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Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter April 26, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

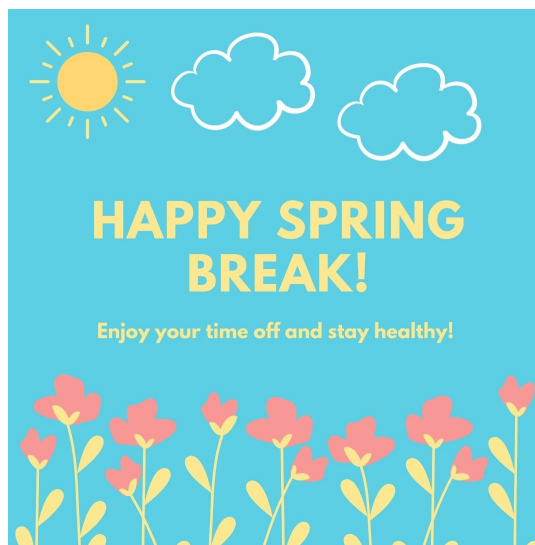
Dear WHS Families, Staff, Alumni and Friends,

We usually do not send a newsletter during school vacation BUT we can't help but want to wish you a great break and keep you updated!

Have a great week!

Mai Harrison & Abbie DiMatteo

Your WHS PFA Co-Presidents



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

--Margaret Mead



The WHS Masked Staffer Week 28

**** STAYED TUNED AFTER BREAK FOR OUR NEXT MASKED STAFFER!**



WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MON 4/26 - ALL Non-Remote Grades 9 & 10 students in-person school

TUE 4/27 - School Committee Meeting at 6:00 PM

THU 4/29 - WHS Student Blood Drive 10 AM - 3 PM - details below

New In-Person School Information

NEW SCHEDULE:

ALL students will be on our **new schedule** and
PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR SCHOOL DAY NOW STARTS AT **8:30 AM**,
for both in-person **AND** remote students!

PARKING:

When we are all back in school, parking will be very tight!

Students are reminded of the following:

- WHS student lot is first come first served
- Vehicles cannot park in the turn around circles, hash-marked areas or any other non-designated area
- Students are not to park in visitor spots, staff spots or the bus cutouts
- Students may not park in the neighborhoods behind the school as all are restricted to permit parking only, and that is strictly enforced
- Students cannot park in the Jenks Lot across from the Town Hall
- Students cannot park in the Stop and Shop parking
- Violators are subject to having their vehicles towed
- Please be good neighbors and only park in student parking
- Students are encouraged to walk, bike, or get a ride to school

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH:

Did you know that the USDA has approves **FREE** breakfast and lunch for **ALL** students for schools on the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the rest of the school year! This means that **ALL** students will have access to nutritious meals at **NO COST** to parents.

Meals are approved to be served both **IN PERSON** and for **PICK UP**. Students attending school in person are eligible to pick up breakfast and lunch daily at **NO CHARGE** (1 breakfast and 1 lunch).

To be added to the list of **pick up** meals, **please contact** Trina Scotti, foodservice general manager. Please include the number of students. You

will then be sent a confirmation email with details on where and when to pick up meals. *Please note: ala carte or 2nd meal purchases will be charged to the student's lunch account.

WHS Royals

Correction to the announcement in the 4/12/21 newsletter

The show's first runner-up was Jack Menninger,
with Eric Deng as your second runner-up!

WHS School Calendar

The last day of school for grades **9-11** is now **Friday, June 18th** and that will be an early release day. The last day for **seniors** is **Friday, May 28th**.

Here is the approved [2021-2022 Calendar](#) for planning purposes.

WPS School Committee Meeting

April 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Public Comment will be accepted through the Zoom platform.
Remote meeting due to COVID-19 Closure

AGENDA

Please click this [link](#) to join the webinar

Passcode: 372547

WHS STEAM Showcase

This year's STEAM Showcase has gone virtual. This is the final Capstone event of the STEAM Certificate program in which the students discuss and explain their final STEAM project.

The WHS STEAM Certificate Showcase is an opportunity for students who have earned the STEAM Certificate to exhibit their final projects and discuss their work.

As a virtual showcase, students were tasked with creating a presentation rather than a poster, and a video in which they discuss their project.

We invite you to view the [WHS STEAM Certificate Showcase](#).

WHS COVID-19 Pool Testing Sign-Up

89% of WHS students did NOT participate in pooled testing last week. The pilot needs many more students registered and coming in weekly to test in order to make COVID-19 surveillance testing at WHS successful. It's so easy - we just need your nose! The whole process takes 2 minutes and you can get the peace of mind of being COVID free (at the time of the test).

An 11% student participation rate is low compared to other high schools in the state. WHS leads - let's live up our rep!



Testing Schedule in the gym:

Staff: Tuesdays - 8:00-9:20 AM

Cohort A: Tuesdays - 8:30-9:20 AM

Cohort B: Thursdays - 8:30-9:20 AM

Confused by the sign up process? If that sounds like you, you're not alone.

All students under 18 **MUST** have a unique WHS profile on Project Beacon created by a parent or guardian. This profile will ask for an "Org Code" which is: **WHSUnder18**

Some parents/guardians already have a public Project Beacon account for testing (outside of school). If that's you, log in to your Project Beacon and create a unique WHS profile for your child or children using
THIS Org Code: **WHSUnder18**

Remember to click the checkbox to give your consent

Are you a parent or guardian who hasn't yet set up a Project Beacon account?

If that's you, [click on this link](#) to get started.

It has the WHS Org Code embedded in it.

If you're over 18 with no previous Project Beacon account, [use this link](#) here to register and create your profile.

Still need more guidance? Here is a [step by step breakdown](#)

The more participation we have, the more effective surveillance testing will be at minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community.

Thank you - the WHS Covid Testing Team

WHS Blood Drive

We are currently gathering information as we prepare for a WHS-only blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross for **Thursday, April 29th from 10 AM - 3 PM.**

If your child is 16 + and is interested, please have them [complete this form](#) to help us identify the number of students interested.

Winchester Mutual Aid

Winchester High school students have launched a community mutual aid network with the goal of creating a neighbor-helping-neighbor organization.

The idea is you tell us what you can provide or what you need.

Please fill out our [form to participate](#)

(it includes parts for both giving and receiving support and resources).

Visit [our website](#) or [email us](#)

Cradles to Crayon

Zoe Colman, a member of the class of 2022, is organizing a drive for the local charity Cradles to Crayons! Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth to age 12 with necessities like clothes, books, hygiene items, and more.

If anyone is willing to donate clothes (size 0-24 months to an adult size medium) or shoes (any size), in good condition, it would be greatly appreciated.

Donations wanted until May 1st.

You can leave any donations at 8 Maxwell Road

[Email Zoey](#) with any further questions! Thank you so much!

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](#)

Spring Sports registration is now open

Registration for the **Outdoor Track & Field Season** is open.

Go to [Family Id](#) to register now!

If you have any questions please contact [Coach Cacciapuoti](#)

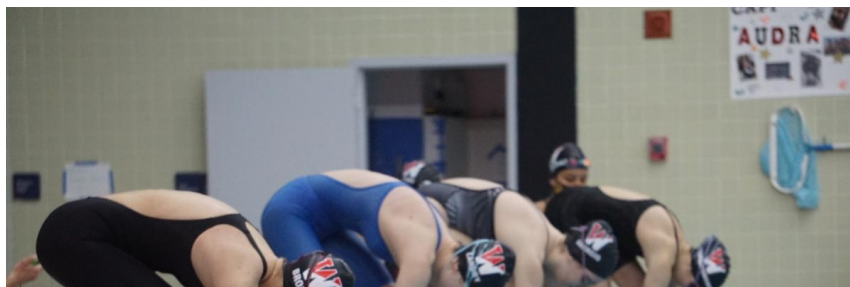
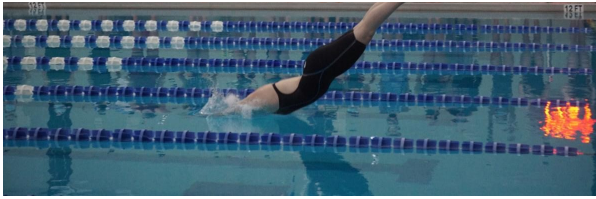
Winchester Boys' Tennis Team will be having tryouts on **April 26th**. Please complete [this google form](#) if you want to sign up for the tryouts.

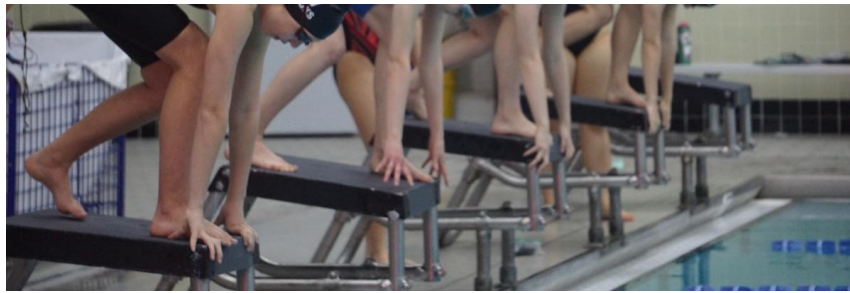
GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

The team had an amazing finish to their season!!

Pictured below (L to R) Seniors and their Coaches
(back row), Coach Diana, Margaret Jones, Emily Campo, Sherry You, Caroline
Linskey, Caroline McCarthy, Carly VonHalle, Anna Robinson, Coach Kristen
(front row) Maaikie Biemans, Captains Abby Luthern, Sadie Fanton,
Lulu Girotti, Audra Salvietti, Mo Correa







CONGRATULATIONS to the following girls for making their cuts!!

SECTIONAL CUTS:

So. Morgan Landry - 500 Free

STATE CUTS:

Fr. Elle Michaud - 200 Medley Relay, 200 IM, 100 Free, 400 Free Relay

Fr. Julia Valcourt - 200 Free Relay

So. Annie Xing - 200 Free Relay

So. Morgan Landry - 200 Medley Relay, 400 Free Relay

So. Phoenix Chamberlin - 200 Medley Relay

Jr. Amy Luo - 200 Medley Relay

Jr. Vivian Brooks - 200 Free Relay & 400 Free Relay

Jr. Lane Zimmermann - 200 Medley Relay

Jr. Laura Wagner - 200 Medley Relay

Sr. Sherry You - 200 Medley Relay, 100 Fly, 100 Back

Sr. Emily Campo - 200 Medley Relay

Sr./Captain Abby Luthern - 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay

Sr./Captain Sadie Fanton - 200 Medley Relay, 100 Fly

Sr. Captain Audra Salvietti - 50 Free, 100 Free, 200 Free & 400 Free Relays

FOOTBALL TEAM

***Friendly Reminder** - only spectators with Football and Cheerleading lanyards will be allowed into Football games. The track, basketball courts and skate park at Manchester Field will ALL be closed from 9 AM - 12 PM on game days.

The games are livestreamed by [WinCam](#)

TRACK AND FIELD

Congratulations to our WHS Indoor Track Team for finishing a strong season! Below our Super Shot Put Team! Boys shot put left to right: **Owen Gilgun** (Senior) ,

Napoleon Suderman (Junior) and Luke Ulicny (Junior)



Our speedy sprinters: (l-r) **Ian Campbell (Sr)**, **Frank Napolitano (Sr)** and **Jack Dobbins (Jr)**



Our swift sprinters: **Lily Parsons (Soph)**, **Maddy Dengler (Jr)**, **Susie Kotwicki (Jr)** and **Mabel Carpini (Captain/Sr)**

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Volleyball teams for their wins against Woburn!
Varsity 3-0, JV 2-1, FR 2-0

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

Click [here](#) to view the virtual WHS student art gallery.

Attention all musicians:

Auditions are currently in process for the Music Department's select ensembles for next school year. If you have questions and/or are interested, in auditioning for Jazz Band or Symphony, please reach out to Mrs. Costello [by email](#) in the music department and she will provide you with materials and information.

Congressional Art Competition

The competition is open to high school students. The winner's artwork will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel on Capitol Hill. This year's theme for the 5th Congressional District of Massachusetts is, "Resilience—how do you envision resilience within yourself and/or your community, what inspires resilience, etc.?" Students should submit artwork that reflects their contemplation of this theme. If a student does not reside within the 5th District, they may participate in the competition through their own U.S. Representative's website (deadline, theme, etc. may be different).

Students can confirm who they are represented by using [this link](#).

Full details are available [here](#).

Calling all WHS artists!

We are excited to begin the process of accepting your artistic submissions for our newly branded **Winchester Red & Black and logo design!**

Our goals are to gather design submissions, narrow down our submissions to a finalist(s), have you - our WHS students - lend your voice by voting on our finalist(s) and use that design as our inspiration for the official unveiling of our Red & Black logo.

The finalist selected will be able to work with us on the final product and the official unveiling towards the end of May. Submissions will be accepted **from now until Wednesday, April 28th at 11:59 PM.**

Please send your submissions in electronic format [via email](#) or in-person to our WHS main office.

Please include your contact information with your submission:
Name, Grade and Email address

If you have any questions, please [email this address](#) or stop by the main office. Thank you and Go Red & Black!

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

Click here for a [list](#) of WHS Clubs and Organizations
See below for current club news, upcoming meetings & events

Winchester JSA will be having weekly meetings from **6:30-7:30 PM on zoom every Wednesday**. JSA is a country-wide organization created by and for young people interested in a wide array of topics - from politics, to how government works and contributing to their community.

Join us for fun debates and thought talks!
If interested, please fill out [this form](#). [Email](#) with any questions or concerns.

The **Purple Club** and **Connect & Commit** will be participating in the Epilepsy Foundation's "Massachusetts Walks to Make Epilepsy History!" walk on **Saturday, May 1st**, with a rain date for **Sunday, May 2nd**.

We will have multiple time opportunities to walk, and even the chance to receive a t-shirt or sweatshirt! [Use this link](#) to donate to the team.

All donations will be matched up to \$2,000!
If you are a WHS student, [use this link](#) to receive a t-shirt or sweatshirt: (choose the donate button to do so!).

For ALL sign ups, use [this link!](#)

CLASS OF 2021 NEWS



Senior Spring Events are [HERE!](#)

Senior families! Get ready, the Class Officers with input from their classmates have MANY amazing activities planned to end the year with a bang - a Scavenger Hunt, Musical Bingo, Outdoor Movie Night, Senior Sunset and Prom!

The Senior Class missed fund raising opportunities for the last year and a half. Please consider making a donation to help defray the costs of these class-bonding events!

You can donate by following the instructions on [this document](#).

DIPLOMAS?!?!?!?

Yes, it's time to start thinking about diplomas, and we need your help!
ALL seniors need to see Ms. Hanlon in the main office during the school
day, or Ms. Conis/Mr. Dupuis in the cafeteria at lunch to check the
spelling of their name for their diploma.

Please do this ASAP!

CLASS OF 2021



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ADVENTURE AWAITS...

WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING, DON'T GO ALONE
JOIN THE WINCHESTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Summer Internship - College Transitions
Professional Networking - Mentors - Alumni News and Events
Winchester Alumni Association - info@winchesteralumni.org - Winchesteralumni.org

Sign up to join WHS Alumni [HERE](#) by **May 1st** and receive a
Winchester Alumni Bumper Sticker

Not Sure What's Next, Yet?

Sign up [HERE](#) for conversations or to connect with recent graduates
sharing their experiences with colleges, vocational programs or gap
pathways you are considering.

And if it helps... Learn more [HERE](#) about Alumni College
responses to COVID in 2020.

Seniors who need transcripts or copies of their letters of recommendation
must submit a request to Ms. Curran in the Guidance office.

Copies of letters cannot be given to students but we are happy
to send them to the scholarship for you.

All requests are processed in the order they are received.

Transcript request forms

The end of the school year is in sight!
We are hard at work planning a safe graduation for you, but we need you to do your part. Some of you have **NOT** yet ordered a cap and gown. It can be done online fairly quickly. The cost is **\$15.50** and all students will be wearing red. The order comes with one 2021 tassel.

Go online and [order now](#)

Scholarship Information

The **Winchester Scholarship Foundation** applications for the academic year 2021-2022 are currently available in the Guidance Department as well as online in Naviance.

Seniors interested in applying for the **Rotary scholarship** should click [here](#) for more information.

The 2021 **Christopher N. Mitropoulos** Scholarship application is available in the guidance office and on Naviance.

Applications for the **Joseph M. Murphy III Scholarship** are now available in the Athletic Office, the guidance office and on Naviance. They can be picked up during school hours any day during the week.

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

Check this section for updates about the Class of 2022

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

Class of 2023 is selling Winchester **"W"** flags.

Grab one now while supplies last!

Order [HERE](#)

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

Check this section for updates about the Class of 2024

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.

SPRING 2021 GIRLS YOUTH LACROSSE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

In-town bi-weekly clinics and scrimmages for the 5th/6th (U13), 7th/8th (U15) and weekly clinics for Elementary players (grades 1st-4th) will be offered through Winchester Recreation Department featuring WGYL coaches and staff.

[Info & to register:](#)

Winchester Soccer Club Spring 2021 Registration is Open!

Calling all High School soccer players
- girls and boys, all grades, all levels!

Registration is open for the Winchester Soccer Club In-Town High School Spring program. This is a fun league with games on the weekends in Winchester.

For more information on the High School program and to register, [click here.](#)

Games on Saturdays or Sundays, April 24th - June 13th, 2021.
Register today and join us for spring soccer!



Did you know?

Massachusetts enters a new vaccine eligibility phase today, [go to this website](#) for more information.

[Listen to](#) what our friend Mary Ellen Armstrong, RN, Winchester Hospital has to say about the vaccine.



From The Winchester Health Department:

Winchester is part of the Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition with Melrose, Malden, Medford, Wakefield, and Stoneham.

ELIGIBLE Winchester residents may receive their vaccine at clinics listed in those towns and at other designated sites throughout the state **NOW** by going to [this site](#).

If you have a parent, family friend or neighbor, please help them register. If they need additional assistance, have them call the Jenks Center at **(781) 721-7136**.

The Winchester Health Department plans to vaccinate the most vulnerable and home bound residents when supply is available.

[Click here](#) for more information

[TOGETHER](#) WE CAN MAKE COVID HISTORY!



everyone
and choose
personal items and

Spring

Special



En Ka Pantry!

"Family Night"
Pizza and Salad Fixins'

EXTENDED HOURS
WEEK of APRIL 19th !
by Appointment Only

Text, Email, or Call
781-369-5844
enkanpantry@gmail.com



1037 Main Street
Winchester, MA 01890
Same location as the En Ka Exchange

Open to Winchester Residents

- Providing non-perishable food and personal care items to individuals and families living in Winchester who do not have adequate financial resources to meet basic needs.
- Use of the En Ka Pantry is limited to one time per month and does not prohibit individuals or families also visiting the Woburn pantry.
- The En Ka Pantry is open to all households, through pre-arranged appointments.

Email for an Appointment

#GOTDRUGS?
SAFE DISPOSAL DAY
(Contactless!)





Saturday, April 24

9 am to 1 pm

**Tent Outside Transfer Station Gate
15 McKay Avenue, Winchester**

Masks Required!



Protect Yourself. Protect Others.

Safe Options for Medication & Needle Disposal

#saferwinchester

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SOCIAL JUSTICE, THE PLANNING BOARD, AND THE
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP BOARD



Who Lives in Winchester?

Housing Options - Past and Future

WEDNESDAYS APRIL 28TH AND
MAY 26TH 7:30 TO 9:00 PM

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/2u85vrer>

For more information contact office@nfsj.org



Are You On Wheels? Please Roll Safely!

Calling all **K-8** riders of bicycles, unicycles, tricycles, scooters, skateboards, longboards, RipStiks and any other wheeled contraption!

If you are spotted wearing your helmet by our helmet safety team, you may win **one free slice of pizza** from Joe's Main Street Pizza! We are so proud of you!

Our team will hand you a coupon which you can bring to Joe's to receive your **free slice.**

One slice per coupon. Coupons will be collected at Joe's.



**Questions?
Email winchestercoalition@gmail.com**

Email with Questions



FIGHT HUNGER

When you buy a \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet this month at our Stop & Shop location, a **\$1 donation** will go to our organization

STOP & SHOP
stopandshop.bags4mycause.com

Help Fight Hunger In Our Community!

[Winchester Got Lunch](#) has been selected as the beneficiary of the @StopandShop Bloomin' 4 Good Program!

**Each time the \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker is purchased at our Winchester Stop & Shop during the month of April WGL will receive a \$1 donation.
\$1 Donation = 10+ Meals Donated! It's as simple as that.**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WGL AND OUR FAMILIES!

winchestergotlunch.org



Visit our website

Invitation To All Winchester Residents: A Movie Event To Foster Intergenerational Interaction And Discussion

The Intergenerational Leadership Team Was Formed This Fall To Promote Greater Interaction Between Seniors And Youth In Winchester.

The Movie Is A Documentary, **The Biggest Little Farm** (Available On DVD From The Winchester Public Library, Also Streaming On Hulu And Amazon Prime).

Watch The Film On Your Own Time. Enjoy This Documentary With Its Gorgeous Cinematography About A Young Couple's Incredible Endeavor To Create A Sustainable Farm.

Then Join Us On **May 17th, 2021 From 6:00-7:30 PM** for an interactive discussion about this documentary and learn more about our own local efforts from our guest panelists: Archie McIntyre (Wright-locke Farm), Fred Yen (The Winchester Farmers Market), and Carolyn Starrett (Sustainable Winchester).

To Register For This Event Through The Jenks Center [Please Email Us](#).



The WSF Annual Charity Golf Event 2021

Registration is now open!

The event will be held on **Monday, May 17th** at the beautiful Winchester Country Club. This is our signature fundraising event, and we hope you will join us to help support the WHS student-athlete program through the Tournament, Corporate, Gold and Hole sponsorships. Please consider a level of sponsorship available on the golf registration page.

Please note, the 2021 event will be slightly different due to COVID 19 restrictions. The 18 hole round of golf will be the same, but limited to 100 participants. Lunch and dinner are also planned to be held, but the entire event will be subject to the guidance of government officials, public health authorities and the most recent Governor's Order available on May 17th, 2021.

Thanks to all who supported the 30 for 30 tournament in 2019, WSF was able to fund the lacrosse practice wall and batting cages at the Ciarcia Field Complex adjacent to Winchester High School!



[Please register here](#)

For any questions about the event, please [email Kirsten May](#) or by phone 781-424-7934.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in May!
The Winchester Sports Foundation

ALUMNI NEWS

 **WINCHESTER**

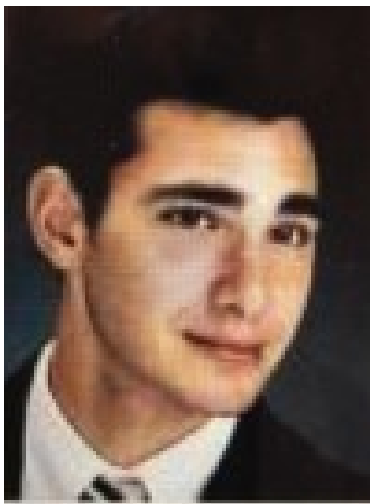
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

***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!**

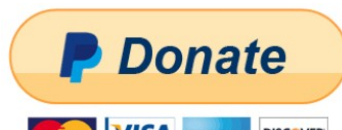
**[Justin Serpone](#)
Class of 1997**

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!

WHS PFA Direct Appeal





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.

WHSPFA | 80 Skillings Road, Winchester, MA 01890

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