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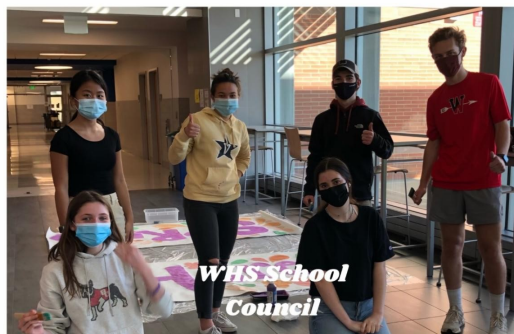
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Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter April 5, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Happy April WHS Families, Staff, Alumni and Friends!

We hope you enjoyed this beautiful weekend! Spring is here and to welcome it to WHS, our super School Council painted bright posters to be displayed on our front windows! Thank you so much **Andrew Houllahan, Katie Lew, Addison Adams, Elle O'Connor, Rebecca Fang and Evan Edler** for taking the time to brighten our days! (See photo above)

This may be a shorter school month for us but we still have lots going on – here are just a few updates:

- **WHS COVID Pool Testing:** Sign up below and come in for free COVID pool Testing on Tuesday and Thursdays! Less than 2 minutes and possibly win a prize—what a

great way to start your morning! More details below!

- **WHS Royals is BACK!** Sunday, April 11th at 7:00 PM join the Class of 2021 for a live-streamed event you won't want to miss! Live from the WHS Auditorium and broadcasted on YouTube, five WHS Seniors will engage in a friendly competition showcasing their dance moves, highlighting their talents, and will make you laugh! Details are below - Tell your family, tell your friends!
- **WHS Sports:** WOW! Our WHS Girls Swim and Dive, Football, Cheer, Track & Field and Volleyball are making us proud with their school spirit, hard work and determination! **"G-O TEAMS!"**
- **WHS Arts:** Student Council is looking for all types of artwork! Your submission can be a painting, drawings, photographs, sculptures, digital art, a live performance, and many other art forms. Due today! Scroll down for more info.

Lastly, who wants to learn some fun facts about April?! Random things like this can be helpful –it can be great icebreakers during zoom meetings while waiting for others to join

😊 Here you go!

Symbols of April Birthstone: Diamond

Flower: Daisy and the sweet pea

Zodiac signs: Aries and Taurus

1633 - Galileo was convicted of heresy, for announcing that the Earth revolved around the Sun.

1635 - The first public school in the Americas, the Boston Latin School, was founded in Boston.

1775 - The American Revolution began in Lexington, Massachusetts.

1897 - The first Boston Marathon was held.

1901 - New York became the first US state to require automobile license plates.

1963 - ABC premiered General Hospital, the daytime drama that eventually become the network's longest-running (soap opera) serial program produced in Hollywood.

Today April 5th is National Caramel Day and tomorrow April 6th is National Twinkie Day (I kid you not!)

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 27

1. **What high school did you go to?** **Waltham High School**
2. **What was your favorite subject in high school?** **English and Spanish**
3. **What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school?** **Field Hockey, Ski Team, Lacrosse and dance**
4. **What is one of your hidden talents?** **I can lick my elbow!**
5. **Favorite Movie/Book /Band/Food?** **The Sound of Music/Sugarland/ice cream**
6. **Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by?** **"No hay mal que por bien no venga."**

*****Remember to read through the end of the newsletter and find out the identity of our WHS***



Masked Staffer! **

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUN 4/11 - WHS Royals, 7 PM Live streamed on YouTube - details below

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

WHS School Calendar

The Winchester School Committee approved the monthly calendars through June 2021.

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**.

Winchester is planning and preparing for a full in-person return to school in the fall, here is the approved 2021-2022 Calendar for planning purposes.

Winchester High
School Royals
2021
April 11, 2021

Register NOW at:
[Tinyurl.com/WHSRoyals2021](https://tinyurl.com/WHSRoyals2021)

Join the Class of 2021 at **7:00 PM on Sunday, April 11th** as we watch **Jack Menninger, Dolly Pickelhaupt, Aidan Houllahan,**

Eric Deng and Jonathan DeOliveira and compete for the crown of WHS Royal and the associated \$500 cash prize!

Our five contestants will showcase their dance moves, highlight their talents, manifest their charm, and make you laugh in an event you sure won't want to miss! Formerly known as Mr. WHS, WHS Royals is a hilarious mock-pageant competition that will be live-streamed from the WHS Auditorium and broadcasted on Youtube on **April 11th at 7:00 PM.**

Please register using this link to receive information surrounding the show and access to the livestream.

Royals will be **FREE** this year, but the senior class asks that you consider making a **\$20 donation** to support their many upcoming senior spring activities.

You can donate by following the instructions on **this document**

WHS ROYALS 2021 TRAILER

Letter from the WPS Nurses

Spring is right around the corner and for many of us, with spring, comes allergy season. Prevention is key for being sent home for questionable COVID versus Allergy symptoms.

See the attached letter for more information:

Seasonal allergies or COVID-19? | WPS Nurses Letter to Families

WHS COVID-19 Pool Testing Sign-Up

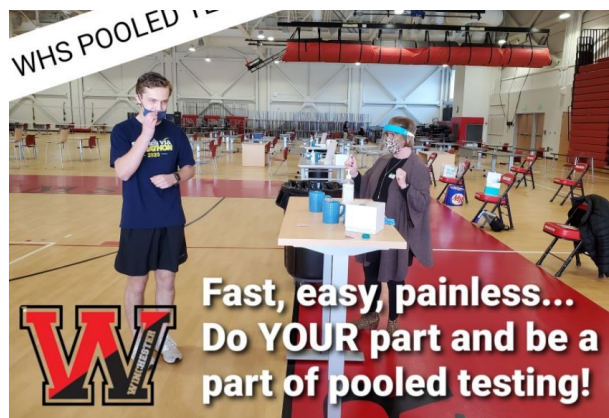
Thank you to all those who have participated **free voluntary COVID-19 pooled testing program for students and staff at Winchester High School**. If you haven't done so already, we strongly encourage you/your student to sign up and get tested. Pooled testing is especially valuable as we gear up for a full return to school.

Only 20% of our in-person students are registered with less than ½ showing up to get tested. We can do better than that WHS!

There are **incentives** for the first students that arrive each testing morning, plus a chance to win a **\$10 gift card**. We have a great team of volunteers to help guide students through the steps.

Testing is hygienic, painless and takes **less than 2 minutes!**





All of our pooled COVID-19 tests have been negative so far and the turnaround time of the results has been faster than expected. No appointment needed. Students can participate every week.

Pooled testing will be available all day on **Tuesday and Thursday**. You can drop by the Medical Waiting Room, **Room A116**, between classes, during an open period, lunch, or after school to get tested - but you may not come during class.

8:30-9:15 AM in the gym, enter through the gym doors, #8
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM in the Medical Waiting Room A116, around the corner from the Family and Consumer Science classrooms

Remember no appointment needed but you need to be registered. It is not too late to **REGISTER HERE**. Testing only takes 3 minutes from start to finish and participants are encouraged to test every week to make this effort most effective. Parents/Guardians: Create an account. From there, create one profile for each of your Under 18 students. Over 18? Create your account and profile.

[POOL TESTING, REGISTRATION AND DETAILS HERE](#)

Participate weekly for the pool testing to be most effective. The state is only providing funding through April 15th, so help us maximize the benefit.

Note: Students may **not** participate if they have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days. If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 Pooled Testing Program not answered **here**, please **email us**.

**** PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Please sign up here:
[WHS Families: WHS Covid 19 Pooling Test Parent Volunteers](#)

Thank you,
Principal Dennis Mahoney, Nurse Leader Jen Markham
and the WHS Covid-19 Pool 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 Crayons

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.

You can leave any donations at 8 Maxwell Road
[Email Zoey](#) with any further questions! Thank you so much!

DONATIONS

**Cradles
toCrayons**

Providing the essentials for childhood.

WANTED!

UNTIL MAY 1ST

Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. We supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting with communities and through your donations!

I am looking to collect gently used clothing (newborn sizes through adult medium),

shoes, new masks, and unopened hygiene products.

Though we accept up to an adult medium, these donations will still go to a child 12 or under, so please keep them age appropriate!



If you have questions please contact
zcolman1202@gmail.com

Drop donations off at: 8 Maxwell Road, Winchester MA

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**

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

The team was victorious again in their meet against Arlington!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following girls for making their cuts!!

SECTIONAL CUTS:

So. Morgan Landry - 500 Free (20 laps!)

STATE CUTS:

Fr. Julia Valcourt - 400 Free Relay

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

So. Annie Xing - 200 Medley Relay & 200 Free Relay

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

Jr. Amy Luo - 200 Medley Relay

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

Jr. Charlotte Kaduson - 200 Medley Relay, 200 & 500 Free & 400 Free Relay
Sr. Sherry You - 200 Medley Relay, 100 Fly & 400 Free Relay
Sr. Emily Campo - 200 Medley Relay
Sr./Captain Abby Luthern - 200 Free Relay & 400 Free Relay
Sr./Captain Sadie Fanton - 200 Medley Relay
Sr./Captain Audra Salvietti - 200 Free Relay & 400 Free Relay

FOOTBALL TEAM

Congrats to the boys for another exciting 20-0 win over Arlington





The Cheerleaders braved the colder spring weather to cheer on the team!





TRACK AND FIELD



Boys and Girls were both 1-1 heading into their virtual meet vs Arlington

WHS Boys and Girls Team Results
Reading Boys 62 Winchester Boys 29

Winchester Girls 55 Reading Girls 36

Winchester Boys 55 Belmont Boys 44

Belmont Girls 54 Winchester Girls 46



Check out this [video](#) of shot put highlights!

Check out this [video](#) of a 55 dash heat!

Check out this [video](#) of the hurdles!





Sophomores Ava Maffei, Ava Marino, and Sophie McGuire take their marks for the 55m

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball teams for their wins against Arlington:
Varsity 3-0, JV 2-0, Freshmen 2-0

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

WHS CHOIR

Our Winchester High School's H.E.A.R.T. (Honesty, Expression, Acceptance, Respect, and Teamwork, together) Choir has been working on a project for some time now, and in light of recent events we thought now would be a good time to share.

We have produced our very first virtual piece titled **"One Candle"** by Andy Beck with lyrics by Brian Fisher and Andy Beck. "One Candle" sends the message that in hard times, we must come together to find our way.

We remember all those who have been adversely affected by Covid-19, as well as the victims in Georgia and Colorado. We stand in solidarity with the Asian community in Winchester and beyond, and we call for everyone to do their part in treating others as equal. We stand up to stop hate.

"One Candle" symbolizes peace and unity and together we hope that our country can move forward to heal.

The **WHS H.E.A.R.T. Choir** wishes that the message resonates with you, and urges you to help our community come together.

[Here's the YouTube Link](#)

Calling All WHS Artists!

Student Council is looking for all types of artwork!

Your submission can be a painting, drawings, photographs, sculptures, digital art, a live performance, and many other art forms.

Physical art will be displayed around town and virtual work will be shown on the Student Council website.

Physical art will be collected on **April 5th**.
To submit a piece of art, please fill out [this form](#) by **April 3rd**.

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

ATTENTION ALL WHS STUDENTS:

The Red & Black is opening staff applications for next year!

These positions are not just writing-based. We have roles for dedicated layout editors, business managers, section editors, and more.

All are welcome to apply for these great opportunities that help you build valuable collaborative skills, and even look great on college applications!

Click [this link](#) to apply.

Click [here](#) to subscribe to Winchester High's student-produced newspaper **the Red & Black**.

CLASS OF 2021 NEWS

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. About **1/5** 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.

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!

April at En Ka Pantry



SPECIAL THIS MONTH
“Eggs, Eggos and O.J.”

Plus our usual selection of personal items and non-perishable food.
Make your appointment today!

Food Pantry Hours
by Appointment Only
Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays

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



Open to Winchester Residents



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

- 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.

Join the Winton Club online for

Spring Into Pink

to benefit Winchester Hospital's A Caring Place



Take Care of Your Body and Your Body Will Take Care of You

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 | Virtual Event in Zoom | 7:00 p.m.

\$60. Admission all proceeds to benefit Winchester Hospital's A Caring Place

MODERATOR: Gloria Korta, MD
Chief Medical Officer, Philanthropy, Winchester Hospital

FEATURED SPEAKERS:
Kasia S. Masterpol, MD, FAAD
Rachel Lucas, Personal Trainer and Nutritionist

2 easy steps to secure your "seat":

PAY Admission via **PayPal** [[CLICK HERE](#)]

OR Mail checks to:
Winton Club-Spring Into Pink
P.O. Box 714, Winchester, MA 01890

Then,
REGISTER via **ZOOM** [[CLICK HERE](#)]

Registration includes
an **SIP Gift Bag**
(\$100 value)
plus 3 chances to win
special prizes.



[CLICK HERE](#) to visit our website for more details.

Questions?
Contact Cathy Wrotny
617-721-6515
cjwrotny@verizon.net

Special thanks to our generous sponsors

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Kids' Corner's popular **After School Program** is back! Join us after school from 2pm-6pm for more adventurous outdoor play, dynamic indoor free play, creative projects, fun theme days, special events & all the social emotional learning you can fit into a day! We have availability in all grades K-6 and offer a 2-5 day option. Spots are limited!

Looking for something fun during **April Vacation Week** for your K-6th grader? Kids' Corner will offer a full day program from 8am-6pm April 20th-23rd. Each day will have a themed event (Animal Day, Circus Day, Jumping Day and Earth Day), as well as a field trip to Altitude Trampoline Park on Wednesday! We have a 1-4 day option. Register before April 2nd with code *apr vaca21* and get 10% off!

To register for our program, please visit us at: <https://kidscornerwinchester.org/regPrograms.html>



New Classes Begin April 12: Winchester Community Music School

For kids, teens and adults! Several new 8-week classes begin the week of April 12, along with a 4-week music appreciation class on jazz legend Duke Ellington. All group classes are being taught online this spring. Classes for kids include Music & Movement for Families, First Steps in Music, Intro to Guitar, and Ready Set Uke. For teens and adults, try group guitar, group ukulele, or music appreciation. WCMS also offers private lessons (online or in-person) in 30+ instruments as well as music therapy. Visit www.winchestermusic.org or call 781-721-2950 to learn more.

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 -- all girls and boys, all grades, and all levels are welcome! For more information on the high school program and to register, go to www.winchestersoccer.net. Register today and join us for spring soccer!

**WINCHESTER YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2021**

Winchester Youth Baseball and Softball (WYBS) is pleased to announce that registration is now open for all spring programs. We offer fun, age-based instruction and games for kids from 6-15 and we have a dedicated group of parents and volunteers who are ready to make this the best season ever!

To register please visit our [new website](#) and click on the Registration tab.

13-15U BABE RUTH DIVISION

13-15U players will compete against neighboring towns in a competitive, fun, Babe Ruth league. Two games per week will be held on Monday, Wednesday or Friday evenings. Games will be played on 90foot diamonds, with practices scheduled for non-game nights.

All registered players will receive a roster spot. Teams will be organized based on age and skill once Spring registration is complete.

If you have questions about Babe Ruth baseball, please contact:

[Mike Creane](#) (781-983-0934) or [Chris Centurelli](#) (617-256-1084)

13-14U MIDDLE SCHOOL EMIB DIVISION

13-14U (as of April 30, 2021) players will be selected after a try-out to play on one of two McCall Middle School EMIBL teams. These teams will compete against other Eastern Massachusetts Independent Middle School Baseball teams ("EMIB"), [visit the website](#). EMIBL teams play two 90 foot diamond games per week on Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings and one practice.

Players must be 13 or 14 as of April 30, 2021, [registered](#), attend a zoom meeting, attend a try out, and be selected by the coaches to receive a roster spot. Middle School players are encouraged to play on a Babe Ruth team too, at their interest.

If you have questions about the Middle School division, please contact:

[Philip Michienzi](#) (617-803-5576)

WYBS JUNIOR JOURNALIST PROGRAM

WYBS would like to recruit a pool of “reporters” to cover games and publish game summaries this spring. Candidates interested in developing their writing skills while providing content for publication on our website and in the local news, please [email Janine Kutyllo](#). Students (middle and high school) will be trained on keeping a score book and given a template to guide them in developing the summaries. Students will also receive a small stipend for each story submitted.

WYBS JUNIOR UMPIRE PROGRAM

WYBS is seeking **boys and girls ages 13 and up** to work as Junior Umpires for boys AA and AAA leagues, and girls Intermediate Softball games during the spring 2021 season. Junior Umpires earn **\$20** per game.

All new aspiring umpires and those who have umped in the past must contact our Umpire-In-Chief by **April 1**, preferably [by email](#). This program includes basic training and tips for calling the game, along with a unique perspective and great way to help your community.

WYBS SPONSORSHIP

We would like to take the opportunity to thank those who have supported WYBS in the past and who continue to be there for our boys and girls. Each year, WYBS relies on its local partners to help deliver the best product possible and we always have new opportunities for organizations or individuals who want to support our programs.

To learn more about how you can help, [please email us](#) or [visit](#) for a quick, easy and secure transaction!



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



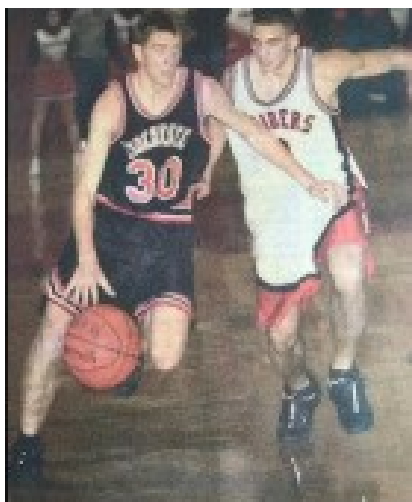
***Are you a WHS Senior? Are you a parent of a WHS student or alumni?
Are you a staff member of Winchester Public Schools?***

**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!

[Bobby Bilicki](#)
Class of 2001



UNMASKED: Our magnifica Spanish teacher Senora Stephanie Younker!

Thank you Mrs. Younker for participating and helping us get to know you better!

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.

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