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# Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter October 5, 2020



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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Fellow WHS Families,

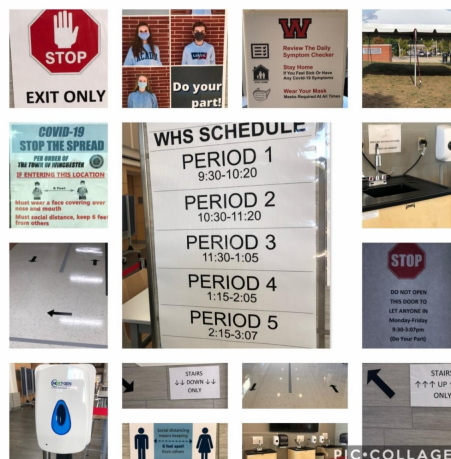
We hope you had a fantastic fall weekend! It was great weather for our WHS athletes to start their season. Please check out our sports section below and thanks to all the families who shared their pictures with us (Keep them coming please)! We are cheering them on virtually!

Also, who knew we had so many AWESOME WHS clubs for our kids to join! Although these are shared with them, they don't always read the emails -(like my own!) this would be a great dinner conversation topic :)

Folks, this may have been our last photo mission for awhile in the school, but we have plenty to share. We felt like we had discovered buried treasure when we saw the times for the periods AND confirmed that yes indeed, there is music that plays while our kids go to their next class!

Want to know more about what is going on in school? Then please join us tonight at our first **WHS PFA Meeting at 7pm!** Below is the Zoom link and the agenda is [here](#). Mr. Mahoney will be speaking and updating us on WHS and our board members will share their updates as well. All WHS Families are welcome!  
A few friendly reminders:

- If you are food shopping today or this week, please consider picking up an extra



**box of tissues** for the classroom! There will be a donation box for students to drop them in as they walk into school. Thank you!

- Together, we help make a difference in our children's educations. Please consider **donating to direct appeal**, Please read below for more details.
- We have both educational and fun things happening around town this month--take a look for yourself in our Community section!

Below, what you all have been waiting for...our WHS Masked Staffer of the week! As always, please reach out with any thoughts, questions or concerns. Have a wonderful week!

Join Zoom Meeting <https://winchesterps-org.zoom.us/j/96272611531?pwd=VnRHSgSyK2M3Sy9ma0N3RFZCUy9ldz09>

Meeting ID: 962 7261 1531

Passcode: 837100

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 3

1. What high school did you go to? **Winchester High School**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **History and/or woodshop**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **Football**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? **I had quick feet and decent hands...I guess.**
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **Movie: Anchorman, Book: Of Mice and Men, Band: Rolling Stones (went to concert at Fenway 2005), Food: Pasta (obviously)**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **Character is who you are when no one is looking-John Wooden**

## WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**MON 10/5** - WHS PFA Meeting via Zoom at 7 PM

### WHSPFA Direct Appeal - *One and Done*

**WHAT? *One and Done*** is WHSPFA's only fundraiser. Our fundraising goal for the 2020-2021 school year is **\$20,000**. This year, as

our school community transitions to remote and hybrid learning models, your donations are more important than ever. We want to support our WHS faculty and staff with their extra needs during this unusual school year. Your donation will help them enhance students online and in-school learning, teaching and counseling experiences.

**WHY? An investment in our children's education.**

Direct Appeal funds are used to support programs and activities beyond what is covered by the regular school budget. By contributing you will be helping to fund valuable in-school enrichment programs, teacher grants and more! For example, previous fundraising efforts have supported Authorfest (which we hope to make virtual this year), art materials for specialized art classes, a human skeleton for the science program, new student events, social emotional programming, and more. We anticipate this year will have unique needs due to our hybrid and remote school models.

**WHEN? Now!**

**HOW?** If you're ready to donate, please click the link below.

**Any amount is appreciated;** we understand that the pandemic has created unusual economic times for all. Keep in mind that we're a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) so each dollar is tax deductible.

**DONATE NOW via PAYPAL**

**or mail a check payable to:**

**WHSPFA 10 Cranston Road, Winchester, MA 01890**

**Don't forget Corporate Matching Gift programs offered by your employers.**

**You could double your impact to WHS.**



**Red & Black Subscriptions**

WANT TO READ ABOUT WHS SCHOOL EVENTS AND ATHLETICS?

The Red & Black, Winchester High's student-produced newspaper is now offering annual subscriptions. Subscribe to The Red & Black for only \$25 to receive a monthly copy of our professionally printed newspaper containing

student-written articles on school events, athletics, and everything student life! Subscribers will also gain premium access to our brand new website, updated weekly with photographs and videos of the Winchester High experience. Complete this [form](#) to subscribe.

## WHS SPORTS

Congratulations to the **WHS Varsity Golf team** for their 53 to 19 win against Woburn High School on Thursday afternoon.

Golf Team Seniors!



Congratulations to the **WHS Girls Varsity Field Hockey team** for defeating Reading Memorial High School, 5 to 2 on Saturday.



Congratulations to the **WHS Boys Varsity Soccer team** for defeating Reading Memorial High School, 3 to 1 on Saturday.

Tough loss on Saturday for the **WHS Boys Varsity Cross Country team** when Reading Memorial High School, defeated them 21 to 40.





Pictured is the **WHS Girls Soccer Team** in front of Dwelling House, where they volunteered preparing meals this week.

Congratulations to the team for being **ranked 9th** in the country by the United Soccer Coaches.

On Saturday the Girls Varsity team was victorious when they played against Reading Memorial HS and won 7-0



Support the Girls Varsity Soccer team by purchasing black masks with a "W" logo for **\$12 each**. Orders can be placed for teams/groups or individuals who wish to order.

Venmo **@AllyMurphy36** for payment or **email** with any questions

All team schedules can be found at **WHS Team Schedules**

## WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

COMING SOON: News from WHS Arts, Theater and Music Programs. Please **email** us with news and links to artwork and performances.





## WHS CLUBS

- Come join the **Anime Club**! We will be starting *The Great Pretender* soon, an entertaining show full of unexpected twists and comedic plot! If you're interested, feel free to email Elina Chen, Jevon Bunting, or Eda Erdogmus using your school email! If you'd like to join our Discord, add @Astrymia#4602 or @Yurt#9370 to learn more!
- If you are interested in joining **Best Buddies Club**, will be hosting our first meeting of the year! All are welcome! We will be playing fun meet and greet games and snacks will be provided! Social distancing and mask wearing is required and will be enforced! Join us Sunday, October 4th, 1:30-2:30pm at McDonald Field! If you would like to join our email list, please fill out [this form](#)! If you have any questions, [please email](#).
- Are you interested in service learning or volunteering in the community? If so, join **WHS's Connect & Commit Club**! Not only do we host fun and educational meetings, but we also provide many different volunteer opportunities for students! Follow us on Instagram @whsconnectandcommit or join our Facebook group (Connect and Commit 020-2021) to stay updated for this year's plan and schedule!
- The **Creative Writing Guild and Litmag Club** is open for business! We're a club for both aspiring and accomplished writers, working to improve writing abilities and to build a sense of community around writing! If you're interested in joining or having a piece of writing published in our writing magazine, [contact us](#). Meetings are Mondays from 3:30-4:30 over Zoom- we hope to see you there!
- Attention all debaters! Interested in taking your argumentative skills out of the dining room? WHS **Debate Club** is a loosely Public Forum-based club that focuses on honing your research and reasoning abilities through weekly debates, feedback sessions, and interactive activities in a fun and

- supportive environment. Explore the pros and cons of a variety of current topics (Nuclear energy! Human cloning!) and learn crucial strategies that you can take into college and beyond! Unlike other debate-based clubs, Winchester Debate places emphasis on presenting logical arguments in a cohesive and convincing manner rather than on networking and procedure. Whether you're already a debate expert or haven't even heard of "debate" before, if you are interested in learning a skill that is fun and informative, sign up using this [form](#). We hope to see you there!
- If you are a figure skater and participate in group and/or private skating lessons, you should join the **WHS Figure Skating Club**! If you are interested in joining or would like more information about the club, [please send us an email](#).
  - Attention everyone! **WHS JSA Debate Club** will be having weekly meetings from 4-5 PM on zoom every Thursday. 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. Join us for fun debates and thought talks! We promise a good time for anyone who attends, so tell your friends! If interested, please fill out [this form](#).
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  - **Math team** will be meeting virtually this year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 PM. Anyone interested in joining [should email](#) us.
  - Interested in learning about law or improving your debate skills? Have a hankering for justice? Want to scream objection in a fancy suit? Then join the **WHS Mock Trial team**. No previous experience is necessary. Just fill out [this form](#).
  - **Public Speaking Club** join us for some fun introductory activities and get the opportunity to meet new people (freshmen, I see you!). Public speaking and improvisation are essential life skills, and our goal is to help you push your boundaries and build up confidence in an enjoyable and comfortable way! Anyone interested should fill out [this form](#).
  - **Reading Club** members analyze and discuss a variety of fiction and nonfiction books of interest (you can find a list of books we might read

- [here](#)). If you'd like to join us, please fill out [this form](#). We hope to see you there
- Looking to join a club that works with your schedule and looks impressive on college applications? JOIN OUR STUDENT-PRODUCED NEWSPAPER, THE **RED & BLACK**. All students welcome, no writing skills required and no commitments! Learn more and sign-up [HERE](#).
  - If you are interested community service and learning about social justice in the US and abroad, fill out [this form!](#) **Social Justice Club** will be holding its first meeting in the upcoming weeks!
  - If you are interested in joining or coming back to **UNICEF Club**, where we raise money and awareness for mothers and children struggling around the world, fill out [this form](#). Our first meeting will be at the beginning of October!
  - Interested in the WHS **Artificial Intelligence Club**? From eloquent speech to autonomously driving cars, artificial intelligence can do almost everything. Together, we'll learn how to design, program, and create the next generation of artificial intelligence and compete in the first-ever true artificial intelligence competition! Come to be part of the forefront of computer science and join at this [link](#) today!
  - Interested in learning American Sign Language? **ASL club** will be meeting every other Thursday this year! [Email](#) us to be added to the google classroom. We can't wait for an awesome year!
  - Grab your hooks and your yarn, and dive into another year in the **Fiber Arts Club**! Our goal is to not only provide our members with the opportunity to take a break to crochet, sew, or knit, but to also introduce any beginners into the world of Fiber Arts. We have worked on all sorts of projects, ranging from amigurumi to blankets, and even hats! Email Elina Chen or Hannah Du using your school email if you're interested. You can also add @Astrymia#4602 to join the Discord group!
  - Interested in public speaking, finance, computer science, or management? Then FBLA is for you! **FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) club** will go head to head with high school students from across the country in competitions that vary from making a website that pops out to how to survive a job interview, you can even win cash prizes! If you would like to join please fill out this [form](#), or you can [contact us](#).
  - Do you have an idea for a game, website, or application? Want to begin a fun new coding project with a friend? Explore the basics of coding and learn three versatile coding languages this year at the WHS **Computer Science Club**, Mondays from 5:30-6:15 PM. Our first meeting will be held on October 5th, at 5:30 PM. Join our Discord community for Zoom links and other announcements [here!](#)
  - Want to make the 2021 yearbook great? Join the **yearbook club**!! Go to Mr. Bond's Room B210 to sign up!



- Do you want to learn about the technical aspect of school plays and events? Join the WHS **Tech Crew**! Anyone interested in technical theater, sound production, lighting design, live broadcasting, and more should fill out [this form](#). No experience is necessary.
- Are you interested in learning more about Chinese culture and language? The **Chinese Club** meets every other Monday online from 3:30-4:30. Anyone is welcome to join us! If you're interested, please email Elina Chen or Michael Zhang using the school emails to be added to our Discord group!

## CLASS OF 2021 NEWS

### 10/14/20 SATs

If you registered for the 10/14 SATs, please check your school email for your confirmation and next steps. If you received a confirmation email then you should bring payment to Ms. Hanlon in the main office prior to 10/14. No Cash will be accepted. All Checks should be made payable to Winchester Public Schools.

## CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

### PSAT for Juniors

PSAT will be held on **Saturday, October 17th 2020**. All Juniors take the test and there are limited seats for sophomores. Please complete and submit this [form](#) to register for the test.

### Parking Permits for Juniors

Juniors, who have had their license for at least 3 months, wishing to park in the student lot must have a parking permit. Please click [here](#) to review the guidelines for parking. To receive a permit students should complete and bring [this application](#) and their drivers license to the table Officer Chiuccariello. Students who do not have the pass will not be able to park in the student lot.

## CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

### PSAT for Sophomores

PSAT will be held on **Saturday, October 17th 2020**. There are a limited

number of seats for sophomores. Please complete and submit this [form](#) to register for the test.

## CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

There are openings for the WHS PFA Board Position of Freshman Class Parent Advisors.

[Please email](#) for more information.

## 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 CENTER MASK ZONE FLYER

The Winchester Board of Health and the Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community have worked on a Mask Zone Flyer to encourage our community to wear a mask while in the designated ZONE. We would love for parents to reinforce this request so that when kids gather in the center areas that they are willing to mask up. We feel strongly that if everyone does their part we can stop this virus from spreading.

## Winchester Town Center

### MASK ZONE



- Main Street between Skillings and Washington
- Winchester Place

- Shore Road
- Mount Vernon Street between the rotary and Washington
- Church Street from Rotary to Rangely
- Converse Place
- Thompson Street
- Waterfield Road
- Mystic Valley Parkway between Washington and Waterfield
- Skillings Road to Washington Street to Mystic Valley Parkway

## Stop the Spread

Wear a mask at all times downtown --  
inside and outside

Let's keep each other healthy!



Winchester Board of Health

The  
Winchester Chamber of Commerce  
presents



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

SHOW YOUR WINCHESTER SPIRIT

Decorate street side of house  
Displays will be judged curbside

## October 1st - 31st

Judging will take place:

**Thursday October 29th day & evening**

**\$25 TO ENTER**

**Register online: [WinchesterChamber.com](http://WinchesterChamber.com)**  
**Prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd place**



If you want your elementary aged daughter to learn how to code now is the time to **[sign her up for free classes.](#)**

“The reason girls don’t do STEM is because of societal pressure. They should do what they are interested in, we want to make sure there is a level playing field.”  
 Elysia Yuan, WHS Senior

Yuan is a part of fEmpower, a community service program created by Dhvani Sreenivas with the support of WFEE.

“fEmpower CS is a web-based introductory computer science program for elementary school girls that is simple, interactive, and easily scalable to communities with limited resources to teach CS in schools.”  
 Dhvani Sreenivas, WHS Senior

WFEE first recognized Sreenivas and her team with an Entrepreneurship grant last spring. The women offered two rounds of classes which quickly filled up. **[Sign up](#)** is now open for round three which starts on October 5th. Classes for 4th and 5th grade girls will be offered from 7:30-8:30 AM on Mondays and Tuesdays for 3 weeks.

**"We're excited to be teaching again!"**  
**fEmpower Team**

**Lessons in Uncommon Sense with Dr. Adolph Brown**  
**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**





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## Lessons In Uncommon Sense With Dr. Adolph Brown

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

**7 p.m.**

**Zoom Webinar**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

**An interactive program that will address race, equity,  
and pressure to manage our current climate.**

**Dr. Brown offers real life strategies to build empathy  
and love for all.**



*Thank you to our partners the Winchester Cooperative Bank,  
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**I'm a Good Person,  
Isn't That Enough?**  
with Debbie Levine





# with Debby Irving



educate  
encourage  
empower

**PART I:**  
Join the conversation with Winchester-born Debby Irving, author of *Waking Up White*, as she shares her thoughts and expertise on how we, as parents, caregivers, and guardians can reflect on our own upbringing in order to proactively raise strong, empathic children. Debby will talk about the different kinds of unrecognized privilege that can influence our parenting.

Debby will facilitate a 60-minute conversation of the “Basics” of Anti-Racist Parenting, using her unique brand of personal storytelling, and then host a 30-minute Q&A session for those who wish to stay on the webinar. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

**Thursday, October 22**  
**7:00-8:30 PM**  
**Free Zoom Webinar**

**OPTIONAL PART II: Thursday, October 29th at 7:00 PM**  
Join a free facilitated discussion and working group for parents and caregivers who want to unpack and practice the “Basics.” Session facilitated by Liora Norwich, Executive Director of the Network for Social Justice. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

**Please note that the same link is used for both events.**

parenttoparentwinchester.org

*All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
*En Ka Society's FIRST VIRTUAL TURKEY TROT*  
**2020**

*Run the En Ka race before you stuff your face! (or after 😊)*



Walk, Trot or Run 3.1 miles (5k) in your neck of the woods on your own time!  
Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>  
Register Online (*link coming soon*): \$30 for adults, \$10 for children under 12  
First 200 to register will receive a free t-shirt!  
We couldn't have the En Ka Fair this year, but we *can* still have a GOBBLE of a good time while raising funds that go right back to our Winchester community!



**UNMASKED: Our new School Resource Officer  
Michael Chiuccariello!**

Thank you Officer Chiuccariello 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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