

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
May 22, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Good Morning WHS Families!

It seems hard to believe that this is the Seniors' final week of school! There is a fun-filled week in store and a beautiful prom at the Copley Fairmont Hotel on May 31st. We would like to thank our AMAZING WHS Staff Class Advisors: Marina Hanlon and Lindsey Quigley as well as our Class Parents: Maria O'Connor, Deb DePeter, Gina

Altaras & Tricia Syed! This group has worked tirelessly alongside the class officers for the past four years! Together they have planned an array of student and parent events as well as fundraised vigorously to ensure the Seniors have a fabulous prom & senior week! Thank you all so much! Much of this work is done behind the scenes and often goes unappreciated and we are VERY grateful!

Senior parents please scroll down for more "Senior" information including info regarding signing up for the Grad Party at McCall – link below. Deadline to sign your student up for Grad Party is Saturday, May 27th.



Freshman, Sophomore and Junior parents, we need your help with the Senior Grad Party! This party previously went all night but now (mercifully) ends at 1:30am. Senior parents are **not allowed** to help at this event so we rely on lower grade parents to help. Please pay it forward!! Click [here to sign up!](#) Remember, your child will have their night soon and you will want reliable chaperones to ensure the night takes place. Please volunteer!

- **LAST PFA Meeting of the year~ TONIGHT~** Monday, May 22nd at 7pm. In the Library. Join us as we wrap up an AWESOME year! We have lots of parents "graduating" from the PFA, please come bid farewell!

This past week was busy with Senior Awards, Strawberry Pops, Sports, first Freshmen Field Trip to Romeo & Juliet, and EnKa Fair fun. Enjoy some pictures of moments we captured! Have a wonderful week and as always, please reach out for any reason.

Fondly,
Brenda Mandile & Adrienne Spignesi
WHS Co-Presidents
whspfa@gmail.com

Our En Ka Fair is a much-anticipated community event for all! Below we captured WHS staff members enjoying the parade with family, students not only having fun but participating in the welcoming parade and many fellow WHS parents who volunteer at the fair – face painting, games, book tent, grilling, serving, ticket selling and so much more! THANK YOU to all who came to support our En Ka Fair and help spread joy and special memories to folks young and old! See you next year!



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WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[2022-2023 District School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 District School Calendar](#)

MON 5/22 - PFA Meeting 7pm, WHS Library

FRI 5/26 - Seniors Last Day of Class!

MON 5/29 - No School

WED 6/7 - World Language Awards Night, 7 pm, WHS Auditorium

FRI 6/2 - Graduation

THU 6/15 - Last Day of School!



PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-11 -- WE NEED YOU!

Parents of Winchester middle school and high school students are needed to help with the 2023 Graduation Party taking place on **Friday, June 2nd** from 9:00 pm to 1:30 am. We need help with party set-up, clean-up and the most fun job of all - party chaperones!

Grab a friend and help our graduating seniors celebrate this important milestone.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

If you have any questions, [email Maureen Conway](#).

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES!

The WHS Spanish Exchange program is looking for host families to accommodate students and teachers that are visiting us from Madrid, Spain for two weeks September 9 – 23, 2023. Hosting responsibilities include providing a bed, meals, and transportation to and from school unless you're in walking distance.

Please contact [Betsy Kean](#) for more information at bkean@winchesterps.org

or

whsspanishexchange@gmail.com

WINCHESTER GOT LUNCH

With summer break fast approaching it is time to make summer food plans. Did you know that Winchester Got Lunch provides **FREE** healthy lunch foods during the summer to Winchester children who typically receive free or reduced lunches during the school year?

This **confidential** ten-week program is easy to sign up for and consists of weekly deliveries to your home. Here's how it works: Monday mornings a bag of nutritious food is delivered to your door, including fresh fruits and veggies, with enough food for five lunches in each bag. This year, the first delivery will take place on Tuesday, June 20th, due to the holiday.

Winchester Got Lunch is a completely confidential program and protects the privacy of our families. The information you provide online is never disseminated to more than the registrar and your family is assigned a number for delivery purposes.

To enroll your child(ren) online go to winchestergotlunch.org and click on the Register tab at the top of the home page.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WGL

Winchester Got Lunch provides meals to those in need during summer months and is looking for student volunteers Monday mornings throughout the summer. There is no summer commitment, you can sign up for only the dates you are available. This is a great way to get community service hours! I can write you a letter stating you volunteered if needed or can sign off on your NHS application. For more information or to sign up, see link below. Please see Mrs. Beauchesne in room B113 if you have any questions.

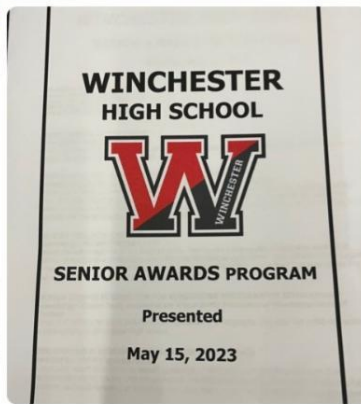
[Winchester Got Lunch 2023](#)

COLLECTION FOR WGL

Winchester Got Lunch is collecting TUNA (5 oz can) the entire month of May from WHS ! Please drop off in the box outside of the main office.

StarKist, Bumble Bee, Chicken of the Sea
Tuna in a can, one- maybe three?
Whatever you can donate, bring it into School
The WGL Kids will think you're super cool!

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS



CLASS OF 2023 ~ EVENTS

Please visit [WHS Class of 2023 Events, Prom and](#)

Commencement Plans for all the important details of upcoming activities for our seniors!

This Week's Activities:

Monday - Future T-shirt Day - optional photos at 7:45 a.m.

Tuesday - Neon Day

Wednesday - Senior T-Shirt

Thursday - Beach Day & Class Dinner 6:30 in Dining Commons

Friday - Dress up Day, Cap & Gown & Yearbook Pick up and Elementary School Visits

REGISTER NOW FOR CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION PARTY

The WHS Class of 2023 Graduation Party (formerly known as the "All Night Graduation Party") is the final opportunity for the entire graduating class to celebrate with great music, plenty of food and drinks, fortune telling, blackjack, and a live performance by the highly-entertaining comic hypnotist, Frank Santos!

**Friday, June 2, 8:30pm to 1:30am (enter by 9:30pm)
at McCall Middle School gymnasium**

The Deadline to Register is May 27!! Cost is \$60. {Financial assistance on request}

To request a personalized "E-Sign" link for your student, [email us](#) and a personalized "E-Sign" link will be sent to you which only takes a few mins to complete. If you have twins, etc. attending, please let us know that in the email ~ a personalized link is sent for each individual Senior.

Please note both Student & Parent signature is required on the registration form.

*If you prefer to print out and return a paper contract, please click [here](#).

*If you are in need of confidential fee assistance
or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at*

whsangpcommittee@gmail.com



LAST FEW DAYS TO ENTER VIP RAFFLES!

Enter the following Raffles for VIP privileges at Senior Events! The drawings will be held on Friday, May 26th at 7:00 PM. All entries must be received by **Friday, May 26th at 11:00 AM**. All Raffle tickets are \$23 each. Once you have entered the raffle by completing the forms below, VENMO payment to @whspfa. **GOOD LUCK!**

TWO VIP seats at graduation!

You will be up close to the action as your child closes out their incredible journey. There will be TWO winners of TWO seats each! Complete this [form](#) to enter!

VIP Parking at graduation!

There will be THREE winners for one VIP spot each. Complete this [form](#) to enter!

VIP Promenade Area!

There will be TWO winners for one VIP spot each. Complete this [form](#) to enter.

COLLEGE ATHLETE PICTURE DAY

Attention Seniors that are playing a sport next year in college. We will be having a picture day for all seniors playing a sport in college next year on **Wednesday, May 24th at 2pm** in the gym. Please wear your college shirts, hats, or whatever gear you want.

CLASS OF 2023 SENIORS



**CUE THE
CONFETTI**

ADVENTURE AWAITS...

WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING, DON'T GO ALONE
CONNECT WITH ALUMNI AS YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR NEXT STEP

JOIN THE **WINCHESTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

College Transitions - Professional Networking - Alumni News and Events
Winchester Alumni Association - winchesteralumni.360alumni.com

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!!

Tickets will go on sale the week of 5/29!



JUNIOR SOCIAL

Summer theme!

June 5, 2023 | 6:00 - 8:00 | \$20

Find us outside of WHS for Frozen Hoagies, a bouncy house, lawn games, music, & friends!

ORDER A WINCHESTER FLAG

Looking to show your Winchester pride maybe for the upcoming senior graduation or to celebrate the end of the school year, The Class of 2024 are selling Winchester flags for \$60! If you are interested in purchasing one please contact Danielle Adams at awesome.adams@yahoo.com!



CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

SOPHOMORE FIELD DAY

The Class of 2025 will be having FIELD DAY ON **WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH!!!** Join us for a day of games, food, and fun! Grab some Italian ice, a slice of pizza, and bond with your class :) This event will be from **5:30-7:30 PM** in the field next to the front parking lot. The fee is \$10 per person, and must be turned in by Tuesday, May 23.

We are looking for the following donations for field day at this [link](#).
Please encourage sophomore students to attend!

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

Our Freshmen Class had their first field trip last Thursday to Strand Theatre in Boston to see Romeo and Juliet! This version had a fun twist to it... want to know what it was?—ASK YOUR FRESHMEN!!! Thank you to Ms. Hight and Mr. Waddell for organizing and all the other wonderful English teachers! Also, thank you to all the chaperones who helped keep 8 bus load of students safe!



ROMEO + JULIET
By William Shakespeare
Directed By Bryn Boice

Romeo & Juliet: Stage 2

May 12 and 13
The Strand Theatre, Dorchester

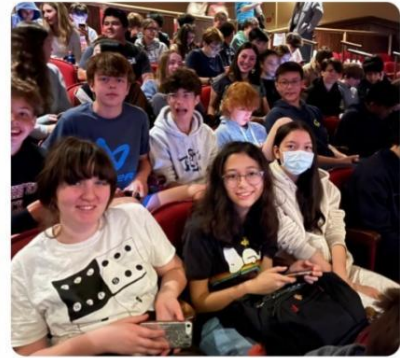
By William Shakespeare
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[Click For Tickets](#)

About

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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 SEASON IS IN FULL SWING! PLEASE [SEND US](#) SCORES, UPDATES AND PHOTOS OF STUDENT ATHLETES AND TEAMS IN ACTION! LET'S GO RED AND BLACK!

CROSS COUNTRY

There will be short meeting for anyone interested in cross country next fall on Tuesday, May 23 in the auditorium. The meeting will be right after school.

TENNIS

Winchester Boys Tennis lost a tough match to Lexington (1-4) but won over Reading (5-0) this week.

Pictured below are coach and Senior players Peter Chang, John DeMichaelis, John Howland, Logan Li, and Daman Bhalla.



Please support the Winchester High School **Boys and Girls** Tennis teams by participating in the annual team fundraiser on Saturday, June 3 at the Winchester Indoor Lawn Tennis Club.

The fun will include exhibition matches at 11 AM and a pickleball tournament at noon, as well as a raffle for tennis lessons and gift cards.

Cost to participate in the pickleball tournament is \$35. Further details [here](#):

Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Stop by to purchase at the event, or contact a member of the boys or girls tennis team.

**100% OF PROCEEDS SUPPORT WINCHESTER
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS!!**

PICKLEBALL

TOURNAMENT & EXHIBITION MATCH

• SATURDAY, JUNE 3. 11AM •

41 EAST ST, WINCHESTER, MA 01890 (BUILDING 1)

**ENTER RAFFLE TO WIN
FREE LESSONS & GIFT
CARDS!**

\$35 PER TEAM



**SIGN UP & GET MORE
INFORMATION BY SCANNING
THE QR CODE ABOVE!**

[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/VIEW/WINCHESTERTENNISFUNDRAISER/HOME](https://sites.google.com/view/winchestertennisfundraiser/home)

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Winchester Ultimate Frisbee teams had a fantastic weekend at the Pioneer Valley Invitational tournament in Northampton, MA, playing teams from as far afield as Ottawa and Washington, DC. The girls team was seeded 16th out of 24 teams and finished 13th; boys were seeded 30th out of 48 teams and finished 32nd.





VOLLEYBALL



JOIN US TO HELP SPIKE OUT ALS

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023


WINCHESTER HIGH vs. CAMBRIDGE RINDGE & LATIN

 JVA AND JVB AT 4:30PM &

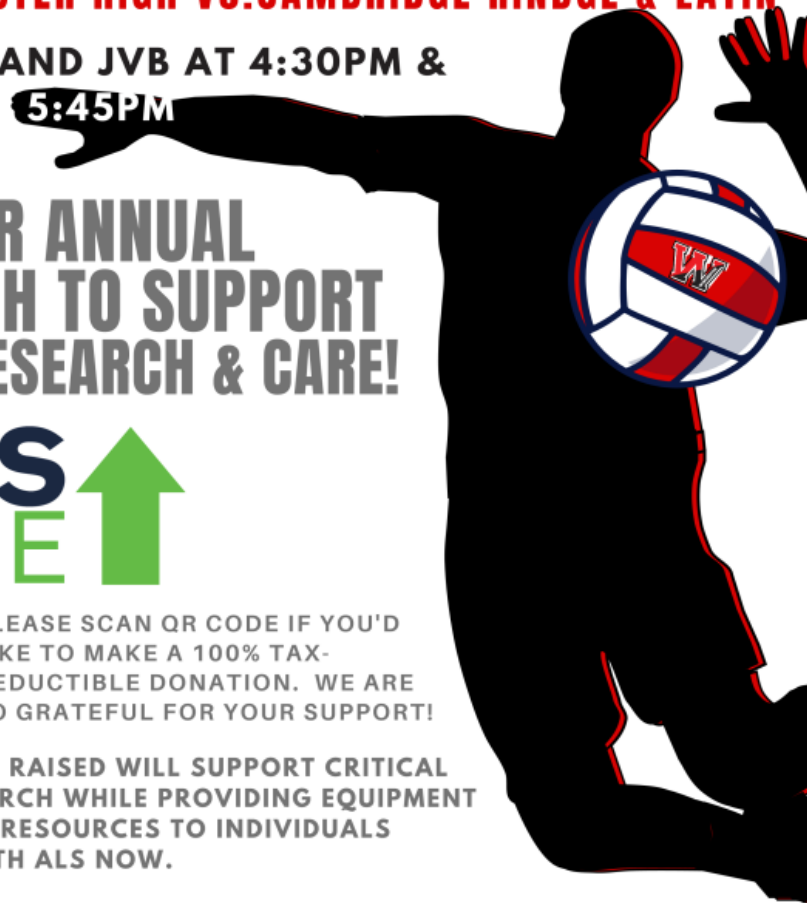
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IN OUR ANNUAL
MATCH TO SUPPORT
ALS RESEARCH & CARE!

ALS
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 PLEASE SCAN QR CODE IF YOU'D
LIKE TO MAKE A 100% TAX-
DEDUCTIBLE DONATION. WE ARE
SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT CRITICAL
ALS RESEARCH WHILE PROVIDING EQUIPMENT
AND CARE RESOURCES TO INDIVIDUALS
LIVING WITH ALS NOW.



TRACK & FIELD

Last Wednesday, May 17th our Track & Field team medaled in so many categories (shot put, javelin, discus, relays, distance and sprints) at the Middlesex League Championship! We are so PROUD of their continuous hard work! G-O Red and Black!!!



WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have updates or pictures of
WHS artists and performers **please email them to us!**

It was a SWEET night celebrating our Musical Seniors! Thank YOU to all the students and families who supported , donated items for the event, help set up, serve and clean up! We could not do it without nor would we want to! Please join us for our last **Winchester Friends of Music Meeting on Thursday, June 8th at 7pm , WHS LG room!**



WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

NEW EDITION OF THE RED & BLACK IS OUT!

The Red & Black School Newspaper's April/May Edition is out! Visit our updated website available to students and staff at www.whsredandblack.com, or pick up your physical copy outside the library. Read about WHS teachers guessing Gen Z slang part 2, school charity drives, Winchester sports, and more!

CONNECT & COMMIT COLLECTION

Connect & Commit is running a collection of exam prep books such as AP, SAT, PSAT, and ACT books. If you have an old book, please drop it off in the bin in the main office. It's a great way to get rid of old books you don't need any more while helping someone else at the same time! Please email 2404012@wpsstudent.com with any questions.

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.



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Winchester School Committee

Tom Hopcroft, *Chair*

Shamus Brady

Michelle Bergstrom, *Vice Chair*

Christian Nixon

Karen Maruyama Bolognese, *Recording Secretary*

Winchester School Committee & Winchester Select Board Joint Meeting

May 22, 2023: 7:00 PM

Winchester Town Hall, Select Board Room

71 Mt. Vernon Street, Winchester, MA

- I. Call to Order (7:00 PM)
- II. Discussion Regarding Lynch Project Solar (around 7:00 PM)
- III. Adjournment (around 7:45 PM)

Winchester School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023: 6:00 PM

*Winchester High School - Room LG1 (B118) on the first floor
80 Skillings Road, Winchester MA*

Live streaming via Wincam: <https:wincam.org/watch/education>

- I. Call to Order (6:00 PM)
- II. Welcome to New Student Representatives: Meher Shahrawat & Michaela Jens
- III. Public Hearing on School Choice (6:05 PM)
- IV. Consideration of Superintendent Recommendation on School Choice for the 2023-2024 School Year (6:20 PM)
- V. Public Comment (6:25 PM)
- VI. Report, Update & Action Items (6:40 PM)
 - A. Followup Discussion of Lynch Solar Project
 - B. Discussion of Committee Assignments
 - C. VOTE: Consideration of Maintaining all Fees at Current Rates for 2023-2024
 - D. Operations Update
 - E. 2023-2024 Business Office Structure Overview
- VII. Consent Agenda (7:30 PM)
 - A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2023
 - B. Consideration of Acceptance of Gifts / Grants
 - 1. \$3,000 WFEE Grant for McCall Middle School & Winchester High School
 - 2. \$18,181 Northeast Food for Schools Grant

- VIII. Superintendent, Chair & Student Remarks (7:35 PM)
- IX. Future Agenda Items (7:40 PM)
- A. June 13: Finalize Committee Assignments, Capital Presentation
 - B. Future Meeting Dates: Summer meeting dates (June-August)
 - C. Strategic planning & facilities workshop (summer 2023)
 - D. Superintendent evaluation (summer 2023)
 - E. Workshop (late summer 2023)
- X. Executive Session (around 7:45 PM)
- Purpose (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel;
 - Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Winchester Education Association (WEA), as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee.
- XI. Consideration of Approval (8:30 PM)
- A. Unit E 2023-2025 Contract
 - B. Working Group MOAs: Nurses, Special Education, Stipends
- XII. Adjournment (around 8:35 PM)
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Interested in learning more about what it means to be a Winchester ABC host family? Join us at a Q&A zoom session to hear about the time commitment involved (spoiler: it's weekends only and follows WPS vacation schedule), the supports systems in place, and the joy this experience can bring to your whole family. Several board members as well as current host family representatives will be on hand to answer all of your questions. Whether you are considering becoming a host family in the near future or in the 'someday', we'd love to meet you!

When: May 23, 2023 07:00 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0pce2uqzkvGdec5ywKRfa9N9NEfl26FJY5>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For more information, check out our website: www.winchesterabc.org

For questions or to apply contact us at info@winchesterabc.org

[REGISTER FOR WINCHESTER ABC ZOOM HERE](#)

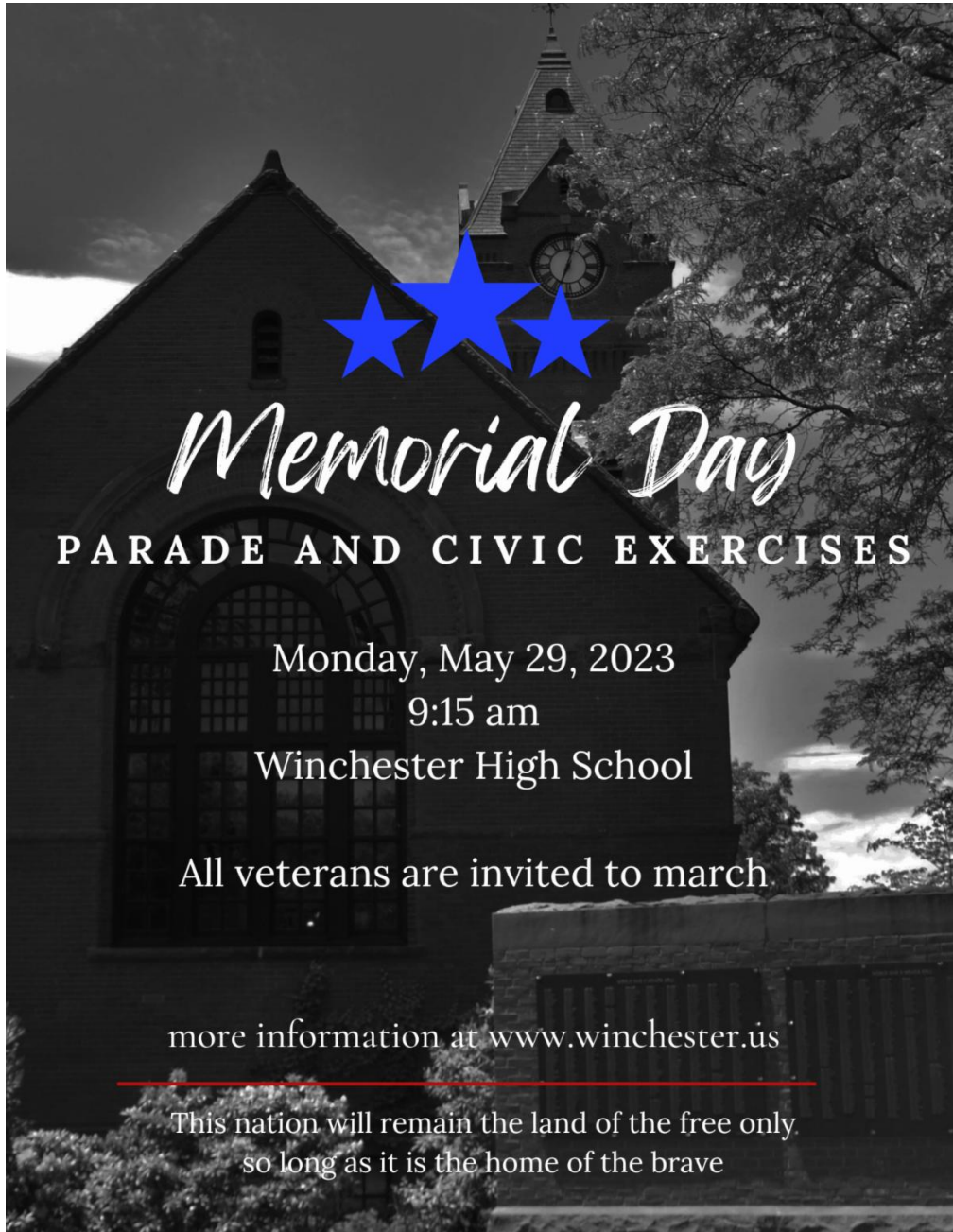


SCHOOL
THE WORLD

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Since 2013, Winchester High School students have participated in School the World's Service Learning Program. The organization offers service travel and cultural awareness opportunities in Central America. Join fellow peers this Summer in Honduras to build a school for children in need. Attend this upcoming virtual information session to learn more about School the World and this life-changing experience. **Virtual Info Session: May 24th @ 7:00 PM.**

[REGISTER HERE FOR SCHOOL THE WORLD](#)



Memorial Day

PARADE AND CIVIC EXERCISES

Monday, May 29, 2023

9:15 am

Winchester High School

All veterans are invited to march

more information at www.winchester.us

This nation will remain the land of the free only
so long as it is the home of the brave

WFEE TOWN DAY ROAD RACE

You Survived En Ka....

Now it is just two weeks to the WFEE Town Day Road Race on June 3rd. Remember, the elementary school with the most sign ups

receives a \$250 grant. New this year, you can sign up a team of 5 for \$100. Register on line at wfeetowndayrace.racewire.com. The Race starts and ends in front of the Griffin Museum of Photography, day of registration opens at 7am, the Race starts at 8:30 am. All funds raised support innovative and creative grants at Winchester schools.

Go to www.wfee.org for more information.

ROTARY CLUB



OF WINCHESTER

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ON TOWN DAY



Start your Town Day with a
yummy pancake breakfast
8:00-11:00 AM

June 3, 2023

More information & tickets here:



New location:

**Hope Christian
Church**

58 Mt Vernon Street
next to Jenks Center



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