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Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter December 7, 2020

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Happy December Fellow WHS Families!
We hope you enjoyed the beautiful snow this weekend... it sure looked like a "Winter Wonderland!" Lucky for us, Mr. Mahoney got pictures of students back when we first had snow fall! Want more great updates like this follow his Tweets @whsmahoney!
Tis the season folks... why not add some fun musical parody in our newsletter this month! Can you guess the tune for this one?

*Class bell rings, students bustling,
Masks are on, Papers rustling
We're 6 feet apart
But we've always got heart
Winchester High's a Wonderland*

*Gone away is Freshman hazing
Spirit Day is so amazing
The bonds that we share
The best anywhere
Winchester High's a Wonderland*

*Out on Skillings Field we win the sports games
Auditorium is filled with glee
Artists put their magic in picture frames
We love science, math and history*

*Zoom is on and we are ready
Year is tough but we hold steady
We're loving each grade, and the friends that we've*

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Tweet



Dennis Mahoney
@whsmahoney



Snow on Halloween may have been the last 2020 straw for a lot of people but not our WHS students! Our PE teachers got students outside for some fresh air and good healthy fun. "Do you want to build a snowman?" was a huge hit!



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*made
Winchester High's a Wonderland*

We hope you did a little karaoke while reading! 😊 We had a fun time as a family creating this parody! Want to try? Lots of laughs will come out of it -- we would love to hear and share so please send it our way!

Here are a few friendly reminders for this week:

- 12/9 Wednesday - **ALL STUDENTS MAKE UP Picture DAY**: Any student who missed pictures on ANY day can come to school any time between 9:30 and 2:45 to take pictures.
- 12/9 Wednesday, at 7pm **Screenagers: The Next Chapter!** The Coalition will be sponsoring a screening of the film followed by a Q&A with Kevin Kozin, LICSW.
- The **quarter and semester dates** are posted below. Please note that these dates are subject to change, if necessary. Q2: November 9- January 22 Q3: January 25- April 2 Q4: April 5, 2020- June 16
- **Great Community events** are happening please read below for more details from the Interactive Club, En Ka and Winchester Got Lunch!

Lastly, a huge CONGRATUALIONS to not only to our great sports athletes but also the many talented music students (Chorus, Band and Orchestra) for their acceptance to the Northeast District Senior Music Festival-huge accomplishment! Please see full list below.

Stay TUNED (literally 😊) for next week's guess the tune parody! 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 12

What high school did you go to?
Sacred Heart Convent School, Jamshedpur, India
 What was your favorite subject in high school?
Biology (I adored my teacher , Sister Doris)
 What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school?
No sports, Reading and organizing school events
 What is one of your hidden talents?
I have 2 master degrees in Kathak (Indian classical dance form)
 Favorite Movie:
Shawshank Redemption (Great minds think alike Whitey)
 Favorite Book:
Bhagvad Gita , Bhagavad Gita is not just a book with loads of text but provides solutions and guidance to human's life problems and equips you in improving horizon of knowledge and build a courage to live in any part of the world with confidence.
 Favorite Band:



Cannot decide – I love all music- no boundaries

Favorite Food:

Chana Kulcha (North India dish)

Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by?

From the Gita's chapter-2 verse-47.

"Karmanye vadhikaraste Ma Phaleshu
Kadachana, Ma Karma Phala Hetur Bhur Ma Te
Sango Stv Akarmani"

Meaning : You have every right to work but not
expecting the fruits out of it. Let the focus be not
on the fruit and never be inactive.

***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

THU 12/10 - Early Release Day

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

Winchester Gives Back

With all of your help, we raised a grand total of **\$24,865.00!!!**

We are overwhelmed by your generosity.

Thanks to you, **134** Winchester children's holidays will be much brighter this year! We would like to especially thank the WHS PFA who spearheaded the project with us this year.

Each child is receiving a **\$150 gift card to Target** and **\$35.50 gift card to Market Basket** gift for a holiday meal.

Thank you again for your help and generosity! You all have helped make a great impact on the community- we couldn't make this difference without you.

Thank you!!!!

The Winchester Gives Back Team

Holiday Donation Drive

We are launching a holiday donation drive. We are partnering with the Enka Society, we 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!

Important Reminder from the Nurses Office

Per MA DPH, students will be expected to have received a flu vaccine by **December 31, 2020** for the 2020-2021 influenza season. As with all required immunizations, students must be in compliance for continued enrollment in school in all models of learning (hybrid or remote).

If you have already sent the WHS nurses a copy of your student's flu shot, thank you.

Flu vaccine records can be emailed to [Mrs. Vaccari](#) or your student may drop the flu vaccine record off at the WHS Health Office.

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!](#)

PLEASE NOTE:

[Winter Sports Registration](#)

is now open for Basketball, Hockey, Alpine Ski, Nordic Ski and Gymnastics.

All other winter sports have been moved to a later season.
User fees will not be accepted until after teams are selected.

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

Pictured below Girls JV Black Team with their coach Michelle Ross.
The team was **undefeated** this season! **CONGRATS** girls!





CONGRATS to SENIORS: Hannah Curtin, Ally Murphy, Ella Stone, Ellie Rappole, Jordan Weinberg, Katie Degnan, Colleen Gogolin, Sofie Lanou for being named to the Middlesex League Girls Soccer All-Star Team!

The image is a screenshot of a news article from the Daily Times Chronicle. At the top left is the newspaper's logo, which consists of three horizontal lines followed by the text "Daily Times Chronicle". Below the logo is the article title "Local Athletes selected to Middlesex League Girls Soccer All-Star Team". Underneath the title, it says "8 hrs ago" followed by a speech bubble icon and the number "0". Below this is a row of social media sharing icons: Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Messenger, Email, and a bookmark icon. The main body of the article is titled "LIBERTY DIVISION" and lists players from three towns: Reading, Winchester, and Woburn.

Daily Times Chronicle

Local Athletes selected to Middlesex League Girls Soccer All-Star Team

8 hrs ago 0

LIBERTY DIVISION

Reading: Kendall Sundstrom, junior.

Winchester: Hannah Curtin, senior; Ally Murphy, senior, Ella Stone, senior; Ellie Rappole, senior, Jordan Steinberg, senior; Katie Degnan, senior; Colleen Gogolin, senior; Sofie Lanou, senior.

Woburn: Jenna Taylor, junior.

CONGRATS to SENIORS: Diego Diaz-Tijerina, Ben Von Halle, and Jonathan DeOliveira for being named to the Middlesex League Boys Soccer All-Star Team!

Local athletes named to Middlesex League Boys Soccer All-Star Team

LIBERTY DIVISION

Reading: Matt Geraghty, junior; Ryan Connolly, junior; Colin O'Sullivan, junior.

Winchester: Diego Diaz-Tijerina, senior; Ben Von Halle, senior; Jonathan DeOliveira, senior.

Woburn: Jared Roque, senior; Gabriel DaSilva, junior; Matheus Oliveira, junior.

The 2020-2021 Nordic Ski season will officially begin on **December 14th.**

If you are interested in being part of the team,
please [join the Facebook group](#).

Don't worry if you have never skied before- most people on the team had never been on Nordic skis before their first day of practice!

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

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

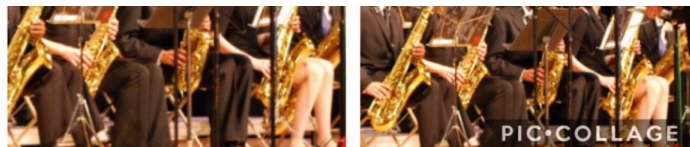
Please join the Winchester High School Music Department in **congratulating** the following students for their acceptance to the Northeast District Senior Music Festival.

Students were selected through a rigorous audition process culminating in a video performance of a required



piece of music.

Special recognition goes to **Jasmine Sun** (French Horn), **Mark**



Martirosian (trumpet) and **Juliette Loschen** (Timpani AND Mallets) for achieving the highest scores for their instrument in the Festival!

****Please note: picture is of past events****

Melia Altaras
Robert Bahnan
Margaret Binda-Dunn*
Will Caron*
Peter Chang
Addie Ehrbar
George Gilmer
Kayla Harrison*
Maleah Jensen
Caty Jones
Jihyun Kang*
Sarah Koury
Anna Li
Juliette Loschen*
Olivia Ma*
Declan Mahoney
Mark Martirosian*
Conner McWhan
Eric Pan
Elaine Ran*
Jasmine Sun*
Kristina Tham*
Lauren Tian
Samuel Wilson
Sophie Wilson
Jennifer Wu*
Gavin Yang
Elysia Yuan
Michael Zhang

* Denotes high score invitation to audition for All State.

Are you a musician and want to showcase your talents in a holiday concert?

Members of the WHS Tri-M Music Honors Society are putting together a virtual concert via YouTube on **December 23rd**.

Singers, solo instrumentalists, chamber groups, electronic producers, and all are welcome to send in recordings.

If you would like to contribute, submit music in [this form](#) by **December 16th**.

[Email](#) with any questions

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

- **FOOD LOVERS!** Join **Masterclass Cooking Club** on **Tuesday, December 8th at 4:30 PM** to cook with Chef Jamie Bissonnette, a James Beard Award-winning chef! We will be cooking braised chicken thighs and noodles (yum). If you are interested, please fill out [this form](#), or email [Tabitha Chen-Fiske](#). Everyone is welcome!
- Interact Club is having a bottle drive to raise money for Shayne's Shining Stars (Stem Cell Unit Fundraiser for Boston Children's Hospital) over the next few weeks! Just fill out this [Google Form](#) with your address and we will collect them on **Saturday, December 12th** and **Saturday, December 19th**. Happy Holidays and thank you!
- Have you always wanted to learn a new skill/talent like piano or coding? Well, now is your chance. **NHS is offering another form of tutoring**, apart from typical school subjects, in skills and talents! Here is [the form](#) to sign up for a skill you want to learn, and the NHS team will try its best to match you with a tutor!
- **DRAMA CLUB** - WHS! Are you missing performing on-stage? Are you trying to step out of your comfort zone and meet new friends in a safe way? Join our WHS Drama Club: Curtain and Cue! Curtain and Cue is doing a project where students pick monologues and after being thoroughly rehearsed and perfected, we will record them on stage. If you are interested, please reach out to [Mrs. Cella](#) or [Abbie Gatto](#).

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

Check this section for updates about the Class of 2022

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

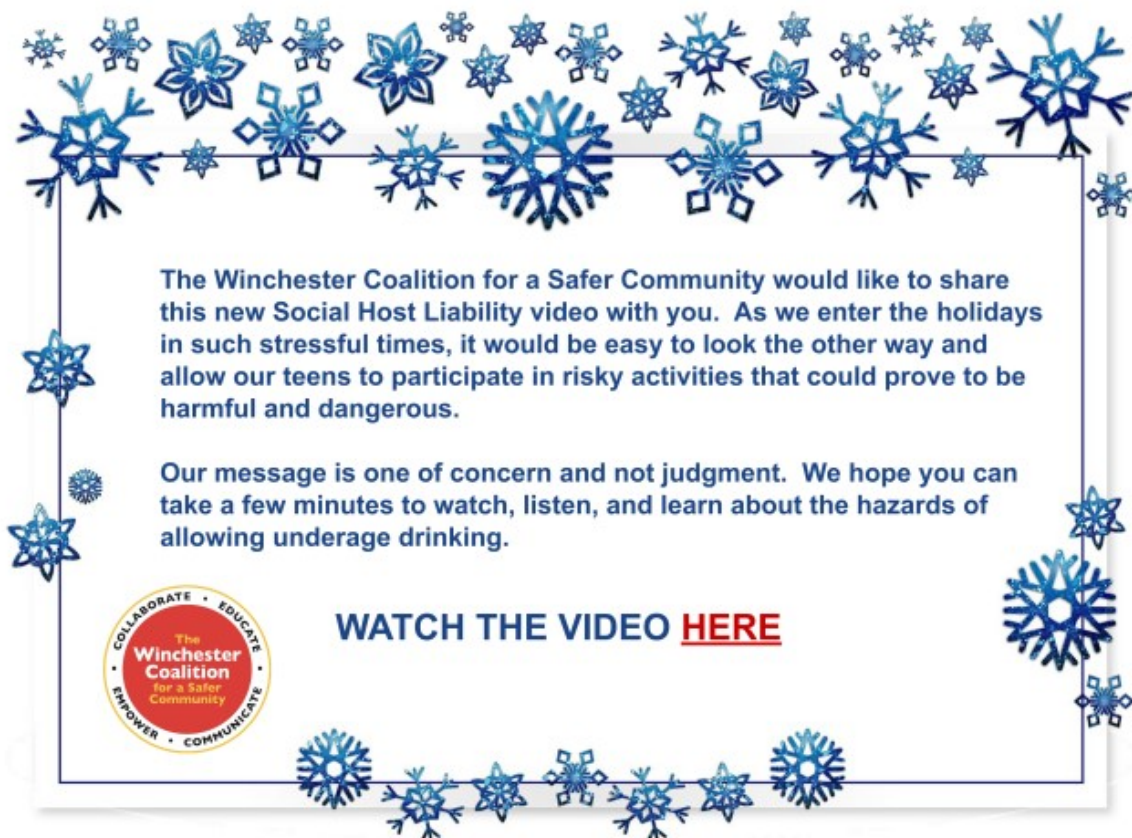
Check this section for updates about the Class of 2023

CLASS OF 2024 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.



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



winchestercoalitionsafer



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

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



Mahoney's
GARDEN CENTERS

Please join us! Mahoney's Garden Centers has partnered with En Ka for over 20 years to raise funds to support our mission. Each year Mahoney's kindly hosts a shopping

to raise funds to support our mission. Each year Mahoney's Bakery hosts a shopping day at the Winchester Garden Center, generously donating a portion of their proceeds from that day to the En Ka Society. A great way to start your Holiday shopping and at the same time raise funds for En Ka! Please purchase **your gift cards, Christmas tree, wreaths, poinsettia, ornaments and/or anything that makes you happy on the 9th!**

If you would like to purchase gift cards and cannot make it there. You can drop off a check made payable to Mahoney's by December 7th, to either the En Ka Shop or 111 Ridge Street and include gift card amounts and the Chairs will purchase them and drop them off to your home.

Please save the date on your calendar or phone ☺

En Ka Day at Mahoney's is Wednesday, December 9th, 2020

Please spread the word to your family and friends!!

See you on the 9th!!

Ellen, Deb and Paula (En Ka Mahoney Day Chairs)

Feel free to contact Ellen with any questions: Ellensouris@gmail.com

Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center, 242 Cambridge Street in Winchester



TIME TO MAKE YOUR DECEMBER APPOINTMENT !



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

**Food Pantry Hours
by Appointment Only
Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays**

**Text, Email, or Call
781- 369-5844
socialservice@enkasociety.org**



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

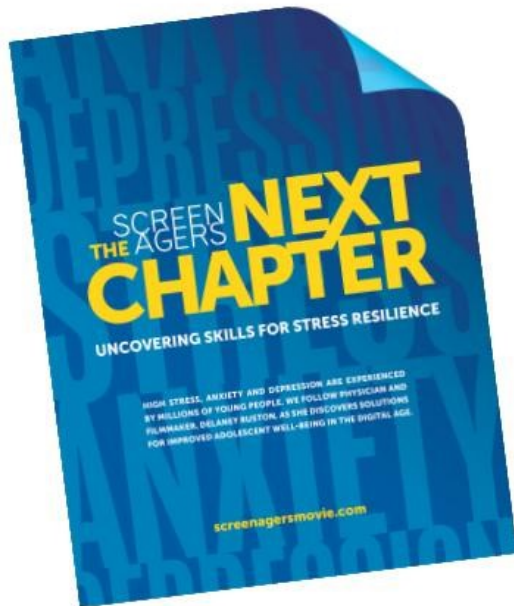


1037 Main Street
Winchester, MA 01890
Same location as the En Ka Exchange

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.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020
7 pm
Virtual Screening & Discussion



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

**Watch the
trailer!**

Screenagers: The Next Chapter examines the science behind teen's emotional challenges, the interplay of social media, and most importantly, what can be done in our schools and homes to help them build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression in our digital age.

Questions?
winchestercoalition@gmail.com



[LINK](#) to Register for Screenagers

Unite With Light - Winchester 2020



Along with the local chapter of the [Make a Wish Foundation](#), this year's sales of the UWL-W Luminaria kits will benefit

WINCHESTER GOT LUNCH



**Sunday, December 13
@ 5:00 pm**

*(Rain/Snow Date:
Monday, December 14)*

It's easy to participate:

- 1. Order as many luminaria kits as you need [HERE](#) by [Tuesday, December 8th](#)**
- 2. We will deliver your order to your doorstep by Saturday, December 12th**
- 3. Assemble, set out and illuminate the luminarias along your front yards, walkways or driveways or path on Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 pm**

Unite With Light-Winchester is a town-wide Luminaria Night event organized by the children of Winchester to celebrate the beginning of the winter season with beautiful light and raise money for a child-charity that will strengthen our community and our world

Click here to Order Your Luminary Kits!

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\$20/ticket | \$100/6 tickets | \$200/12 tickets

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Drawing



Dec. 16

The Winchester Chamber of Commerce needs your help to make it happen!

- Hanging Baskets
- Lights in the Center
- Holiday Wreaths

Winchester Chamber of Commerce

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info@winchesterchamber.com | winchesterchamber.com

The
Winchester Chamber of Commerce
 merrily presents
Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest



Judging will be Thursday December 17th
Register online: winchesterchamber.com
\$25 Registration fee

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 3pm-6pm.

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](#).



- ✓ **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!**

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!

[Hebah El Rayess,](#)
[Class of 2002](#)



UNMASKED: Our Superb Science Teacher Ipshita Chakladar!

Thank you Mrs. Chakladar 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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