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Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter December 14, 2020

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



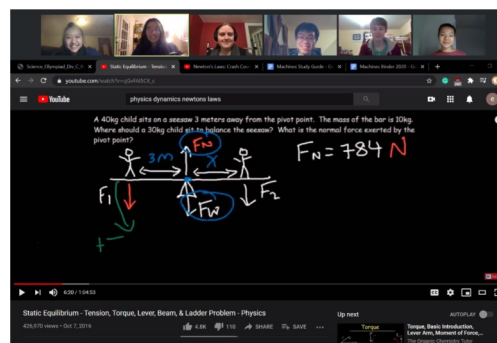
WHS Chamber Singers and Octets bring cheer to our Seniors at the Jenks Center as they drive by!



Thank you fellow WHS parent, Theresa Herlihy for volunteering her professional skills and taking a drone view of our students!



WHS Olympiads bring their "A" game --seriously!



Simply WOWED! Can you figure that problem out?

Dear Fellow WHS Families,
Hope you enjoyed last week's first Holiday karaoke song! Here's the next one—sing

along to the tune of “Silver Bells”! Have fun—we did again! 😊

**Chamber stars (Chamber Stars), Caroling (Caroling)
It’s Nondenominational at the High School
At Jenks they sang (Jenks they sang)
Their voices rang (voices rang)
And brought joy to elderly folks**

**Science students, Olympiad team
Crushed the competition
As they solved chemistry and some physics
Spanish toy drives, helping kids’ lives
Interact’s bottle drive
And EnKa’s collecting toiletries**

**Alpine skis (Alpine Skis), Octets Freeze (Octets Freeze)
Nordic’s working hard while they’re outside
Hockey too (hockey too), Play some hoops (play some hoops)
Gymnastics we highlight too
Winchester High School, what a high school**

**Arts aplenty, and athletics
As students pen CVs
And the newsletter unveils the masked staffers
And forever, we’re together
Through the toughest of times
And we make sure that all of this rhymes!**

**WHS (WHS), is the best (is the best)
Community is so special
Our School’s (Our School’s), super cool (super cool)
Thank you for holiday cheer!**

We have been receiving really great feedback with our Newsletter this year and we want to THANK YOU for your kind words and support! Especially during these challenging times we want everyone to feel connected – we are a wonderful community and it’s so important to be reminded that through tough times we come together and are resilient. Our students and faculty show that everyday—please continue to send us updates we can share—it truly is so uplifting!

Again, we are so proud of our students-- please read below for more details of their accomplishments --Olympiad (1st Place--way to go!) , Athletes (recognized on so many levels!) and our Singers (helping bring joy and hope to so many with their beautiful voices!). Keep up the great work!

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 13



1. What high school did you go to? **Pope John in Everett, Ma (which is no longer open)**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **English and Art**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **Cheerleading**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? **I've always been crafty and have created a side business as well.**
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band /Food? **Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Book: I love suspense/thrillers, there are too many to name. Food: Pizza and any kind of Pasta**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **If you can dream it, you can do it. - Walt Disney**

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

Click the Box Below to Donate to the WHS PFA Direct Appeal



WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

MON 1/18 - No School

Congratulations Are in Order!

The Winchester Science Olympiad team took
first place overall
at the recent virtual meet with 17 other area schools, placing 1st and 3rd in two
of the events.

With the victory, Winchester moves back into first place
where they finished last year.

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.

Holiday Donation Drive

We are launching a holiday donation drive. We are partnering with the Enka Society and 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!](#)

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

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

Winter Sports - Start Times and Locations

Please Note: Coaches will be contacting students with what sessions to attend

Boys Basketball - All at WHS Gym

12/14 – Varsity - 3:30-5:30

12/15 – Varsity - 3:30-5:30, JV - 5:30-7:30, Fr - 7:30-9:30

12/16 – JV - 3:30-5:30

12/17 – Fr - 3:30-5:30

12/18 – Varsity - 3:30-5:30, JV - 5:30-7:30, Fr - 7:30-9:30

12/19 – Varsity - 8-9:30 AM, JV - 9:30-10:30 AM, Fr - 10:30-11:30 AM

Girls Basketball - All at WHS Gym

12/14 – Fr & So - 5:30-7:30, Jr & Sr - 7:30-9:30

12/16 – Varsity - 5:30-7:30, Sub V - 7:30-9:30

12/17 – Sub V - 5:30-7:30, Varsity - 7:30-9:30

12/19 – Varsity - 1:00-3:00, JV - 11:30-1:00

Girls Hockey

12/14 – 7:00-8:30 AM @ Flynn, 4:00-5:00 @ Charlestown

12/15 – 4:00-6:00 @ Charlestown

12/16 – 4:00-5:00 @ Charlestown

12/17 – 4:00-5:40 @ Flynn

12/18 – 4:00-5:00 @ Charlestown

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12/16 – 5:00-6:00 @ Charlestown

12/17 – 4:00-6:00 @ Charlestown

12/18 – 7:00-8:30 AM @ Flynn, 5:00-6:00 @ Charlestown

Gymnastics

12/15, 12/16, & 12/17 – 7:00-8:30 AM @ Winchester Gymnastics Academy

Alpine Ski

12/14, 12/16, and 12/18 – 3:45-5:00 @ Knowlton Stadium

Nordic Ski - Behind WHS

12/14, 12/16, 12/18 – Varsity - 3:30-5:00

12/15, 12/17 – JV - 3:30-5:00

Alpine Ski Team

If you plan on trying out for the 2020-2021 Alpine Race season,

our first meeting/practice will be today
December 14th at 3:45 at Knowlton Stadium.

We will be outside so please dress accordingly.
Come prepared with sneakers, a water bottle and mask.
New racers must fill out [this form](#) before 12/14.
[Email Coach Kolenberg](#) with any questions.

Nordic Ski Team

The 2020-2021 Nordic Ski season will officially begins today **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!

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the WHS Fall Student Athletes
recognized by the league, state, region and even the country!

Field Hockey - ML-12 Liberty Champions

Niki Micciche - MVP - Boston Globe & Herald All Scholastic
Mia Legere - Boston Herald All Scholastic
Brooke Moloney-Kolenberg
Maddy Dengler

Girls Soccer - ML-12 Liberty Champions

Hannah Curtin - All-American, Emass, All-State, Boston Globe & Herald All Scholastic
Ally Murphy - Emass, All-State, Boston Herald All Scholastic
Ella Stone - Emass, All-State, Boston Herald All Scholastic
Ellie Rappole - Emass, All-State
Jordan Weinberg - Emass
Katie Degnan
Colleen Gogolin
Sofie Lanou

Golf - ML-12 Liberty Champions

Trevor Lopez - MVP- Boston Globe & Herald All Scholastic
Owen Egan - Boston Herald All Scholastic
Christine Mandile
Philip Sughrue

Boys Cross Country

Evan Edler

Girls Cross Country - ML-12 Liberty Champions

Camryn Menninger - Boston Globe & Herald All Scholastic
Michaela Eichel
Jordana Eichel
Isabella Ryan

Pictured below is freshman **Clark Li** playing against the Reading HS freshman team



WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER





Thank you to **Theresa Johnson** for taking such amazing pictures of the **WHS Chamber Singers and the Octets** where they performed recently at "The Festival of Life" event at the Jenks Center that has been sponsored by the Winchester Cooperative Bank for over 20 years!

Mr. Buford has been bringing his WHS Singers to perform at this event since 2007 and the performers are always considered the "main event"! It is an intergenerational festival of life, celebrating all people, young and old that is talked about for months.

Jenks Seniors sign-up for what is considered the premiere RSVP event of the year. In a normal year, Seniors and WHS students have lunch together, followed by a performance from the students, culminating in a sing-a-long of popular Christmas Carols.

For your listening pleasure [the Octets singing Silver Bells](#) and [the WHS Chambers Singers singing We Wish You a Merry Christmas](#)

The Chamber singers are:

Eimon Aung, John Bellaire, Alessandro Cella, Mo Correa, Olivia DeMichaelis, Elena Dickison, Chris Fan, Niha Ghosh, Kayla Harrison, Maddie Heckler,

Tucker Johnson, Eric Huang, Brian Kavanaugh, Jason Khaghani, Thomas Kelley, Auburn Kuszewski, Amy Li, Caroline Linskey, Luke Macannuco, Declan Mahoney, Joaquin McManus, Sarine Meguerdichian, David Miao, Abbie Nordan, Lucy Norman, Dolly Pickelhaupt, Charlie Rynne, Kristina Tham, Gabe Watson, James Wheaton, Ben Wilson and Sophie Wilson

The Octets are:

Alex Oslakovic, John Bellaire, Mo Correa, Olivia DeMichaelis, Elena Dickison, Chris Fan, Niha Ghosh, Maddie Heckler, Eric Huang, Jason Khaghani, Abbie Nordan and Ben Wilson

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

- 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!
- Starting on **December 15th**, we'll be reading the thrilling mystery novel *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie at Reading Club. If you would like to learn more about the book and join us, please click [here](#).
- Mark your calendars! Healthcare Occupations Club will be having a meeting **Wednesday Dec 16th at 4 PM**. over [zoom](#). Dr. Brahmhatt is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Boston University and is a trauma surgeon at Boston Medical Center. He completed fellowships in Surgical Critical Care and Trauma/Emergency General Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. He serves on local, regional, and national committees in his efforts to improve the care of trauma patients. See you there!
- 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!

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

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.



Town of Winchester
Holiday Season 2020
Recommendations

Happy Holidays Winchester!

<u>Low Risk</u>	<u>Moderate Risk</u>	<u>High Risk</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrations at home with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small OUTDOOR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INDOOR gatherings with

WINCHESTER:

Safer At Home This Year

A negative test does not mean you are Covid-free!

Indoor Covid Transmission is Real



Looking Forward to 2021

<p>people in household only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual celebrations with extended family and friends • Watching movies at home with household members only • Online shopping 	<p>(masked) gatherings with family and close friends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting tree farms and cider mills (masked and socially distanced) • In person shopping (masked and socially distanced) 	<p>people outside your household (masks help reduce but don't eliminate risk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overusing alcohol, which can impair risk assessment • Sleigh rides with people outside your household • Traveling outside MA
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See something, say something. Call 781-729-1212 to anonymously report any unsafe gatherings. Let's work together to keep our community safe.



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Holiday Shopping

Safely Supporting Our Stores



- ✓ **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!**



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



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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






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**



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 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.

Did you miss this week's screening?
Register to watch the recording!
Available for 2 weeks only



Q&A led by Kevin Kozin, LICSW, psychotherapist

No worries! **Register now** to watch the recording of the event (the full movie and Q&A with moderator Kevin Kozin, LICSW). The link will be active for 2 weeks.

To watch, register **HERE**





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Let's Make 01890 Shine Like A Diamond

Spectacular Diamond Jewelry Drawing to
Benefit the Winchester Chamber of Commerce's
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Tickets on Sale Nov. 15 - Dec. 16
\$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

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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