

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
January 23, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Good Morning WHS Parents and congratulations on completing the first semester! (Remind your students that today is Day One of a potentially new schedule).

Don't forget the first PFA Meeting of 2023 is tonight, Monday, January 23rd at 7pm in the WHS Library. School Resource Officer Mike Chiuccariello, aka 'Officer Chic', will be our special guest speaker. This is a great time to find out the good and possibly the concerning of what is going on within the walls of WHS and the community. If you have a specific topic or questions you would like Office Chiuccariello to address, please send us an [email](#) so we can get those questions to him ASAP.

Good News! Our WFEE Trivia Bee Parent Team is complete. Thank you to Tricia Favreau, Sampath Krishna and Gretchen Clarke for coming together and forming a parent trifecta. They will be competing against Mr. Mahoney and his staff team as well as many other smart and clever trios. Stay tuned for the results and wish all of our parent, staff and student teams good luck!

We wish your students a wonderful second semester, and as always, please reach out for any reason.

Very fondly,
Brenda Mandile & Adrienne Spignesi

WHSPFA Co-Chairs
whspfa@gmail.com

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022-2023 District School Calendar

Q3: January 23- April 7

Mid quarter: Friday, March 3

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

Mid quarter: Monday, May 15

Seniors' last day of classes: Friday, May 26

MON 1/23 - PFA Meeting 7PM~ Library

MON 1/23 - Q3 begins and runs through April 7th

FRI 1/27 - Multicultural Night

TUE 1/31 - Early Release Day

COVID REPORTING

WPS COVID-19 Reporting Form: If your student tests positive for COVID-19, please fill out this [reporting form](#) to receive important isolation and return to school information.

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

CAP AND GOWN TIME!

It's Cap and Gown Time! Please log on

to highschool.herffjones.com to place your order. Click on login and set up your account. Type Winchester in the “find your school” box, click on Winchester High School and place your order. The website is now active so place your order as soon as possible! The cost is \$23.00, this includes cap, gown and a 2023 red and black tassel.

FUTURE DATES FOR PLANNING

Friday, May 26 ~ Seniors' last day of classes

Wednesday, May 31st ~ Prom at the Fairmont Copley Plaza

Friday, June 2nd ~ Graduation & All Night Graduation Party

More details in Spring.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPEN

Applications for the Christopher Mitropoulos Memorial Scholarship are due April 8th for the Class of 2023. Please see the guidance office and Naviance program for more information.

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

UPDATE

We have a lot of exciting events coming up for the Junior class as they enter the second half of this year and lead up to their senior year! First up is the Junior Snow Ball ,a semi-formal on **Friday, February 3rd** (keep an eye out for future emails from PFA for details).

Thank you to the generous parents who filled the class's wishes in record time!! More opportunities to help specifically for the dance will be coming next week so keep an eye out!

Thanks again from the Class of 2024 Officers!

SAT/ACT PRACTICE

Once again the Class of 2024 is partnering with Revolution Prep to offer a practice SAT and ACT to our students. See below:

SAT Practice Exam: Saturday, February 11th, 2023 | 9:00am - 1:00pm EST | Live Online!

ACT Practice Exam: Saturday, February 11th, 2023 | 9:00am - 1:00pm EST | Live Online!

*\$20 proceeds go to Winchester High School

Step 1: Register

here: <https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/415>

Step 2: Schedule a free 30-minute score report review with a Revolution Prep testing expert to help you interpret the results and develop a customized plan to prepare. Please schedule this appointment for the few days after the exam. You can pre-schedule this Score Report Review here: www.revolutionprep.com/david-zimbalist

Step 3: Attend the mock exam and get your results immediately with Revolution Prep's mobile scoring app!

NOTE: THIS IS AN ONLINE TEST - take a practice SAT or ACT from the comfort of your own home.

Questions? If you have questions or want to learn more about Revolution Prep, you can reach out to David Zimbalist at (617) 640-0744 or by email at david.zimbalist@revolutionprep.com.

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOPHOMORES, make sure to fill out [this form](#) to fill your March calendar with fun class activities, mainly....YOUR CLASS DANCE!! All funds go to your SENIOR PROM!!! We are excited to hear back from you all!

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS



Freshman Movie Night

Date: Tuesday, January 31st

Location: Winchester High School Auditorium

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

(6-6:30pm snacks in the café followed by the movie in the auditorium)

Movie: Class will be voting on it! Stay TUNED!

Calling Freshmen Families! We would love help with concession snacks – please consider...

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Thank you!

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](#)**



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Please send us updates!

BOYS BASKETBALL

Congrats to the boys basketball team on an amazing experience at TD Garden on Saturday. Thanks to everyone who got up early to support the team. We appreciate it as you helped raise over \$1,900 for ALS One. Congrats to Milford. The team will be raising money again next year alongside Milford to help fight ALS.



BOYS HOCKEY

Please send us updates!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Winchester Girls Basketball team is off to possibly their best start in school history at 9-1.

The Friday January 13 matchup featured two State heavyweights with 7th ranked Woburn handing 14th ranked Winchester their only loss thus far.

Led by **Captains Ceci Kelcourse, Claire English,** and **Emily Collins**, the girls look to bounce back tonight in their home game against Wakefield.



GIRLS HOCKEY

Girls Hockey gathered for some street hockey and community service as they collected food items for the ENKA Food Pantry.



GYMNASTICS

Please send us updates!

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

At Sunday's State Relays at Reggie Lewis our WHS Team is still RUNNING, SHOT PUTTING and JUMPING STRONG! G-O Red & Black G-O!!!



wintrackfield
Raggle Lewis Track and Athletic Center



wintrackfield Another good week for the team closed out by a strong meet from our 9th and 10th grade standouts!

The qualified athletes list continues to grow with

@tessa_geddes qualified for the Championship bracket at Nationals in the 600m while simultaneously breaking the Winchester school record with a time of 1:38.91

@dannyk7723 qualifying for the Rising Star championship at Nationals in the 55m

Parker Chao qualified for the Freshmen Nationals bracket in the 600m

@carolineherlihy677 qualified for states in the shot put

@jay.lepore qualified for states in the 1000m

@kuzeyalkankaya qualified for states in the 55m

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Please send us updates!

SWIMMING

The boys had a very busy week with 3 meets! They're off to the League meet on Thursday 2/2 at Bentley College. Good Luck Boys!

vs. Burlington

The meet started with Winchester winning the 200 Medley Relay
(Ethan Guo, Captain Kaden Salvietti, Seamus Sullivan &
Captain Allen Huseinovic)

Ethan Guo won the 200 IM and the 100 Back

Captain Gabe Guo got second in the 200 IM

Benny Chen got 2nd in the 50 free

Captain Allen Huseinovic won the 100 Fly and the 500 free

Seamus Sullivan got 2nd in the 100 fly

The boys got 2nd in the 200 Free Relay
(Nathan Liu, Cillian O'Connor, Captain Gabe Guo & Benny Chen)

Captain Kaden Salvietti won the 100 Breast and Cillian O'Connor got 3rd

The boys finished the meet strong by winning the 400 Free Relay
(Ethan Guo, Seamus Sullivan, Captain Kaden Salvietti &
Captain Allen Huseinovic)

vs. Arlington/Watertown

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(Ethan Guo, Captain Kaden Salvietti, Captain Gabe Guo &
Captain Allen Huseinovic)

Captain Allen Huseinovic - got 2nd in the 100 free and qualified for Sectionals. He won the 100 back and qualified for Sectionals in that too!

Ethan Guo - got 2nd in the 200 IM and 2nd in the 100 back

vs. Reading

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(Ethan Guo, Captain Kaden Salvietti, Seamus Sullivan and
Captain Allen Huseinovic)

Ethan Guo got 3rd in the 200 IM and he won the 100 Back

and qualified for Sectionals

Benny Chen got 2nd in the 50 Free

Captain Allen Huseinovic won the 100 Fly. He also won the 500 Free
and qualified for Sectionals.

Captain Kaden Salvietti got 3rd in the 100 Free and won the 100 Breast

The boys 200 Free Relay got 3rd
(Captain Gabe Guo, Cillian O'Connor, Easton Halsey & Benny Chen)

The boys finished the meet by getting 2nd in the 400 Free relay
(Ethan Guo, Seamus Sullivan, Captain Kaden Salvietti &
Captain Allen Huseinovic)



GIRLS TENNIS

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in playing Girls Tennis this Spring on **Tuesday, January 31st** at 7:55am in the auditorium.

WRESTLING

Winchester had a tough loss to Melrose on Thursday night 18-63.

Winchester had pins by **Anthony Donlon, Finn Paragas and Hudson Yimoyines.**

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER



Check this section for updates about Arts, Music & Theater events and opportunities at WHS.

If you have pictures or updates about WHS student performances and work **[please email them to us!](#)**

PERFORMERS NEEDED: MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Calling all performers! Student Council is looking for anyone who would be interested in performing at Multicultural Night on **Friday January 27**. Anyone is allowed to sign up and showcase whatever talents they choose from a country/culture! These performances will take place from 7pm to 8pm. The sign up form can be found here. For any further questions, feel free to reach out to **[Aden Huang](#)**.

APRIL DISNEY TRIP DEADLINE

Final call for any student enrolled in band, chorus or orchestra to register for our performance trip to Disney World in April. If you are planning on going and have not yet registered, please see your music teacher ASAP as final travel arrangements are in process.

Thank you!

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

ESPORTS CLUB

The Esports Club is actively recruiting members for Rocket League, League of Legends, Hearthstone, and more for the winter season. Interested in competing for WHS against other schools? See Dr. Glenwerks in room B205 or Ms. Pellegrini in room B201 for more information.

FIGURE SKATING

Congrats to the WHS Figure Skating Club member **Lauren Corr** for doing well in their individual event this weekend at the Pawtucket and Providence Open in Providence, RI!

Well done!

INTERACT CLUB

Interact Club is taking part in a belt and sleeping bag drive with Quincy C.O.P.E Community for the homeless. We are taking belts 34+, and you can drop any used or new belts and sleeping bags in the box marked 'Belts and Bags' in the main office. You can also donate at this [link](#).

RED CROSS CLUB

Winchester Red Cross Club will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the gymnasium on **Friday, January 20** from **8 am-1 pm**.

If you would like to donate please sign up [here](#). Donations will take place every 15 minutes.

Please make sure to review all eligibility requirements before signing up to donate and bring some form of ID with your date of birth along with the consent form if you are 16-17!

Requirements and [Parental Consent Form](#).

We are also looking for five student volunteers for each thirty-minute time slot, to help the drive run smoothly. Just as a reminder, helping in with this drive, whether donating or just volunteering makes a huge difference and these hours will count for volunteering hours!

If you would like to volunteer to help run the drive, please use this [Link](#).

If you have any questions, see Ms. Bremhorst in the gymnasium

FINANCE CLUB

Are you interested in learning more about the world of finance? Join the WHS Finance Club and expand your knowledge on investing, budgeting, and more! We meet every WIN Red in the cafe to discuss current financial events and topics, as well as explore career opportunities in finance and related fields. Through guest speakers, activities, and presentations, you will gain valuable financial knowledge that is applicable in the real world.

HEALTHCARE AND OCCUPATIONS

Healthcare and Occupations Club is back! On Friday, **January 20th** from **7:00-8:00 pm** EST, we are welcoming Dr. Rainer Weiss, an American physicist who won the Nobel Prize in 2017 for his contributions to gravitational wave astronomy, for a zoom presentation. If you are interested in hearing about his life, work, and achievements, please fill out this [form](#).

For any questions or for more details, please do not hesitate to

contact [us here.](#)

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.

Make Your January Appointment Today!



**Food 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.

Transportation available upon request.

Email EnKa Pantry

WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL

LOTTERY APPLICATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 27th: The Winchester Integrated Preschool is now accepting applications for the lottery through January 27th for the 2023-2024 school year. Please visit Winchester Preschool's Website to learn about the preschool program and the application process, as well as to complete and submit an application form for the lottery. Please email scasey@winchesterps.org with any questions.

WINTER GIRLS LACROSSE CLINICS

Winchester Recreation will be offering winter clinics for high school players at WHS on Sundays from 6:30-8pm on 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/26, 3/5 & 3/12. Clinics are open to new and experienced players. Visit www.winrec.com for more information and to register.



January Workshop Weeks – January 16–26, 2023

Join Winchester Community Music School for fun, music-themed workshops led by our exceptional faculty. There's something for all ages including "Play Me a Story," "Family Folk Dance," "Yoga for Musicality," "Rhythm World Adventure," and much more! Workshops are \$15 for general public and free for WCMS students.

Uke-a-Palooza Concert – Saturday, January 28, 4:00 PM

More than 25 ukulele students of all ages will hit the stage at

Winchester Community Music School to perform toe-tapping tunes from folk to Americana to pop & rock. Under the direction of WCMS faculty member Tad Hitchcock, featured performers include students from the WCMS group ukulele program and Kids' Corner ukulele class. They will be joined by Zachariah Hickman on lap steel guitar and Guitar Department chair Ben Bourgeois. The program will be livestreamed on the WCMS YouTube channel, and limited in-person \$5 tickets are available online or at the school.

For all WCMS programs visit www.winchestermusic.org for more information, or call 781-721-2950.



JANUARY 28TH 2023

The Winton Club is proud to announce [Viva Las Winton](#), happening January 28, 2023. Sure to be the hottest ticket in town, so get yours while they are still available!

Click [Winton Casino Night](#) to order your tickets online.

A fabulous evening filled with chances to win great prizes and silent auctions, while socializing over snacks and drinks with friends. Loads of fun even if you're not a gambler! All proceeds go to A Caring Place and the Paxman Scalp Cooling program at Winchester Center for Cancer Care. This system allows cancer patients the opportunity to preserve their hair as they undergo chemotherapy.

Can't make it but want to contribute to the cause?

Consider donating to our fundraising efforts by clicking [here!](#)

Sponsorship opportunities available for the evening event.

Contact [Mary Ducharme](#), Casino Chairperson for details.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

A skills-based training course



"It really gives you the skills you need to identify — and ultimately help — someone in need. Because you never know when these kinds of skills might be useful."

Michelle Obama

January 31 & February 2
10:00 to 12:30pm (2 sessions)**
Town Hall, Winchester Room

If you live or work in Winchester [CLICK HERE](#) to register
(deadline 1/27/23)

Learn how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance-use challenges among adolescents ages 12-18. Instructors will discuss trauma, self-care, and the impact of social media and bullying. You'll build skills and the confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to young people who are struggling.

**Individuals must complete both days of the in-person instruction and approximately 1.5 to 2 hours of online pre and post course work to be certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered.

Questions? winchestercoalition@gmail.com



Sometimes first aid isn't a bandage or CPR or calling 911.
Sometimes first aid is **YOU.**

[Click Here to Register](#)

Email Questions



WINCHESTER INFO SESSION!

Learn about our
APRIL + JULY TRIPS!



January 31 @ 7PM
Winchester Public Library.



- BUILD A SCHOOL
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- FULFILL SERVICE HOURS
- CHANGE LIVES!



Learn more at schooltheworld.org

Click here for School the World Website



Have you heard about **Winchester ABC** but aren't really sure what it is? Are you already a supporter of **WABC** but want to get more involved?

We will be holding an information session on
Wednesday February 1st at 7pm
in the large meeting room at the Winchester Public Library.
We will share more about our mission to support
educational opportunities for young men of color and various
volunteer opportunities – including our much needed host family role.

Please come by and meet us!
For more information, check out our website: www.winchesterabc.org
For questions contact us at info@winchesterabc.org

THE BUZZ BUILDS!



With only weeks to go, slots are quickly filling up for the WFE Trivia Bee on **Feb. 8th**. Sign up your team of three now at www.wfee.org, the fun starts at 7pm with 7 rounds of trivia plus a Championship Round. Winners of each round advance to the Championship Round plus this year there will be one wild card team. Even if you don't win your round your time might be chosen at random to participate in the Championship Round. It is a fun excuse to get out of the house when February is seeming a little glum. All funds raise support Winchester's teachers and students through WFE Grants.

Sign up your team for the Bee.



educate • encourage • empower

An Evening with the Superintendent

Dr. Frank Hackett

Thursday, February 9

7:30 PM

Zoom Webinar



Winchester Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Frank Hackett, will provide an informal forum for parents and caregivers to hear about a wide range of topics and issues in the schools.

REGISTER HERE

SUBMIT QUESTIONS HERE

ALUMNI NEWS



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](#).

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.



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