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## Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter January 4, 2021

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Fellow WHS Families,

Happy 2021! We hope that everyone had a fun, restful and safe break! We look forward to 2021 being a year of renewal. With our wonderful WHS community, we know that brighter days are on the horizon! Welcome back, we are looking forward to a great year!

Congratulations to the WHS winter sports teams that have kicked off their seasons! Very exciting news - many of the WHS games can be watched online! Follow Winchester Athletics on Twitter (@Winch\_Athletics) for updates and details.

Check out the fun photo from the Boys Hockey home opener! (Don't forget to send student activity photos to whspfaneletter@gmail.com! We love sharing the great things our students are doing!)

We also love sharing messages that warm our hearts! Passing along some of the many thoughtful notes of appreciation from WHS Teachers and Staff for not only the holiday gift cards but your support throughout the fall as well- so wonderful to start 2021 with grateful hearts!

***"THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!"***

*This year has been challenging to say the least- but it has been challenging for the students and parents too. Your endless support makes this all much more manageable and it does not go unnoticed.*



*Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. We appreciate you taking care of us- it means much more than you will ever know!*

*Please extend this thank you to all involved!*

*I hope that you all have a wonderful vacation and a very happy and healthy New Year- cheers to 2021 and things looking up!!*

*Steph Younker*

*Hello to all -*

*Thank you for the lovely gift for the holidays this year. The cookie was delicious and I can't wait to try Caffe Nero!*

*Thank you for thinking of each of us individually and making us feel special. It's an honor to work with your children. I am truly grateful to be part of such a great community.*

*May you all have a wonderful holiday and remain healthy as we enter 2021!*

*Thank you,  
Jenn Callison*

*Thank you so much for all the delicious and wonderful snacks for the Christmas season and the fall school year. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated and I was able to try snacks I have never had! This year has been difficult for all of us but your continued effort and generous efforts are most appreciated.*

*Sincerely,  
Lee Anne Gambardella*

*Hello PFA!*

*Thank you for the Starbucks gift card and delicious cookie treats received this morning! Your thoughtfulness and kindness are always much appreciated.*

*Wishing you all a safe and wonderful holiday season!*

*Best,  
Judy Johnson*

*WOW, that was an amazing gift you all packaged so nicely together. I very much appreciate all your efforts all year long. Also, nice to provide the gift card from a local business. I live near town and always try to support the town businesses. Thanks again and enjoy your holiday time off with your family.  
Jeri Ravis*

*Thank you very much from my team and myself. Nice surprise this morning, treats look delicious. Thank you for to you and the PTA team for all your support  
Merry Christmas and a very Happy New year... Enjoy time with your family over the break..  
Trina Scotti*

*Dear PFA Friends,*

*Your support is always amazing and this year you have really taken care of us and that is always so appreciated. I cannot thank you enough for all you do.*

*I hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday season and a much improved New Year!!*

*Cheryl Raneri*

*Happy Holidays and thank you so much for the gift card and for thinking of us! I hope you and your families enjoy the break*



together.  
Best,  
Jaime Roberts

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Thank you for thinking of us all today and for the goodies all fall.  
Stay well  
Suzanne Ontso

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You really outdid yourself this time! Thank you to each of you for all of your hard work. Email doesn't do it justice, but thank you, really, really thank you.- Dennis Mahoney

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It was like walking into a WHS winter wonderland this morning, and it totally made my monday morning. Thank you SO MUCH for your hard work, and please extend our thanks to all the parents who donated. -Paula Conis \*picture of thankful person on mountain sent from Ms. Conis :)

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Echoing our team in appreciation. I love a good wintery, holiday vibe so it's like being in my own house each morning around here. Thank you!- John Dupuis

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I wanted to take a minute and say thank you for your kindness, support and of course yummy and thoughtful gifts. In these tough times I really value people who are leading with kindness and taking the time to do things for others and you are amazing! You have lifted our spirits with our tables that are decorated each month in the main office, your newsletter that highlights different staff and ways that you are connecting with us in times where that is very hard.

Thank you for your smile and positive spirits each day and I wish you and your families much happiness.

Cheers,  
Amber Haines

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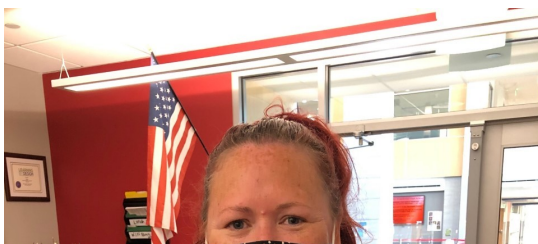
Thank you again for your AMAZING continued support of our WHS Community! We are better together!

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 14

What high school did you go to? *Maine-Endwell High School in a small town in Endwell, NY*  
What was your favorite subject in high school? *Chorus with my friends & the teacher...can't hold a tone and Psychology; I love*



*figuring people out*

**What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school?** *Swim team and dance*

**What is one of your hidden talents?** *I don't know if I have any hidden talents but for better or worse I can ALWAYS find the silver lining in everything. Also, I'm pretty sure I could also survive a zombie apocalypse*

**Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food?** *Favorite movie = Grease; favorite food = pizza....NY pizza*

**Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by?** *I believe in working hard and playing hard....also, let's just take it one moment at a time and BREATHE*

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

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## WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**MON 1/18** - No School

## 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.

## 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

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

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

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## CLASS OF 2024 NEWS



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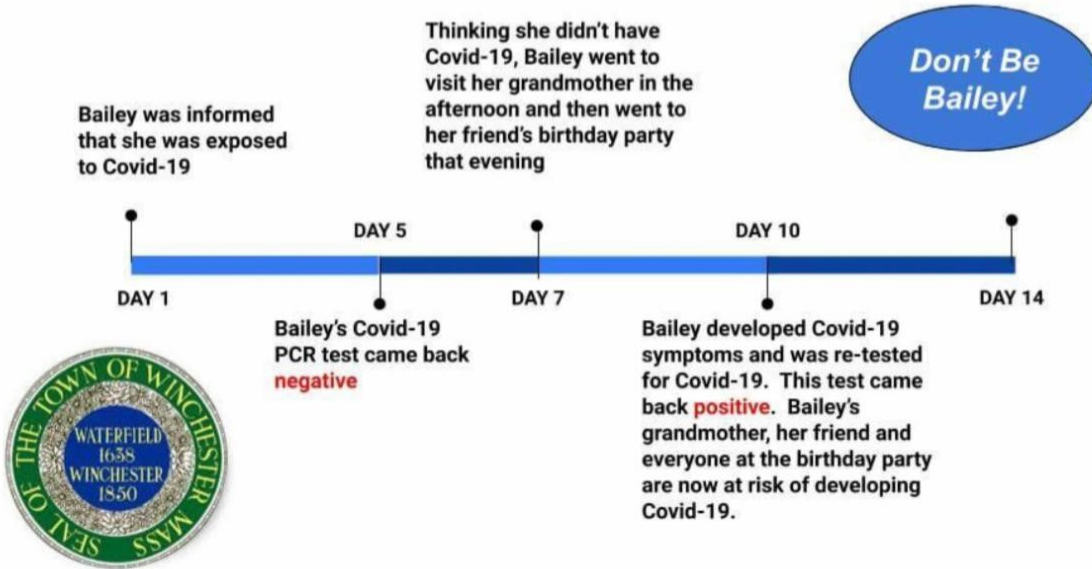
# NEWS AROUND TOWN

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.

## 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.



## 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.

## **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. Geneva (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

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



Click here to watch the trailer and then watch the film on Netflix (The film will NOT be shown on 1/21/21)

## The Next Step: Solutions to the Dilemma Thursday, January 21 @ 7pm

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.

**Sofa 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*



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Watch the Trailer [here](#)

## 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](#).

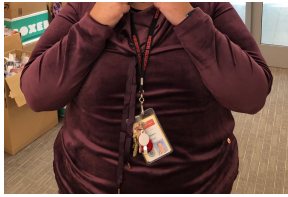


**Check out our latest  
alumni spotlight!**

[Joe Piantedosi, Class of 1979](#)



**UNMASKED: Our Awesome Adjustment Counselor  
Amber Haines!**



Thank you Ms. Haines 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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