Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter May 30, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Good Morning WHS Families!

Happy Memorial Day! We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend!

The Senior Grad Party needs a nurse and a few more Freshman, Sophomore and Junior



parents! We need your help! 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. If you are a nurse and willing to help click here.

Senior Families, please note that the deadline for applications to the Winchester Scholarship Foundation is Wednesday, May 31st. Please <u>click</u> here for more information.

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



Every year our WHS community remembers and honors our Veterans on Memorial Day. Our WHS band, chorus, students, scouts and families pay tribute to those who have sacrificed their lives for our everyday freedom.

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022-2023 District School Calendar

2023-2024 District School Calendar

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

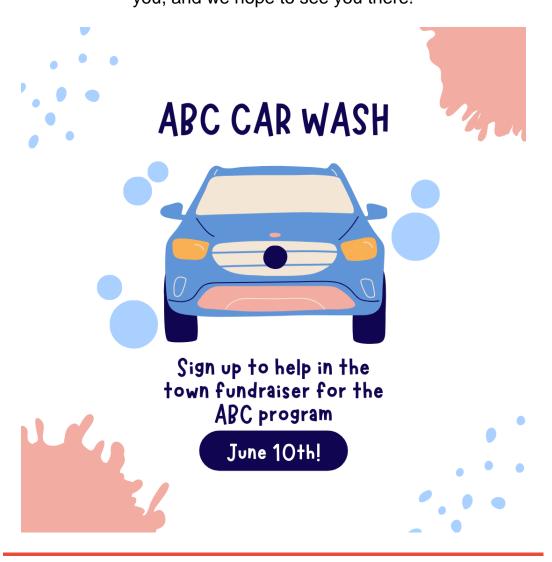
Grab a friend and help our graduating seniors celebrate this important milestone.

SIGN UP HERE

If you have any questions, email Maureen Conway.

STUDENT COUNCIL CAR WASH

Calling all WHS Students! Sign up to help with the ABC car wash on June 10th to raise money, awareness, and support for the Winchester ABC program. The car wash will be led by StuCo, but volunteers of all ages are welcome! Sign up using this Link. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!



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 <u>Betsy Kean</u> for more information at <u>bkean@winchesterps.org</u> 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 <u>winchestergotlunch.org</u> 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!

YEARBOOK PICK UP

Yearbook pre-orders for 9th, 10th, & 11th grade will be available for pick up during lunch this week on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday. If you did not pre-order a book and have decided you want one, you can purchase a book for \$85 at that same time.

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

Last Friday, May 26th was the last day of school for our Seniors! They began the memorable day with the traditional Senior Breakfast together in the dining commons. Excitedly, they then went out to the field to pick up their cap, gowns and

yearbooks. They enjoyed spending time signing each other's yearbooks, had lunch and then headed to their elementary schools to visit! They came back in time for treats at the Hoagie truck and then back to the field where they were cheered on by underclassmen as they counted down the last seconds of their final day! Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and donated items to make this event happen! Look below for the final events for our Seniors!



CLASS OF 2023 ~ FINAL EVENTS

Wednesday May 31st

Promenade:

Time: 6:15 PM Location: WHS

Prom:

Time: 7:30PM -10:00PM

Location: Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston

CLICK HERE FOR PROMENADE/PROM DETAILS

Friday, June 2nd

Walking Parade and Commencement Ceremonies

Walking Parade begins at 6:30 (Students meet at WHS at 5:30). The Class of 2023 Commencement should begin promptly at 7 PM at Knowlton Field.

CLICK HERE FOR WALKING PARADE AND COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY DETAILS

DEADLINE EXTENDED: REGISTER NOW FOR CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION PARTY

Don't miss the WHS Class of 2023 Graduation Party - the deadline to register has been extended!! Cost is \$60.

Friday, June 2, 8:30pm to 1:30am (enter by 9:30pm)

at McCall Middle School gymnasium

To register your student, <a href="mailto:emai

*If you prefer to print out and return a paper contract, please click here.

Payment Details

Venmo: @Kim-Freund-2 (cell digits, 0505). Put "grad party" in memo.

Check: Mail checks payable to "All Night Graduation Committee" along with registration forms to the address above. If e-signed, send check with note.

Email Kim at whsangpcommittee@gmail.com with any financial hardship requests.

Please note: NO HOODIES or sweatshirts/coats allowed inside the venue, they must be checked at the door

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.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE WEDNESDAY 5/31

The Winchester Scholarship Foundation allocates \$575,000 for 2023-2024 Scholarships.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is this Wednesday 5/31. Click here for more information and to apply.

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

JUNIOR CLASS SOCIAL

Please sign-up for the Junior Class Social, taking place on Monday, June 5, 2023 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the 'A Lot' out front of the school. We will have Frozen Hoagies, a bouncy house, lawn games, music, and the opportunity to celebrate the unofficial start to senior year and hang with friends before summer! The price per person is \$20. Please return this form and payment (cash or check made out to "WHS Class of 2024) to the class advisors Ms. Costas (A301) or Ms. Kean (B112) or to one of the class officers (Matt Howland, Eirrean Walsh, Karenna Marnick, or Nidhi Rao) by Friday, June 2nd. In returning this form, students agree to abide by WHS conduct rules, and understand that no consumption of alcohol or

illegal substances will be tolerated at this event. Since this is a school sponsored event, the consequences listed in the school handbook apply. We look forward to seeing you there!



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

Check back here for updates.

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

Check back here for updates.

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!

BASEBALL

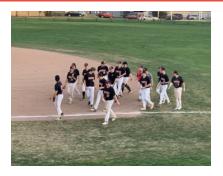
The varsity baseball team finished the regular season strong with back to back wins over Tewksbury. The team had one of their best seasons in years, finishing with a record of 14-6 to be Middlesex Co-Champions with Reading! They are waiting to hear who their opponent will be in the playoffs, which will begin on June 3.

Congrats team, keep it up!











SAILING

WHS Sailing finished in first place in the 420A division and Mercury Gold division and tied for 6th place in Mercury Silver in the 2023 Zimba MBL Championship on Monday May 22nd held at the Community Boating in Boston.

TENNIS

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.



TRACK & FIELD

Our WHS Track & Field Team competed yet again on Sunday at the Division 2 State Championship at Merrimack College and were awarded for their hard work and commitment! GREAT JOB!!!



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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

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 <u>list</u> of WHS Clubs and Organizations Check this section for current club news, meetings & events

THE RED & BLACK

The May/June Edition article sign ups for the Red & Black are live now! There is an article for everyone, with topics ranging from student life to news to arts and entertainment. Click the link here to sign up, and happy writing!

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.

ITEMS FROM WINCHESTER FARMER'S MARKET

Please **DONATE** to ANNA's Fund

Since 2019 Anna's Fund at the Winchester Farmers market has been helping those facing food insecurity to stretch their precious food dollars by augmenting their SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. Last year, however, the fund was completely depleted by the large increase in customers who came to the market.

WE NEED YOUR HELP for the coming Farmers Market season. Please see below for the ways to donate. Every dollar counts. Ten dollars will help one SNAP customer; 100 dollars will help 10 SNAP customers; !000 dollars will help 100 SNAP customers. Give what you can

Thank you! The Anna's Fund Committee

DONATE VIA QR CODE



Also, Farmer's Market Volunteers Needed ...

... each week to take donated produce from our farmers to local food pantries at the end of the market day.

Each week during the 2023 season (June 10 through October 28), a volunteer collects food donations from produce vendors just before the market closes (around 1:15) and then delivers it to local food pantries.

It's a great way to involve kids in helping out. And we appreciate your willingness to provide food pantry recipients with fresh food.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO OR TO VOLUNTEER

Questions? Please contact <u>Judy Storeygard</u> or <u>Fred Yen</u>, Market Manager.

TWO (SIC) MUCH FUN

Too much going on now, but, two great WFEE sponsored events are around the corner! There is still time to sign up on line for the WFEE Town Day Road Race, Saturday, June 3rd. It starts at 8:30 am in front of the Griffin Museum. Online sign up through the www.wfee.org site is available until 9am on Thursday, June 1st. Day of registration starts at 7am but it costs a little more. Early bag and bib pick up will be available in front of WHS on Thursday, June 1st from 4-7pm.

Then it is time to flock the schools with love! Participate in the Teacher Tribute program by sponsoring a flamingo to land on the school's front lawn the last day of classes. If you have ties to Lynch Elementary you can show some extra love with a "Once a Lynchie, Always a Lynchie" flamingo. With your flamingo donation you can also write a tribute to a favorite educator, WFEE will print it on a certificate and deliver it to your educator at the end of the year.

Make your Teacher Tribute donation at www.wfee.org
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