

Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter December 6, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Thank you to the Winchester Chamber of Commerce for inviting our very own WHS Chambers singers to kick off the Holiday Season last week by bringing joy to our community by caroling around town for all to enjoy!



BRAVO to our WHS Curtain and Cue for a great night of fun and laughs with their production of *The One Act Play That Goes Wrong!* We are so proud of all the students and staff involved! Congratulations on a job truly well done!

Dear Fellow WHS Families,



We have concluded our fundraising efforts for the "WHS Gives Back" Holiday giving program ~

THANK YOU to our entire WHS community for your generous support! We have 153 children (within our own school district K-12) registered and we have raised enough funds to give each child a \$100 gift card to Target and a \$25 gift card to Market Basket!! The Woburn Target is donating \$500 to this effort!! Thank you to Amber Haines, LICSW, WHS Social Worker, for coordinating the confidential distribution of gift cards. Also, Thank you to WHS teachers Krystin Beauchesne and Stephanie Younker and the entire "WHS Gives Back" Student Club for organizing this whole community effort. Donations were collected from the community at large, all Winchester schools and a special thank you to the Winchester Rotary Club for a generous donation as well. Thank you all for helping to spread joy to our beautiful community!

WHS Teachers and Staff no PEEKING! WHS Families we are excited to bring back a special tradition made possible by you! It's been TWO YEARS since we have been able to host the .
It's finally back and we are seeking your help with food and raffle items for the meal which will be held on Thursday, December 16th. If you are able to contribute, please sign up [HERE](#).

As always, please reach out with any ideas or questions!

Warmly,
Abbie DiMatteo & Brenda Mandile
Co- Chairs

***"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."* – Margaret Mead**

THE MASKED WHS STAFFER Week #14!



1. What high school did you go to? **Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, Ma**
 2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **My favorite subject at XBHS was also one of my most difficult - Honors British Literature. Mrs. Scofield was the type of teacher that inspired her students that they could comprehend Old English, something I thought impossible before taking her class. Mrs. Scofield invested the time to make sure I understood the content but more importantly, that I enjoyed British Literature.**
 3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **In High School I participated in Model UN, French Club, Lacrosse, Track as well as working at Bertucci's.**
 4. What is one of your hidden talents? **I am a Fly Fisherman.**
 5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **Movie: Harry Potter Book: Oregon Tales - Clive Cussler Band: Taylor Swift Food: Lobster**
 6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **Two roads diverged in the a wood and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference. Robert Frost.**
- *Don't forget to scroll all the way down to find out who this is!

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

TUE 12/7 - Picture retakes

TUE 12/7 - School Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Parkhurst

WED 12/8 Early Winter Strings Concert 7 pm

SAT 12/11 Junior Class Snowball, 7:30 pm

FRI 12/24 - SUN 1/2 - Winter Vacation - No School

"PLAYS IT FORWARD" PAYS IT FORWARD!

All too often, news stations across the nation and various social media outlets highlight stories of high school students making questionable choices and otherwise bad decisions. We don't hear frequently enough about the students who strive to make a difference in our world each and every day. This is one of those stories.

A group of current Winchester High School student-athletes created a small committee entitled "Plays it Forward." This group of committed high school students arranged for sporting equipment drives in order to raise charitable funds for youth programs around the globe with the mission to "help provide as many as possible with the opportunity to play the sports they love."

Recently, as you may have heard, a local youth sports team, the **Winchester Pop Warner Adaptive team** of athletes was invited to exhibit their routine on the national stage in December. With such an invitation comes exorbitant expenses including travel and lodging for the athletes, a parent, coaches and the adaptive athletes student helpers consisting of local WHS and Medford high school students.

It is here that the two organizations merge. The "Plays it Forward" Committee of WHS student-athletes and former Winchester Pop Warner athletes presented the WPW Adaptive Team and student demos with a check for \$1000 last evening to help make their national debut a reality. The committee congratulated the WPW Adaptive Team on both their hard work and their success and wished them well at the Pop Warner Nationals taking place next week in Orlando, Florida.

A heartfelt thank you to the "Plays it Forward" Committee made up of a number of former WPW athletes including Claire Book, Jack Centurelli, Aidan Falvey, Niko Fortier, Sofia Wilson, Tom Centurelli, Colin Falvey, Will Fortier, and Ben Wilson. You have made it possible for the Adaptive Athletes of Winchester Pop Warner to play the sport they love!



LATIN CLUB TAKES FIRST PLACE

The WHS Latin Club recently participated in Classics Day at Boston University, an annual event attended by high schools throughout Massachusetts. Students enjoyed workshops, lunch, assemblies and a dramatic competition. WHS students won 1st place for their original, student-written skit on this year's theme, "Diversity in Antiquity."



NEW TARDY PROCEDURE

We have a significant and increasing number of students who arrive at school each day after the 8:30 am start of school bell. As a reminder, it is expected that students are in class ready to learn when the 8:30 bell rings. Students unexcused tardy to school are prohibited from participating in extracurricular activities (including athletics) on that day. Excessive tardiness places a student at a great disadvantage and disrupts the learning environment. In order to help prevent these disruptions, WHS is enacting a new tardy procedure. Any student with 6 or more unexcused tardies (please see the **school handbook** for what constitutes an excused absence or tardy) in a quarter will lose their ability to access our open campus policy during that day's lunch block for day each tardy. The student will automatically be assigned to have a quiet, phone-free lunch in C111 on that day. Students will have time to access the cafeteria to acquire food. If the tardiness continues or the student fails to report for their assigned quiet lunch, progressive disciplinary action will occur.

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE

We are thrilled to announce that we are rolling out weekly COVID-19 safety checks to WHS students, to keep our school and community healthy.

This will be a take-home PCR nasal swab test.
Both vaccinated and unvaccinated students can participate.

Click [this link](#) to find out more.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

School picture retakes will be on **December 7th** in the gym. Any student wishing to take retakes should go to the gym on their own at any time up until the end of the lunch blocks that day. Pictures can be ordered at mylifetouch.com using code EVT8NFSXD.

PARENT SQUARE

Winchester Public Schools invites you to join ParentSquare - the district's new

tool for communications and family engagement. If you have not already done so, [please join us on ParentSquare](#) to keep up to date with all things happening at WHS!

(Please Note: this newsletter will continue to be distributed by the Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association via Constant Contact.)

WHS GIVES BACK



"WHS Gives Back" is still running a hats and mittens drive! We are gathering items for 153 Winchester children! Please bring **new** hats, gloves and mittens to the green collection box outside the High School main office **by 12/7**.

If you have any questions, [please email us](#).

Thank you for your continued support!
The WHSGB Team

NHS TUTORING

Students, if you are looking for an NHS tutor, you can now [register](#) and easily pick a tutor based on your specific courses and teachers. All tutor matching and scheduling can be done right on the website.

Several tutors have already signed up. Get started now!

Reach out to [Shrivas](#) with any questions.

WHS SPORTS

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Winter Sports start this week!
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**



Watch games live on the public channel,
and streamed **live online**

SOCCER

Highlights from the Boys' Varsity Soccer Banquet on November 28



Next year's captains - Brendan Ross, Adam Stewart and Andy Bowers with Coach Vinnie.



Middlesex All Stars -Christian Calderon and Brendan Ross

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

WHS Music Department joyfully invites you to its

Early Winter Strings Concert

December 8, 2021 7:00 PM

Winchester High School Auditorium

Featuring the

WHS ORCHESTRA WHS SYMPHONY

playing works by Haydn, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, Bizet and more!

We are thrilled to be performing together, for a live audience, after nearly two years!

Please help us continue to do so by following distancing and masking guidelines.

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

RED & BLACK SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Do you want to share your voice, engage within fun school activities, and show colleges your extracurricular participation? The Red and Black school newspaper is looking for new writers now! All students are

welcome to publish work on topics that interest them.

Please email for more information.

SCHOOL THE WORLD

Interested in making an impact on spring break? Join School the World in the WHS library on **Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm** for an information session about their upcoming service trip to Panama this April! Students and parents are invited to learn everything there is to know about traveling with School the World, how they have adapted their travel program in response to the pandemic, how to fundraise for the trip, and how to secure your spot. Come with questions and get ready to embark on a journey of a lifetime! This informational meeting is hosted by the **Connect & Commit Club**.

MASTERCLASS COOKING CLUB

FOOD LOVERS!!! Master Class Cooking Club is BACK! Join us on **Wednesday, December 15** at 4:30 pm for an online French cooking lesson with Chef Missy Druley. Everyone is welcome to join-- click **here** for details and to sign up.

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club is hosting its second annual toy drive with all donations going to the Toys for Tots charity. We will be accepting donations from December 2nd through **December 9th**. There is a collection box by the main office window.

Guidelines for Donations:

- New Toys/Gifts
- Unwrapped Gifts
- Books are accepted

Please consider bringing in a toy. These donations change the holidays for children in need. Please tell your friends to donate.

If you have any questions please reach out to Andrew Houllahan, Noah Kim,

Trace Kenrich, Varun Swaminathan, or Senora Kean.

CALLING ALL CLUBS!

An exciting MLK Day of Service is in the works for January 17 at Winchester High School and we want you to be a part of it! This year's theme is Global Citizenship and we invite a diverse group of organizations to participate in a huge service-learning fair. Do your part for our community, and possibly win \$250 for a non-profit that is important to you.

All Winchester High School Clubs are invited to have a booth or room in the cafeteria to help spread awareness on MLK.

Club officers: If you are interested, please click on the link below for more details! The registration deadline for club participation is December 17th, and the essay contest deadline is January 7th. [Click here for form](#)

Please email Ms. Edenhofner for more details about participating in the essay contest, volunteering at the MLK Day of Service, or to find out more information about the day's events click [here](#).

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS



WHS Black Sweatshirts on SALE NOW!

Back by popular demand you can now buy your [WHS Black Hoodie online!](https://winchesterseniors22.itemorder.com/)

Please order here:

<https://winchesterseniors22.itemorder.com/> Deadline to order is December 14th

THANK YOU for your support!

Please note this will not come by December 25th BUT you can always take a picture of it and print it out, put in a box and wrap it and let them know it is coming! :)
Fun way to be surprised too!

Seniors wishing to have Q1 grades sent to schools must complete the [Q1 Grade request Form.](#)

Please note:

Naviance no longer allows report cards to be sent to individual schools so students making requests for grades need to be aware that they will be sent to all schools that the student applies to regardless of when they apply (but will never download to any schools until an application is submitted).

Requests are processed in the order in which they were received.

Mid Year Averages for all classes are automatically shared to all schools which students apply to (no request needed).

See your counselor directly with any questions.

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

Drum roll please..... presenting to you the class of 2023's first in-person class event...

Junior Snow Ball

Cost: \$25 Presale, \$30 regular

When: December 11, 2021

Time: 7:30-10 pm

**Melted Snow and light refreshments
will be provided!**

Please get a dance contract from the
front office and fill out by Dec. 10
Contact an officer with any questions!

We have 3 forms for three different very important aspects of our dance.

[Sign Up Here for Decoration Donations](#)

[Sign up here to Donate Snacks.](#)

And if you are a student in the class of 2023 please [complete this song request form here](#), Can't wait to see you then!

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

Check here for the latest 2024 class news

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check here for the latest 2025 class news

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.

Winchester School Committee Meeting

**December 7, 2021: 6:00 p.m.
Parkhurst School, 40 Samoset Rd., Winchester, MA**

If you would like to make a public comment but are not able to attend in person, please fill out the registration form 24 hours in advance of meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-O7rRmoOTW6neint5GIYQ

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

- I. Call to Order (6:00 PM)
- II. Communications from School Committee and Administration (6:05PM)
- III. Student Representatives Report (6:15 PM)
- IV. Public Comment (6:25PM)
- V. Reports and Discussion Items (around 6:40PM)
 - A. Parent Square Overview
 - B. Superintendent Evaluation Process & Goals
- VI. Action Items (around 7:40pm)
 - A. Consideration of Approval of Superintendent's Goals
 - B. Consideration of Approval of Updates to Title IX Policy
 - C. Consideration of Acceptance of Picnic Tables from A Tavola
 - D. Consideration of Appointment to Finance Subcommittee
 - E. Consideration of Approval of FY23 Budget Development Process
 - F. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2021, and November 9, 2021
- VII. Chair Report (around 8:00pm)
- VIII. Superintendent Report (around 8:05pm)
- IX. Future Agenda Items: FY23 Budget; Building / Facility Update; Enrollment Update; Science Curriculum Presentation

Winchester School Committee Meeting

- X. Next Meetings: Dec. 14 (6:00 PM); Jan. 11 (6:00 PM); January 18 (6:00 PM); January 25 (6:00 PM); January 31 (6:00 PM)
- XI. Executive Session: (around 8:20pm)

Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a) for the following purposes:

- A. Purpose (2) a grievance from the Winchester Education Association Unit A, because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee.
- B. Purpose (4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto.

The Committee will reconvene in Open Session only for the purposes of adjournment.

- XII. Adjournment (around 9:20PM)

[Register For Public Comment](#)

[Watch Live on WinCam](#)

HOLIDAYS AT THE EN KA EXCHANGE

The Exchange is THE place to find a great bargain. We have a selection of holiday outfits and party dresses, shoes, jewelry and other accessories. Take advantage of our Dollar sale plus other discounts.

We have added Holiday Evening Shopping Hours for your convenience. They are:

Wed. December 8 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm

Our regular hours are Wed, Thurs, and Sat. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and
Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

As a Chamber of Commerce member, we are participating in

The Red Ticket Raffle.

For every \$25.00 spent at the Exchange, you will receive a Red Raffle Ticket for the chance to win \$2,500.

Come in and get your New Years Eve outfit before we close for the season **Dec. 11.**

En Ka Exchange Resale Shop
1037 Main Street, Winchester MA
781-729-6146

LYNCH ELEMENTARY DONATION DRIVE

DECLUTTER BEFORE
THE HOLIDAYS

BOARD GAMES FOR INDOOR RECESS:

- *JENGA
- *KANOODLE
- *BLOKUS
- *SCRABBLE JR
- *TROUBLE
- *LIFE
- *UNO
- *CHARADES FOR KIDS
- *THE FLOOR IS LAVA
- *GUESS WHO
- *SORRY
- *CANDY LAND
- *TRIVIA PURSUIT JR
- *APPLES TO APPLES
- *BATTLESHIP
- *HEDBANZ
- *RUSH HOUR
- *ZOOB BUILDERZ
- *LARGE PCS LEGO SETS
- *LARGE CASE OF ASST
CRAYOLA MARKERS

NURSE OFFICE NEED:

1. GENTLY USED SWEATSHIRTS
AND PANTS FOR GRADE K-5
(ELASTIC BAND SWEATPANTS/ LEGGINGS)
2. NEW PACKAGED CHILDREN'S
UNDERWEAR SIZES XS, SM & MED

***PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS
IN THE MAIN OFFICE.**

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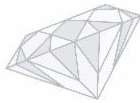
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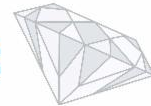


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Drawing



Dec. 13



The Winchester Chamber of Commerce needs your help to make it happen!

- Hanging Baskets
- Lights in the Center
- Holiday Wreaths

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