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**Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
September 28, 2020**



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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Fellow WHS Families,

We hope you enjoyed your first fall weekend!

Okay, let's all just say it...

"YES! My kid who was cohort AA got in the second week!"

"YES! My kid who is remote got their books and materials!"

"YES! My kid who was cohort BB finally made it Thursday and Friday!"

"YES! My kid didn't miss the bus! "
(GOTCHA- there is no bus yet!)

Times like this we just need to find joy in everything!

On that note... who wants to see some top secret footage from inside the school! 😊 Alrighty, may not be top secret but it sounds more fun that way!



Mrs. Crowley happily welcoming back our WHS students!

** this photo was obtained actually Mr. Mahoney's tweet :)*



Our agents were exceptionally impressed by the highly sophisticated setup. Note the extensive use of plexiglass in the main lobby—and the team behind this ingenious setup: WHS Facilities Coordinator, Chris Conway, and his remarkable custodial staff. The administrative staff is ensuring the smooth execution of rigorously designed plans.



Advanced reconnaissance uncovered another mission on Wednesday: Operation Remote Student Bookbag Pickup. There was a key ally, Stop and Shop, kindly donating reusable bags to hold the heavy books—straps strained but did not break.



Note the geometric accuracy as the students practiced social distancing. In this surveillance photo, the masks may cover their mouths, but the smile shines in their eyes.

If you, like us, are impressed by and appreciative of all that the WHS faculty and staff are doing to create enriching academic experiences while keeping our children safe, please consider [donating to direct appeal](#), which will support all of these important efforts—stay tuned for more details below from our great Direct Appeal chairs, Lori and Ann! 😊

On a more serious note, there have been reports of scammers using Mai Harrison's name on the WHS PFA gmail requesting money wiring and purchasing gift cards. Please be careful and note Mai would never sign a letter with "Regards" and without several emojis and exclamation points. These requests are scams and delete the e-mails immediately. If you ever have a question please email me directly at mai_harrison02@hotmail.com (but of course please feel free to donate to the [WHS direct appeal](#)! 😊)

Last but not least, 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 student's to simply drop them in as they walk into school. Thank you!

Below, what you all have been waiting for ...our agents were able to catch TWO WHS Masked Staffers this week!

As always, please reach out with any thoughts, questions or concerns! Have a wonderful week!

Warmly,



Mai Harrison & Abbie DiMatteo

Your WHS PFA Co-Presidents

*"I'm a very strong believer in listening and learning from others."
"When a thoughtless or unkind word is spoken, best tune out."
"So often in life, things that you regard as an impediment turn out to
be great, good fortune."
"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."
-Ruth Bader Ginsburg*



The WHS MASKED Staffer WEEK 2

1. What high school did you go to? **Paul D Schreiber High School in Port Washington, NY**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **English and Art**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **drama/tech crew, art club, science olympiad**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? **I'm a pretty good hula hooper!**
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **The Princess Bride/anything by Kurt Vonnegut/too many to name/my grandmother's spanakopita**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **"Be the change you wish to see in the world."**



WHS Masked Staffer #3

1. What high school did you go to? **Somersworth High School (NH) Go Hilltoppers!**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **Anatomy and Physiology**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **Basketball, Baseball**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? **I can speak Swahili**
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **Good Will Hunting/They Call Me Coach/Pearl Jam/Grilled Steak**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **"Treat others how THEY would like to be treated."**

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FRI 10/2 - Early Release Day K-12

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 childrens' 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.



WHS SPORTS

Fall Sports

WHS teams are scheduled for their first matches, races, games of the season this week. Check in next week for results.

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

- Come join the **Anime Club**! We'll be meeting online on Friday at 3:30, and 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**, 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!
- 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** 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 at cwglitmag@gmail.com. Meetings are Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 over Zoom- we hope to see you there!
- Attention all debaters! Interested in taking your argumentative skills out of the dining room? **Winchester Debate** 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 for our first virtual meeting on Monday, September 28th at 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 at whsfigureskating@gmail.com.
- Attention everyone! **Winchester 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](#).
- **Italian Club** will be meeting in person on Thursday, October 1st from 3:20-4:20. Please join us at the circle seating in the back of the building. We will be playing games and getting to know each other. All are welcome! Looking forward to seeing you there.
- **Math team** will be meeting virtually this year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 PM. Anyone interested in joining should email whsmathteam@winchesterps.org.
- Interested in learning about law or improving your debate skills? Have a hankering for justice? Want to scream objection in a fancy suit? Then come to the **WHS Mock Trial team's** first meeting on Tuesday 9/29, from 5-6:30pm via Zoom! No previous experience is necessary. Just fill out [this form](#)!
- The **Public Speaking Club** will be having its first virtual meeting next Wednesday, 9/30 @3:15 p.m! 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** is having its first virtual meeting on Tuesday, September 29th at 3:45 PM. At 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!

CLASS OF 2021 NEWS

Senior T-Shirts and Masks on Sale

Below is the link to our class merch this year including our **SENIOR T-SHIRTS!** And of course some masks!!! Although we cannot keep all of the senior traditions, we still want the year to be memorable. These shirts are something you can keep and look back on to remember this crazy year! The store closes on October 1st and you definitely don't wanna miss out!

Order [here](#).

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

There are openings for the WHS PFA Board Position of Freshman Class Parent Advisors. Please email whspfa@gmail.com 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
- Shore Road
- Mount Vernon Street between the center and Washington
- Winchester Place
- Thompson Street
- Waterfield Road
- Mystic Valley Parkway between

rotary and Washington

- Church Street from Rotary to Rangely
- Converse Place

• 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

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.”

to be perfect and to thrive.

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.



Co-Sponsored with the Network for Social Justice

I'm a Good Person, Isn't That Enough? with Debby Irving



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.

educate
encourage
empower



UNMASKED: **Assistant Principal Paula Conis!** Thank you Mrs. Conis for participating and helping us get to know your better!



UNMASKED: **Assistant Principal John Dupuis!** Thank you Mr. Dupuis for participating and helping is get to know your 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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