

WHSPFA Newsletter

September 7, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Good morning, and WELCOME BACK! We hope you had a wonderful summer. Today may be the first day for students, but the school has been buzzing with activity, and the staff has been hard at work all week. Thanks to you, the WHS PFA was able to host a Back-to-School lunch for the entire WHS Staff. They are ready to take on the school year and excited to see the kids tomorrow.



Grab your calendars and mark the following dates:

Picture Day - Tuesday, September, 12th
Back to School Night - Thursday, September 21st
First PFA Meeting - Monday, September 25th

More information on all of these events will be coming soon.

Also, we have (tentatively) booked the following dates for our WHS PFA Meetings. You don't want to miss these! Please come and meet other involved parents, find out what's happening in the

school, and spend face time with Principal Mahoney. Why would you not attend?! All PFA Meetings are to be held in the Library at 7 PM:

Monday, September 18th
Monday, November 13th
Monday, January 22nd
Monday, March 18th
Monday, May 20th

Please contact us with any questions, concerns, or updates. Also, please remind your child to stay hydrated and bring a water bottle to beat the heat this week.

In case you missed it, here is the [Link](#) to Mr. Mahoney's Welcome to 2023-2024 School year letter and the [Link](#) to Mr. Hackett's Update.

Very Fondly,
Adrienne Spignesi & Mai Harrison
WHS Co-Presidents
whspfa@gmail.com



WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click Here for 2023-2024 District School Calendar](#)

THU 9/7 - First Day of School

MON 9/11 First "Day 1" Schedule

TUE 9/12 - School Picture Day

THU 9/21 - Back to School Night, 7pm

FRI 9/22 - Early Release Day

MON 10/9 - No School

SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR FIRST DAYS

WHS is running a [special schedule](#) on Thursday and Friday of this week. Students should write down their rotation of classes for those two days to make getting around the building easier. The first day 1 will be on Monday, September 11th.

[Click Here for WHS Special Schedule for Thursday 9/7 and Friday 9/8](#)

IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTION/TRAFFIC UPDATE

The bridge across from the Winchester DPW at the intersection of Lake St. and Main St, will continue to be under construction as the school year starts. This WILL create significant traffic and

commuting delays. Students are reminded that classes will still start at the same time, 8:30 AM, and they will be expected to be in class and ready to learn at that time. Please plan accordingly.



BUS ROUTES AND MORE

The 2023-2024 Bus Route Maps and Estimated Arrival Times are available online at <https://www.winchesterps.org/transportation> - select "2023-2024 Bus Routes" to view route maps and stop information. Please anticipate arriving at least 10 minutes early to estimated stop arrival times during the first two weeks of school.

ANNUAL STUDENT UPDATE FORM

All families are asked to complete their Annual Student Update form through Aspen as soon as possible. This form lets you update student emergency contacts and sign off on handbooks and policies.

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDER FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

See this [Civic Alert](#) from the Winchester Police Department with important safety reminders for parents, students, drivers and pedestrians.

PICTURE DAY INFO

This year, picture day is Tuesday, September 12 and Legacy Studios is the official photographer for Winchester High School. Keep an eye out for an email from Legacy Studios with a unique link for your student, or visit shop.legacystudios.com & enter your School Code **3634F24** to access the Pre-Order Website.

WINCHESTER
HIGH SCHOOL

PHOTO DAY: **9/12** | MAKE-UPS: **10/17**



Due to the nature of green screen technology, DO NOT WEAR GREEN CLOTHING ON PICTURE DAY.

1 VISIT OUR WEBSITE **SHOP.LEGACYSTUDIOS.COM**
A safe and secure way to purchase your portraits.

2 ENTER YOUR ONLINE CODE **3634F24**

3 BUILD YOUR PACKAGE *Build your perfect order with our great packages and products. Everything on this form and more is available online.*

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COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The Health Services Department has prepared [this guidance](#) on COVID-19. Please be mindful about limiting exposure to others, especially those who may experience more severe illness.

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2027 NEWS

Welcome Class of 2027!

Visit this [site](#) for helpful information about starting at WHS.

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](#)

USER FEE PAYMENTS FOR FALL SPORTS

UniPay is now open for User Fee Payments. Visit this [link](#).



CHEERING

Please email us photos and updates!

CROSS COUNTRY

Please email us photos and updates!

FIELD HOCKEY

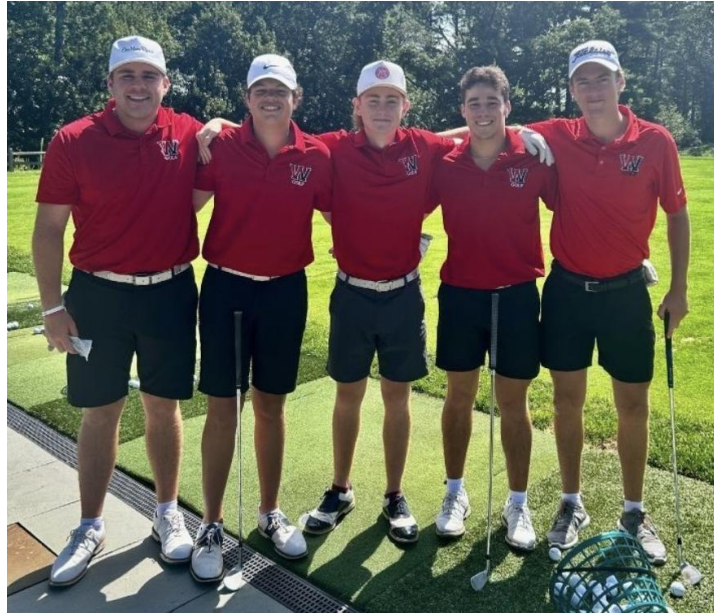
Please email us photos and updates!

FOOTBALL

The football season kicks off with a home opener vs. Newton South on Friday, September 8 at 6:30 pm, Knowlton Stadium. Let's fill up the stands, have FUN and come support the team! There will be concessions and football spirit wear for sale too! G- O Red and Black!

GOLF

The golf team kicked off their 2023 season with wins in the first 3 matches against Wilmington, Melrose, and Lexington!



SOCCER

Please email us photos and updates!

SWIMMING

Please email us photos and updates!

VOLLEYBALL

Please email us photos and updates!

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have updates or pictures of WHS Arts, Music & Theater students **please email them to us!**

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

Click here for a **list** of WHS Clubs and Organizations
Check this section for current club news, meetings & events

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.



The Winchester Farmers Market is hosting the fifth annual

Organizations Fair. It is a gathering of almost 50 Winchester organizations. Including some Town government departments and committees, non profits, faith communities, cultural, environmental and other civic groups. Come learn about the different groups impacting the civic life of Winchester.

September 9th, 9:30 to 1:30
Winchester Town Common



MusicFest Open House & Auditions
Sunday, September 10, 2 - 4 pm

Winchester Community Music School's annual MusicFest Open House is free and fun for all ages! Join us for meet-the-instrument

sessions, instrument demos, musical storytime, fun in the recording studio, and a scavenger hunt with prizes. We'll also be holding placement auditions for a wide range of bands and ensembles – all genres, all ages (kids, teens, and adults). Faculty and staff will be available to answer questions about enrolling for the fall. Plus, you can try a free class during Demo Class Week, September 5–9. Visit our [website](#) for full schedule and to sign up. WCMS is a non-profit school; financial aid is available. For more info, call 781-721-2950 or visit www.winchestermusic.org. 407 Highland Avenue, Winchester.



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LETTING GO

A Parents' Guide
to Understanding the
College Years



Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Tregeer

SIXTH EDITION

THOROUGHLY REVISED AND UPDATED TO
REFLECT THE REALITIES OF COLLEGE TODAY

Are you a parent of a college kid? Or, do you have children heading to college soon?

Join us for a discussion of *LETTING GO: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years**

*We will be prepared to discuss the whole book but will begin with a focus on:

Chapter 8: In and Out of Your Life (entire chapter)

Chapter 5: pages 177-185, Communication: How Will We Keep in Touch?

Books are available at Book Ends
(makes for a good summer read)

**Monday, September 11th
7:00PM**

Winchester Public Library
Large Meeting Room

All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public

REPAIR CAFE Winchester

**HAVE SOMETHING YOU'VE BEEN MEANING TO FIX FOR AGES?
BRING IT TO US, WE LOVE A MENDING CHALLENGE!**

**OUR BIKE REPAIR EXPERT WILL MAKE SURE MAKE SURE YOUR
KIDS BIKES ARE READY TO RIDE. SMALLS THROUGH TEENS .**

**THE NEXT REPAIR CAFE IS ON
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH
FROM 9.00AM TO 12.00PM**

**AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
WINCHESTER.
ACROSS FROM THE COMMON.
FREE FOR EVERYONE.**

**WALK-INS AVAILABLE, BUT TO MAKE
AN APPOINTMENT GO TO
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CODE TO SIGN UP.**



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SUSTAINABLE WINCHESTER
AND MANY LOCAL COMMUNITY INDIVIDUALS AND REPAIR EXPERTS.
WE SHARE OUR KNOWLEDGE TO INSPIRE REPAIRING RATHER THAN REPLACING.**



QPR Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention

Jon Mattleman

September 21, 2023 @ noon

**Town Hall, Winchester Room
(near Town Clerk's office)**



*QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer. QPR Gatekeeper Training provides instruction on these three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. The goal of QPR Gatekeeper Training is to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative, practical, and proven suicide prevention training. The signs of crisis are all around us. QPR Gatekeeper Training reinforces that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.

After completion of QPR Training, participants will gain the following knowledge:

- How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide.
- The common causes of suicidal behavior.
- The warning signs of suicide.
- How to Question, Persuade, and Refer someone who may be suicidal.
- How to get help for someone in crisis.

QPR Gatekeeper Training meets the requirements for listing in the National Registry of Evidence-based Practices and Policies (NREPP), which is required training for educators and health and social service professionals in many states.

**SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH
LET'S RAISE AWARENESS AND LEARN HOW TO HELP**

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