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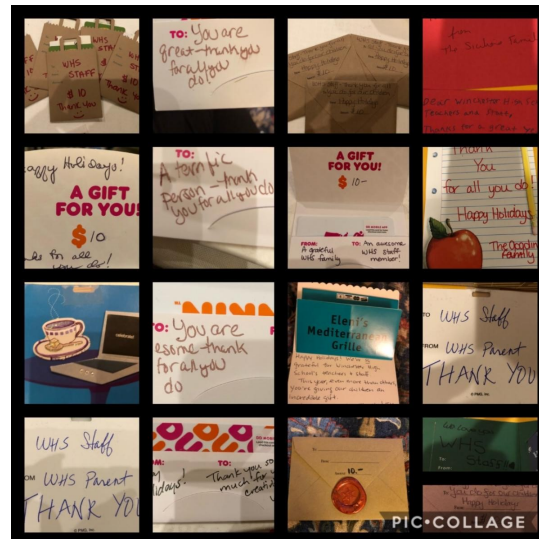
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# Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter December 21, 2020

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Surprise and Happy Holidays to our wonderful WHS Teachers & Staff from your very grateful Families!

Thank you again for the overwhelming number of gift cards donated to our teachers and staff! You all ROCK!

Dear Fellow WHS Families,

Hope you had a great weekend and enjoying the snow! Here's our last song for this year... sing loud and proud!

(Sing along to the tune of "Do You Hear What I Hear")

Said Mahoney to Conis and Dupuis  
Do you see what I see?  
The students are working dutifully  
Do you see what I see?  
Announce, Announce

The morning e-mail send  
And watch our Twitter feed trend  
And watch our Twitter feed trend

Said Chakladar to Trakimas  
Do you hear what I hear?  
(Do you hear what I hear?)  
The students composing their Quizlets  
Do you hear what I hear?  
(Do you hear what I hear?)  
A test, a test  
They work throughout the night  
And the answers, they almost get right  
The answers they almost get right

Said Buford to Levatino  
Do you know what I know?  
(Do you know what I know?)  
The arts, the arts  
Well-rounded students make  
For standardized exams they must take  
Standardized exams they must take

Said Cella to Younker and Beauchesne  
*Buon Natale amici miei*  
(*Buon Natale amici miei*)  
And in Spanish came the joyous reply  
*Feliz navidad nuestra amiga*  
(*Feliz navidad nuestra amiga*)  
We might not speak  
Foreign languages  
But they do fit nicely in this song  
They do fit nicely in this song  
Though we may have some of this wrong

'Tis the season—for kindness, for gratitude, for joy! Just 2 weeks ago, we sent a request for gift card donations to offer thanks to our amazing WHS faculty and staff. And you responded in spades, with flying colors, and every other idiom that expresses going above and beyond. We have, thanks to your generosity, specially-wrapped gift cards for *every WHS faculty and staff member (teachers, admin, nurses, substitutes, cafeteria workers, social workers, custodians, resource officers and more)* waiting in the office lobby—over 230! We received *even more* than 230 gift cards, and we will raffle these off weekly in January to ring in a bright 2021.

We cannot express enough how grateful we are for the outpouring of support from so many families. There are so many thanks to give, but we would like to recognize: the social committee-- **Danielle Adams, Deb DePeter and Becky Tellefesen** --for putting together the many special packages with the bells; **Greg Davidian**, a proud and very generous WHS supporter, for donating all 230 cookies from The Fuller Cup (!) and Laura, owner of The Fuller Cup, for baking so many cookies at the last minute; our families, Kayla, Amanda, Bryan, David, and Abbie's family, Bryce, Josie, Lex for providing free labor; Maria O'Connor for her endless support and school spirit.

Thank you for making these holidays so special and memorable—we are blessed to be part of such a truly caring, thoughtful, and generous community! Wishing you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Pps Big Shout Out to Junior Zach Naley for biking 150 miles for Boston Foundation for COVID relief and his team fellow juniors Vaikunthan Mathiyalakan, Claire Book and Carmen Kelcourse ! Awesome job and dedication! Please read all about in the Class of 2022 Juniors section!

Pps Although we can not gather for concerts yet-- we have the next best thing --recordings of some of our very talented musicians! Please scroll down under our music section and click on the video to enjoy!

As always, please reach out with any ideas, questions or concerns!  
Stay safe and healthy!



Warmly,  
**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 13**

1. What high school did you go to? *Gov. Livingston Reg. H.S., Berkeley Heights, N.J.*
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? *All subjects, except poetry and creative writing*
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? *3 sports plus Key and Latin Clubs*
4. What is one of your hidden talents? *I can dance swing and ballroom*
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? *Dr. Strangelove, Blues Brothers, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, Some Like It Hot, Caddyshack, Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy; Crime and Punishment, Catch 22, Inherit the Wind; The Aeneid, which I read in Latin and English, is probably my favorite book. Ice Cream, Chocolate*
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? *Treat others the way you would like to be treated; Every person should have adequate food, clothing, shelter, and health care.*

***\*\*Remember to read through the end of the newsletter and find out the identity of our WHS Masked Staffer! \*\****

**Click the Box Below to Donate to the WHS PFA Direct Appeal**



**We did it!**  
**We surpassed our goal of \$20,000 for**

## 2020-2021 Direct Appeal year.

Thanks to the generous donations of our students' parents and guardians – more than 160 of you donated to this important investment in your child's education. You truly are the best!

**THANK YOU!**

### WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THU 12/24 - SUN 1/3 - Holiday Break - No School

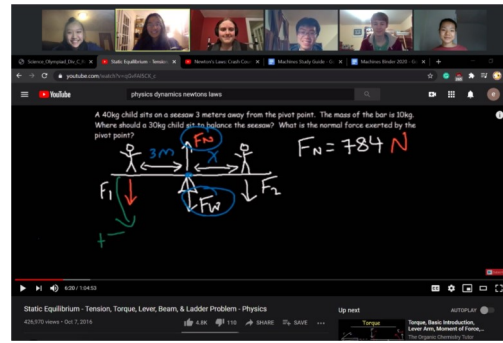
MON 1/18 - No School

## Congratulations Are in Order!

Pictures below, the Winchester Science Olympiad team who took **first place overall** at the recent virtual meet



WHS Olympiads bring their "A" game --seriously!



Simply WOWED! Can you figure that problem out?

## WHS School Calendar

Here is a [link](#) to the WHS School Calendar.  
For the most up-to-date calendar, please click on each individual month.

## Holiday Donation Drive

We are launching a holiday donation drive. We are partnering with the Enka Society and are collecting socks, underwear and toiletries, such as shampoo,

conditioner, soap, body wash and toothpaste etc.

A collection box will be placed outside the main office during this time.  
Thank you for all of the support!

## 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!](#)**



**WHS Nordic Ski Team** members took advantage of the fresh snow this past weekend. From left: sophomore Hannah Cummings and seniors Caitlin Wiseman and Katie Lew

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

Use **[this link](#)** for updated information regarding the Winter Sports Season.

## WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

### WHS Tri-M Music Honors Society Virtual Concerts

The Music Department students have been hard at work preparing two programs with WinCam (MANY MANY thanks to the collaboration with WinCam). The Tri-M Officers and members created a virtual holiday concert including singing, chamber groups and duets. Notable composers you can look forward to hearing are Eartha Kitt, Vivaldi, and Leroy Anderson! The video will be broadcasted with the help of WinCam on your TV, as well as live-streamed on the Tri M Youtube channel (<https://bit.ly/trimyoutube>) on December 23 at 5pm!

We are VERY proud of these students for giving their time and for being dedicated and committed to bringing a little Holiday Cheer to the residents of Winchester this year, particularly given the constraints due to Covid-19. Please take time to watch and reach out to the students whom you recognize - they would love to hear from you!

The first program features music students (band, orchestra and choir) from the Tri-M Honor Society. The second program is a program featuring solo choir students singing

holiday tunes:

Here are the air dates and times for the WHS choir program holiday video.

**Channel 9 - Comcast**

Monday 12/21, Wednesday 12/23 at 6pm

**Channel 2136 - Verizon**

Friday 12/18 at 10am

Saturday 12/19 at 3:30pm

You can also watch it on our on Demand page: [LINK](#)

## WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

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

## CLASS OF 2021 NEWS

If you can believe it, it is already time to order your cap and gown!

The cost is **\$15.50** and all students will be wearing red.

The order comes with one 2021 tassel.

Get online and [order now!](#)

## CLASS OF 2022 NEWS



### **WHS Juniors create fundraising club for COVID relief**

Congratulations Zach for your awesome commitment and endurance! Your team was waiting for you and your community cheering for you! Click on link to read more about these great Juniors!

<https://www.wickedlocal.com/story/the-winchester-star/2020/12/16/winchester-high-juniors-create-fundraising-club-covid-relief/3929221001/>

# 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

# 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.



**Town of Winchester  
Holiday Season 2020  
Recommendations**

	<u>Low Risk</u>	<u>Moderate Risk</u>	<u>High Risk</u>
<p><b>Happy Holidays Winchester!</b></p> <p><b>Safer At Home This Year</b></p> <p><i>A <b>negative test does not mean you are Covid-free!</b></i></p> <p><b>Indoor Covid Transmission is Real</b></p> <p><b>Looking Forward to 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celebrations at home with people in household only</li> <li>Virtual celebrations with extended family and friends</li> <li>Watching movies at home with household members only</li> <li>Online shopping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small <b>OUTDOOR</b> (masked) gatherings with family and close friends</li> <li>Visiting tree farms and cider mills (masked and socially distanced)</li> <li>In person shopping (masked and socially distanced)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>INDOOR</b> gatherings with people outside your household (masks help reduce but don't eliminate risk)</li> <li>Overusing alcohol, which can impair risk assessment</li> <li>Sleigh rides with people outside your household</li> <li>Traveling outside MA</li> </ul>

See something, say something. Call 781-729-1212 to anonymously report any unsafe gatherings. Let's work together to keep our community safe.

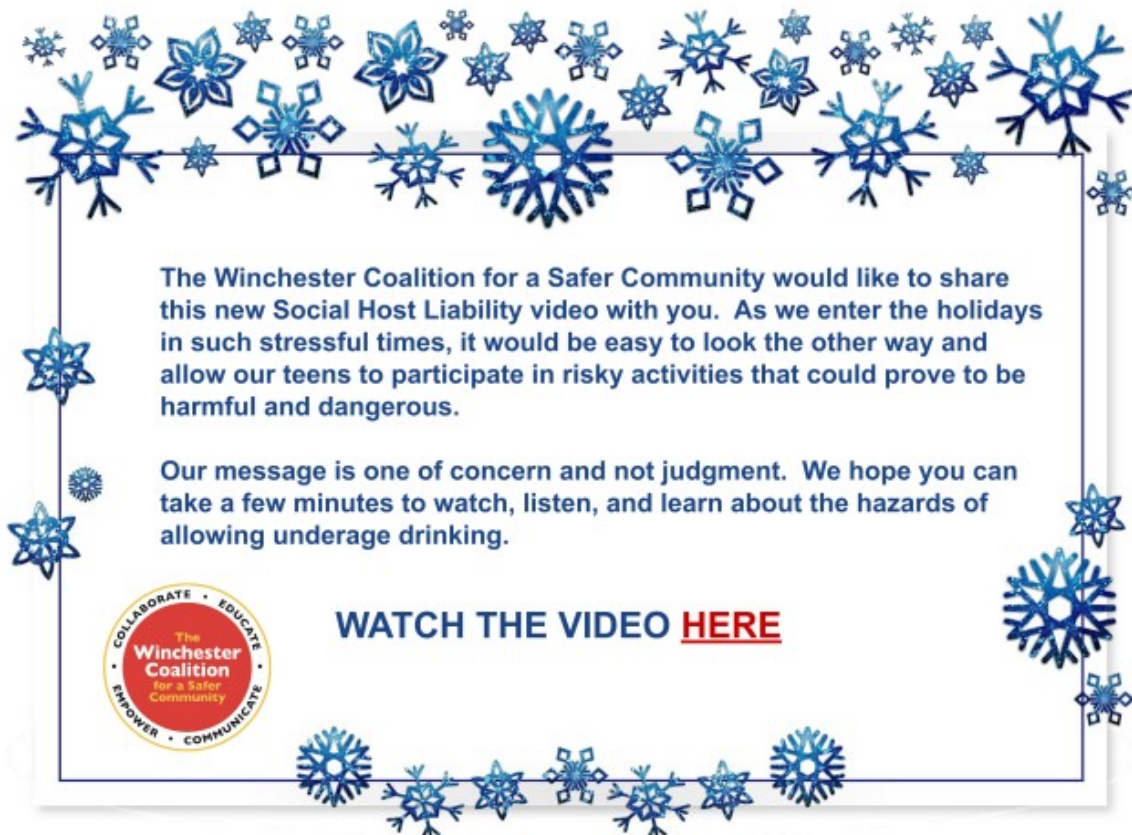


**01890  
Holiday Shopping  
Safely Supporting Our Stores**

**SPRIT DAYS**  
01890  
SAVE & SUPPORT


WHS PFA  
MADNESS DISCOUNTS  
WHS PFA

- ✓ **Wear a mask at all times**
- ✓ **Keep your distance from other shoppers**
- ✓ **Follow all shop & restaurant Covid-19 guidelines**
- ✓ **Respect the posted limits on the number of shoppers in a store**
- ✓ **Take advantage of private shopping, curbside pick-up & home delivery services**
- ✓ **Support our 01890 businesses!**



The Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community would like to share this new Social Host Liability video with you. As we enter the holidays in such stressful times, it would be easy to look the other way and allow our teens to participate in risky activities that could prove to be harmful and dangerous.

Our message is one of concern and not judgment. We hope you can take a few minutes to watch, listen, and learn about the hazards of allowing underage drinking.

 **WATCH THE VIDEO [HERE](#)**

**[LINK](#)** to Video Here







**NEW FACE MASK REQUIREMENTS**  
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 6, 2020\*

ALL PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF 5\*\* MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING WHENEVER IN PUBLIC, INDOORS OR OUTDOORS

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED WHEN IN A VEHICLE WITH NON-HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN A CIVIL FINE OF UP TO \$300 PER VIOLATION

For more information visit [mass.gov/maskrules](https://mass.gov/maskrules)

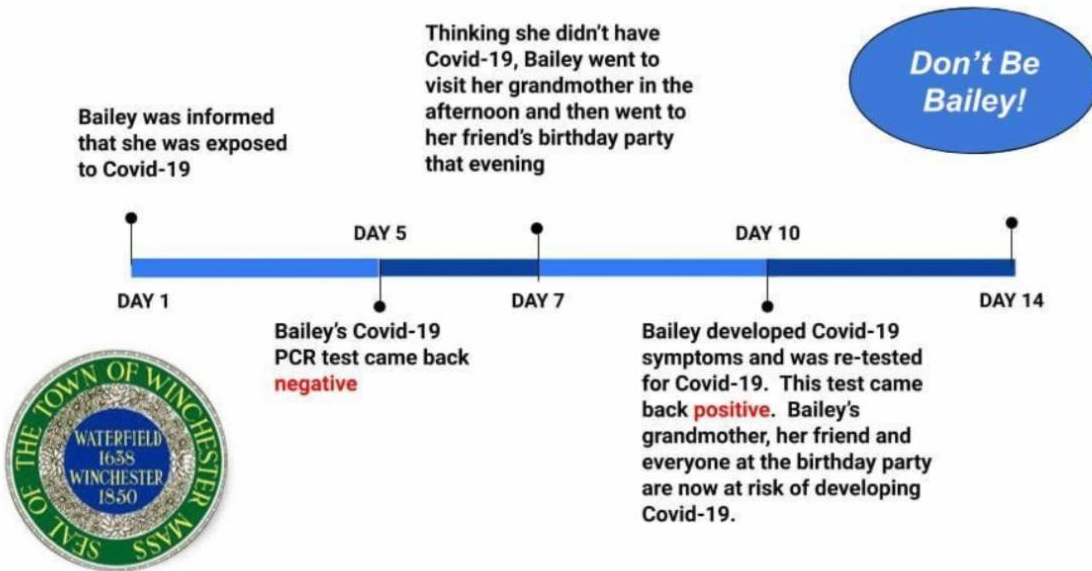
\*IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER #55  
\*\*MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR AGES 2-5



## COVID-19 Incubation Timeline

**\*Please be aware that it can take up to 14 days after exposure to Covid-19 to become ill\***

If you have been exposed, please quarantine for 14 days if you can. Alternatively, you may test out of quarantine after 10 days if a) you have no symptoms, b) you take a PCR test on Day 8, c) your Day 8 PCR test is negative, and d) you continue to monitor for symptoms for the full 14 days.





TIME TO MAKE YOUR DECEMBER APPOINTMENT !



Special this month:  
Holiday Cookies! And some other seasonal items.

<p><b>Food Pantry Hours by Appointment Only Sundays, Tuesdays &amp; Fridays</b></p>	<p>Text, Email, or Call 781- 369-5844 <a href="mailto:socialservice@enkasociety.org">socialservice@enkasociety.org</a></p>
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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.

## Winchester Coalition For a Safer Community

Winchester friends, do you know what INTERFACE is?  
**INTERFACE Mental Health Referral Helpline** is about to mark its one year anniversary in Winchester! In January 2020 the Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community brought INTERFACE to town to help connect Winchester residents with mental health resources.

It is a FREE and CONFIDENTIAL service which will match your need, insurance, schedule, and location and connect you with a mental health professional.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused many of us to experience isolation,

frustration, and concern because we do not know what will happen tomorrow. As we approach the holiday season, many of these feelings may be heightened. You may be concerned about a loved one, a neighbor, a friend or yourself. The Coalition wants to let you know that you are not alone. We encourage you to take advantage of this service.

Please take the next step, make the call, and know that there is help on the other end of the line.

**INTERFACE HELPLINE 888-244-6843** is now available to Winchester residents and students.

The Helpline is available from **Monday through Friday from 9 AM - 5 PM.**

[Review the William James College Interface website](#) for mental health resource and additional information on the helpline.

**Did you miss this week's screening?**  
**Register to watch the recording!**  
*Available for 2 weeks only*



**Q&A led by Kevin Kozin, LICSW, psychotherapist**

No worries! [Register now](#) to watch the recording of the event (the full movie and Q&A with moderator Kevin Kozin, LICSW). The link will be active for 2 weeks.

To watch, register **HERE**

**Registration is open for Kids' Corner's**

## Winter/Spring Enrichments!

We're offering classes on site at Kids' Corner and virtually for **grades K-5!** **Classes start in January/February 2021** and are offered **every day** of the week between **3-6 PM**.

Join us on site for Karate with Bay State Martial Arts, creative theater classes with Kidstock Creative Theater, science experiments with Super Science Lab and Comic Book Creation with Anna!

Returning virtually for another semester is our popular Math Magicians Academy, Super Science Lab, Story Time Adventures and Karate! We also will have a NEW Hogwarts Role Play Club & Hogwarts First Years Role Playing Adventures and a Games Club!

Check out our offerings [HERE](#)

## Winchester's Troop 507 Christmas Tree Pickup

Holiday trees are at record sales this holiday season and Winchester's Troop 507 is here to help take them away after the holidays for **\$16/tree**. Leave your tree(s) on your curb in Winchester by **7:00 AM** (without decorations) on **Saturday, January 9th** and they will magically be taken away in a socially distant safe way.

Winchester residents only, and please remove all decorations, wraps, etc. All proceeds support the Troop's programs and allows them to be affordable for all.

Due to the ongoing safety recommendations, Troop members will not be at the transfer station taking orders.

If you prefer to send a check/cash instead, please send your name, address for pick-up, email, # of trees, and phone number to:

BSA Troop 507  
c/o Steve Bell  
39 Myrtle Terrace  
Winchester, MA 01890

[\*\*SIGN UP ONLINE HERE\*\*](#)





**Join Us for a Dedicated, Inspiring and Motivating Zoom Presentation with Boston Native and Olympic medalist Gevvie Stone, MD.**

**January 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Dr. Genevra (Gevvie) Stone is an Emergency Room resident at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and a women's single sculler in training for the 2021 Olympics in Tokyo.

**[Registration link](#) can be found on The Winton Club Upcoming Events**



## **Junior District Auditions Workshop**

**Saturday, January 16, 2:00 – 3:30 PM**

For middle and junior high school students trying out for the MMEA Junior District Festival. This workshop will provide a wealth of information about the audition process including how to prepare, manage nerves, and develop presentation skills.

Students will divide into vocal and instrument groups to perform for adjudicators and receive constructive feedback on their solos and scales.

Held live on Zoom; \$25 per participant

Open to all; you do not need to be enrolled at WCMS to participate

**[Register online](#) by January 11th or call 781-721-2950 for more information**

## **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!**

[Joe Piantedosi, Class of 1979](#)



**UNMASKED: Our Marvelous Math Teacher Robert Trakimas!**

Thank you Mr. Trakimas for participating and helping us get to know you better!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU  
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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