

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
September 7, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



First day of school excitement!



Dear Fellow WHS Families,

Welcome back from the WHS Parent Faculty Association! We hope everyone had a fantastic Labor Day weekend! Our first full week of school is here!

You can count on receiving this newsletter every Monday morning or in the case of a long weekend, Tuesday morning! The newsletter is just waiting to be filled with your photos, announcements, news, and more - so don't hesitate to [submit contributions](#) to our awesome news editors - Tara Salvetti & Audrey Siciliano.

WHSPFA Meetings

Every year we look forward to working collaboratively with the Winchester High School teachers and administrators to make Winchester High School a terrific place for our kids to grow and learn. Please join us at our WHS PFA meetings, where Principal Mahoney will update us on events and happenings at WHS and guest speakers will address various topics relevant to our students and families. This year 2021-2022 PFA meeting dates are scheduled for we are hoping to meet in person but please stay tuned for format:

- Monday, September 27th - 7 PM
 - Guest Speaker - Anna Paradise, Dean of Students
- Monday, November 15th - 7 PM
- Monday, January 10th - 7 PM
- Monday, March 14th - 7 PM
- Monday, May 16th - 7 PM

WHSPFA Board Positions

We are currently looking for more parents to join our board!
We have the following board positions open:

- Freshman Class Parent Advisors

Please [email](#) for more information.
Also, please reach out if you want to get involved!
We need all the help we can get!

WHS PFA Website

Please check out [our website](#) for more information about WHSPFA and updates throughout the year! Thank you to Lauren L'Esperance for kindly volunteering to manage this for us this year!

As always, please let us know if you have any ideas or questions! This is year will definitely have challenges for us all but, please remember you are not alone... **we're in this together!** We are looking forward to a memorable and fun year with you all! **Together we can!**

Warmly,


THE MASKED WHS STAFFER!

Last year we introduced this fun way of getting to know our wonderful WHS Teachers and Staff and it was so well received we are bringing it back--**"The Masked WHS Staffer!"** YAHOO!
Have you watched [The Masked Singer](#)? If not, we highly recommend to do a quick google search ☺ This is how it works... below, you'll see a masked member of the WHS faculty and staff. Who is it? That's the mystery. We asked each featured WHS contestant some questions which may lead you to the right answer... or may throw you off the trail. And then—apologies if this seems too Machiavellian (google this word I had too!)—you need to read the entire newsletter to see the unmasked picture and the identity revealed! We told you this reading this newsletter would keep you informed :) For our new families to kick off our new school year we are introducing our Admin Team (this will be the only hint all year!).
Enjoy fellow WHS families!



1. What high school did you go to? **Burlington High School**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **Any science**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **Ice Hockey**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? ---
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **Jaws, Trinity by Leon Uris, U2, Bacon Cheeseburger**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **The Devil whispers in the Warriors ear "You cannot withstand the storm." "The Warrior whispers back "I am the storm." - unknown**

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1. What high school did you go to? **Winchester High School**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **Physics with Mr. Smith**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **I played soccer, softball and basketball. Basketball was my favorite.**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? **Not much about me is hidden, I am a pretty open book :)**
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **Movie -Armageddon, Book - I Am the Cheese, Band - Jimmy Buffet, Food- Ice cream**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **"There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it hardly behoves any of us to talk about the rest of us." Mrs. Shugue my 8th grade math teacher at McCall**

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[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

WED 9/22 - WHS Back to School Night (Format TBD)

MON 11/1 - Picture Day

BELL SCHEDULE

Our new daily schedule can be found [here](#)

QUARTERS

Q1: September 1 - November 5
Q2: November 8 - January 21
Semester 2 starts again as a Day 1

Q3: January 24 - April 8
Q4: April 11 - June 15

Seniors' last day of classes: May 27

**WHSPFA Direct Appeal
2021-2022**

Your donations are more important than ever!

WHAT? Direct Appeal is WHSPFA's only fundraiser. Our fundraising goal is \$30,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. Monies raised support our WHS faculty and staff with their extra needs during the school year. Your donation will help them enhance students' in-school learning, teaching and counseling experiences.

WHY? It's an investment in our children's educations. Direct Appeal funds are used to support programs and activities beyond what is covered in the regular school budget. By contributing, you will be helping to fund valuable in-school enrichment programs, teacher grants and more! For example, previous fundraising efforts have supported Authorfest, bought art materials for specialized art classes, risers for the music department, a human skeleton for the science program, new student events, social emotional programming, and more.

WHEN? Now!

HOW? Click the link below. **Any amount is appreciated!** We understand that the pandemic has created unusual economic times for all. Keep in mind that we're a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) so each dollar is tax deductible.

DONATE NOW via PAYPAL or mail a check payable to:
WHSPFA 10 Cranston Road, Winchester, MA 01890



Don't forget Corporate Matching Gift programs offered by your employers. You could double your impact to WHS.



THE BEST PUBLIC HIGHSCHOOLS IN GREATER BOSTON

GO Winchester!!! Ranked #10!

[Click here](#) to read the article

PARKING PERMITS

Juniors and seniors wishing to park in the student lot must complete this [online form](#) to register for a parking pass.

Once registered, students must then see Ms. Hanlon in the main office or SRO Chiucarello with their license to receive the actual permit and guidelines for parking on campus.

A reminder that grade 11 students must have had their license for at least 3 months in order to qualify for a permit.

Students who do not have the pass

WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARK IN THE STUDENT LOT

WHS SPORTS

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have scores from games and pictures of WHS athletes [please email them to us!](#)

All team schedules can be found at [WHS Team Schedules](#).

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

Check this section for updates about WHS Arts, Music & Theater

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

Club Fair

WHS's club fair will be back live and in person this year during WIN block on Wednesday, September 8th. If your club/activity would like a spot at the fair, please complete [this form](#).

Please note that the fair will be in the **GYM** this year, and there will NOT

be tables to set up on, so please plan accordingly. All students interested in attending the club fair should go to their regularly scheduled WIN block and wait to be called down to the gym.

Students should see Ms. Conis, Mr. Dupuis or Ms. Paradis with any questions.

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS



Seniors are EXCITED to be back and celebrate their last year!
Trying to keep with past student led traditions, some Senior girls made their own Senior Shirts. (Please note there was no scheduled meeting -- students parked in the parking lot, took some pictures and walked over together!)
Looking forward to sharing more pictures all year--so send them our way!
Here is a [video](#) Principal Mahoney took and tweeted while students walked in on their first day! It's going to be a GREAT and memorable year!

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

Check this section for updates about the Class of 2023

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

Check this section for updates about the Class of 2024

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Class of 2025 Class Officers

Grade 9 students interested in running for class officer (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer) need to email [Mr. Dupuis](#) to receive the forms to fill out.

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 Public Schools Health & Safety Information

WPS COVID-19 Protocols

September 6, 2021

Dear Winchester Students, Families, Faculty, and Staff:

We hope you all have had a nice weekend! This message is to provide you with a few updates since school started last week.

COVID-19 Protocols

We understand the importance of regular communication regarding COVID-19 information and data, which we will provide in several ways throughout the continuation of the pandemic: (1) School [close contacts](#) are identified through contact tracing by Winchester Public School Nurses and the Winchester Health Department contact tracers. Close contacts will typically be notified within 24 hours of identification; (2) Our new [WPS Dashboard](#) is now available and is where you can find positive case counts by school, updated at least once a week (Fridays), and (3) The Town of Winchester's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) is where you can find town-wide case counts, regional and state comparisons, as well as vaccination and testing information.

As we have previously shared, WPS will be offering a free and voluntary COVID-19 testing program for PreK-12. Testing will allow us to maintain in-person learning while ensuring that everyone is safe at school. We strongly encourage students and staff to participate. What are the benefits?

Keep Kids and Staff Safe: catch cases before they spread to other students and staff;
Keep our Schools Open: prevent further time away from in-person learning and friends;
Stop the Spread: prevent infecting another member of your household or community.

This Friday you will receive more details, including a link to a new WPS COVID-19 Testing Website, as well as registration information for the Test and Stay Program for students who have been identified as close contacts to a COVID-19 positive individual while in school, but who are not showing symptoms.

Vaccination is a critical tool in keeping our students, staff, and community safe from COVID-19. Individuals who are vaccinated against COVID-19 are less likely to develop severe illness. Persons 12 years of age or older are eligible for vaccination. If you have not been vaccinated it is not too late! Please speak with your healthcare provider. You can also call your local pharmacy or visit [MA vaccination locations](#).

Finally, please make sure you are using the [Daily Symptom Checker](#) prior to sending your children to school, and do not forget to print & sign a copy of the [WPS Student Illness form](#) and return to your student's school nurse by September 15th.

Once again, you can find all kinds of information about COVID-19 protocols and the start of school at our [WPS 2021-2022 School Opening website!](#)



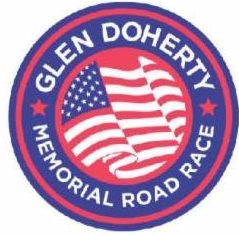
Warm up with WFEE, Roll with the PMC,
and Go with Glen!

Back to school and things are getting busy! First up, the
WFEE Town Day Road Race!
Run or walk, go 2.5 miles or 5 miles, the WFEE Road Race at
8:30 AM, Saturday, Sept. 18th is the perfect start to Town Day.
[Register online](#)

Get your kids on their bikes the next day to Roll with the
virtual PMC Kids Rides on Sunday, Sept. 19th
[Sign up here](#)

Enjoy the first annual Glen Doherty Spirit Weekend **Sept. 24th** through the **26th**. The celebration of Winchester's hometown hero culminates on **Sunday the 26th** with the
Glen Doherty Memorial Road Race at noon.
[Sign up here](#)

Each event supports our community – WFEE funds innovative and creative projects in our schools, the PMC allows kids to raise money to fight cancer and the Glen Doherty Foundation helps our military transition to civilian life.



THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER IS GEARING UP FOR 3 DAYS OF CELEBRATING GLEN!

GDMF, with the Winchester Chamber of Commerce & the Town of Winchester, is so excited to announce the **First Annual Glen Doherty Spirit Weekend!**

Winchester raised a hero and we will never forget him.

Please join us, our local businesses, sports teams, youth organizations and community for a weekend of fun events.

FRIDAY 9/24/21:

4-10pm

Downtown Streets closed for outdoor/indoor shopping & eating

5:30-9:30pm

Live Music by: Jagged Image

5:30-8:30pm

Street vendors including our own Winchester students & athletes

7pm

Winchester Football Game vs. Reading

SATURDAY 9/25/21

More fun supporting our local businesses downtown

SUNDAY 9/26/21

12 noon

Our annual GDMF Memorial Road Race

Register at: <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=12297>

www.glendohertyfoundation.org

REGISTER



We are back, IN PERSON!
Winchester, MA & Virtual Anywhere
Sunday, September 26 - 12 PM EST

Runners, walkers, volunteers, sponsors WELCOME!

Together the GDMF and Winchester community are creating a fun filled WEEKEND for everyone in honor of Glen.

We are partnering with the Winchester Chamber of Commerce, Town Hall, local establishments and students to support our Scholarship Program AND Glen's hometown of Winchester, MA! Stay tuned for more details.

We absolutely loved connecting with our GDMF family across the US and the globe in 2020. If you cannot be there in person on the 26th, please join us again VIRTUALLY!

RACE DETAILS

REGISTRATION:

On-Line: \$40 for Adults 5/10K | \$20 For Kids under 18
Race Weekend: \$50 for Adults | \$20 for Kids under 18
Virtual Race via the Charge Running App: \$40

RUCK DIVISION: Carry weighted pack of your choice. All participants will receive a GDMF Rucker Patch

TEAMS: Create or join a team! Prizes to the largest teams in person & virtually

T-SHIRTS: FREE to 1st 500 Registered Runners (Also available for purchase day of)

RACE WEEKEND:

9/25 BIB Pickup, 12-2 PM – Winchester library, large meeting room
Runners strongly encouraged to pick up bibs early to avoid day of lines!
New runner registration and GDMF gear sale.

9/26 Race Day BIB Pickup, 9:30-11 AM - The Jenks Center Parking Lot, 109 Skillings Rd

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE:

We are partnering once again with [Charge Running](#) to provide an awesome experience via their app and connect with all of our virtual participants LIVE on race day.

Cannot run live? Sign up and run with us "on demand" and you can listen to the race day experience anytime and anywhere!

- LIVE start with Charge Running Coach who will MC throughout the race
- LIVE tracking and LEADERBOARD of your time and distance
- HEAR testimonials from our scholars - why your support means so much!

RACE SPONSORSHIP

Support the GDMF and our Scholarship Program by sponsoring the race!

We offer various levels and benefits starting at \$500. See a list of our sponsors below.

[Click here](#) to learn more about our opportunities or you can [email us](#).



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Register for the Race

SELECT BOARD MEETING

For those of you who missed the most recent Select Board Meeting with the update from the health department, but are still interested in watching, you can [view the recording of the meeting here](#)

Winchester Works

Fall 2021 Construction Season



Church St at Waterfield Rd: Reconstruction of the intersection of Church St and Waterfield Rd will begin in late September or early October and continue through Fall 2021. The project includes traffic calming measures and improved pedestrian and bike facilities.

[link.com](#)

Eversource 115kV Project: Eversource will be continuing construction on the 115kV line through Fall 2021. Work will be focused primarily in the Bacon St corridor between Church St and Symmes Corner, and on Main St between Stowell Rd and the Medford line. Detours in this area are expected.

<https://www.winchester.us/505/115kV-Line-Mystic-to-Woburn>

Eversource 345kV Project: Eversource will be continuing construction on the 345kV line through Fall 2021. Crews will be working on Washington St in the area between the Aberjona River bridge and Cross St.

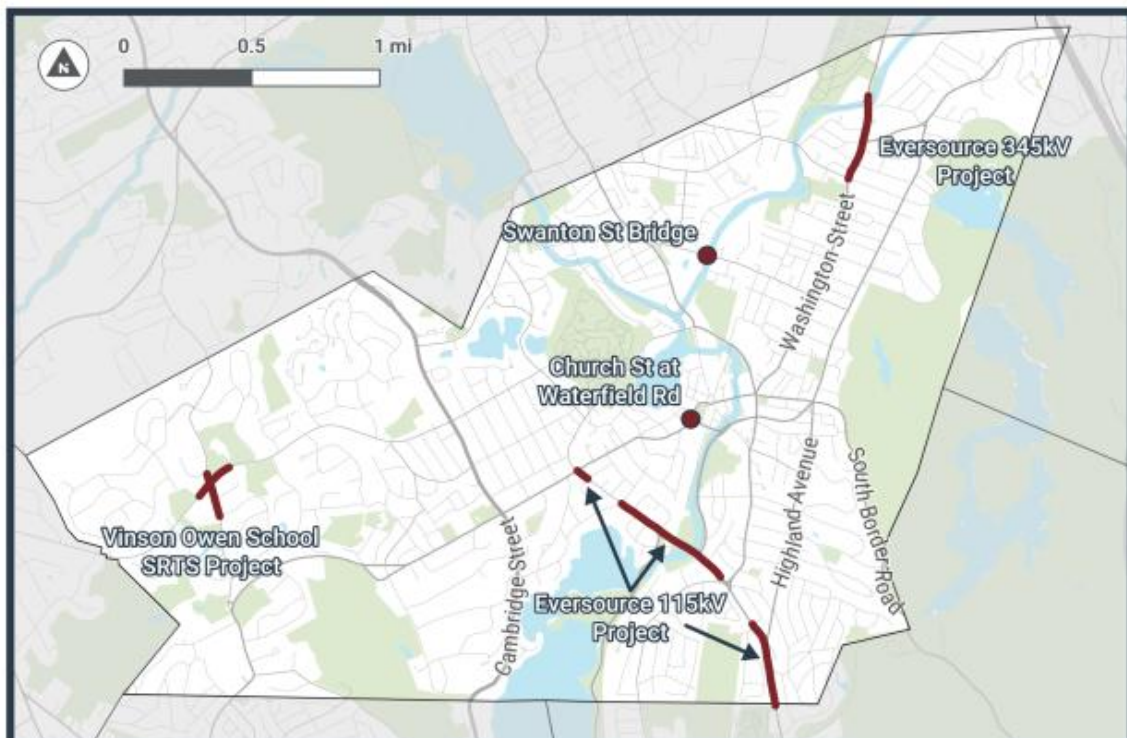
<https://www.winchester.us/506/345kV-Line-Woburn-to-Wakefield>

Swanton Street Bridge Flood Mitigation: Reconstruction of the Swanton St bridge will be on-going into Fall 2021. The road is closed to through traffic, but is open to the Transfer Station from the eastern (Washington St) side.

<https://www.winchester.us/704/Swanton-Street-Bridge-Project>

Vinson Owen School SRTS: MassDOT will be continuing construction on bike, pedestrian, and traffic improvements on Johnson Rd and Ridge St near the Vinson Owen School through Fall 2021. This project is funded through a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant.

[link.com](#)



WINCHESTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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 [HERE](#)

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 [database](#) 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 [HERE](#).



Check out our latest alumni spotlight!

Tim Zue
Class of 1995

The WHS Masked Staffer UNMASKED!



UNMASKED: Principal Dennis Mahoney!
Thank you Mr. Mahoney for participating and helping us get to know you better!
Stay tune next week folks for our next mystery WHS Masked Contestants! :)



UNMASKED: Dean of Students Anna Paradis! So happy to have you join the AWESOME Admin team!
Thank you Mrs. Paradis for participating and helping us get to know you better!
Stay tune next week folks for our next mystery WHS Masked Contestant! :)

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](#)

To make a newsletter or a news blast submission, [please email us](#)
NO LATER than 12:00 PM on Friday.

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