

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
August 30, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Dear Fellow WHS Families,

A **HUGE Welcome** from the Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association! For families who are new - we can't wait to meet you!

The PFA is starting our year out by hosting a "Welcome Back" Luncheon for the teachers TODAY - their first day back!! Upon returning teachers also will receive a little "welcome back" gift (see pic)- A "W" mask and some M & M's with a card reading "We're going to have a Magnificent and Marvelous year- even if Masked!"

The First Day of School for students is Wednesday, September 1st. ☐

It is said that absence makes the heart grow fonder. Well, we think that's true and know that hearts are truly bursting with excitement to be reunited for our 2021-2022 school year. Please stay tuned to this newsletter as information and Covid protocols are evolving. We will do our best to keep you updated!

Top Ten Reasons to Read the WHS PFA Newsletter 2021-2022:
(adopted from Mal Harrison's top 10 2020-21)

10. We will use many emojis, exclamation points, and other energizing characters
9. It's peanut free
8. It weighs less than the ridiculously heavy backpacks our kids drag to school
7. You'll find out updates about stuff your kids won't tell you
6. Find out community news too!
5. Be "in the know" when you're having a socially distanced conversation with other WHS families
4. You can get info here so you don't have to go to the Facebook Resident's page and get pulled in to all kinds of drama ☐
3. You don't have to wear a mask while reading it
2. We really are a special community and this is a great way to stay connected
1. It's not a Zoom meeting ☐

The newsletter will have sections for clubs, arts/theater/music, sports, and more - right now, there's a fair amount of blank space 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 Salvietti & 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
- 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, questions or concerns. This is year will definitely have challenges and obstacles for us all but please remember you are not alone... **we're in this together!** We are looking forward to a memorable and fun as it can be year with you all! **Together we can!**

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

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

WED 9/1 - First day of school!

FRI 9/3 & MON 9/6 - No School

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

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.



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

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

Check this section for updates about the Class of 2022

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

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CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

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CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

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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.



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](#).



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



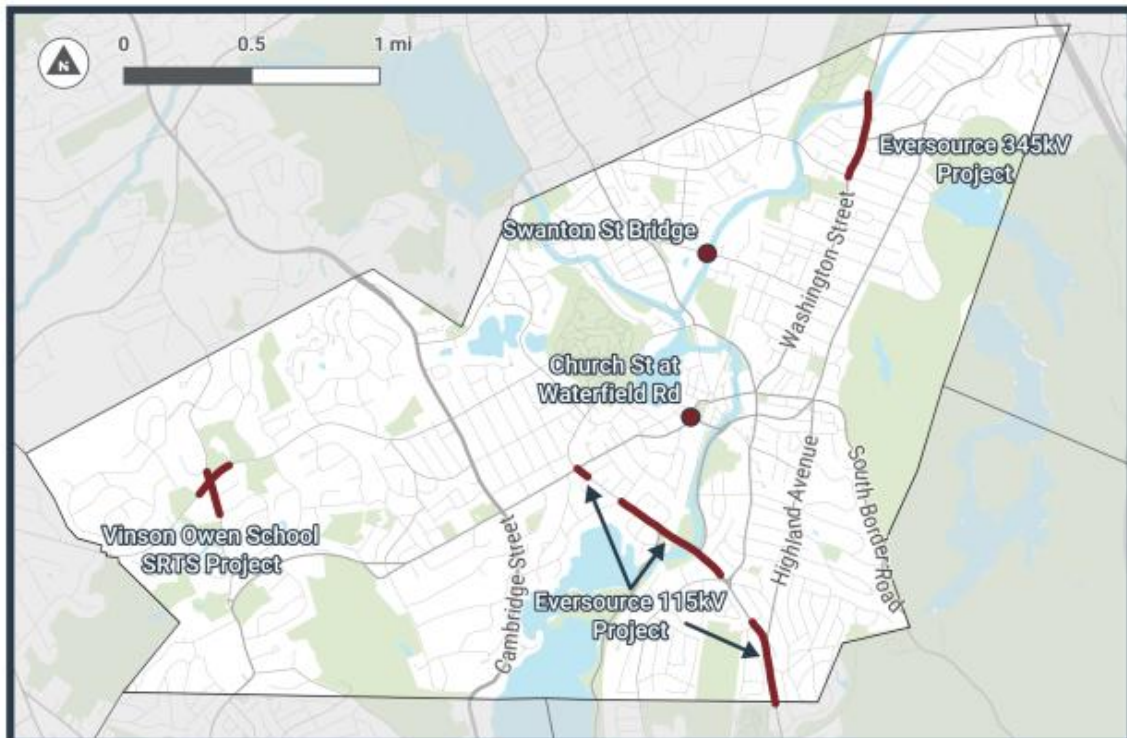
Church St at Waterfield Rd: Reconstruction of the intersection of Church St and Waterfield Rd will begin in late September or early October and continue through Fall 2021. The project includes traffic calming measures and improved pedestrian and bike facilities.
[link.com](#)

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!

[Dan Perenick](#)
Class of 1983



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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