

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
March 27, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Good Morning WHS Families,

As usual, last night's **WHS Royals** was a smashing success. The hilarious senior tradition continued with a sold out crowd as five talented seniors competed for the title of WHS ROYAL. Congratulations to **Will Caron** for winning this year's competition! Will not only holds the title of "WHS ROYAL," but he will also don a crown & scepter and lead the **Senior Promenade of 2023** in May. Congratulations to Will, Amanda Harrison, Quinn Johansen, Ava Pioli and Quinn Shoffner for their amazing and unforgettable performances. Thank you to the faculty judges, WHS Administration, student tech crew and our enthusiastic student body for making this year's Royals one to remember. A special shout-out to our unsung hero and fearless WHS Royal "queen", Dot Butler. She selflessly offers countless hours of planning and direction to produce this show each year. It is hard to put in words all Dot does for the students of this community and a "thank you" doesn't even begin to cover it; but ... thank you Dot Butler!!

The count down to end-of-year activities continues. Time flies! Keep scrolling down to see more dates and fun traditions that are planned for this spring.

As always, please reach out for any reason.

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



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WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022-2023 District School Calendar

Q3: January 23- April 7

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

Mid quarter: Monday, May 15

Seniors' last day of classes: Friday, May 26

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

THU 4/27 - Early Release Day

SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS WEEK

Please note that due to ELA MCAS sessions for grade 10 on Tuesday, March 28th and Wednesday, March 29th, the daily schedule will slightly change.

Below is information for you to be aware of:

- All grade 10 students will be in MCAS session for the first **THREE** blocks each day and then attend 3rd lunch.
- If you are in grade 9, 11, or 12 and have a class scheduled in a room that will be hosting an MCAS session during the first **TWO** blocks, you must report to the **DINING ROOM** for attendance.
- If you are in grade 9, 11, or 12 and have a class scheduled in

a room that will be hosting an MCAS session during the THIRD block, you must report to the Auditorium for attendance.

WHS Daily Schedule Below

Tuesday, March 28

Day 5

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Wednesday, March 29

Day 6

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VOTING PARTICIPATION SURVEY REQUEST

We are a group of Winchester High School students looking to view the voter participation of community members for our Active Citizenship class project. We ask that you please spend 5 minutes of your time to fill out this quick survey. We will use the information gathered to plan how to increase voter awareness, diversity, and participation. All responses are completely anonymous, and we will in no way be able to link you to your answers. Please complete this survey by March 29th. Click [here](#) or use the QR code below to complete the survey.



PUTTING FOR PATIENTS

It is time to bring out your mini-golfing skills! The WHS Student Council is hosting our Annual Putting for Patients event **this Saturday (4/2)** from 3-6 pm at the WHS gymnasium. The event features a mini golf course and the opportunity to win valuable prizes! All proceeds will be donated to the Jimmy Fund to support those with pediatric cancer. Registration is \$10 per player. Even if you cannot attend, all are welcome to donate! Please use [this link](#) to access our donation page. We are very excited to support this cause and hope to see everyone there!

PUTTING FOR PATIENTS

FUNDRAISER FOR
PEDIATRIC CANCER



Donation Page:



APRIL 2, 2023
WINCHESTER HS GYM

Registration Fee: \$10 per player
Mini Golf starts at 3PM

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO JIMMY FUND-
DANA FARBER

Contact Jess Korotkin
(jesskorotkin33@gmail.com) or
Elle O'Connor (elleloc1005@gmail.com)
for more information

NOTES FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

MassBay Community College in Framingham will be holding an info session for students and families who may be interested in careers as EMTs or Paramedics on **Wednesday April 5th** from 6-8pm. Click [here](#) for info and to register.

MassBay is also offering a general open house for all programs on Saturday, April 29th from 9am-12pm.

Visit www.MassBay.edu/OpenHouse for info.



For more information contact
Admissions at 781-239-2500

Interested in becoming an **EMT** or **Paramedic**?

RSVP HERE!



Join Us for an Immersive Tour of the Emergency Medical
Services Programs on MassBay's Framingham campus.

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

1:30pm-3:30pm **or** 6:00pm-8:00pm



Meet our faculty, staff, and students. Observe a
simulated emergency. Participate in hands-on
activities in our labs. And more!

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CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

[Click Here for The Class of 2023 Spring Event Schedule](#)

CLASS OF 2023 BANNERS

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

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

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

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

- Check Naviance for scholarship applications available
- Applications for the Christopher Mitropoulos Memorial Scholarship are due **April 8th.** Please see the guidance office and Naviance program for more information.
- Applications for the Rotary Club of Winchester Scholarship are available in the guidance office.
- Applications for the Joseph M. Murphy III Scholarship are now available in Guidance and in Naviance.

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

MUSICAL BINGO

Less than one week away for this much anticipated event! **There is 1 full table of 10 left! Contact [Danielle Adams](#) (to grab that last table!!**

Remember to dress like you are still living in the 80s!! Pop those collars, wear your neon and get that hair big!! We will be featuring food from Peppercorn House Restaurant, fun games for great prizes, raffles and silent auction items you won't want to miss!

THE VITA GROUP
presents

80's Musical Bingo

FRIDAY

MARCH 31

SONS OF ITALY

7:00 PM

COME READY TO PARTY

LIKE IT'S 1988!



TICKETS: \$50

BREAKFAST CLUB

TABLES OF 10

AVAILABLE



Funds raised
support the
Class of 2024!
This is not a WHS
run event

[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

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check Here for Class Updates

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS



winchesterclassof2026



41 likes

winchesterclassof2026 We hope everyone had a blast at the Starry Night Semi-Formal! Huge shoutout to the teacher chaperones, parent volunteers, and students who helped out after school to make this amazing dance happen!

FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS: Talia, Massimo, Mira and Isabella



Thank you to all the Freshmen Families that donated on the Sign up Genius for food, drinks, decorations, gift cards, set up and clean for the dance and the faculty and Dot Butler of the Coalition for

volunteering your time to chaperone our kids ! You all truly help make it a night to remember! Also, a big shout out to parents/guardians who helped make our first Freshmen parent night so FUN! Thank you for those who helped set up, clean up, volunteered during the night, those who made raffles, bought raffles and all who came out! It was a great night had by all! Til next time!
Your Class Mom Advisors, Judy, Jen, Akari & Mai ;)

Parent's NIGHT OUT



WHS SPORTS

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have scores from games and pictures of WHS athletes in action

[please email them to us!](#)

All team schedules can be found at **[WHS Team Schedules](#)**



SPRING SPORTS

[Click here](#) for Spring Sports Information

ATHLETICS USER FEES

User fees are due one week after the start of each sport season. The fee approved by the School Committee is \$350.00 per student per sport with a family cap of \$1400.00 per year. Check or money order should be made payable to the Winchester Scholastic Athletic Fund.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT IF ATHLETICS IS NOT AN OPTION FOR A DROP DOWN WE HAVE NOT STARTED ACCEPTING ATHLETIC FEES FOR THE SPRING SEASON ONLINE. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT FOR ATHLETIC FEES.

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

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER



MARCH 4 - APRIL 2

**ANNUAL
HIGH
SCHOOL
ART
SHOW**

RECEPTION:
**MARCH
12 2-4PM**

130 Waltham Street
Lexington, MA 02421
info@lexart.org
LexArt.org

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

Featuring the work of students from Bedford, Burlington, Lexington, Minuteman, Waltham, and Winchester high schools, this exhibit showcases the creativity and innovation of area students and high school art programs and helps raise funds for LexArt's high school scholarship program.

[Learn more about our scholarships for graduating seniors and apply here.](#)

Deadline April 3rd.

Exhibit and gift shop hours:

Tuesday thru Friday 11:00am - 5:00pm

Sat and Sun 10:00am - 5:00pm

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK CLUB

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

WHS BOOK EXCHANGE FOR PEACE

The Book Exchange for Peace is a space where people can donate and find meaningful books that promote peace in all its facets. For

the month of March, you can find us by our tables in the cafeteria at lunchtime to donate or grab a free book. By giving students a space to discover and share literature, we hope to bring the value of peace into people's consciousness.

CHECK OUT THE WHS ONLINE STORE

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



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NEWS AROUND TOWN

The WHS PFA does not specifically endorse events and organizations and shares information on events and activities that may be of interest to the WHS community as a courtesy for informational purposes.

March on over to...



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.

Winchester School Committee Meeting

March 28, 2023: 6:00 PM

Parkhurst School, 40 Samoset Road, Winchester, MA

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

1. Call to Order (6:00 PM)
2. Consideration of Reorganization of the the School Committee
3. Public Comment (around 6:25 PM)
4. Consideration of Acceptance of WFEE Grants totaling \$87,160 (around 6:40 PM)
5. Superintendent, Chair & Student Remarks (around 6:45 PM)
6. Consent Agenda (around 6:50 PM)
 7. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from February 28 & March 14, 2023
 8. Consideration of Gifts
 9. Winchester Sports Foundation for Unified Basketball: \$4,269
 10. NFSJ for Lynch Elementary "Newcomers Kit": \$1,000
 11. Consideration of Approval of Disposition of Surplus Textbooks
12. Report, Update & Action Items (around 7:00 PM)
 13. Presentation from Erin Kuehn, Administrator of SEL
 14. Consideration of Approval of Open Enrollment Procedures for the 2023-2024 School Year
 15. Update on Lynch 2023-2024 School Transportation
 16. Consideration of Final Approval of 2023-2024 School Year Calendar
 17. Policy Subcommittee Update
 18. Consideration of Approval of Amended Policies: JICA, EEAK, EFC/efd, & KCD
 19. Finance Subcommittee Update
 20. Update on Fees for School Year
21. Anticipated Agenda Items for Next Meeting (around 7:45 PM)
22. Future Meeting Dates: April 11 and April 25, 2023
23. Executive Session: (around 7:50 PM)
 24. Purpose (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion administrative personnel as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee;
 25. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Winchester Education Association (WEA) regarding a Memorandum of Agreement as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee

26. Adjournment (around 8:15 PM)

*The above topics represent what the Chair of the Winchester School Committee reasonably anticipates will be discussed at this meeting at the time this meeting was posted. If you require additional accommodations or translation services, please contact the Superintendent's office prior to the meeting date.
Agenda times are approximate.*

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

Presented by the Winchester Chamber of Commerce



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

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

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

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

Limited space available!
Small bites and beverages provided

Register today! www.winchesterchamber.com

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EN KA BLOOMIN

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

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

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

Learn more about En Ka by visiting www.enkasociety.org or the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program by visiting stopandshop.bloomin4good.com.

A new local community project needs volunteers

Gardens For Good

Growing food locally for our neighbors

Gardens for Good is a newly formed community group who have committed to turning parts of our lawns into gardens and/or volunteering our time to

grow fresh produce for neighbors who are patrons of the Council for Social Concern, the En Ka Food Pantry and the Crawford Memorial Church Food Pantry.

Gardens for Good is a project of the Winchester Farmers Market Community Hub and is supported by Wright-Locke Farm. We aim to:

- Increase the availability of fresh, local, healthy food to the diets of local food pantry patrons
- Emphasize regenerative growing practices to increase awareness for growing food in an ecologically sustainable way that recarbonizes the soil
- Foster a more communal effort in food production

*We need enthusiastic volunteer gardeners of ANY experience the weekend of **April 1** to help spread compost and install fencing in 15 newly created gardens. Please sign up for a time via [this link](#).*

IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THIS MOVEMENT
TO SHARE GOOD FOOD AND COMMUNITY, CONTACT

gardens4good@wfmchub.org

We really appreciate any time you can give us to help us realize our efforts with this new project!

Sincerely,
The Gardens for Good neighbors



Concert for Kids!

Sunday, April 2, 2023

3:00 PM

Peter and the Wolf



Come experience a magical performance of the famed "symphonic fairy tale for children," *Peter and the Wolf*. Composed by Sergei Prokofiev in 1936, the piece was written to introduce children to the instruments of an orchestra. Members of the WCMS woodwind, brass, and percussion faculty will present this time-honored story, with narration provided by Vartan Aghababian. For ages 4 and up. In-person and live streaming.

\$5 general admission; tickets at WCMS or winchestermusic.org

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Romaine Calm! Tips to Feed Your Family For their Health



with Tara McCarthy, MS,
RD, LDN

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

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

Monday April 3rd 7:30pm *

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

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

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

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

parenttoparentwinchester.org

All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public



Spring is Really Coming!

What better sign of spring than WFEE Day at Mahoney's Garden Center in Winchester. **Mark the calendar, Wednesday, April 5th**. A portion of all purchases made that day, including gift cards, will be donated to WFEE. Flowers funding teacher grants, what could be better? If you are looking for Easter lilies, cut flowers or gardening supplies Mahoney's is the place to go on **April 5th**. Buy yourself a gift card to cover the cost of spring plantings, when it is time to plant your garden, the bill will already be paid.



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

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

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

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

GOLF CADDIE OPPORTUNITY

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

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

Mass DCR is looking for Lifeguards

Become a Lifeguard! Learn CPR-Learn First Aid- Learn Water Rescue Skills! Free Training- Qualifies lifeguard candidates that work for DCR do not have to pay to take certification classes. All you need is to be at least 16 years old and be a strong swimmer. For more info go to mass.gov/guides/dcr-lifeguarding.



Spring is almost here, that means it is time for Winchester Baseball and Softball! Please go to Wybs.org to register for the spring season. See you on the field this spring!

OUTBREAK! A STUDENT PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE

Outbreak! 2023 is a FREE online program for students entering

grades 10-12 interested in careers in public health/medicine/epidemiology/bioethics/ nursing/virology/mental health & more!

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

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