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Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter January 25, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Dear Fellow WHS Families,

Happy first day of second semester!
The Class of 2021 will be graduating in 19 weeks!

Time is going to fly by this spring but, in the mean time we continue to keep the teacher's spirits up with grab and go snacks in the Main Office! As always, the WHS administration is doing their part and more! Mr Mahoney, Ms Conis and Mr Dupuis went to every classroom and delivered a little treat to hybrid students for the holidays. Check out the awesome post from a WHS teacher!



January continues to be a busy month! Don't forget about the School Committee meeting tomorrow night. They has recently approved the school calendar for the remainder of the school year. The calendar is posted on the winchesterps.org website. The website also includes the Google Calendar version of the school calendar which you can download to your devices.

Newbery medalist Matt de la Pena comes to WHS on Wednesday for WFEE's Virtual Authorfest. Three WHS students joined WFEE's Executive Director Caren Connelly last week to interview Mr. de la Pena, [take a listen!](#) Access Passcode: Nz!1TpGS

The [WFEE Academy](#) launches tomorrow for our Winchester elementary students. WFEE is providing free, educational and fun classes for elementary students during their free time in remote learning periods. Registration is still open for this two-week pilot program.

Want a peek into what is happening at WHS? Check out the [WHS website](#), [twitter](#) and [instagram](#)! They highlight some of the creative, smart, inspiring things our WHS students are doing!

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 18

1. **What high school did you go to?** *Weymouth High School*
2. **What was your favorite subject in high school?** *Semantics and all my History classes*
3. **What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school?** *I did ballet and pointe competitively from elementary school through high school.*
4. **What is one of your hidden talents?** *I don't have any hidden talents 🙄*
5. **Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food?** *I love any book/movie/documentary about serial killers. I know weird - but they fascinate me.*
6. **Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by?** *One of my favorite college professors used to say "Teaching is not one size fits all". I think that's important to remember.*

***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 1/25 - Semester 2 and Quarter 3 begins

TUE 1/26 - School Committee Meeting at 6 pm - Zoom [LINK](#) passcode 053455

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

WHS School Calendar

The Winchester School Committee approved the [monthly calendars](#) for February through June 2021

School Committee Office Hours

School Committee will be offering office hours via Zoom webinar. Please join us with your questions on schools / district policy at this informal conversation. Please note that as this is a public meeting, we cannot answer questions on individual students.

February 3, 2021

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

ZOOM LINK to Office Hours

Webinar ID: 838 6665 3671

Passcode: 368770

HER and WHS SoJust Club Collection

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!

Wish Project Drive

As we kick off 2021, we are once again going to be organizing a toiletry drive, including items such as deodorant, toothpaste, and many more. This drive is one organized for the **Wish Project**, a lovely program that provides families in need with basic necessities. A collection bin will be placed outside the main office for any donations.

Thank you all for being so generous!

School Lunches

Did you know that the USDA has approves **FREE** breakfast and lunch for **ALL** students for schools on the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 20-21 school year!

This means that **ALL** students will have access to nutritious meals at **NO**

COST to parents. Meals are approved to be served both IN PERSON and for PICK UP. Students attending school in person are eligible to pick up breakfast and lunch daily at NO CHARGE (1 breakfast and 1 lunch).

To be added to the list of pick up meals, please contact [Trina Scotti](#), foodservice general manager. Please include the number of students and which cohort they are in. You will then be sent a confirmation email with details on where and when to pick up meals.

Please note that ala carte or 2nd meal purchases will be charged to the student's lunch account.

SATs Update

As you may have heard, CollegeBoard is [discontinuing the SAT Subject Test](#) as well as the optional Essay portion of the SAT.

We recognize that some of our students have already signed up for these tests at WHS in March, May or June. All refunds/future notifications will be coming through CollegeBoard.

You can access this information on your CollegeBoard portal as well.

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



[Puck Profile](#): Winchester's **Cole Duncan** uses speed to dominate the ice

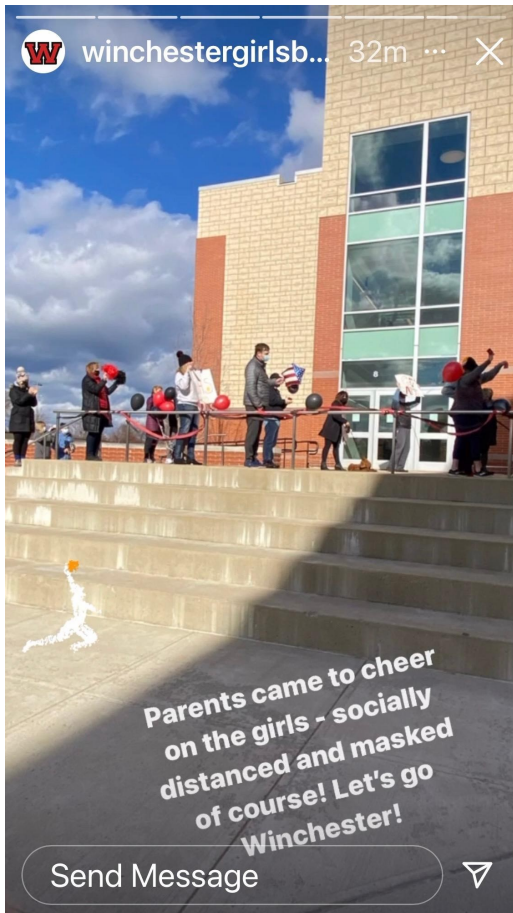


Cole Duncan's favorite high school moment is scoring his first varsity goal for Winchester. *Courtesy Photo*

WHS Boys Hockey beat Arlington with a final score of 5-2. Goals by Angelo Mario (2), Jack Riley (1), Nick Ciacio (1) and Liam Doherty (1)

Support the **WHS Girls Varsity and JV hockey** teams! Order dinner from Gloria's Pizza in Winchester on **Tuesday January 26th**. A portion of ALL sales will go to the teams. Thank you!

WHS Girls Hockey team lost a tough game to Arlington, 3-2.



Girls Varsity Basketball lost a close game to Arlington 49-41 on Saturday.

Parents supported the team at their home opener last week.

The **Boys Nordic Ski** team secured second place in the third Mass Bay West League race, with three members placing in the top ten of 75 skiers. Captain and senior **Aidan Kimberley** took 1st place followed by captain and senior **Alex Cumming**-2nd, senior **Evan Edler**-6th, senior **George Gilmer**-15th and junior **James Wheaton**-24th.



Coach Carlson times the race start to ensure social distancing while Tucker Johnsen and Evan Edler prepare to race.



Robin Adelson, Grace Roller, Molly Bannon and Coco Arnet prepare to race.



Skiers Sophia Lubin and Hannah Cumming

The **Girls Nordic Ski** team placed second in their third Mass Bay West League race, with five members placing in the top twenty of 94 skiers. Scoring for the team were captain and senior **Caitlin Wiseman**-7th, captain and senior **Katie Lew**-8th, senior **Sofia Arnet**-13th, senior **Amelia Murray**-15th and captain and senior **Elena Dickison**-17th.

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

FOOD LOVERS! Learn how to make Chocolate Souffle from the famed Chef Barbara Lynch on Monday, January 25 at 4:30 pm! For the Zoom link and list of ingredients, please email 2205076@wpsstudent.com. We're looking forward to cooking a delicious dessert together!

Healthcare Occupations Club will be having a meeting on **Wednesday, January 27th at 4 PM** on [zoom](#). Our speaker, Megan Shriver, is a physician assistant (PA) at Cambridge Health Alliance with the Orthopedic Hand team, but she has also been in different roles as a PA in that department since 2009, including general outpatient orthopedics and inpatient orthopedics. 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!

WHS's student council and class officers have been working hard this past year to start the first-ever **WHS Senate** tackle anti-racism efforts. Follow [WHS Senate](#) on Instagram to stay updated on what they are working on!

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!

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

CLASS OF 2021 NEWS

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

Check this section for updates about the Class of 2022

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

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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.

Make Your January Appointment Today!





Special This Month:

"Cocoa & Cake"

cocoa & cake mix

given out at appointments this month!

<p style="text-align: center;">Food Pantry Hours by Appointment Only Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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.



**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](#)



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encourage
empower

parenttoparentwinchester.org

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

[LINK](#) TO Register for Help Navigate Social Media



"Thought is the seed of action."



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~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Join the Conversation!
An Open Forum on Racial Equity & Authenticity
 A Virtual Workshop Hosted by
Cyndi Weekes Bradley

Thursday, February 25
7 p.m.
[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

We want Winchester to be a town where everyone feels welcome. Are we already there? Are we close? Do we have a long way to go?

Whatever you think, let's talk!

**Open to all ages - we recommend that children under 15 attend with an adult.*



Ms. Weekes Bradley is an educator with over 20 years of school-based experience within teaching and leadership, spanning from early childhood through post-secondary education. She enjoys using her lived experiences to create open spaces for productive discourse and actions that move communities closer to their goal of embedded racial and culturally inclusive practices.



winchestercoalition@gmail.com

LINK to register for Forum on Racial Equity & Authenticity





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



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

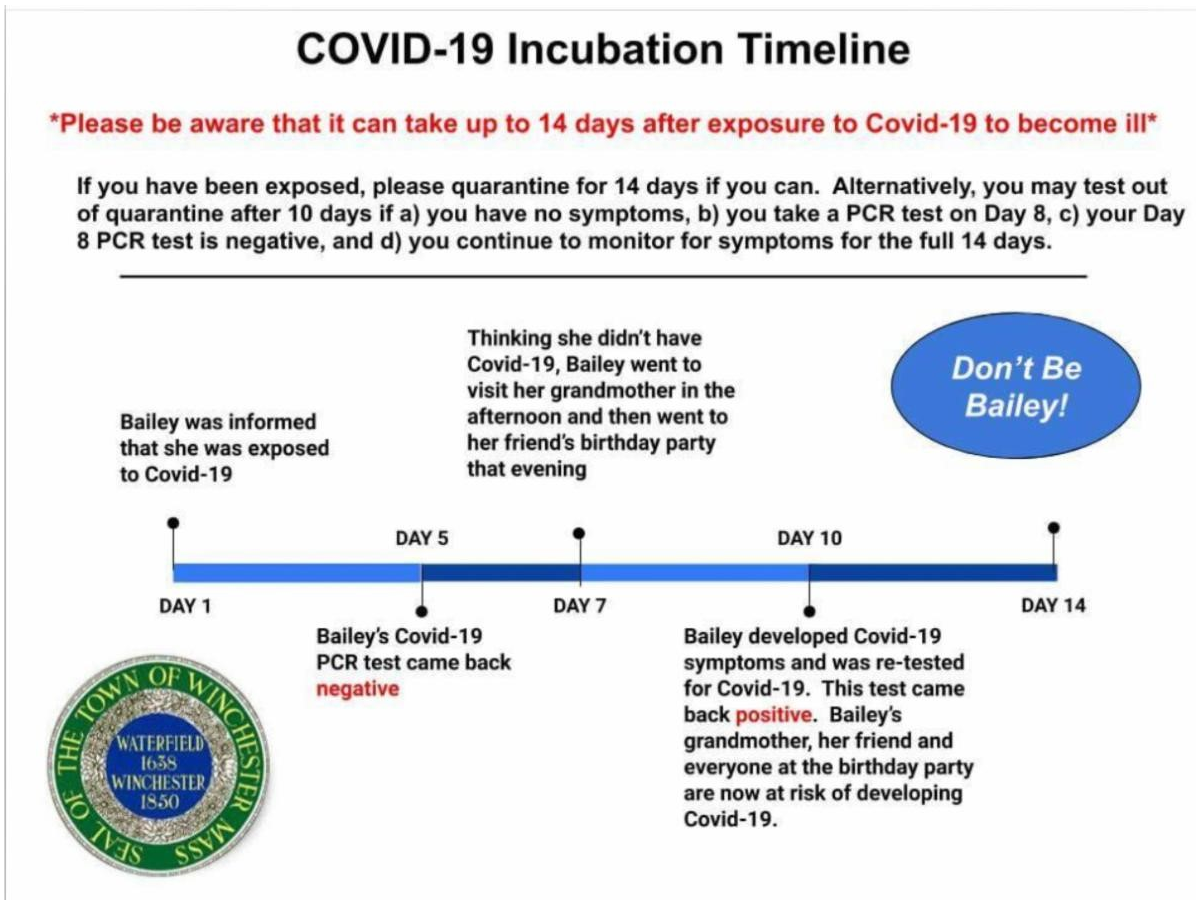
to coordinate a series of events and acts of kindness to address the isolation and pandemic fatigue that many residents of Winchester are now experiencing. We act as a communication hub for residents and wish to promote safe activities that all generations of Winchester residents can enjoy and find purpose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



ALUMNI NEWS



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!**

**Chief Peter MacDonnell, Class of 1976 -
Retires after 32 years**



**UNMASKED: Our Super Special Education teacher
Samantha Palacios!**

Thank you Ms. Palacios 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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