Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter June 5, 2023



# PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Good Morning WHS Families,

Congratulations to our Graduates! On Wednesday, the **Class of 2023** strutted like celebrities down the front steps of the high school and through a cheering crowd of spectators. After posing for the paparazzi, they jumped on their busses and headed to their prom at the Fairmont in Copley Square. The fun continued on Friday night when the Seniors celebrated their commencement to a background soundtrack of thunder, lightening and pouring rain. Thankfully a prepared Mr. Mahoney and graduation committee of volunteers made the call to move the ceremony indoors and the gym was completely set up before the rain began. The weather did not dampen spirits and the evening was a huge success. Afterwards, graduates celebrated until the wee hours at the long-standing tradition of an all night party at McCall. None of this could have taken place without the countless hours of planning, volunteering and donations coming from WHS parents and friends. Our school is successful because of our families and weeks like this prove it. Thank you everyone! (Keep scrolling for pictures of this past week's fun filled events)

The halls (and student parking lot) feel a little emptier, but school must go on and there are only NINE DAYS left. Hang in there!

If you have a student in the music department, please join us this Thursday night, June 8, at 7pm in the LG Room for a parent meeting. It's a chance to get updated on musical happenings for next year and how you can support and become more involved with the music programs.

Have a great week!

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



WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 2022-2023 District School Calendar

2023-2024 District School Calendar

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

#### THU 6/15 - Last Day of School!

### **Culminating Activity Schedule for 2023**

	FRI 6/9 (Day 4)	MON 6/12 (Day 5)	TUE 6/13 (Day 6)
8:30-10:07 (extended time built into the block)	E block extended block	D block extended block	A block extended block
10:12-10:52	A block	B block	D block
10:57-12:40	WIN Black - lunch by grade level	WIN Red - lunch by grade level	WIN Black - lunch by grade level
12:45-1:25	C block	F block	G block
1:30-2:07 (extended time built into the block)	F block extended block	G block extended block	C block extended block

#### FRI 6/9:

9th - first lunch 10th - second lunch 11th - third lunch

MON 6/12: 9th - second lunch 10th - third lunch 11th - first lunch

#### TUE 6/13:

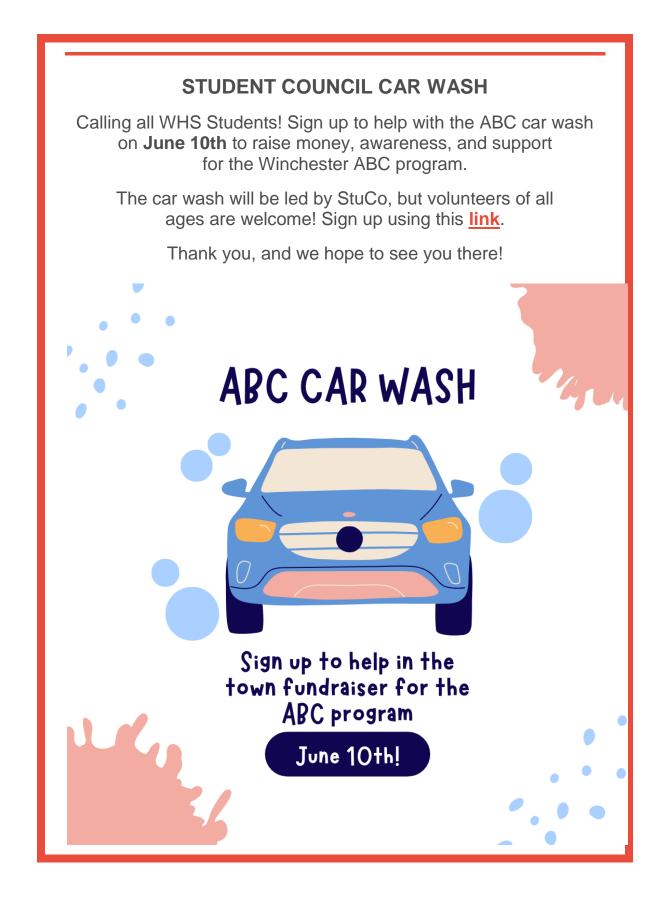
9th - third lunch 10th - first lunch 11th - second lunch

WED 6/14	Day 1	
8:30-10:07 (extended time built into the block)	B block extended block	
10:12-10:53	WIN Red*	
10:58-12:41	C block*	
12:46-1:53	E block*	
1:58-3:07	F block*	

#### \*Potential 8th grade tours at 2 PM on 6/14\*

All students must remain in the classroom for the entire 90 minute period. Students may not leave early if they finish early.

THU 6/15	Period
8:30-8:55	A day 3
9:00-9:30 *extra time for announcements	B day 4
9:35-10:00	C day 3
10:05-10:30	D day 3
10:35-11:00	E day 3
11:05-11:30	F day 4
11:35-12:00	G day 3



### **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 – 23rd.** 

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 or <u>whsspanishexchange@gmail.com</u>

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!

# CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

THANK YOU to all the WHS teachers, staff, families, friends, and community who have supported us these last 4 years! We could not have done it without you!!!











































































































# CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

### JUNIOR CLASS SOCIAL

Please <u>sign-up</u> for the Junior Class Social, taking place on Monday, June 5th from 6:00-8:00 PM 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 <u>form</u> 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!



### 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



# CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check back here for updates

# CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

The Class of 2026 is having an end of year kickball tournament on June 8th after school from 3:30-5:30.

Get your team together and sign up using <u>this signup genius</u> below.

Any questions please email Ms. Palacios

# 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 <u>SEND US</u> SCORES, UPDATES AND PHOTOS OF STUDENT ATHLETES AND TEAMS IN ACTION! LET'S GO RED AND BLACK!

### FALL SPORTS

Fall Sports Registration is now open! <u>Register on FamilyID</u> before the end of the school year.

### BASEBALL

The boys varsity baseball team won their first game in the state tournament beating Marshfield 8 to 4 on Friday!

They are now facing Westford Academy in Westford Monday at 3 PM. Let's Go!



### LACROSSE

Congratulations to...

Middlesex League All-Stars: Seniors - Jack Young, Colby Beliveau & Owen Stesney Freshman - Ted Budreski

> All Conference: Jack Young, Owen Stesney & Ted Budreski

> > Middelsex League Liberty MVP: Owen Stesney

#### ROWING

Two of our very own high school students will be rowing at the US Rowing Nationals in Sarasota, FL.

**Apolline Hazard**, a sophomore, and **Lilly Stewart**, a freshman, will represent the Northeast and compete over 4 days from June 8-11th.

Please wish them luck as this is a huge accomplishment!

#### SAILING

WHS Sailing finished in 1st place in the 420A Division and Mercury Gold Division and tied for 6th place in Mercury Silver in the 2023 Zimba MBL Championship on Mon 5/22 held at the Community Boating in Boston.

WHS Sailing placed 3rd overall in the Massachusetts State Competition, held at MIT on Wed 5/24 and Thu 5/25.

Go Red & Black!

#### TENNIS

Girls Tennis play at Andover Warriors on Wed 6/7 at 4 PM in the 2nd round of MIAA D1 State Tournament. Good Luck Girls!

Boys Tennis won the first round of the state tournament against Franklin (5-0) and will host St. John's Shrewsbury on Mon 6/5 at 4 PM at the Winchester Swim & Tennis Club in the 2nd round of the MIAA D1 State Tournament. Come out and support the team! Good Luck Boys!

Thank you for your support of Winchester High School Boys and Girls Tennis teams' fundraiser on Saturday. It was a fun day! Photos below were taken at the fundraiser.



### VOLLEYBALL

Boys Volleyball will travel to NNHS Tigers on Tue 6/6 at 4:30 PM for a MIAA D1 2nd round match up.

Good Luck Boys!

# 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!

Please join us for our last Winchester Friends of Music meeting on Thursday, June 8th at 7 PM, 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 <u>here</u> 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 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.



# DON'T FORGET TO FLOCK YOUR SCHOOL WITH LOVE!!

Don't forget to flock your school with love! WFEE is gearing up to place flamingos on the front lawn of your school on the last day of school as part of our annual Teacher Tribute. Join the flock at <u>www.wfee.org</u> and sponsor a flamingo. \$20 gets you one flamingo color coded to your child's grade level. Multiple children? Buy multiple birds! \$100 recognizes the whole flock with a pink flamingo.

The greater the support, the bigger the flock! With your donation you can include a note to a special educator. WFEE will deliver the note on a certificate to educators at the end of the year.

#### **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; 1000 dollars will help 100 SNAP customers. Give what you can!

Thank you! The Anna's Fund Committee





#### 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 10th through October 28th), a volunteer collects food donations from produce vendors just before the market closes (around 1:15 PM) 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.

Questions?

Please contact Judy Storeygard or Fred Yen

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO OR TO VOLUNTEER** 



# Celebrate Pride Month with SpeakOUT!!



Come listen to the incredible personal stories of LGBTQ+ community members.

Get answers to any questions you may have!

Learn how to have safe and honest conversations about LGBTQ+ issues with your friends and family members.

Since 1972, SpeakOUT Boston has conducted peer-led training programs to prepare LGBTQ+ community members to effectively tell their personal stories to create positive social change. SpeakOUT facilitates ways to create safer and more rewarding spaces for LGBTQ+ people through education and dialogue.

Monday, June 5th 7:00PM Winchester Public Library\*

All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public

educate encourage empower

parenttoparentwinchester.org

#### Celebrating Winchester's LGBTQIA+ Community



## Make your appointment today!

# Spring has Spru at En Ka Pantry!

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.



Porchfest is Saturday June 10th.

It's a great community event -- see your friends and neighbors as they perform on porches and front yards all over town.

Visit <u>http://www.porchfest.win</u> for a schedule and a map. or visit our welcome table on the Common.

**Click Here for More Info About PorchFest** 



### **BUY TICKETS**



THE WINCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

# THE ANNUAL GARDEN & OUTDOOR LIVING TOUR

# Thursday, June 15th 12–4 pm

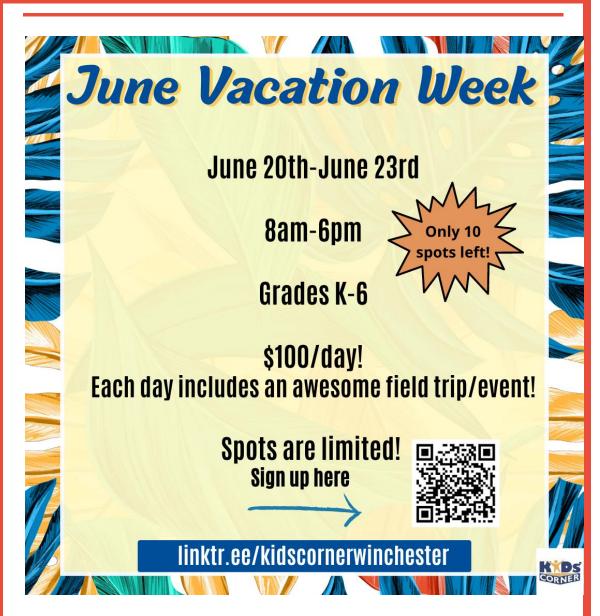
# **Rain or Shine!**



# \$30 per person

Tickets on sale at BookEnds (cash, check or Venmo only) or via credit card at www.winchesterchamber.com

#### **BUY TICKETS**



Join us at Kids' Corner for June Vacation Week Tuesday, June 20th - Friday, June 23rd! We will be offering a full day program from 8am-6pm for grades K-6!

It's just \$100/child/day and each day includes a field trip/special event! We only have 10 spots left so be sure to sign up soon to secure your spot!

**Register Here** 

# **ALUMNI NEWS**



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 <u>HERE</u>

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 <u>database</u> 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 <u>HERE</u>.

# **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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