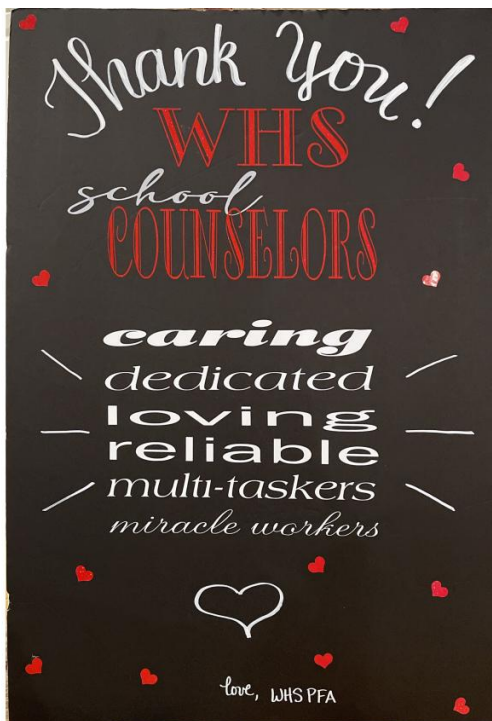


Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
February 6, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Good Morning WHS Families,

As you begin to thaw out from this freezing weekend, it's a great time to send a warm "thank you" to WHS School Counselors as this is "**Celebrate School Counselors**" week across the nation. Did you know that we have several counselors working at WHS supporting our children including 7 Guidance Counselors, 4 Adjustment Counselors and 2 School Psychologists? Thanks to your generous support of the WHS PFA Direct Appeal Campaign, the PFA is able to thank the counseling staff with a festive spread of coffee, muffins and

treats from our ENTIRE parent community. Thank you WHS School Counselors!

Our AWESOME PFA Social Committee is planning some "Sweet Treats"

for this year's **Teacher and Staff Cupid Café**. This annual tradition provides a little fun for the WHS Staff on Valentine's Day. If you would like to participate in donating some treats, we still have a few unfilled requests. Please take a peek at the [Sign Up](#) if you wish to contribute. Thank you in advance for your never-ending generosity.

Please consider being trained in **Teen Mental Health First Aid**. This is a free course sponsored by the Coalition for a Safer Community and is open to all town residents. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who lives, works, coaches or is around teens. The [flyer](#) with more info and registration can be found below. Some of the PFA Board members took the class this week and found it well worth their time. The instructors are knowledgeable, engaging and made the time fly by.

Good Luck to our WHS Parent Team "Well Red & Black" as they participate in the WFEE Trivia Bee this week.

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and friends & family of WHS Students have the opportunity to show appreciation and support for a student or a faculty member at the high school. **WHS Student Council** is selling carnations starting today! Carnations will be delivered to your student/faculty member of choice next **Tuesday** (Valentine's Day). For more information and to place an order, please see this [link](#). Happy Valentine's Day and thank you, from the WHSSC!

Keep reading for more news, pictures and other WHS happenings!
(psst ... check out the poppin' good [fundraiser](#) the Music Department is organizing to fund their Disney Trip! It looks delicious and starts Friday!)

Have a wonderful week!

Very fondly,
Brenda Mandile & Adrienne Spignesi
WHSPFA Co-Chairs
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

THU 2/9 - Projection mapping workshop during WIN Block

MON 2/20 - FRI 2/24 - No School! Winter Vacation!

WED 3/8 - No School

ATTENDANCE REFRESHER

Parents and Guardians of WHS Students:

We have reached the halfway point of the school year! As we did at the beginning of the school year, we like to take this opportunity to review the school attendance policy.

Students' attendance is a significant factor in their success in school. Clear communication between school and home regarding a student's attendance helps support students. The complete WHS attendance policy can be viewed in the student handbook available

on our website.

Specific questions you may have about attendance can be directed to your student's assistant principal: [Paula Conis](#) for Classes of 2023 and 2025; [John Dupuis](#) for Classes of 2024 and 2026.

If you would like to receive email notifications when your student is marked absent or late to class or school, you must enable this option in enable this option in [Aspen](#).

Absence Procedures

- The student's parent/guardian should email the school (from the parent's email) using whsabsentline@winchesterps.org. The email should provide the student's full name, grade, and reason for the absence each day that the student is absent. This is the preferred form of communication, as it is the quickest and clearest.
- Parents/guardians may also call the absent telephone line with the same information at 781-721-7020 option #1, although email is the preferred form of communication. If you need to call, we ask that you keep the message brief with all the important details and spell the student's name if you think necessary.
- Please be specific. Let us know if they are sick so we can mark their attendance correctly. If for a medical appointment, please have them bring a note from the appointment, you can also email this. You can see a list of all excused absences above at the link to the handbook
- If your child is going to be out for an extended period of time (4+ days) for non-medical reasons, they need to pick up an "extended absence form" from the main office. They will bring this around to their teachers to sign off on and to a parent to sign and include a note regarding the time out and return it to the main office.

Tardiness to School

- Students who are tardy to school are to report immediately

upon their arrival to the desk in the main foyer and scan their ID card to sign in. Students who neglect to sign in will automatically be given an unexcused absence and an office detention.

- Families should send an email to whsabsentline@winchesterps.org, write a note, or call 781-721-7020 to report the tardy. Reporting the tardy does not mean that the tardy is excused. Excusable reasons for tardy follow the same guidelines as excused absences.

Dismissal from School

- Students who are to be dismissed from school must be excused with an explanatory note, email, or telephone call from a parent/guardian to the main office prior to the dismissal. A note after the fact will not be accepted.
- Students who are to be dismissed must report to the main office to pick up their yellow dismissal pass first thing in the morning. This pass will allow them to leave class and be dismissed from school.
- If a student is returning to school, they must sign back into the main office.
- Students who fall ill or are feeling unwell and need to be dismissed must do so through the nurse's office. Students should see the nurse to be dismissed and not contact parents on their own.

Illnesses, injuries or other medical concerns

For the safety of the student(s) please communicate with the **WHS Nurse Team** if your student is required to be out of school for three or more days due to illness (*with the exception of COVID), injury or other medical concerns. Please provide a doctor's note to the health office that the student is medically cleared to return to school and any information that would help facilitate a smoother transition back to school.

We appreciate your support as we work together to ensure students' success. We look forward to a wonderful second half of

the year.
Thank you,
Paula Conis and John Dupuis

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 **February 1st to March 15th**.

Our goal is to donate 200 pajamas!

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

Thank you for your support!

The Red & Black School Newspaper's January Edition is out! Visit our updated website available to students and staff at www.whsredandblack.com, or pick up your physical copy outside the library. Read about the junior prom venue, upcoming 2023 WHS events, WHS sports, and more!

STANDARDIZED TESTING INFO FROM GUIDANCE

The recording of the Guidance department's Standardized Testing Information Night presentation and presenters slides are now available on the [Guidance website](#).

COVID REPORTING

WPS COVID-19 Reporting Form: If your student tests positive for COVID-19, please fill out this [reporting form](#) to receive important

isolation and return to school information.

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

The Class of 2023 Spring Event Schedule

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.
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- This year 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 cold weather did not keep our Juniors from going to their much-anticipated Snow Ball! Over 250 students attended and had a great time dancing the night away!

Thank you to all the parents who donated to the wish list and food/drink sign up!



SAT/ACT PRACTICE

Once again the Class of 2024 is partnering with Revolution Prep to offer a practice SAT and ACT to our students. See below:

SAT Practice Exam: Saturday, February 11th, 2023 | 9:00am - 1:00pm EST | Live Online!

ACT Practice Exam: Saturday, February 11th, 2023 | 9:00am - 1:00pm EST | Live Online!

*\$20 proceeds go to Winchester High School

Step 1: Register [here](#).

Step 2: Schedule a free 30-minute score report review with a Revolution Prep testing expert to help you interpret the results and develop a customized plan to prepare. Please schedule this appointment for the few days after the exam. You can pre-schedule this Score Report Review [here](#).

Step 3: Attend the mock exam and get your results immediately with Revolution Prep's mobile scoring app!

NOTE: THIS IS AN ONLINE TEST - take a practice SAT or ACT from the comfort of your own home.

Questions? If you have questions or want to learn more about Revolution Prep, you can reach out to David Zimbalist at (617) 640-0744 or by email at david.zimbalist@revolutionprep.com.

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOPHOMORES, make sure to fill out [this form](#) to fill your March calendar with fun class activities, mainly....YOUR CLASS DANCE!!

All funds go to your SENIOR PROM!!!

We are excited to hear back from you all!

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

THANK YOU to all Freshmen Families for baking and buying concession snacks for the Class Movie Night! It was a fun night that brought the Freshmen class together! Looking forward to the Freshmen Spring Dance! Stay tuned!



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](#)



ALPINE SKI



Another great week on the slopes!

Congratulations to the boy ski team for going undefeated (6-0) so far this season!

A big shout out to **Lukas Schemmel** for placing 1st overall in last week's Giant Slalom race!

The girl's alpine team continues to rock and roll with a record of 4-2!



BOYS BASKETBALL

Please send us updates!

BOYS HOCKEY

Please send us updates!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Please send us updates!

GIRLS HOCKEY





GYMNASTICS

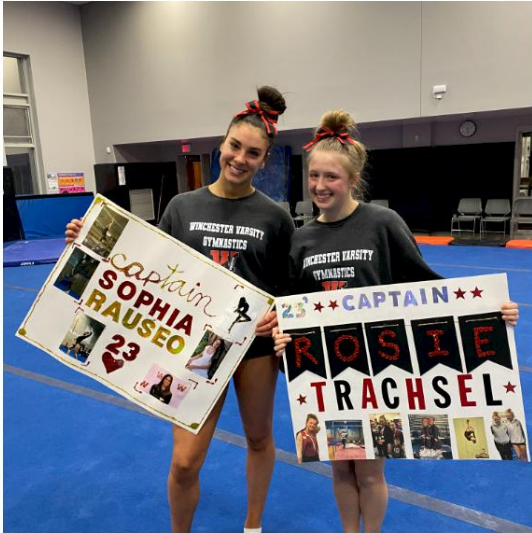
The girls gymnastics team honored their four seniors along with their coaches this week at their home meet against Stoneham.

Winchester took the win scoring a 133 which was their highest of the season. It was a great celebration and a fantastic meet!





Pictured below (L to R)
Captain Rosie Trachsel and Brooke Anderson



Pictured above on the left, Captains Sophia Rauseo & Rosie Trachsel

Pictured above on the right, Captain Sophia Rauseo, Lily Sirignano, Elle O'Connor and Captain Rosie Trachsel

Pictured below (L to R)
Leah Kurhajetz and Rose Marino



Pictured above (L to R)
Victoria Diaz, Anya Wickramasinghe and Keira McNamara

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Middlesex League Varsity Championship

Monday, February 6th - the Track at New Balance, Boston - 4:30-8:30PM

Middlesex League JV Championship

Wednesday, February 8th - the Track at New Balance, Boston - 4:30-8:30PM



the TRACK at new balance

Boys 1000 Meter Fun Varsity		Section 1
1	Sendzik	Belmont 2:48.37
2	Hamilton	Winchester 2:52.97
3	Bates	Woburn 2:56.28
4	Yoon-Kim	Winchester 2:57.07
5	Chao	Winchester 3:03.90
6	Keenan	Woburn 3:03.95
7	Moir	Arlington 3:04.61
	Capone	Woburn

2:48.35



PIC-COLLAGES

NORDIC SKI

Please send us updates!

SWIMMING

The boys had their League Meet at Bentley College on Thursday where the top 18 placing swimmers score points for their team.

The meet started off with the Winchester A 200 Medley team taking 6th out of 18 teams! Ethan Guo, Captain Kaden Salvietti, Captain Allen Huseinovic & Benny Chen

200 IM - Ethan Guo got 6th and he qualified for Sectionals!
Captain Gabe Guo got 16th in the 200 IM

50 Free - Benny Chen got 15th and Henry Leung got 23rd out of 59 swimmers

100 Fly - Captain Allen Huseinovic got 5th and Seamus Sullivan got 16th

500 Free - 20 laps of freestyle! Captain Allen Huseinovic won the entire event and qualified for States!

200 Free Relay - The A team took 10th place, Captain Gabe Guo, Easton Halsey, Nathan Liu and Seamus Sullivan

100 Back - Ethan Guo got 2nd and qualified for Sectionals!
Desmond Gao placed 17th.

100 Breast - Captain Kaden Salvietti placed 11th and Cillian O'Connor placed 17th.

400 Free Relay - the A team placed 5th, Captain Kaden Salvietti, Ethan Guo, Seamus Sullivan and Captain Allen Huseinovic

Good luck to the swimmers heading to Sectionals!





WRESTLING

On Tuesday the Winchester Wrestling team defeated Reading 51-21! Winchester had pins by **Oscar Chen, Anthony Donlon, Elias Kourafalos, Finn Paragas, Lucas Sekino** and a win by **Eddie Donlon**.

On Saturday Winchester defeated South Shore Voc/Tech, 54-13, in the final meet of the regular season. Winchester had pins by **Henry Wallace, Eddie Donlon, Anthony Donlon, Ilyas Malik,**

Elias Kourafalos, Joey Testa and Lucas Sekino.
Wins by **Andrew Sim** and **Jihyun Kang**.

Seniors were recognized and celebrated!
(Left to Right) **George Jia, Captain Jihyun Kang,**
Captain Elias Kourafalos, Captain Joey Testa,
Captain Anthony Donlon and Oscar Chen



WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following students:
Dahlia Lubin, Caterina Miotto and Penelope Ratz

They each have won the creative writing competition by the Italian Consulate. WHS brought home three prizes out of three! Their original work is now published in the [Harvard hosted site](#)

Great Job!



Well done to the **WHS Concert and Jazz Bands** who performed TWICE in two nights this week!

The Music Department is hosting two fundraisers. The first is Double Good Gourmet Popcorn beginning Friday, February 5th. WHS Music

Dept will put 100% of the proceeds towards this year's Disney World Trip. We are hoping to lower the costs for each student and provide scholarships where needed! For more information and to order, click [here](#).

The second fundraiser will be "Stage on the Street", 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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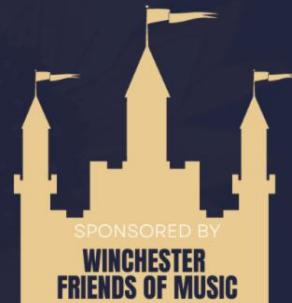
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STAGE ON THE STREET

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**





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n Band!
YOU!

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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



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