesses, sports teams, youth organizations and community for a weekend of fun events.

FRIDAY 9/24/21:

4-10pm

Downtown Streets closed for outdoor/indoor shopping & eating

5:30-9:30pm

Live Music by: Jagged Image

5:30-8:30pm

Street vendors including our own Winchester students & athletes

7pm

Winchester Football Game vs. Reading

SATURDAY 9/25/21

More fun supporting our local businesses downtown

SUNDAY 9/26/21

12 noon

Our annual GDMF Memorial Road Race

Register at: <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=12297>

www.glendohertyfoundation.org

REGISTER

WINCHESTER A BETTER CHANCE (WABC)

Do you have ENTHUSIASM and ENERGY to share?
Join our volunteer team at Winchester A Better Chance !
Please contact "info@winchesterabc" to learn details.

Winchester A Better Chance (WABC) is a chapter of a national ABC program that provides academic opportunities for talented scholars of color. WABC houses our scholars during the school year, and is run through the efforts of a team of dedicated volunteers.

Volunteer roles range from small to large!
Come learn more about WABC and the volunteer roles in WABC
at the **Sept 25th** Farmers' Market!

Visit our [website](#)
Visit our [Facebook page](#)
Visit our [Instagram page](#)



We are back, IN PERSON!
Winchester, MA & Virtual Anywhere
Sunday, September 26 - 12 PM EST

Runners, walkers, volunteers, sponsors WELCOME!

Together the GDMF and Winchester community are creating a fun filled WEEKEND for everyone in honor of Glen.

We are partnering with the **Winchester Chamber of Commerce, Town Hall, local establishments** and **students** to support our Scholarship Program AND Glen's hometown of Winchester, MA! Stay tuned for more details.

We absolutely loved connecting with our GDMF family across the US and the globe in 2020. If you cannot be there in person on the 26th, please join us again VIRTUALLY!

RACE DETAILS

REGISTRATION:

On-Line: \$40 for Adults 5/10K | \$20 For Kids under 18
Race Weekend: \$50 for Adults | \$20 for Kids under 18
Virtual Race via the Charge Running App: \$40

RUCK DIVISION: Carry weighted pack of your choice. All participants will receive a GDMF Rucker Patch

TEAMS: Create or join a team! Prizes to the largest teams in person & virtually

T-SHIRTS: FREE to 1st 500 Registered Runners (Also available for purchase day of)

RACE WEEKEND:

9/25 BIB Pickup, 12-2 PM – Winchester library, large meeting room
Runners strongly encouraged to pick up bibs early to avoid day of lines!
New runner registration and GDMF gear sale.

9/26 Race Day BIB Pickup, 9:30-11 AM - The Jenks Center Parking Lot, 109 Skillings Rd

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE:

We are partnering once again with **Charge Running** to provide an awesome experience via their app and connect with all of our virtual

participants LIVE on race day.

Cannot run live? Sign up and run with us "on demand" and you can listen to the race day experience anytime and anywhere!

- LIVE start with Charge Running Coach who will MC throughout the race
- LIVE tracking and LEADERBOARD of your time and distance
- HEAR testimonials from our scholars - why your support means so much!

RACE SPONSORSHIP

Support the GDMF and our Scholarship Program by sponsoring the race!

We offer various levels and benefits starting at \$500. See a list of our sponsors below.

[Click here](#) to learn more about our opportunities or you can [email us](#).



Register for the Race



**Winchester
Indigenous Peoples' Day
Family Celebration**

**Farm Tours
Crafts
Storytime
Planting Activity
Much More!**

October 11, 2021

Drop in from 10-12

Wright-Locke Farm | 78 Ridge St | Winchester, MA

Event is FREE, but registration is limited

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4wd27wxp>

Presented by:

NETWORK
for **SOCIAL JUSTICE**
Educate · Engage · Activate



REGISTER HERE



Please join the Network for Social Justice on **Saturday, October 23, 2021**, as we once again offer our signature training, **Introduction to Leading Facilitation and Dialogue**.

Workshop Overview:

The purpose of this beginner's workshop is to empower community members to facilitate dialogues around topics that may be difficult, emotionally charged, or complicated. Participants will learn basic critical facilitation skills, including active listening, leading group brainstorm, curating concepts, and reaching collective understanding, if not conclusions, around pressing community or national issues.

Workshop Objectives:

- Creating a safe space to explore dynamics around having difficult conversations
- Providing an opportunity to build communication skills, active listening, and practice leadership and facilitation techniques
- Offering basic techniques and tools for facilitating a wide range of conversations, i.e. meetings, town halls, family dynamics, and community dialogues
- Giving individuals constructive feedback on facilitation techniques

Please fill out this [form](#) in order to help us better plan for the workshop.

Share this workshop information with friends, family, neighbors and community members!

[Email](#) with any questions.



Registration for Winchester Recreation's Fall Programs is open.

You can view our current Program Brochure/Offerings by clicking the Cover Image or PDF link located on the

[Winchester Recreation Department homepage.](#)

**COUNCIL OF SOCIAL CONCERN
FOOD PANTRY
2 Merrimac Street, Woburn, MA 01801
781-935-6495
Open to Woburn and Winchester Residents**



**Food Pantry Hours (By appointment only)
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:45 – 12:00
1:30 – 3:00**

**Wednesday Evenings
6:00 – 7:00
(for those working full-time or in school full-time)**

**If you cannot make an appointment an emergency box
can be picked up anytime
Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 4:30**

**If you cannot get to the Food Pantry or call, you can have someone call for you
or come by for food**

**If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please call
Paula Matthews, Food Pantry Director
(781) 935-6495 ext. 208**



Pantry Hours
by Appointment Only
Sundays & Mondays

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

[Email Enka Pantry](mailto:enkapantry@gmail.com)

Winchester Works

Fall 2021 Construction Season



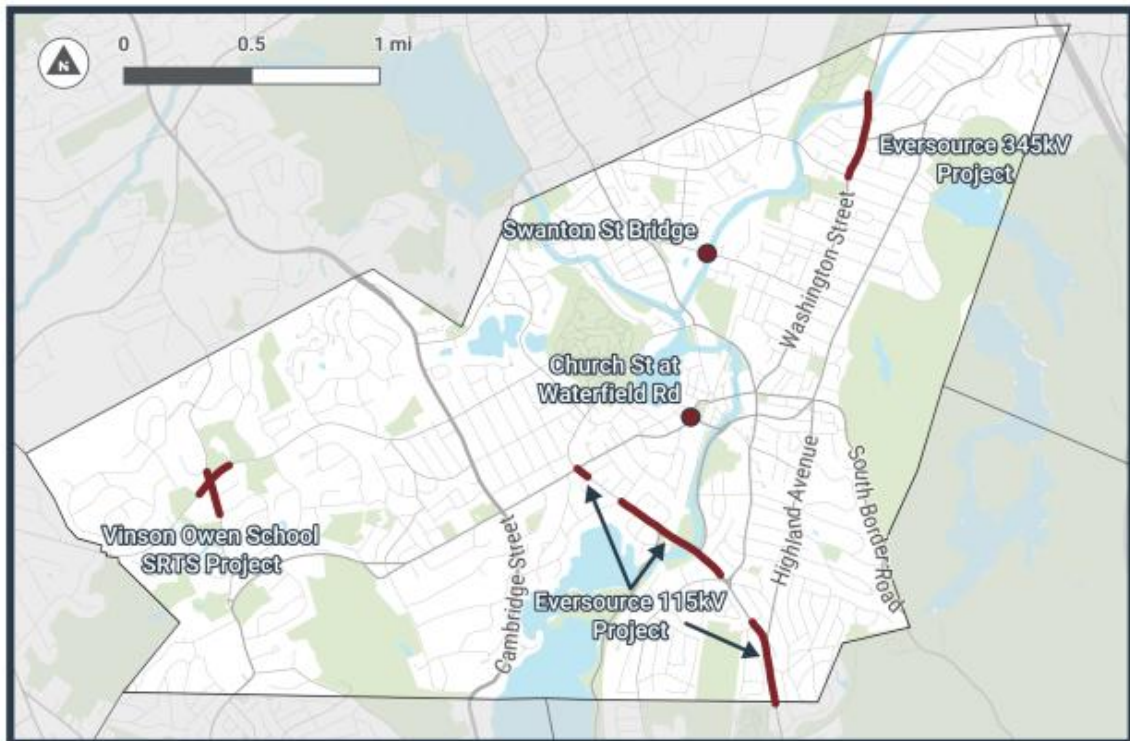
Church St at Waterfield Rd: Reconstruction of the intersection of Church St and Waterfield Rd will begin in late September or early October and continue through Fall 2021. The project includes traffic calming measures and improved pedestrian and bike facilities.
[link.com](#)

Eversource 115kV Project: Eversource will be continuing construction on the 115kV line through Fall 2021. Work will be focused primarily in the Bacon St corridor between Church St and Symmes Corner, and on Main St between Stowell Rd and the Medford line. Detours in this area are expected.
<https://www.winchester.us/505/115kV-Line-Mystic-to-Woburn>

Eversource 345kV Project: Eversource will be continuing construction on the 345kV line through Fall 2021. Crews will be working on Washington St in the area between the Aberjona River bridge and Cross St.
<https://www.winchester.us/506/345kV-Line-Woburn-to-Wakefield>

Swanton Street Bridge Flood Mitigation: Reconstruction of the Swanton St bridge will be on-going into Fall 2021. The road is closed to through traffic, but is open to the Transfer Station from the eastern (Washington St) side.
<https://www.winchester.us/704/Swanton-Street-Bridge-Project>

Vinson Owen School SRTS: MassDOT will be continuing construction on bike, pedestrian, and traffic improvements on Johnson Rd and Ridge St near the Vinson Owen School through Fall 2021. This project is funded through a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant.
[link.com](#)





Crafters Wanted

The Christmas Fair at the Parish of the Epiphany is on Saturday, November 20. We invite all crafters to join the fun as a vendor at the Fair.

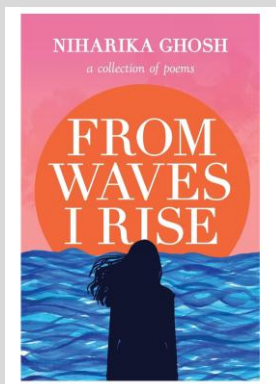
It's a

great way to sell your product to over 500 Fair attendees. We are especially interested in products that are about and for kids.

If interested, please [email us](#) for more information.

The Christmas Fair is an annual tradition loved by Winchester residents and neighboring town friends. This year our focus will be on safety. The parish has installed air filters and we are following all safety protocols.

ALUMNI NEWS



Congratulations - Niharika Ghosh, WHS Class of 2021!

Niharika Ghosh, who graduated from WHS in June, has a newly released self published book of poetry!

From Waves, I Rise: A Collection of Poems

Niharika's book is available on [Amazon!](#)

WINCHESTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Are you a WHS Senior? Are you a parent of a WHS student or alumni?

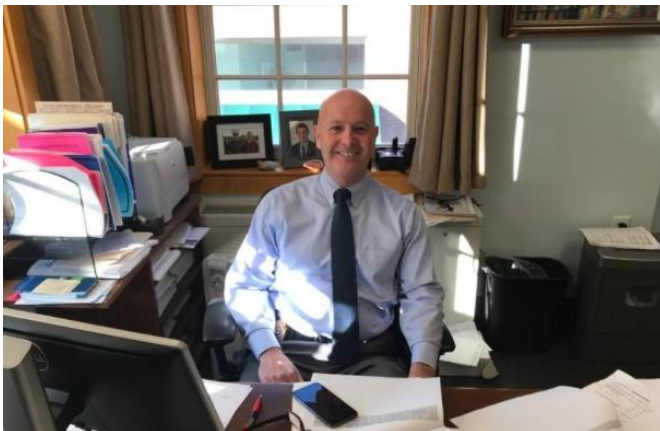
Are you a staff member of Winchester Public Schools?

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](#).



Check out our latest alumni spotlight!

Peter
MacDonnell
Class of 1978

The WHS Masked Staffer UNMASKED!



UNMASKED: **Ms. Rachelle Laine** our great Special Education support staff!

Thank you Ms. Laine for participating and helping us get to know you better!

Stay tune 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.