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Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter January 18, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Fellow WHS Families,

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the WHS students who helped organize and participated in the MLK Week of Service! There were activities for all ages. Wonderful connections were made when WHS students read books provided by the Social Justice Club to elementary students.

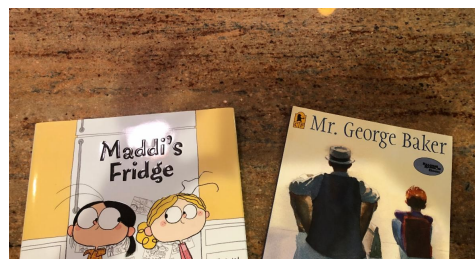
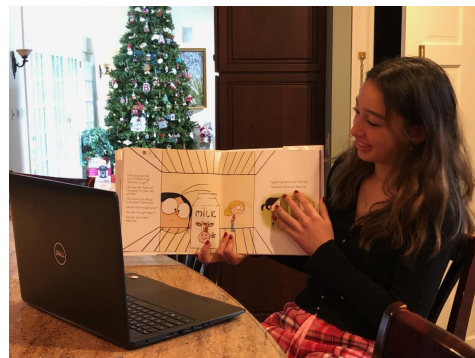
Have you seen "The Social Dilemma" on Netflix? Save the date for an **important discussion** – THIS Thursday, January 21st at 7pm! Please join WHS student leaders, alumni, our school resource officer and others for a panel discussion and Q&A on what it means to be digitally healthy and to share concrete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

Still more to look forward to in January! Author, Matt de la Peña presents to WHS students on Zoom, Wednesday, January 27th, as part of Winchester's **Authorfest**. Thanks to WFEE for keeping this tradition alive virtually in 2021 with the support of funding from the Winchester Co-operative Bank and the WHS PFA. Check out Matt's Newbery Award [acceptance speech](#). You can purchase one of Mr. de la Peña's books on line at [Book Ends](#) or visit Book Ends in Winchester Center.

Don't forget to follow Winchester Athletics on



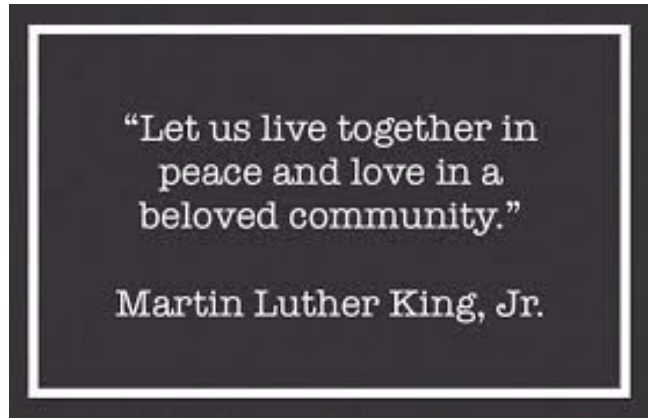
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Honoring Dr. King's legacy of service and activism



Twitter! Most of the WHS winter sports are live streamed! Details and scores are updated regularly. @Winch_Athletics



Stay well and as always, please reach out with any ideas or questions! (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 16

1. What high school did you go to? **Mascenic Regional High School in New Ipswich, NH**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **Spanish and History**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **Student Council and Yearbook.**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? **crocheting**
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food?
 - Favorite Movie: **Home Alone**
 - Favorite Book: **The Book of Awesome**
 - Favorite Musician: **Chris Stapleton**
 - Favorite Food: **Anything Mexican**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **"Shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you'll land among the stars"**

*****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

TUE 1/19 - School Committee Meeting at 6:00 PM - Zoom [LINK](#), passcode 796950

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.

Collections/Drives

Limited access to essential products like feminine care is a public health issue. The non-profit organization **HER** and WHS SoJust Club 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 1/30**.

A [google form](#) to collect students' contact info and address to pick up items by volunteers.

[Please email](#) 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



CONGRATS to the **Boys Basketball team** in their win against Reading HS 58-31

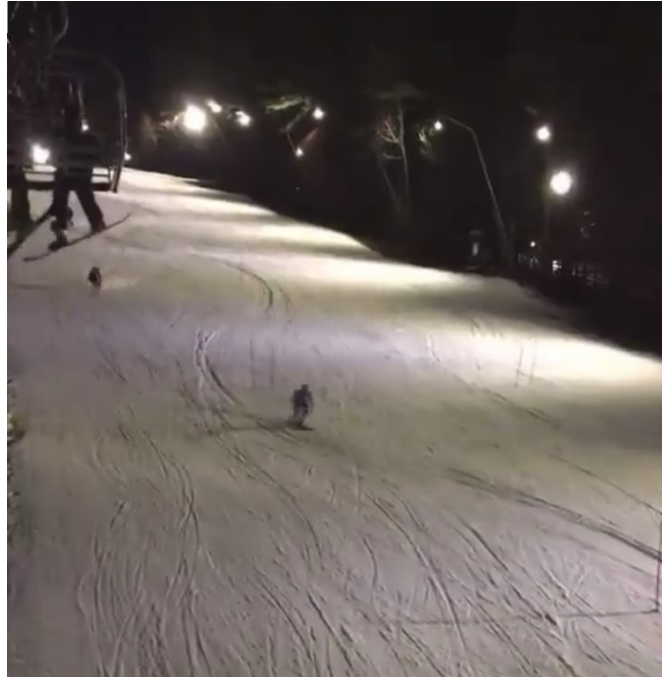
The boys lost 52-49 to Belmont HS

The **Girls Basketball** team had two tough losses to Reading HS 48 to 35 and Belmont 42-34 HS

Picture from **Alpine Ski Team** Practice at Nashoba Valley Ski Area

Congratulations to **Michaela Eichel** for placing 4th and **Maddie Taylor** for placing 10th in the first race of the season! Way to go Captains! Shout outs also go out to **Grace Preston** (14th), **Helena Schmitt** (20th), **Brooke Moloney-Kolenberg** (32nd) and **Amelia Nichols** (33rd)!

The Boys Alpine Ski team is also off to a strong start! Congratulations to **Liam Carlin** (16th), **Cody Paigen** (20th), **Eric Huang** (21st), **Colby Beliveau** (24th), **Braden Hurd** (33rd) and



Gabve Cantoni (43rd)!

Tough 2-0 loss for the **Boys Hockey team** to Belmont High School

Girls Gymnastics team lost to Melrose High School 131.5 to 125.5

Final score - Belmont High School 2, Winchester **Girls Hockey Team 2.**

Both teams had chances to win, but the game ended in a draw.

Well played by both sides.



Pictured left, Belmont's Sam Rocci collides with **Winchester's Ariane O'Rourke** in the game on January 13th



The Boys and Girls **Nordic Ski Teams** each took second place in this week's Mass Bay West league race, behind very strong Concord-Carlisle teams.

Aidan Kimberley took 1st place out of 74 skiers, followed by **Alex Cumming**-4th, **George Gilmer**-15th, **James Wheaton**-17th, followed by **Evan Edler**-18th. **Caitlin Wiseman** led the girls team, placing 6th out of 94 skiers, followed by seniors **Katie Lew**-7th, **Sofia Arnet**-12th, **Elena Dickison**-14th and **Amelia Murray**-18th.

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

WHS math team meets on zoom **every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-6:00**. Anyone who wants to find out more about the team or is interested in joining should [email](#).

French Club is hosting a zoom meeting on **Thursday, January 21st at 7 PM**. We will be making simple, but delicious crepes! If you are interested in attending please fill out [this form](#). Hope to see you there!

Are you interested in spreading awareness for epilepsy? **The Purple Club** is having a 5k awareness walk on the weekend of the **January 30th and 31st**, you pick the day! [Email](#) with a photo of you walking and wearing purple!

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities and a great way to give back to the community? Then try the **WHS Fells Club**! We are planning on meeting once a month and doing volunteer work in the Fells such as clearing trails of brush, trash, and fallen trees. We are also working to adopt a section of the Fells for our club to maintain! Another main priority is raising awareness about invasive species and helping to preserve native plants and animals.

Fill out the form [here](#) if you are interested, hope to see you soon!

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](#)

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

CLASS OF 2021 NEWS

[Senior Spotlight - Robert DiVincenzo](#)

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

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](#).

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

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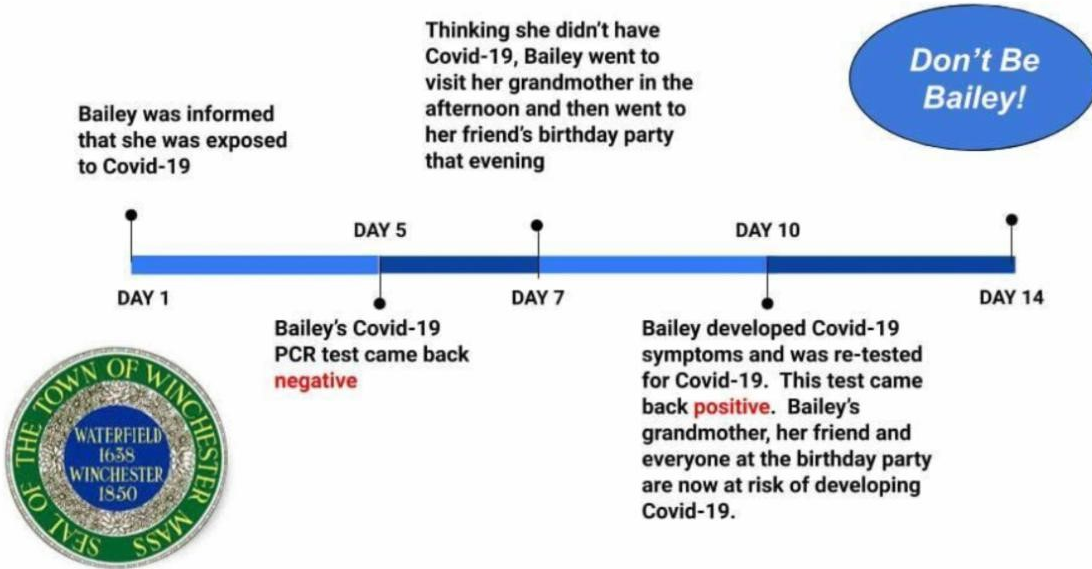
NEWS AROUND TOWN

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.

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.



Make Your January Appointment Today!



Special This Month:

"Cocoa & Cake"

cocoa & cake mix

given out at appointments this month!

<p>Food Pantry Hours by Appointment Only Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays</p>	<p>Text, Email, or Call 781- 369-5844 socialservice@enkasociety.org</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 Together is a community based initiative of coordinated events and acts of kindness that offer hope and positivity to all generations of Winchester

residents and our local essential workers. The goal of Winchester Together is to coordinate a series of events and acts of kindness to address the isolation and pandemic fatigue that many residents of Winchester are now experiencing. We act as a communication hub for residents and wish to promote safe activities that all generations of Winchester residents can enjoy and find purpose in.

Winchester Together is made possible by all of the Winchester organizations, businesses, and people of action engaging in this coordinated campaign. We are grateful for all they do for our community.

[Follow us on Facebook](#) Or on Instagram: @Winchestertogether

WE ARE WINCHESTER TOGETHER!

As Winchester Together is also a call for action, contact [Rich Mucci](#) or [Dot Butler](#) if you have an idea, have an event in progress to promote or wish to volunteer to engage in new project as part of this campaign.



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](#)

***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/join/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](#)



Help Your Teens and Tweens Safely Navigate Social Media

educate
encourage
empower

parenttoparentwinchester.org

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

Funded By:  WINCHESTER
CO-OPERATIVE BANK

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



When School Ends, The Need For Lunch Does Not

Winchester Got Lunch provides healthy lunches for Winchester families during times when school is not in session -- summer, school vacations and during the pandemic.

DONATE HERE

Donations will provide gift cards for families during February & April vacations and summer food delivery



- \$25 feeds a child for one week
- \$50 feeds a child for two weeks
- \$250 feeds a child for the entire summer!



Winchester Got Lunch is a community partnership with Winchester Public Schools, businesses, faith-based organizations, civic groups and community members

winchestergotlunch.org

DONATE HERE

Winchester Got Lunch

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](#).



Evana Gizzi works at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. *Courtesy Photo*

Check out our latest alumni spotlight!

[Evana Gizzi, Class of 2009 - Shooting for the Stars](#)



UNMASKED: Muy fantastico Senora Krystin Beauchesne!

Thank you Mrs. Beauchesne 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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