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Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter September 21, 2020



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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Fellow WHS Families,

Which school pulled off a socially-distanced-yet-still-energizing orientation? That's right—**THE Winchester High School!** After months of planning by our town's leadership, school committee, and WHS faculty and staff, the doors opened to safely welcome our students. The WHS PFA did our part, placing signs in the dead of night by the light of those headlight thingies, just as an added touch to let our students know just how happy we are that they are back!!!



A blooming thank you to Lori Sirigano for creating beautiful planters for the front entrance of our school and kindly donating

Special thanks to fellow WHS parent Kristen Fitzgerald for help designing these great signs that warmly greeted our WHS

35 WHS student volunteers served as PALS during orientation on September 14-15th--definitely doing their part

the flower and plants as well!
Also we want to thank all the
parents who helped water the
front plants through out the
summer!

community back to 2020-2021
school year!

to help make new students feel
welcomed!

Many of you enjoyed the Top 10 Reasons to Read the WHS PFA Newsletter, but here is a special newsletter surprise that we bet you didn't know about: **The Masked WHS Staffer!** Have you watched The Masked Singer? If not, you should. And now we're bringing this to WHS, so make sure you're sitting, as we wouldn't want any injuries resulting from these mind-blowing reveals.



Below, you'll see a masked member of the WHS faculty and staff. **Who is it?** That's the mystery. We asked each featured WHS contestant some questions which may lead you to the right answer . . . or may throw you off the trail. And then—apologies if this seems too Machiavellian (google this word I had too!)—you need to read *the entire newsletter* to see the unmasked picture and the identity revealed! We told you this reading this newsletter would keep you informed :))

And to all of our WHS families, we hope you stay safe and healthy—as difficult as these times are, we are so fortunate to have one another.

As always, please let us know if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

Warmly,

Mai Harrison & Abbie DiMatteo

Your WHS PFA Co-Presidents

"In times of stress, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts and to be assured that our questions are just as important as our answers."-Mister Rogers



The WHS MASKED Staffer WEEK 1

1. What high school did you go to? **Burlington High School**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **Any science**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **Ice Hockey**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? ---
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **Jaws, Trinity by Leon Uris, U2, Bacon Cheeseburger**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **The Devil whispers in the Warriors ear "You cannot withstand the storm." The**

Warrior whispers back "I am the storm." - unknown

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FRI 9/25 Deadline to register for in-school Flu Clinic, register [here](#)

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

WHS SPORTS



WHS Girls Soccer Team have always played a role in volunteering for the annual Glen Doherty Race-- this year they continued their tradition but this time running in memory of a great hero and for others who bravely serve our country.



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#thankyouglen

Thank you for running and sharing girls!

Fall Sports - Start Times and Locations

***Please Note:**

Coaches will be Contacting Students with what Sessions to Attend

Field Hockey

- 9/21 - 3:30-5:30 @ Knowlton Stadium
- 9/22 - 5:30-7:30 @ Ciarcia Field
- 9/23 - 3:30-5:30 @ Knowlton Stadium
- 9/24 - 3:30-5:30 @ Ciarcia Field
- 9/25 - 3:30-5:30 @ Knowlton Stadium

Girls Soccer

- 9/21 - 5:30-7:30
 - 9/22 - 3:30-5:30
 - 9/23, 9/24, 9/25 - 5:30-7:30
- All sessions at Knowlton Stadium & Manchester Field

Boys Soccer

- 9/21 - 3:30-5:30 & 5:30-7:30 @ Ciarcia Field
- 9/22 - 3:30-5:30 @ Ciarcia Field
- 9/23 - 3:30-5:30 & 5:30-7:30 @ Ciarcia Field
- 9/24 - 3:30-5:30 @ Knowlton Stadium

9/25 - 3:30-5:30 & 5:30-7:30 @ Ciarcia Field

Cross Country

9/21, 9/22, 9/23 - 3:30-5:30 @ Manchester Track

Golf

9/26 - 1:00 @ Leo J. Martin Golf Course

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

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 Club News

- **Math team** will be meeting virtually this year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6. Anyone interested in joining should email whsmathteam@winchestersps.org.

- If you are interested in joining **Best Buddies**, an all-inclusive club where we do fun activities and make new friends, please fill out [this form](#). We will be having our first meeting at the end of September!
- The **interact club** will be having our first meeting next Tuesday at 3:15 at the garden on the side of the school.
- **The WHS Science Olympiad Team** will be having our first virtual meeting on Friday, September 25th at 5:30 PM. Join a group of 60+ students with a common curiosity for science and learning! In SciOly, our members participate in a wide range of team-based STEM competitions, from cell biology to rocketry to everything in between. We've won events across New England, including at Harvard and Brown! Fill out [this form](#) if you would like to come, and contact winchesterscioly@gmail.com with any questions!

CLASS OF 2021 NEWS

Parking Permits for Seniors

All licensed seniors 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 will have outside the main entrance of the school during all three lunches Monday-Friday, September 21-25. Students who do not have the pass will not be able to park in the student lot.



WHS Seniors may have started a new tradition for future Seniors!

Last week, to celebrate the start of senior year, the Class of 2021 came together (safely masked and socially distant) to their "Chalk -to-School Event"! Classmates came together excitedly and happily --coloring and drawing hopeful scenes for the upcoming year!

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

PSAT for Juniors

PSAT will be held on October 17th Saturday 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 will have outside the main entrance of the school during all three lunches Monday-Friday, September 21-25. 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 October 17th Saturday 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

Guidance counselors will be meeting with their freshman for brief introductory Zooms assigned by cohort/open block next week. Students should check their email for an invite link from their counselor.

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.

High School VOTER Registration Week is September 21-25.

The registration deadline is **Saturday, October 24th** for online and in-person. Mail-in must be **postmarked** by Oct. 24th.

Please take time to register to vote or check your registration status if you think you were automatically registered through the RMV or registered or pre-registered at a past League of Voter vote registration event.

If you are 18 or turning 18 on or before November 3rd, you are eligible to vote.

Go to www.vote411.org to check your registration status and learn about the ballot initiatives.

To register online, you must have either a Drivers License or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number to complete the form.

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM (PDF)

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf>

Students without a Drivers License or SS number will need to provide identification as listed on the registration form under "Identification to be Provided." The paper form must be accurately filled out in **pen** and mailed to Town Hall, 71 Mt. Vernon St., Winchester, MA 01890, Attn: Town Clerk. Currently, the Town Hall is closed to the public. You can call the Town Clerk at 781-721-7130 to set up an in-person appointment, if necessary.

Flu Clinic Time!

The Winchester Health Department in collaboration with the School District, is pleased to again offer flu clinics at every school this fall.

- On-line registration is available **NOW!**
- Go to: www.winchester.us and click on the school flu vaccination icon.
- Registration will end on September 25th .

At the on-line registration site, you will find the information you need to sign your child up for either the FluMist nasal spray or flu shot. If you have a question after reviewing the information, please contact the Health Department at healthdept@winchester.us.

NOTE: The clinics are voluntary; however, Massachusetts now requires that all students Pre-School -12, receive a flu vaccination by December 31st. The new vaccine requirement is an important step to reduce flu-related illness and the overall impact of respiratory illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage you to enroll your child.

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





Real Talk **Lessons In
Uncommon Sense
With Dr. Adolph Brown**

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

7 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Stay Tuned For Link!

An interactive program that will address the pressure we all feel to be “perfect” and to “fit in.”

Dr. Brown offers real life strategies to cope with stress and not only survive but thrive in today’s challenging world.



Thank you to our partners the Winchester Cooperative Bank, Winchester Public Schools and the Cummings Foundation for their generous support.



UNMASKED: Principal Dennis Mahoney!

Thank you Mr. Mahoney for participating and helping us get to know you better!

Stay tune next week folks for our next mystery WHS Masked Contestant! :)

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!

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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