

Winchester High School  
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter  
March 6, 2023



## PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Good Morning WHS Families,

We have made it to March and despite the snow this weekend, we are optimistic that Spring is around the corner. It is one of our longer school-day months, but the good news is there is **no school** this Wednesday.

We are so incredibly proud of WHS National Honor Society as they packed 25,000 bags of grain and rice last Wednesday to benefit the "Rise Against Hunger" campaign. Yes, you read that correctly, **25,000 bags** were packed in one afternoon by these dedicated students. There was music, laughter, red hairnets ... and even a gong! (See pictures of our amazing, hardworking, hair-netted wonders below). If you would like to learn more about the National Honor Society and how your child might become part of this elite group, come to our next **PFA Meeting on Monday, March 13th at 7pm in the WHS Library**. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Chakladar who has graciously agreed to inform us of all things NHS. If you have questions you

would like Ms. Chakladar to address, please email us in advance so she can prepare. You may email your questions to us [here](#).

Joel Annesley once wrote, "*travel and adventure are the best ways to learn*". If this is true, then WHS Students are on the road to success and we are thrilled our Spain adventurers are home from their travels. We look forward to seeing pictures in the weeks to come. (feel free to send your photos the the [Newsletter](#)). Next up are our Italian travelers; both the ones coming and our own students headed out in April. If you student is a participant in the Italy trip, please fill out [this google form](#) to attend a fun, pre-trip event. (and to get your student a free T Shirt). (Teacher chaperones ... please fill it out as well!)

A few upcoming events you don't want to miss:

- The **Social Studies** department is still looking for volunteers for the Annual Financial Literacy Fair. This is a super fun volunteering opportunity for all parents. Find more information and register [here](#).
- **Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community** is pairing with Winchester Parent Organizations to bring us a special screening of the documentary "**Chasing Childhood**" as well as a chance to attend a discussion with Professor Peter Gray. This is a free screening for all parents of any age student. If interested, please reserve your spot [here](#).
- **Italian Students are coming!** And they need host families. Please Help! If you are willing to host an Italian student for a short period of time or would like more information, please contact Prof. Ferretto [here](#).

As always, please reach out for any reason and have a wonderful week!

Brenda Mandile & Adrienne Spignes

WHS Co-Presidents

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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

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**WED 3/8** - No School

**FRI-SUN 3/17,18 &19th-** WHS MUSICAL "Guys & Dolls"

**FRI 3/24-** WHS Freshmen Dance

**SUN 3/26-**WHS ROYALS \*ALL are welcomed!

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

**THU 4/27** - Early Release Day

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### WE STILL NEED HOST FAMILIES

We are still in need of several families. We realize this is a bit of an undertaking, but I promise that it will be a very enriching experience for the whole family and mostly for your student who takes Italian. If you have questions or concerns, **[please email Tanya Ferretto](#)** and we can talk in person.

Thank you,  
Tanya

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I am so happy to inform you that 23 Italian high schoolers from the Liceo Berti (Mogliano Veneto, Treviso, Italy) are coming to visit us in a few months: **from Friday March 24th to Tuesday April 4th.** They are mostly 16-17 years old.

Their teacher, Beatrice Riovanto, who teaches English, will come with another teacher who will assist her. I have known Beatrice for several years, and she has been my guest for all her prior trips with students here at WHS. I will be the liaison and I will work with her in organizing their field trips.

Beatrice Riovanto has brought her students three times already, and each time they have been very successful trips.

Each of the students, as we have done in the past, will live with a host family. During the day they will go on field trips, but in the afternoon and evening they will spend time with their American “families”. The students are hoping to spend the weekend with the families in order to really have the “American” experience. Also, usually, the Italian students shadow their student-hosts in school for at least 2 days. This is possibly the best part of their experience and always gives rise to many cultural comparisons.

This has always been a great exchange of culture, language and the budding of long-lasting friendships.

In order to make this dream come true, we need your support. We would like to have one host family for each student who is coming to visit. I am sending out a Google form for you to sign up and to best match your child with the Italian student. Google form [LINK](#)

Host family responsibilities are:

1. Provide a room, lunches and dinners (lunch is flexible as there are days in school and also field trips)
2. Spend the evenings and weekend with the student(s)
3. Welcome the student(s) to their lives so that the student(s) can experience the true American life
4. We will need some carpooling organization for airport pick up and drop off on arrival and departure

Your child’s responsibility:

1. Welcome the Italian student(s) by including the student in their daily life (they could go to practice together, theater rehearsal etc.)



## 2. Enjoy this enriching experience

Once you give your availability, I will set up a meeting with the host parents to further explain and to answer questions.

All parents will be given my cell phone number and will be able to contact me and the students' teacher any time during the students' stay. Their teacher will be staying with me.

As we get closer, I will send out a detailed schedule of their field trips. In general, we will try to have them arrive in school in the morning with your child and return in time to leave the school with your child.

Best Regards,  
Tanya Ferretto

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### **FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT COURSE SELECTION**

Online course selection for 2023-2024 for current WHS students closed on Friday, March 3rd. Students can log into their Aspen account to view courses.

All students will meet with their guidance counselor during a scheduled math class in March to review their selections and make any necessary changes. Students should NOT wait to make all of their course requests when meeting with their counselors.

The lengthy process of building student schedules is done by WHS Administration after all students have had a chance to meet with their counselors so there is no advantage given to students who make selections earlier in the week or for those in classes that meet with Guidance earlier.

Please see your teachers directly with any questions regarding course recommendations/levels. Students must accept ALL of their teacher's recommendations in Aspen. If they wish to take another course or higher level than the one that was recommended they

must submit an appeal form.

Information regarding Course Selections including the WHS Course of Studies, online request directions and appeals forms are on the WHS website under "Student Resources & Information."

Please contact your counselor directly with any questions.

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## **SEE FEBRUARY EDITION OF THE RED & BLACK!**

**The Red & Black School Newspaper's** February Edition is out!

Visit our updated website available to students and staff at [www.whsredandblack.com](http://www.whsredandblack.com), or pick up your physical copy outside the library. Read about the importance of funding WHS extracurriculars, Florida's ban on AP African American studies, Winchester track team success, and more!

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## **PARKING PERMITS**

Parking passes for Seniors and Juniors are now available!

Please fill out the [Google Form](#) and then see Ms. Hanlon in the main office or Officer Chiocciariello with your license to get your hang tag.

Please remember Juniors need to have had their license for 3 months before they can receive a pass.

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## **BUILDING UPDATES**

We wanted to let you know about some changes to our school building that will be in place when you return from February break. Please know that these changes are to make sure that our school continues to be a safe place for students who want to use our space after school for studying and for extracurricular clubs and sports.

The changes that will impact you the most are outlined below:

- The building's after-hours doors, #1 and #7, will start electronically locking at 7:30 pm (instead of the usual 9 pm). For students participating in after-school clubs, this may mean some adjustments to times your club/activity meets. If so, please speak to your advisor to find new or adjusted meeting time.
- We will be asking all club advisors AND coaches to escort their students out of the building at the end of the meeting for after-school meetings and events.
- Doors 15 and 20 will no longer be open for students to enter the school in the morning. Doors 1 (front of the building) and 15 (out back by the woodshop) will be open to students in the morning. Door 1 from 7:30-8:30 am (as per usual, and this door will be staffed during this time), and door 15 from 8-8:30am.
- Doors 1 and 7 (by athletics) are the only doors that will be open after school, and they will only remain unlocked until 7:30pm.

Please be aware that the dining commons will remain an unsupervised space after school at this time. Students are only under supervision when they are participating in clubs or sports practices and games.

We ask that students who are in the building after school for any sports/clubs/activities remain with their advisor until they leave the building.

We appreciate your cooperation.  
WHS Administration

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## CRADLES TO CRAYONS

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 **now until March 15th**.

Our goal is to donate 200 pajamas!

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

Thank you for your support!

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## FINANCIAL LITERACY FAIR

The Social Studies department at WHS will host a Financial Literacy Fair for the entire Junior class (Grade 11) on the afternoon of **Wednesday, March 15th**. This Fair will introduce students to the financial basics of post-collegiate life.

We are looking for volunteers from the community to assist with the Fair. Volunteers will help guide students through their activities, provide deeper explanations for any of the financial tasks, and/or help with the Fair’s functioning. If you’ve made any adult decisions like getting a job, buying a car, or renting an apartment, then you have the required experience to assist us!

The Fair should run for about one hour, from approximately 2:00-3:00 PM. Volunteers should arrive at WHS between 1:30 PM and 1:45 PM, in order to receive assignments and a short training before the Fair begins. More information will be provided to volunteers in advance.

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this [Google form](#).

Please forward this notice to any interested parties or local organizations.

If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact [Scott Spencer](#) or [Andrew Langlois](#) at Winchester High School.

Best wishes,  
Scott & Andrew

## CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

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

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#### FROM THE NURSES DEPARTMENT

Voluntary HPV vaccine clinic for WHS Grade 12 students:

Please see the link below for information regarding the Town of Winchester/WHS voluntary HPV clinic. If interested, please reply by **March 10th**.

[HPV Vaccine Clinic 2023](#)

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## WHS ROYALS SUNDAY, March 26th at 7pm!

An event much anticipated every year by all! Our Senior contestants always have something super entertaining up their sleeves! WHS Faculty Judges are ready for yet another year of fun and excitement!

Meet our wonderful contestants below!

ALL are invited (not just a Senior event)!!  
Please spread the word to friends and family!  
Tickets will be on sale soon!



*Quinn Johansen*



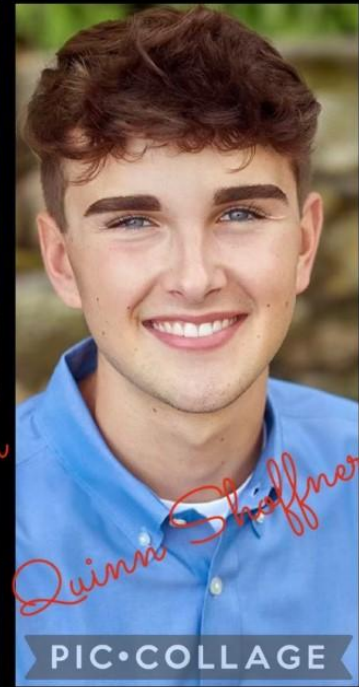
*Ava Pioli*



*Will Caron*



*Amanda Harrison*



*Quinn Shiffner*

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winchesterclassof2023 For the moment you have all been waiting for.... the class officers proudly present the contestants for 2023 WHS ROYALS!!! On March 26 at 7pm you will see Will Caron, Amanda Harrison, Quinn Johansen, Ava Pioli, and Quinn Shoffner perform to battle for the title of WHS Royal!!! Lets give these contestants some hype in the comment section!! Please stay tuned for more information about contestants and the event to come. Now... let the games begin 🐱



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