

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
March 14, 2022

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear WHS Families,

We've officially sprung ahead and the spring semester is starting zoom by! Only **TWELVE weeks until GRADUATION!** Don't forget to mark your calendars for the many important and exciting upcoming WHS and community events!



Today is the first day of Winchester schools being "**mask optional.**" Please see Mr. Mahoney's message below. We know that, as always the WHS community will be amazing and supportive of each other!

Tonight is our next **WHS PFA meeting** – all parents welcome! 7pm WHS Library.

Come one, come all to the **WHS SPRING PLAY "Anything Goes!"** – this **Friday, Saturday and Sunday ONLY!** Tickets are on sale starting today during lunch: \$20 Adults, Students \$10 & children under 5 are FREE!

This time of year is so exciting! Encourage your kids to join the fun! There is something for everyone!

Best,
Abbie DiMatteo & Brenda Mandile, Co-Chairs
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WHS Principal Dennis Mahoney posted in WHS ParentSquare on Friday, March 11, 2022

Going mask optional at WHS

Hello to all,

We wanted to bring to your attention the message that we just read to our staff and students. Superintendent Hackett will be sharing his message from the district regarding moving to masks optional and the expectations/rules that will come with that change.

We hope you enjoy a relaxing weekend!

Good morning everyone,

As the Winchester Public Schools and **Winchester High School begin the process of going mask optional for all as of Monday, March 14th**, we recognize that the decision to wear or not wear a mask is deeply personal, and we want to make it clear that every student and faculty member should be afforded privacy on their choice in this matter. Asking anyone why they are masked or not masked is not appropriate, and no student should feel pressured to explain their decision to anyone.

For all of our students, this is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate the compassion and empathy we know that you have. People's reasons for continuing to wear a mask or not wear a mask are their own. Those reasons should be considered a private and family-based decision. The reasons why our students will remain masked may include being immunocompromised, having a sick or otherwise medically fragile family member, being unvaccinated, or more. They do not owe anyone an explanation. Likewise, students who are choosing to not wear a mask do not

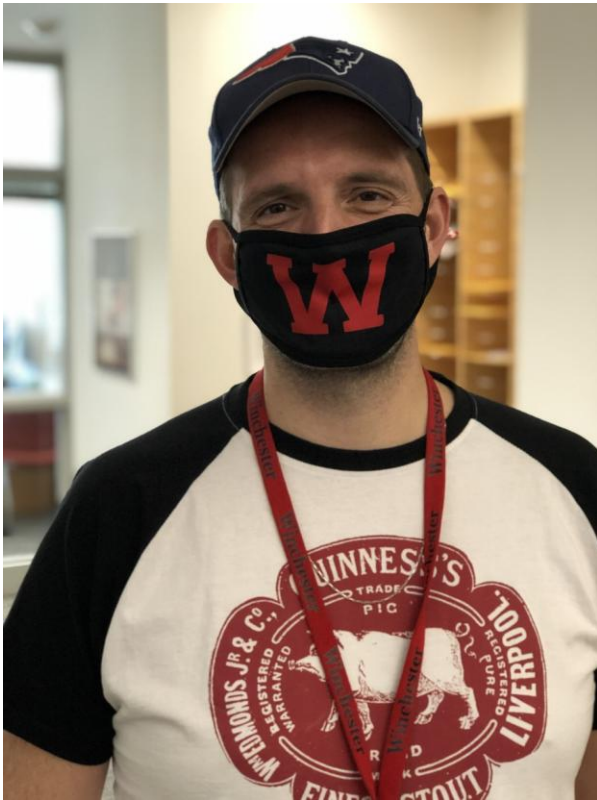
need to explain themselves to anyone either.

As we transition, we expect everyone to demonstrate the respect, compassion and maturity that we expect of all of our Winchester High School students.

Thank you for your attention and understanding.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

THE MASKED WHS STAFFER Week #26!



1. What high school did you go to? **Las Vegas Academy (check it out) -**
<https://www.lasvegasacademy.net/>
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **Math and Chorus, followed by Social Studies. Love Spanish (had great teachers). Love English too (not the best formal writer, lol - drove my English Teachers, nuts!)**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **Tennis, baseball**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? **LOL - Taking small initiatives, ideas and making them big ideas... and makes a killer cheesecake!**
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **Band - U2, Food - GOOD authentic mexican/ spanish, Indian, Italian**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **Max Ehrmann's "Desiderata"**

*Don't forget to scroll all the way down to find out who this is!

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

MON 3/14 - WHS PFA meeting, WHS Library, 7 PM

FRI 3/18 at 7 PM, **SAT 2/19** at 7 PM, & **SUN 3/20** at 2 PM -
WHS Spring Musical "Anything Goes"

SUN 3/27 - WHS Royals, WHS Auditorium, 5-10 PM

WED 4/6 or THU 4/7 - Spring Band Concert and Spring Fling, WHS
Auditorium, 6:30-8:30 PM

FRI 4/8 - Spring Choral Concert, WHS Auditorium, 7-8:30 PM **AND** Musical
Bingo Adult Fundraiser (SOLD OUT), 7-11 PM, Sons of Italy

MON 4/11 - Q4 begins

MON 4/18 - FRI 4/22 - NO SCHOOL - April Vacation

FRI 5/6 - Jazz Night, WHS Auditorium, 7-9 PM

THU 5/12 - Strawberry Pops, WHS Auditorium, 6-8 PM

SUN 5/15 - Orchestra/Chamber Concert, TBD 7:30-9:30 PM

FRI 6/17 - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! FINANCIAL LITERACY FAIR

The Social Studies department at WHS will host a Financial Literacy Fair for the entire Junior class (Grade 11) on the afternoon of **Wednesday, March 16**. The Fair will introduce students to the financial basics of post-collegiate life.

We are looking for **volunteers** from the community to assist with the Fair. Volunteers will help guide students through their activities, provide deeper explanations for any of the financial tasks, and/or help

with the Fair's functioning. If you've made any adult decisions like getting a job, buying a car, or renting an apartment, then you have the required experience to assist us!

The Fair should run for about one hour, from approximately 2-3 PM. Volunteers should arrive at WHS between 1:30 PM and 1:45 PM, in order to receive assignments and a short training before the Fair begins. More information will be provided to volunteers in advance.

If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact [Scott Spencer](#) or [Andrew Langlois](#) at Winchester High School.

[SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following members of the class of 2024 for their hard work in the National History Day competition.

In the paper category, **Addison Walsh, Marcus Nara, Jordana Eichel, and Jack Baker** all won gold, and **Waldo Vasquez** earned an Honorable Mention.

In the Senior Individual Documentary category, **Corina Arnet** took the silver.

In the Senior Group Documentary category, **Jasper Hewes, Cathryn Limkewtkai, and Amy Nguyen** took the silver; **Mei Wu and Hannah McWhan and Keiran Corr** took the bronze; and **Jason Song and Michael Wu** earned an Honorable Mention.

In The Senior Individual Exhibit category, **Ally Lobello and Ryan McDowell** both earned gold, and **Anne Bolognese and Sascha Jalinous**

earned the bronze.

Finally, in the Senior Group Website category, **Amy Sun, Isabella Chen, and Sandra Tang** took gold; **Mathinel Su and Grace Liu** earned silver; **Annie Sucholeiki and Karena Marnik** earned bronze; and **Nate Finely and Noah Mulcahy** earned an Honorable Mention.



WHS PMC CLUB

The WHS PMC Club is hosting a fundraiser spin ride at FitLife Winchester on **Saturday, March 26th** at 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM!

To attend the ride, fill out a [waiver](#) and then register on [this page](#).

There is a \$25 suggested donation for riders but if you can't do the ride, you can still donate to help us reach our fundraising goal!

[Click here](#) to donate.

Thank you - Grace Preston and Lily Parsons co-chairs WHS PMC Club

PEERS (EM)BRACING PEERS

Calling families to help us bring a smile to a face!!

The **WHS LATIN CLUB** is spearheading a service project aimed at providing a gift basket to members of the Wayside Youth & Family Support Network. They provide emergency shelter for homeless teens on a short-term basis.

There are five individuals currently at the shelter.

We believe reaching out to kids our age is relatable to many of us. It also reminds us of how privileged we are, and to be grateful every single day. A small contribution from our side, though not life-changing, would make a huge difference for them. These teens are introverted and are fighting their own personal demons.

A small gesture of this sort would brighten their day a little, giving them comfort and reminding them that the world still cares!

Please Sign Up to Help!

CLASS OF 2025 GLORIA'S PIZZA TONIGHT!

Tonight, March 14th the class of 2025 is having a Gloria's pizza night. 20% of all orders between 7 and 9 PM will go to the freshman class.



Class of 2025

GLORIA'S PIZZA NIGHT!

March 14th | 5-9 PM
Gloria's Pizza, Winchester MA
20% of all profits go to the freshman class

SUPPORT YOUR CLASS

CLASS OF 2023 MUSICAL BINGO

The Class of 2023 is having a Musical Bingo fundraiser for adults on April 8th. If you were unable to get tickets (this event sold out very quickly) or the date didn't work for you and you would like to help, please consider a donation to the Silent Auction or Raffle.

Some ideas would be a gift basket of any kind, you may have a hidden talent

you would like to share, a vacation home, tickets to a sporting event, or gift certificate. You could go in with another family or families.

Contact [Lori Sirignano](#) with any questions or donations.

CANDID YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Juniors, Sophomores and Freshman: The Underclassman Editors of the yearbook are looking for candid photos of your 2021-2022 high school experience! If you want to be represented in the yearbook please add photos to your grades respective Google Photos album linked below.

[Junior Candid](#)
[Sophomore Candid](#)
[Freshman Candid](#)

Any questions can be sent to [Ellen Stewart](#)

THE RED & BLACK NEWSPAPER

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: The Red & Black Newspaper has created a new website, and all students have access to a free account. [Check Out the Website Here!](#)

ATTENTION ALL DANCERS

Ellen Stewart is collecting **new and gently worn dancewear to donate** to dancers in need at Boston Dance Alliance, Fall River RE-Creation, and Berkshire Pulse.

Please bring in new or gently used leotards, costumes, or dance shoes (ballet, tap, jazz) or new tights. Any sizes are accepted.

There is a bin at the front office. For more information [please email](#)

WPS COVID-19

ALL positive COVID-19 test results should now be submitted via [this form](#) (regardless of whether the test was taken at home or through a

clinic). This is required to determine your student's clearance date for returning to school.

- You do not need to contact your school nurse
- Please remember to report your student absent as you normally would
- While isolation guidance for COVID-19 has been shortened to 5 days if you never had symptoms or if symptoms have resolved, it is your responsibility to monitor your students and keep them home longer to recover, if needed

Available Information: Please Check First Before you Call:

- Please refer to the [Daily Symptom Checker](#)
- [WPS COVID-19 Protocols](#)
- [WPS Testing Program](#)
- [Email us](#) for resources for students in isolation or quarantine
- [Town of Winchester COVID Page](#) (includes guidance on what to do if test positive or if have been exposed to someone with COVID-19)

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2022 DATES

TUE 3/22 - Senior Parent Night & Senior Internship Meeting, 6-9 PM, WHS Auditorium

FRI 5/27 - Seniors' Last Day

WED 6/1 - Senior Prom, 6-10 PM

FRI 6/3 - Graduation, 6-8 PM

IT'S CAP AND GOWN TIME!

Please log on to highschool.herffjones.com to place your order. Click on login and set up your account Type Winchester in the "find your school" box, click on Winchester High School and place your order.

The website is now active so place your order as soon as possible!
The cost is **\$20.00**, this includes cap, gown and a 2022 red and black tassel.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the **Christopher Mitropoulos Memorial Scholarship** are **due by April 9th**.

Applications for the **Joseph M. Murphy III Scholarship** can be picked up in the Athletic Office and **are due by April 15th**.

The Winchester Rotary Club offers an opportunity for current high school Seniors graduating in 2022 to apply for a **scholarship** based on your community service. All Winchester Residents are eligible.

The deadline is 3/31. Online submission or drop off is accepted.

Please see the Guidance Office and Naviance program for more information.

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2023 DATES

FRI 4/8 - Musical Bingo adult fundraiser (SOLD OUT), 7-11 PM, Sons of Italy

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

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FRI 4/1 - Class Dance, 7:30-10 PM, WHS Dining Commons

CALLING ALL CLASS OF 2024 PARENTS!

A lot of exciting happenings for the class of '24! Their first semi formal is happening on **April 1st!** While the class dances away at the WHS, parents are invited to gather **at Lucia's lower level** for some Italian food and drinks (cash bar) to kick off fundraising for the class.

To purchase a ticket to the parent social or make a donation please [click here](#) or via check*

*Checks payable to "WHS class of 2024"

Mail checks to:
WHS c/o Leigh Hurd
80 Skillings Road

Another way we can also use your help to make this night a success is by donating items to be raffled or auctioned off. Past examples include gift cards to restaurants and stores, gift baskets or lottery tickets, concert tickets, unique experiences (i.e. in home dinner prepared by a local chef), or a donation of use of a vacation home. Be creative!

Promote a local business! Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at or prior to the event.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for raffle and auction item donations!

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

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FRI 4/29 - CLASS DANCE, 7-10 PM, WHS Dining Commons

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](#)

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS COVERAGE

Watch games live on the public channel,
and streamed [live online](#)

Please [email us](#) pictures and updates!
(whspfnewsletter@gmail.com)

BOYS HOCKEY

Boys Hockey made it to second round of State Tourney Monday
night losing to St. John's prep. Great Season!



BOYS BASKETBALL

Thank you to all the Super Fans who came out to support the Boys hoops
team to a victory over Natick in first round of State Tourney(see Below). The
WHS Gym was rockin'! Team had a tough loss to Andover in the second
round on Monday night. Great Season!



GIRLS HOCKEY

Girls Hockey made it to "elite 8" round of the State Tourney losing 0-1 in overtime to Algonquin Regional HS. Great Season!



GIRLS LACROSSE

WHS Preseason Girls Lacrosse Parent Meeting
Tonight, March 14th at 7PM

Parents/Guardians are asked to join the WHS Girls Lacrosse coaches for an important informational meeting in the Large Group Instruction room (LG1) at WHS.

The meeting is for parents/guardians only.

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

26th ANNUAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

Winchester High School student artwork will be on display at the at LexArt, **March 5th - 20th**. See how the next generation is responding artistically to the hopes, fears, challenges and opportunities of our times.

As a special recognition, LexArt is offering to members of the Winchester community and their families coupons for 10% off to LexArt classes. Pick up a coupon when you visit the show.

In addition to the regular show hours, LexArt is hosting a private reception for us. All exhibiting artists, their families, and friends are invited to attend.


Images of the installation will be posted at LexArt.org.

Exhibit Hours: Tue-Fri, 11 AM - 5 PM; Sat/Sun, 10 AM - 5 PM

130 Waltham Street, Lexington, near Lexington Center

WHS Reception: Tuesday, March 15th, 5:00-7:00 PM

Please see this list of the [Exhibiting Students](#) so you can congratulate them next time they're in your class!



26TH ANNUAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

WALTHAM HIGH SCHOOL

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

lexartmass
March 3

March 5th-20th
26th Annual Regional High School Art Show

Featuring works by high school students from Bedford, Burlington, Lexington, Minuteman, Waltham, and Winchester.

#communityarts #lexartmass
#lexingtonma #communityartcenter
#studentartwork #studentart
#studentartshow

MARCH 5-20
WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

BEDFORD HS
BURLINGTON HS
LEXINGTON HS
MINUTEMAN HS
WALTHAM HS
WINCHESTER HS

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Winchester High School Presents

ANYTHING GOES

WHS AUDITORIUM

MAR

18th

7 pm

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19th

7 pm

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20th

2 pm

\$20 General Admission

\$10 Student Admission

Free admission for ages 5 and under

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