

WHSPFA Newsletter November 20, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Good Morning and Happy (early) Thanksgiving to our WHS Families,

We are so thankful to have the staff, students, and parents we do here at Winchester. May your holiday season be blessed and bountiful.

Last week was busy and ended with a bang at the **Talent Show** on Friday Night and the **Spirit Fair** on Saturday morning. This short week will prove to be the same. And it starts **THIS MORNING** with the first day of "Spirit Week"! Encourage your high schooler to get into the spirit and dress for the day:

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday - PJ Day

Tuesday - Spirit Wear

Wednesday - Skier and/or Surfer

Don't forget Wednesday is a 1/2 day for students. Here is their schedule if needed:

PEP RALLY SCHEDULE

First bell - 8:25

B Block - 8:30-9:03
D Block - 9:08-9:44
F Block - 9:49-10:22
G Block - 10:27-11:00
Pep rally - 11:00-12:00

Our week winds up with two fabulous football games. Please come to both. Tuesday's game is a relatively new tradition featuring our Junior and Senior girls, and the Thanksgiving Day Game is a long-running tradition between Winchester and Woburn Varsity Football Boys. Remember, you don't have to have a footballer to come to the games. They are for the whole community; you may even see some alumni and staff in attendance!

- **Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 PM (Knowlton Stadium)** - Come cheer for the 2nd Annual Girls Flag Football Tournament. Canned Good and \$10 entry fee.
- **Thanksgiving Day, 10:15 AM (Woburn High Stadium)** - Before you eat that turkey, be part of the annual tradition of Woburn vs. Winchester. Cheer the WHS Football team on and be part of the ending of a fantastic season! [Purchase Tickets Here.](#)

Mark your calendar for our next **PFA Meeting**. Not quite as exciting as the above events, but entrance is free!

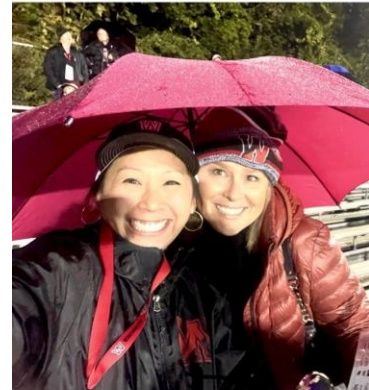
- **Wednesday, November 29th at 7 PM (WHS Library)** - PFA meeting. (Please note this is a date change from November 13th.)

Don't forget report cards came out last week. Check your [Aspen Portal](#) to view your student's grades!

As always, please reach out with questions, concerns, or just to say "hi." Have wonderful week!

Very Fondly,
Adrienne Spignesi & Mai Harrison
WHS Co-Presidents
whspfa@gmail.com

** to enlarge pictures in collages on computer -just click on them :) if you are looking on your phone -so sorry we are so zoomed again- still can't figure out how to shrink our photos :0*



Ps if you have pics to share of our great WHS students, families and community please send to our forever amazing news editors Audrey and Tara!

If you would still like to DONATE to our WHS Direct APPEAL (tax deductible) it is always appreciated. Thank you!!

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click Here for 2023-2024 District School Calendar](#)

The schedule for our early release day on **Wednesday, November 22nd** (including the pep rally) can be found [here](#).

TUES 11/21 Girls Flag Football, Knowlton 6:30 pm

WED 11/22 - Early Release Day

THU 11/23 & FRI 11/24 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

THU 11/23 Winchester v. Woburn Football game, 10 AM (Woburn

High Stadium)

WED 11/29 WHS PFA meeting, 7pm WHS Library

FRI 12/1 - Class of 2024 Semi-Formal - details in class section

COLLEGE VISITS

The following colleges will be visiting WHS in the Guidance Department from **8:00-8:30 AM** unless otherwise noted.

MON 11/20 Hampshire College

TUES 11/21 Franklin Pierce University

@whs.enkaclub

DONATE LEFTOVER CANDY



Support Our Troops by **Donating Candy!** Join us in supporting our heroes **worldwide**. Be a part of the **350-400 bundles** of joy they deliver each week!

**November 7th -
November 22nd**

**Drop off candy in
labeled boxes**

Boxes are found in
the **main offices** of
all **public schools**
in **Winchester**



All candy will be donated to Operation Shoebox located in Florida

BICYCLE REMINDERS

Students who ride bikes to school are reminded to please not leave the bikes on the bike racks for multiple days. If you have a bike that has been left on a rack on school grounds, please remove it.

WINCHESTER GIVES BACK

Dear WPS Parents and Families

We hope you're all doing well and preparing for the upcoming holiday season. The Winchester Community is pleased to organize a way to support families in our town who are *in need* during this time of year.

This year we will again be collaborating with Winchester Gives Back who raises money to donate gift cards for your children who attend **any of the Winchester Public Schools**.

Below you will find a "basic information form" that will allow us to connect with you. This year we only need to know how many children you have and what schools they attend.

Please complete the form as soon as possible and return to Amber Haines, and/ or Nicole Dieuseul, Adjustment Counselors in the Guidance Department at WHS. You can email the information to Amber or Nicole, or drop off in the main office at WHS. We will not be able to accept forms that are returned later than **December 1, 2023**. This date is very important to follow as we want to be able to get the gift cards to you in sufficient time for you to shop for the holidays.

Please note that gift card pick up will be on:

Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 between 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-6:00 pm @ WHS.

We look forward to hearing from you and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Amber Haines & Nicole Dieuseul

WHS Adjustment Counselors

Email forms to: wpscounselors@gmail.com

Winchester Gives Back

Holiday 2023 "Contact Form"

*PLEASE COMPLETE IN FULL AND RETURN BY December 1st **Please type or print clearly phone and email**

**Once we receive your completed form we will send you a confirmation email with a number to keep for your gift card pick up

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name:

Phone #:

Email:

Child's Name:

Child's School:

JUNIOR AND SENIOR ID CARDS

Message to Class of 2024 and Class of 2025

from WHS Administration

Every year, we strive to bring as many positive and forward-thinking changes to WHS as we are able. Some changes will be obvious, while others may be subtle, but all additions are focused on creating the *safest* and *most inclusive* WHS environment possible.

You may not know this, in the 2019-20 school year, we were able to give our juniors and seniors new school ID cards (like the ones our staff use) that allow you to "badge in" at our front door during our lunch period. This allowed us to keep our front doors locked during the entirety of the school day and maintain a safer school. Well, we are finally able to bring that back- all juniors and seniors will be given ID cards that allow them to badge in through the FRONT DOORS DURING LUNCH ONLY. This means that the front doors will now be locked during lunch.

November 16th will be the first day that the front doors will remain locked during lunches, and you will need your ID card to get back

into the building if you leave during lunch.

Important items to know:

- The cards only work at the main front door, Door 1. As always, you should only be going in or out of the building through door 1 during the school day.
- The cards only work during the lunch period, 10:58-12:41.
- Juniors, you need to hold onto these cards for TWO years. You will use them again next year. If you misplace your card, you will NOT get a new card for the next TWO years (they are expensive and take time to process.)
- Seniors, the cards are deactivated on your last day of school.
- Do NOT share your card with anyone. The card is linked to your school profile. There will be consequences for students who do not follow the expectations for the cards.
- The card is not replaceable. If you lose your card you will be issued a basic student ID card- one that does not allow you to badge in.

This is a big responsibility. Please treat it with the care and respect it deserves.

Thank you.

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

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G.F.F. II
It's all decided on the turf



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**Join us at Knowlton Stadium on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 pm.
Canned good ad \$10 required for entry for fans ages 10 and up.**

No canned good will result in a \$15 entry fee

PARKING PASSES

Student parking passes are now available to all Seniors and Juniors* (*who have had their license for 3 months) by filling out [this form.](#)

Even if you had a parking pass last year you must fill out this form for a NEW parking pass each year. Once the form is complete they can pick up their pass at the main office with Mrs. Hanlon or Officer Chiuccariello in Room A102.

Students must have their license with them to pick up the parking pass. You **must** have a parking pass to park in the student lot or designated street spots on Skillings Road, failure to do so will result in a ticket or possible tow.

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone that came on Saturday night to the class fundraiser, it was a huge success! For those of you who won the VIP Graduation Seats we will provide more information via email!



FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

1st quarter grades for seniors are NOT automatically sent to any schools as the majority of schools do not require them except for Early Decision applications but many students like to share them as an additional piece of evidence to support their application.

Students should check their individual school requirements.

Seniors who wish to have their Q1 grades sent to all the schools they are applying to should complete the Q1 Grade Requests to Schools Form. Requests are processed in the order that they were received beginning after Q1 report cards go live and students have had a chance to review them.

Please see your Guidance Counselor directly with any questions

SENIOR PORTRAIT REMINDER

Don't forget that Senior Portraits are due by **December 1, 2023**.

They must be submitted to SeniorPortraitsWinchester@gmail.com. If you plan to use the picture taken during school picture day, please send an email indicating so.

Please visit this [2024 WHS Yearbook Info](#) to all the important information you need to know about Senior Pictures and the 2024 WHS Yearbook.



CLASS OF 2024 SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

It's the Class of 2024's last semi-formal. It will be in the dining commons at the HS on **Friday 12/1 from 7:00-9:30 PM**

Class of 2024 Semi-Formal Wishlist - please [click here](#) to view the online sign up sheet.

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS



NEW YEARS THEME...

*Junior
Semi-Formal
Dance*

When: January 5th, 2024

Where: Dining Commons

Contracts and payments will be collected
during all lunches on Jan 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2027 NEWS

CLASS OF 2027 SWEATSHIRTS

There are still crewnecks available on hand designed by the Class

of 2027! Sizes small- XL , \$40 each! Reach out to mhanlon@winchesterps.org or lquigley@winchesterps.org if you are interested!

We also have a school store site that has a hoodie option or T-shirt!

[Winchester School Store](#)



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](#)



MIAA Sports Rankings

[Click here](#) to see where Winchester ranks!

Winter Sports Registration is now open!

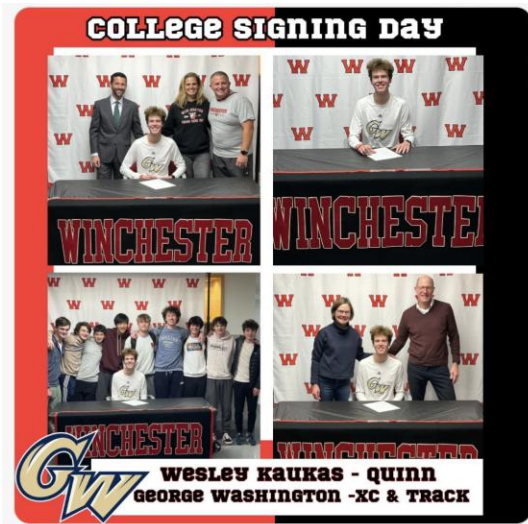
ATTENTION - All parents of students, and students, wishing to play a Winter Sport. Please see the important informations in the links below.

[Winter Sports Information Packet](#)

[Click here](#) to register.

COLLEGE ATHLETIC COMMITMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who have committed to continue on their athletic careers in college!



CROSS COUNTRY

Congrats to the boys team, placing 11th this year in the MIAA All State Championship, up 3 spots from last year!

Mikayla Ferguson placed 63rd!

FOOTBALL

Our boys are ready for the BIG Thanksgiving game against Woburn! If you are around- please come to the game and cheer our team on! Let's G-O!!! They play at 10:15 am on Thursday, November 23 at Woburn High School, 88 Montvale Ave.

Tickets must be purchased online [here](#) in advance.



To purchase your official Football team swag to wear to support the team from the stands, see flyer below.

[Contact Christine Lowenstein](#) with any questions.

WHS FOOTBALL MERCHANDISE 2023



Roster/
Schedule
\$5
Lanyard
\$5

NEW!
Pom-Pom
Hat
\$25



Baseball
Hat
\$30



PJ Pants
S, M, L, XL
\$35



Black Hoodie
S, M, L, XL, 2XL
\$35

Sweatpants
M only
\$10 **SALE**



SALE!



RETIRED
JERSEYS
\$5 **SALE**



SALE!
T-shirt
White: YM, YLS, M, L, XL, 2XL
Pink: YM, XL only
(Breast Cancer Awareness)
\$10 **SALE**



NEW!
Under Armour
Long Sleeve T
S, L, XL, 2XL
\$40



Contact: Christine Lowenstein christinelowenstein@verizon.net
Cash, Check to WHS Football Boosters, or Venmo @WHS-Football

SOFTBALL

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in playing Softball this Spring on Monday, 11/20 right after school in the auditorium.

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER



coming soon!

THE WHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT'S
ANNUAL

GOURMET POPCORN

Fundraiser

POP UP STORES OPEN DECEMBER 4TH - DECEMBER 8TH

Order from your favorite **WHS Music Student**
or buy directly from our online store.
More information will be coming soon!

All popcorn is delivered **DIRECTLY** to your home,
and all proceeds go to the

WHS MUSIC PROGRAMS



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have updates or pictures of WHS Arts, Music & Theater students [please email them to us!](#)

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

Click here for a [list](#) of WHS Clubs and Organizations
Check this section for current club news, meetings & events

SPANISH CLUB BURRITO CRAWL

A COMER!

Do you like burritos?? Do you like food from Felipe's or El Jefe's Taqueria? Let's see how many burritos you can eat! Join Spanish Club for its twelfth annual Burrito Crawl through Harvard Square Monday, November 20th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. See Ms. Kean in B112 for permission slips and details - bring a friend!

[Permission Slip](#)

LITERARY MAGAZINE

Submissions for the fall edition of the Literary Magazine are now open! You can submit writing or artwork using this [form](#).

Submissions will close on **December 1st**.

You can view our [FAQ document](#) for more information and [email](#) with any remaining questions.

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.

GIRLS LACROSSE CLINICS

WGYL will be sponsoring clinics for HS players in the fall and winter again this year.

Visit their [website](#) to register (you have to create a Demosphere account to register for their programming)

2023 FALL OUTDOOR CLINICS:

High School Late Fall Clinic @ Ciarcia Field (Skillings Turf)

- Sundays 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM; 11/19, 11/26, 12/3 & 12/10

2023- 2024 WINTER INDOOR CLINICS:

High School Winter Clinic @ WHS Gym

- Sundays 6:30 pm - 8 pm; 1/7, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 3/3, 3/10 & 3/17

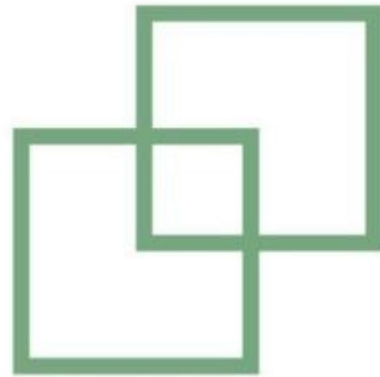
REGISTER TODAY!
En Ka Society's Annual TURKEY TROT
2023



Thursday, November 23rd at 8:00 am

Walk, Trot or Run 3.1 miles (5k)

SIGN UP at En Ka Society Website: enkasociety.org



Winchester
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Local news
coverage you can trust.

DONATE TODAY

NewsMatch

Winchester News has been accepted into the NewsMatch program. NewsMatch is a national collective fundraising campaign designed to assist communities in supporting public service news reporting.

Individual donations to nonprofit news outlets are matched by national and local funders. The NewsMatch matching gift campaign runs from **November 1st to December 31st**.

In 2023, the individual match cap is \$1,000 per individual and the campaign match cap is currently \$13,000.

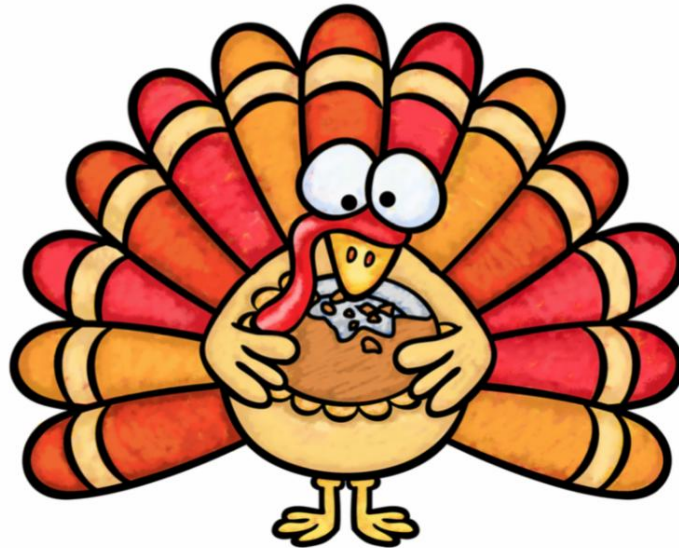
Make the most of your donation!

In addition, community or local matches are welcome during this period. If a funder(foundation or business) or group of funders is willing to match donations made to Winchester News during the NewsMatch campaign please let us know.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

[Click Here to Donate](#)

Make Your November Appointment Today!



PANTRY HOURS
Sundays & Mondays
by Appointment Only

Text, Email, or Call
781- 369-5844
enkapantry@gmail.com



1037 Main Street
Winchester, MA 01890
Same location as the En Ka Exchange

Open to Winchester Residents

- Providing frozen and 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 En Ka Pantry is limited to one time per month and does prohibit individuals or families also visiting the Woburn pantry.
- En Ka Pantry is open to all households, through pre-arranged appointments.



Monday, November 27th

- 5-9 pm: Midnight Madness returns!
- 7-8:30 pm: Caroling by Chamber Singers

Red Ticket
Raffle
all week long!

Tuesday, November 28th

- 6-9 pm: Jingle All The Way to PDA Dental Group's Open House

Wednesday, November 29th

- 12-2 & 6-8 pm: Home & Garden Club's "Festival of Trees", 80 Myopia Rd.
- 6 pm: Holiday Cocktail Class, A Tavola Restaurant

Thursday, November 30th

- 7 pm: Battle of the Bartenders, First House Pub

Friday, December 1st

- 5:30 pm: Holiday Storytime with Matt Tavares, Book Ends
- 7 pm: "Lighting of the Trees" Celebration, Town Common
Featuring All School Chorus Sing-a-Longs,
Free Popcorn & Hot Chocolate and a visit with Olaf!

View, Vote on Gingerbread
contest and search for Trolls on
the Stroll

Saturday, December 2nd

- 12 pm: "Best in Stroll" Dog Show, Town Common
- 1, 3 & 6:30 pm: Ballet Arts Centre's "Nutcracker Suite", Next Door Theater
- 3-6 pm: Yule Ball, Book Ends

Sunday, December 3rd

- 1 & 3 pm: Ballet Arts Centre's "Nutcracker Suite", Next Door Theater
- 4 pm: Drawing for "Troll on the Stroll" Scavenger Hunt winner
- 6 pm: Drive-By Visits with Santa behind McCall Middle School

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**WINCHESTER
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Eighth Annual .

• Winchester Home & Garden Club's

FESTIVAL OF TREES AND WREATHS

◆ **Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

12pm-2pm and 6pm-8pm

Lohnes Residence, 80 Myopia Road

• Admission \$20 and 10 tickets towards opportunity raffle to win a beautiful tree or wreath. Drawing will take place Nov. 29 at 8pm. Free valet parking.

◆ The donations will directly benefit the continual beautification efforts to our Community.

WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB | WHGCLUB.ORG



Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023
7:30 PM—Free Admission

A Taste of NOLA

The Traditional Music of New Orleans

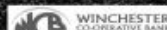
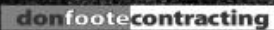
FACULTY CONCERT



Inspired by a recent visit to New Orleans, faculty members Tad Hitchcock and Valerie Walton will present "A Taste of NOLA," featuring songs from jazz history that still have a profound influence in New Orleans today. These are songs made famous by Louis Armstrong, King Oliver, Danny Barker and more. The ensemble will include Tad Hitchcock on guitar, vocals, and banjo; Valerie Walton on saxophone and clarinet; and additional guest musicians Anne Linders, trumpet; Dan Fox, trombone; Matthew Berlin, bass; and Jon Kraus, washboard. In-person and live streamed.



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Concert for Kids!

Sunday, December 3, 2023

2:00 PM

BLUEGRASS *Bonanza*

with the Mike Block Trio

WCMS is pleased to present a family-friendly concert for all ages! Join us for a special performance by guest artists Mike Block (cello), Joe K. Walsh (mandolin), and Zachariah Hickman (bass). This talented trio is known for their fresh takes on bluegrass and American roots music, and have received numerous accolades and awards—both individually and together. Their creativity, humor, and toe-tapping music are sure to bring smiles to everyone’s faces!

\$5 General Admission

Tickets at WCMS or winchestermusic.org



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Bonnell
Empower our family at work





Vaping & Gummies

Cory Mashburn, M.Ed.

December 5, 2023 @ noon

Town Hall, Winchester Room
(near Town Clerk's office)

**DON'T BE A
JUUL FOOL!**



Join us for **lunch and a conversation** about vaping and gummies.

JUUL might have fallen out of favor (watch the [Netflix documentary](#) if you haven't!) but **some kids are still vaping**. And some kids are trying gummies and other unhealthy products.

Learn **what is out there** and **how to talk to your kids about why these might not be healthy options** for them.

No judgment! We are all about **education and informed choices**.

And our lunches are delicious!



winchestercoalition@gmail.com

[Email Coalition](#)



**5th Annual Town-wide
LUMINARIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER**
with all proceeds to benefit
WINCHESTER GOT LUNCH and the
MAKE-A-WISH Foundation, MA & RI Chapter
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th at 5:00 PM
(Rain/Snow Date: Monday, December 11th)

For more information and to order your kits via credit card, please visit:

www.unitewithlightwinchester.org

\$20.00 per kit - contains all supplies &
instructions to make 10 luminaria lanterns

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PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATE WORKSHOP

Free Public Speaking & Debate Workshop During Vacation Break! Sign up for a free Public Speaking and Debate Workshop on December 27, 28, 29 or 30, (Lexington and Newton) hosted by Lumos Debate! Your child will love Lumos's friendly instructors and fun activities as they learn about: Speaking Confidence, Debate Fundamentals and Argumentation and Reasoning!

Lumos December Break Public Speaking Workshop (FREE)

- Ages: 8-14 years old
- Locations: Newton or Lexington
- Dates: Choose from Dec 27, 28, 29 or 30
- Registration: lumosdebate.com/workshop

This workshop is free for all students. Please make sure to use code COMMUNITY when you register.

Email info@lumosdebate.com or call 781-474-3359 with any questions.

Register now at: lumosdebate.com/workshop

ALUMNI NEWS



*Are you a WHS Senior?
Are you a parent of a WHS student or alumni?
Are you a staff member of Winchester Public Schools?*

You are invited to join the Winchester Alumni Association

Become a member [HERE](#)

Winchester Alumni Association was launched in 2018 to support WHS alumni, staff and families in the many transitions of their lives after the 01890.

Alumni who register through our [database](#) may receive information on upcoming Winchester events and volunteer opportunities, search for classmates, share news, and support current students and young alumni through networking and mentoring activities.

Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for our Alumni Spotlight Series that celebrates past WHS students now around the world or check out our website [HERE](#).

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](#) or [click on this link](#).

To make a newsletter or a news blast submission, [please email us](#) NO LATER than 12:00 PM on Friday.

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