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Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter January 11, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Fellow WHS Families,

We have some very exciting and engaging events in January!

The first **WHS PFA meeting** of 2021 is tonight, Monday, January 11th at 7pm! Mr. Mahoney will give school updates and answer questions. Our guest speaker is Anna Paradise, a WHS math teacher of 20 years, current President of Winchester Education Association and a WHS graduate. Mrs. Paradis will give us the teachers' perspective of navigating this school year and will answer questions you may have. [LINK](#) Passcode: 446690 We look forward to seeing you!

Today kicks off the **MLK Week of Service** presented by Winchester High School students in collaboration with WPS Service Learning and the Network for Social Justice! You are invited to participate in a variety of virtual activities all week! The goal of the 2nd annual MLK Week of Service is to educate students and members of our community about social justice issues in remembrance and honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. There is something for all ages! [LINK](#)

Have you seen **"The Social Dilemma"** on Netflix! It's a must watch!

Save the date for an important informative discussion – Thursday, January 21st at 7pm! Please join WHS student leaders, alumni, our school resource officer and others for a panel discussion and Q&A on what it means to be digitally healthy and to share concrete steps we can all take to use technology without letting it us. [LINK](#)

What do WHS teachers and members of the Newbery Medal committee have in common? They all love author Matt de la Peña. So do readers across the world who have assured that de la Peña's books appear on the New York Times Bestseller list. WHS students can judge his work for themselves when de la Peña presents to WHS students on Zoom, January 27th, as part of Winchester's **Authorfest**. Thanks to our education foundation, WFEE, for keeping this tradition alive virtually in 2021 with the support of funding from the

Winchester Co-operative Bank plus a gift from the WHS PFA. Check out his Newbery Award acceptance speech. You can purchase one of Mr. de la Peña's books on line at Book Ends or visit the store.

Authorfest is occurring at all Winchester schools this January with virtual presentations spread out over the four Wednesdays in the month.

Please take a moment to join these and many other events taking place in our WHS and broader community! We are so lucky to be part of this wonderful town!

Last but not least, we'd like to wish our tireless supporter, Superintendent Judy Evans the best of luck in her retirement at the end of this school year! What a year to wrap up her 35-year career as a public school educator! Thank you, Judy for all that you've done for our schools over the last 6 years. We appreciate all of your hard work!

Stay well and as always, please reach out with any ideas, questions or concerns! (whspfa@gmail.com)

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 15

1. What high school did you go to? **Winchester High School class of '93**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **Spanish and Latin (I liked languages) and loved my history teacher Lorin Maloney**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **Soccer and track, Student Council, yearbook**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? **I'm very good at naming that tune with only a few seconds of a song.**
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **Love Actually, The Nightingale, currently Avett Brothers and Coldplay, french fries**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **probably YOLO - you only live once. Once I learned "opportunity cost" in Econ, I have used that to justify some of my financial decisions. And in college, I couldn't start studying or doing homework until it got dark so spring semesters were always worse than fall. So when I got my first C, I told myself C is for Cool, and there is more to life and college than good grades. Wish I were more inspiring!**

****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

MON 1/11 - WHS PFA Meeting at 7 PM, [Zoom Link](#) (Passcode: 446690)

1/11 - 1/16 - MLK Week of Service, [Pre-registration Link](#)

MON 1/18 - No School

WED 1/20 - Remote Day using Monday Schedule for all cohorts

WED 1/27 - WHS virtual Authorfest, featuring author Matt de la Peña

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.

MLK Week of Service

The WHS MLK Week of Service Committee invites all members of the Winchester community to join us for a series of virtual activities and seminars with a theme of Social Justice the week of 1/11/21 to 1/16/21. A variety of activities will be offered for all age groups, from elementary through adult. Pre-registration is required for Zoom access. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Collections/Drives

The **MLK Week of Service** is partnering with the **En Ka Pantry** to collect items surrounding the theme of **“Warm Mornings”**. We are asking WHS Students and Winchester residents to come together and donate items such as socks, underwear, hats, mittens, and gloves, along with pancake mix, maple syrup, and hot chocolate, to help Winchester families have comfortable, happy mornings this winter. A collection bin will be in the WHS lobby until January 15th. You can also visit their website [here](#) and donate through [Amazon](#), [Target](#), or by dropping off items at 1037 Main St Winchester. Thank you!

Limited access to essential products like feminine care is a public health issue. The non-profit organization **Her Drive** is running a collection of clean/gently used undergarments, menstrual care, general hygiene, and vanity items. These items are being collected with zero contact by local high school volunteers on Sat 1/16 and Sat 1/30. A [google form](#) to collect students' contact info and address to pick up items by volunteers. Please contact mmcgovern22@medford.k12.ma.us with inquiries or interest!

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](#)
Use [this link](#) for updated information regarding Winter Sports



Congratulations to the **Girls Nordic Ski Team** for placing second out of six teams in the first Mass Bay West League race of the season, led by Captains Katie Lew, Caitlin Wiseman and Elena Dickison, who took 8th, 9th and 13th place out of ninety skiers. Senior Amelia Murray and sophomore Sophia Lubin also contributed to the team score, placing 21st and 26th.

Congratulations to Nordic Ski Captains Aidan Kimberly and Alex Cumming, who took 1st and 2nd place out of seventy skiers in the Mass Bay West League race on Tuesday, January 5th. Seniors George Gilmer and Evan Edler took 14th and 16th place followed by junior James Wheaton at 25th place, which secured a second place win for the **Boys Nordic Ski Team**.

Congratulations to the **Boys Hockey team** who beat Wakefield 3 to 0. The 3 goals were made by Joey Falso, Angelo Mario and Alec O'Connor.

Congratulations to the **Boys Basketball team** for their 61 to 38 win over Reading Memorial High School on Saturday, January 9th.

The **Girls Basketball team** played an exciting first game of the season against Wakefield with a tough loss and final score of 36 to 42. The team played their home opening game against Reading Memorial High School on Saturday January 9th with a final score of 40 to 46.





Any students interested in playing **Girls Lacrosse** this Spring who missed the December sign up meeting should complete this [form](#).

Any students interested in playing **Boys Lacrosse** this Spring Season, [please fill out this google form](#)

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

See below for updates & events for Arts, Music & Theater

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

Winchester JSA Debate Club will be having weekly meetings from 6:30-7:30 PM on zoom **every Wednesday** with Winchester, Danvers, and Medfield High School students. 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. We would love to see new faces at our meetings and have some special events coming up! If interested, please fill out this [form](#). If you have any questions [please email us](#)

Are you interested in learning about a new culture and humanitarianism around the world? Then come join **the Armenian Club**, where we will be talking about Armenian humanitarian rights, non-Armenian issues, and Armenian culture and traditions! All are welcome -- both Armenians and non-Armenians! Our first meeting will be next **Wednesday, 1/13 at 7 PM** over Zoom! We will be doing brief introductions and talking about the recent War in Artsakh.

[Zoom link to join](#)

Winchester High School's Technovation Club is hosting a virtual Day of Innovation on **Saturday 1/16 from 9:30 AM - 12 PM**. We will introduce app building, business planning, and entrepreneurship to all interested girls from McCall and WHS. This 2-hour event will host activities ranging from how to use MIT Appinventor to an introduction to entrepreneurship. This event is free, requires no prior experience, and is a way for students to be introduced to the Technovation Challenge, a global competition starting in January.

[Fill out this form to sign up](#)

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

CLASS OF 2021 NEWS

When requested, we will share your student's name and contact information with the branches of the military unless you choose to opt out of this. Families wishing to opt out must complete this **[google form](#)**.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Sign-ups for WHS Royals, formerly known as Mr. WHS, are NOW OPEN! The show will be filmed in the WHS Auditorium and will then be broadcasted out to the community. WHS Royals is open to all seniors. All Covid-19 guidelines will be strictly enforced. If you seek to enter your name as a contestant or MC for the show, please fill out **[this Google Form](#)** by Friday, January 8th at 11:59 PM!!

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

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.



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](#)




THE WINTON CLUB
presents
THE LONG(ER) ROAD TO TOKYO 2021
Meet Olympic Silver Medalist Dr. Genevra (Gevvie) Stone

**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



Calling all middle school and high school girls interested in business, technology, and coding!

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Learn more about Technovation:
<https://technovationchallenge.org/get-started/>

When?
Sat, January 16th from 9:30 AM- 12 PM

Where?
Completely virtual through zoom!

How?
Fill out this google form:
<https://forms.gle/e8HoM3aM7tH5KwV3A>

Who are we?
3 seniors from WHS, Boyang, Dhvani, and Elysia, are Technovation 2019 regional 1st place winners and lead Winchester's Technovation club.



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

You've seen "The Social Dilemma" on Netflix, now be part of the solution...



Watch the film in advance on Netflix
(The film will NOT be shown on 1/21/21)

The Next Step: Solutions to the Dilemma
Thursday, January 21 @ 7pm
Register <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rcOusrTgiHNdOH6t-vvJe96FBJFxpbyJ>

Join us for a panel discussion and Q&A on what it means to be digitally healthy and to share concrete steps we can all take to use technology **without letting it use us.**

Panelists

- Kevin Kozin**, LICSW, MS, Management of Information Systems
 - Sgt. Dan Perenick**, WPS School Resource Officer, Winchester Police Dept.
 - Sofia Rich**, WHS Class of 2022
 - John Bellaire**, WHS Class of 2021
 - Shreya Nair**, WHS graduate & Harvard University Class of 2024
 - Tommy Bellaire**, WHS graduate & Brown University Class of 2023
- Hosted by Adrienne Principe, Founder of Turning Life On**





Thank you so much to Winchester Hospital for its generous support of this program

Watch the Trailer [here](#)



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Help Your Teens and Tweens Safely Navigate Social Media with Elizabeth Englander, PhD



Dr. Englander, founder and director of the Massachusetts Center for Aggression Reduction Center, and a nationally recognized expert on cyberbullying, will share her research on teenage cell phone use.

Learn how to:

- talk to your child about sexting
- respond to cyberbullying
- provide guidelines for healthy cell phone use

She will also discuss the pandemic's impact on children's mental health and social relationships as well as the consequences of increased screen time.

Register in advance [here!](#) After registering, you will receive an email containing information about joining the webinar.

Thursday, February 4 7:30 PM on Zoom

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All Parent to Parent Programs Are Free and Open to the Public

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.

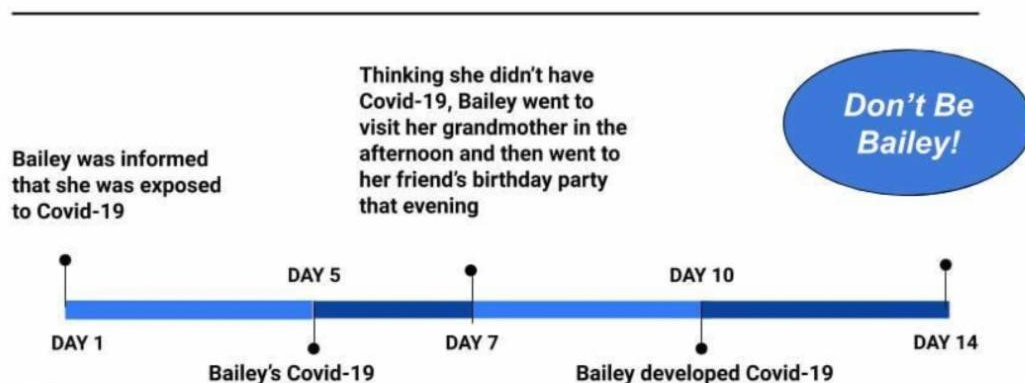
The Helpline is available from **Monday through Friday from 9 AM - 5 PM.**

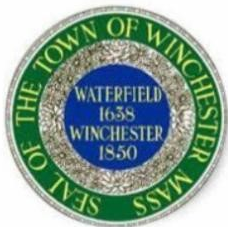
[Review the William James College Interface website](#) for mental health resource and additional information on the helpline.

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.





PCR test came back **negative**

symptoms and was re-tested for Covid-19. This test came back **positive**. Bailey's grandmother, her friend and everyone at the birthday party are now at risk of developing Covid-19.

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](#)**

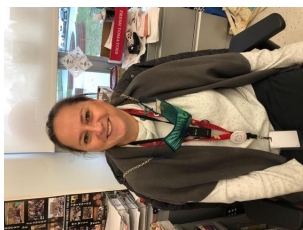
Winchester Alumni Association was launched in 2018 to support WHS alumni, staff and families in the many transitions of their lives after the 01890. Alumni who register through our [database](#) may receive information on upcoming Winchester events and volunteer opportunities, search for classmates, 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!**

[Stephanie Ciano, Class of 1991](#)



UNMASKED: Our lovely language teacher Betsy Kean!

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

*f you are seeing the picture sideways it's not a typo! For fellow folks who use Constant Contact --you know we spent at least 40 minutes trying to rotate this!

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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