

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
February 27, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Good Morning WHS Families,

Welcome back everyone and we hope you had a restful break! We have decided NOT to reschedule our Jan 23rd PFA Meeting which was cancelled due to snow. Instead, we hope to see everyone at our next regularly scheduled PFA Meeting on Monday, March 13th at 7pm in the WHS Library. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Chakladar who has graciously agreed to speak about **WHS's National Honor Society**. If you have ever wanted to know how your child may participate in the NHS or what it entails once they are members, now is your chance to gain all the details and information from the main source. If you have questions you would like Ms. Chakladar to address, please email us in advance so she may prepare. You can email your questions to us [here](#).



A HUGE thank you to all the PFA Families who contributed to this year's **Cupid Cafe** by donating a roomful of sweet treats. The smiles on the staff faces filled our valentine hearts and they passed on many "thank you's" to all of you. ... so **THANK YOU!** from WHS Teachers and Staff.

A few upcoming events parents have been asking about:

- The **Social Studies** department is still looking for volunteers for the Annual Financial Literacy Fair. This is a super fun volunteering opportunity for all parents. Find more information and register [here](#).
- **Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community** is pairing with Winchester Parent Organizations to bring us a special screening of the documentary "**Chasing Childhood**" as well as a chance to attend a discussion with Professor Peter Gray. This is a free screening for all parents of any age student. If interested, please reserve your spot [here](#).
- **Spring Sports Registration** is happening now! For more information or to register your child, click [here](#).
- **Italian Students are coming!** And they need host families. Please Help! If you are willing to host an Italian student for a short period of time or would like more information, please contact Prof. Ferretto [here](#).

As always, please reach out for any reason and have a wonderful week!

Brenda Mandile & Adrienne Spignesi
WHS Co-Presidents
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

WED 3/8 - No School

MON 4/17 - FRI 4/21 - No School - April Vacation

THU 4/27 - Early Release Day

WHS SPANISH EXCHANGE TRIP

The WHS students are having a great time in Spain!





CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Science Olympiad Team which got 4th out of 41 teams at the Harvard SciOly Invitational!

Congratulations to **Jennifer Wu, Azrael Ke, Heneni Doug, Sandra Tang, Ryuu Fernando and Natasha Dalvi** for placing top 3 in their respective events and winning a medal!

And special congratulations to **Jonathan Chang, Arsen Bagdassarian and Nate Finley** for placing 1st and winning gold medals in their events!

WE NEED HOST FAMILIES

Dear Italian students and families,

We are still in need of several families. We realize this is a bit of an undertaking, but I promise that it will be a very enriching experience for the whole family and mostly for your student who takes Italian. If you have questions or concerns, [please email Tanya Ferretto](#) and we can talk in person.

Thank you,
Tanya

I am so happy to inform you that 23 Italian high schoolers from the Liceo Berti (Mogliano Veneto, Treviso, Italy) are coming to visit us in a few months: **from Friday March 24th to Tuesday April 4th**. They are mostly 16-17 years old.

Their teacher, Beatrice Riovanto, who teaches English, will come with another teacher who will assist her. I have known Beatrice for several years, and she has been my guest for all her prior trips with students here at WHS. I will be the liaison and I will work with her in organizing their field trips.

Beatrice Riovanto has brought her students three times already, and each time they have been very successful trips.

Each of the students, as we have done in the past, will live with a host family. During the day they will go on field trips, but in the afternoon and evening they will spend time with their American “families”. The students are hoping to spend the weekend with the families in order to really have the “American” experience. Also, usually, the Italian students shadow their student-hosts in school for at least 2 days. This is possibly the best part of their experience and always gives rise to many cultural comparisons.

This has always been a great exchange of culture, language and the budding of long-lasting friendships.

In order to make this dream come true, we need your support. We

would like to have one host family for each student who is coming to visit. I am sending out a Google form for you to sign up and to best match your child with the Italian student. Google form [LINK](#)

Host family responsibilities are:

1. Provide a room, lunches and dinners (lunch is flexible as there are days in school and also field trips)
2. Spend the evenings and weekend with the student(s)
3. Welcome the student(s) to their lives so that the student(s) can experience the true American life
4. We will need some carpooling organization for airport pick up and drop off on arrival and departure

Your child's responsibility:

1. Welcome the Italian student(s) by including the student in their daily life (they could go to practice together, theater rehearsal etc.)
2. Enjoy this enriching experience

Once you give your availability, I will set up a meeting with the host parents to further explain and to answer questions.

All parents will be given my cell phone number and will be able to contact me and the students' teacher any time during the students' stay. Their teacher will be staying with me.

As we get closer, I will send out a detailed schedule of their field trips. In general, we will try to have them arrive in school in the morning with your child and return in time to leave the school with your child.

Best Regards,
Tanya Ferretto

PARKING PERMITS

Parking passes for Seniors and Juniors are now available!

Please fill out the [Google Form](#) and then see Ms. Hanlon in the

main office or Officer Chiocciariello with your license to get your hang tag.

Please remember Juniors need to have had their license for 3 months before they can receive a pass.

BUILDING UPDATES

We wanted to let you know about some changes to our school building that will be in place when you return from February break. Please know that these changes are to make sure that our school continues to be a safe place for students who want to use our space after school for studying and for extracurricular clubs and sports.

The changes that will impact you the most are outlined below:

- The building's after-hours doors, #1 and #7, will start electronically locking at 7:30 pm (instead of the usual 9 pm). For students participating in after-school clubs, this may mean some adjustments to times your club/activity meets. If so, please speak to your advisor to find new or adjusted meeting time.
- We will be asking all club advisors AND coaches to escort their students out of the building at the end of the meeting for after-school meetings and events.
- Doors 15 and 20 will no longer be open for students to enter the school in the morning. Doors 1 (front of the building) and 15 (out back by the woodshop) will be open to students in the morning. Door 1 from 7:30-8:30 am (as per usual, and this door will be staffed during this time), and door 15 from 8-8:30am.

- Doors 1 and 7 (by athletics) are the only doors that will be open after school, and they will only remain unlocked until 7:30pm.

Please be aware that the dining commons will remain an unsupervised space after school at this time. Students are only under supervision when they are participating in clubs or sports practices and games.

We ask that students who are in the building after school for any sports/clubs/activities remain with their advisor until they leave the building.

We appreciate your cooperation.
WHS Administration

CRADLES TO CRAYONS

Cradles to Crayons is a nonprofit organization that provides school supplies and clothing to children who are homeless or have low income. Cradles to Crayons is collecting donations for pajamas for children ages 12 months to 20 years old. All pajamas must be new!

If you would like to donate please drop new pajamas in the bin labeled “Cradles to Crayons Pajamas Drive” located in the **main office** from **now until March 15th**.

Our goal is to donate 200 pajamas!

If you want more info [click here](#) or [email](#)

Thank you for your support!

FINANCIAL LITERACY FAIR

The Social Studies department at WHS will host a Financial Literacy Fair for the entire Junior class (Grade 11) on the afternoon of **Wednesday, March 15th**. This Fair will introduce students to the financial basics of post-collegiate life.

We are looking for volunteers from the community to assist with the Fair. Volunteers will help guide students through their activities, provide deeper explanations for any of the financial tasks, and/or help with the Fair's functioning. If you've made any adult decisions like getting a job, buying a car, or renting an apartment, then you have the required experience to assist us!

The Fair should run for about one hour, from approximately 2:00-3:00 PM. Volunteers should arrive at WHS between 1:30 PM and 1:45 PM, in order to receive assignments and a short training before the Fair begins. More information will be provided to volunteers in advance.

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this [Google form](#).

Please forward this notice to any interested parties or local organizations.

If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact [Scott Spencer](#) or [Andrew Langlois](#) at Winchester High School.

Best wishes,
Scott & Andrew

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

The Class of 2023 Spring Event Schedule

SENIOR T-SHIRT

Attention Seniors! If you are interested in purchasing a Senior T-shirt, please fill out the form below by **March 3rd**.

The T-shirts will be **\$20** each, and payments will be collected when you pick them up. Thanks so much!

[Order Here!](#)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Mom's



BUNCO

Night

PROCEEDS
GO TO
WHS
SENIOR
CLASS



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

THURS, MARCH **16** 7PM - 10PM

Lohnes' House

80 Myopia Road, Winchester 01890

DROP OFF ONLY

*Wear your GREEN it's the theme!
And bring some green for fun raffles!*

Roll the dice and celebrate our Seniors one last time!
Many moons ago, the Winchester Neighbors Club hosted Bunco every month for Moms to escape the bedtime routine and see their friends. Now, it's our time to come back together before our Seniors walk across the stage at graduation. Bring your friends and the luck of the Irish and play the game of bunco.

No experience necessary! Bunco is easy and FUN!

LAST CHANCE 10 SPOTS LEFT!

Sign-up NOW! Don't miss out on this special night! This is an adult event and drop-off only (no parking). Snacks, desserts, and beverages will be provided.

Bring some cash for your chance to win a raffle!
Can't come but still want to contribute? Or love making raffle baskets?

We would LOVE your help! Please **SIGN UP HERE** to donate
RAFFLE Items/BASKETS!

All money raised will help pay for upcoming Class of 2023 Events!

Event Timing: Thursday, March 16th, 7:00 pm

Event Address: Lohnes' Home 80 Myopia Road

Theme: St. Patty's Day! The best Dressed wins a prize!

Questions? **Contact - Maria O'Connor**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

- 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.

-The Association of Teachers of Mathematics in Massachusetts will be awarding 3 scholarships for high school seniors. Students can apply online by filling out the google form linked [Here](#). The application is due **March 14!**

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

THE VITA GROUP
presents

80s 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

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

BINGO!

80's

The poster features a black background with white confetti. It includes a green circle with event details, a pink circle with ticket information, a green circle with a party illustration, a purple starburst with a fundraising message, and a white bingo card with a pink starburst labeled 'BINGO!'.

[Click to Purchase Tickets](#)

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

SOPHOMORE SEMI-FORMAL

The sophomore class will be having their Mardi Gras Semi Formal on **Friday 3/3 from 7-9:30pm**. We are looking for some decoration and food donations. If you would like to support the class please use this [sign up genius link](#).

We appreciate your continued support!

Contract for the formal is below -

Winchester High School Dance Contract

Co-sponsored by *WINCHESTER COALITION FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY*

CODE OF CONDUCT: REQUIRED BY ALL ATTENDING STUDENTS.

Dear Tenth Grade Students and Parents/Guardians:

Class Officers and Class Advisors, in agreement with the WHS Administration, have created a Code of Conduct for the **Class of 2025's Semi Formal Dance**, which is scheduled from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2023 at the Winchester High School Dining Commons. Every student attending the dance must agree to abide by and sign this contract. Parents must also review and sign this Code of Conduct. Please discuss these guidelines with your student. Our students must know that all the parents support the enforcement of these rules and that we cannot tolerate unacceptable behavior. We look forward to the **Semi Formal** dance being an enjoyable, and more importantly, a safe evening for everyone.

*****Contracts and payment can be handed in during lunches Tuesday, Feb 28th through Thursday, March 2nd (or can be dropped off in B113 or B107). No contracts will be accepted the day of the dance.*****

Contracts for the dance will not be accepted without payment or vice versa.

Sincerely,

Class Officers: **Zoya Ahmad, Helen Ren, Prattay Bhattacharya, & Tasnim Abdurrob**
Teacher Advisor: **Krystin Beauchesne & Stephanie Younker**

I agree to conduct myself in a mature and acceptable manner. I understand that there will be a zero tolerance policy in effect at this dance. I agree to abide by the following code:

1. No consumption of alcohol or use of tobacco or illegal substances before and/or during the dance.
2. Respect for peers, chaperones and property.
3. Doors **will open at 7:00 PM and close at 7:30 PM sharp.**
4. Students are **not allowed to leave until 9:00 PM** unless picked up by a parent.
5. Students will not be allowed to re-enter the dance after leaving.
6. Students must be present in school for **each class the day of the dance.**
7. All members of the Class of 2025 must be signed in to the dance by their own parent or guardian.
 - a. If for any reason a parent/ guardian cannot drop off their own student, contact Ms. Conis by **3:07, March 2.**
 - One parent can sign in a maximum of 4 students (their student and 3 guests)
8. Students from outside of WHS will NOT be allowed to attend the dance unless the student has gotten special permission from Ms. Conis to bring the guest.
 - Students outside of WHS must be signed in by their WHS student's parent / guardian

I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct:

PRINTED STUDENT NAME _____
(Please Print)

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PRINTED PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____
(Please Print)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

Parent Emergency CONTACT Number _____

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

We still have class t-shirts available for sale! \$15/t-shirt and they can be bought before or after school in room A312 (Ms. Palacios' room).

Freshmen Class of 2026 T - Shirts



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

Spring Sports Registration is now open on [FamilyID!](#)

Click [here](#) to register.

[Click here](#) for additional Spring Sports Information

ALPINE SKI

CONGRATS to the Alpine Ski Team for another GREAT season!

Boys were **1st overall** in the Omega League!

Girls were **3rd overall** in The Omega League!

We have 9 boys who are in the top 25 in the league and 5 girls in the top 25!

We have 6 league ALL STARS between the two teams (4 boys and 2 girls)! SEVEN of our skiers qualified for States on February 28th at Berkshire East Ski Resort!

Amazing job and huge CONGRATULATIONS to everyone!

Best of luck to all our WHS qualifiers:

Boys:

Lukas Schemmel, Erik Bergstrom, Liam Carlin, Cody Paigen,
Alternative-Will Nelson

Girls:

Charley Easton, Maddie Taylor
Alternative-Gracie Preston

Eastern's-

Erik Bergstrom
Charley Easton





BOYS BASKETBALL

Come and cheer on the Boy Varsity Basketball Team
in their "first round" tourney game vs. Durfee HS,
Monday, Feb. 27th at 6pm at WHS Gym

BOYS HOCKEY

Come cheer on Boys Varsity Hockey in their "first round"
State Tourney game vs. St. John's Shrewsbury~

Thursday, March 2nd, 8pm at the New England Sports Center
Rink

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Basketball team on finishing
14-6 and ranked #11 in the state! As a result, for the first time
in over a decade, the girls will be hosting their "first round"
tourney game against Methuen on **Thursday at 6:00pm**
in the WHS gym! Please come to cheer on our Red and Black!



GIRLS HOCKEY

Come cheer on Girls Varsity Hockey in their "first round"
State Tourney game vs. Waltham ~

Wednesday, 3/1 at 5pm at O'Brien Rink!

Congratulations as this is the **FIRST** time that WHS has ever won
the
Middlesex League in Girls Ice Hockey!

HIGH SCHOOLS

Girls' hockey roundup: No. 12 Winchester clinches program's first regular-season Middlesex League Liberty title in rout of Lexington

Updated February 18, 2023, 10:42 p.m.







GYMNASTICS

CONGRATS to Seniors Sophia Isabel and Captain Sophia Rauseo
for being named Middlesex League Gymnasts of the Year!



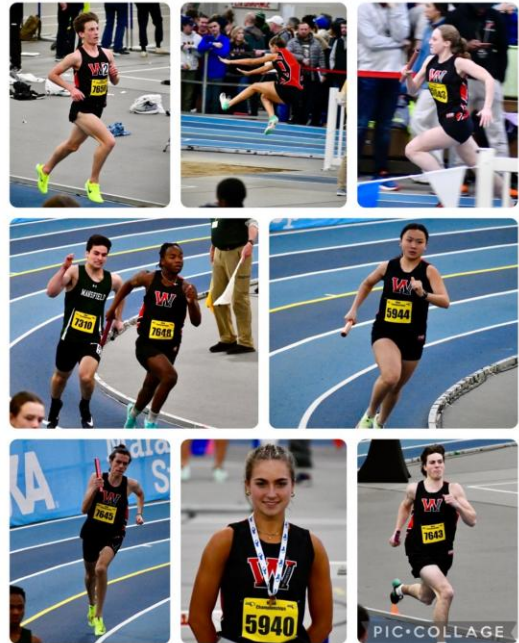
INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Nationals here we COME!!! BUT first our athletes were busy at

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State Divisionals, Saturday,
February 18, 2023



Meet of Champions, Saturday,
February 25, 2023 (Thank you
Heather von Mering for great
pictures!)

LACROSSE

WHS Lacrosse starts in March!

Order your personalized WHS lacrosse bags online
from LaxGear in Red and Black!

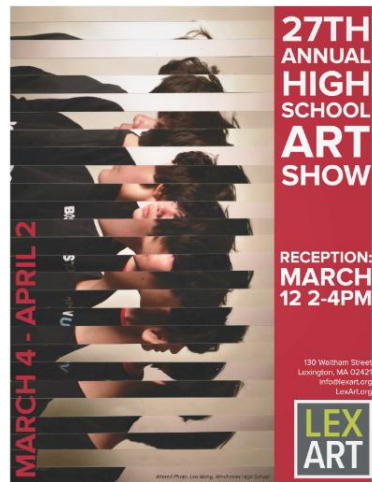
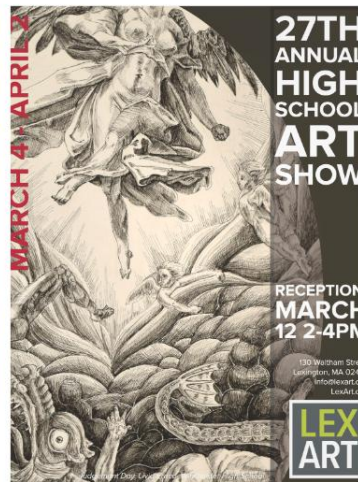
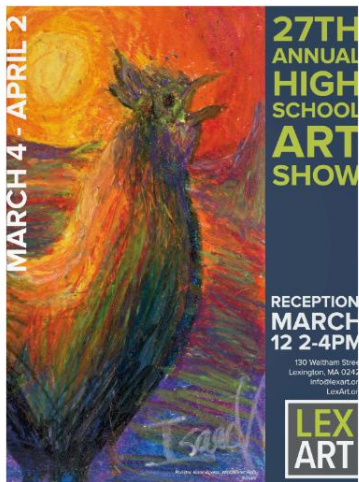
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WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER





**27th Annual Regional High School Exhibit at LexArt
March 4, 2023 - April 2, 2023**

*Reception for Artists, Teachers, Family & Friends
Sunday, March 12, 2-4 pm*

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

SUPPORT THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT!

"Stage on the Street" fundraiser will include performances and a bake sale at Starbucks beginning this Saturday. Please encourage your musician to **sign up** for a slot to perform! There is also a **sign up** for donating baked goods! Thank you for making their trip possible. Please forward to anyone who needs this information and help spread the word for "Stage on the Street". Dates are quickly approaching.

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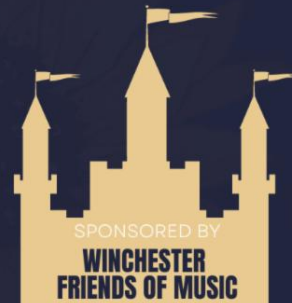
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STAGE ON THE STREET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 & MARCH 4, 2023
9AM - 1PM

**BAKE SALE AND PERFORMANCES
IN FRONT OF STARBUCKS
WINCHESTER TOWN CENTER**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD
**WHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT'S
2023 DISNEY TRIP**



SAVE-THE-DATE

WHS is thrilled to present its own rendition of *Guys and Dolls*.
We have many students involved in all aspects of the production,
and they are all having a lot of fun.

Please mark your calendar and come out to support them all.
A great audience makes a great show.

Friday, March 17th and Saturday, March 18th (7PM)

Sunday, March 19th (2PM)

General admission \$20

Students \$10

WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

GODS & DOLLS

*A Musical Fable of Broadway by
Frank Loesser, Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows*

Tickets

\$10 Students

\$20 Public

*Tickets for Sale
at the Door*

Rolling the dice on...

March 17th, 7 PM

March 18th, 7 PM

March 19th, 2 PM

Winchester High School
80 Skillings Road



WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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