## WHSPFA Newsletter November 6, 2023



## PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Happy Monday and Happy November WHS,

October is gone as are our long days. November is a short month (as far as school days) for your kids and they have two days off this week. This End of Quarter 1 is also this week and falls on November 9th.

Thank you **WHS Music Department** and students for bringing us the beautiful "Autumn Winds" concert last Wednesday! Our students are truly talented in so many ways and it was a treat for the eyes and ears to see them in action.



A HUGE Halloween thank you to all the families that "Boo-ed" the senior class this past week. Thank you for sending pictures and sneakily surprising them. Thank you also to the Junior Class Parent Advisors for managing to organize the mission. It was a lot and the seniors were grateful for their first (of many) special moments.



Congratulations to **WHS Varsity Football** team for winning Game One of the playoffs. See highlights from the game in pictures below. Keep us updated on ALL sport happenings by emailing us your pictures and stats of your students! We want to celebrate all our athletes.

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday**, **November 29th** at 7 p.m. in the **WHS Library for our next PFA meeting**. (Please note this is a date change from November 13th.)



The town of Winchester will honor our **Veterans** this **Saturday at 10:15 a.m**. If you have ever been to this parade, you know how wonderful it is to see our very own WHS Marching Band and high school scouts participate. Please see the below flyer and click <u>here</u> for the parade route. We look forward to seeing you there. Please join us for our annual Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10:15am. We honor and thank all our Veterans!



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 <u>send</u> to our forever amazing news editors Audrey and Tara!

Please take a moment now <u>DONATE</u> to our WHS Direct APPEAL (tax deductible) please help us reach our goal!

## WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Click Here for 2023-2024 District School Calendar

TUE 11/7 - No School - Professional Day

**WED 11/8-** WHS Winchester Friends of Music - Meeting at 7 PM WHS library

FRI 11/10 - No School - Veterans Day

MON 11/13 - Q2 - starts as a Day 1

SAT 11/18 - Spirit Fair Market 11am-2pm WHS Dining Commons SAT 11/18 - Class of 2024 Parent Social - details in class section WED 11/22 - Early Release Day

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

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



## WHSPFA DIRECT APPEAL

## We're going strong!

Thank you to the 150 families who have donated so far – we're very close to our goal of \$25,000. Please consider a donation of any size today!

We know there are more of you who want to invest in our children's education. Monies raised support our WHS faculty and staff with their extra needs during the school year. Your donation will help them enhance students' in-school learning, teaching, andcounseling experiences.

Keep in mind that we're a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) so each dollar is tax deductible.

## WHAT? <u>Direct Appeal</u> is WHSPFA's only fundraiser.

Monies raised support our WHS faculty and staff with their extra needs during the school year. Your donation will help them enhance students' learning, teaching, and counseling experiences.

## *WHY?* It's an investment in our kids' educations.

Direct Appeal funds are used to support programs and activities beyond what is covered in 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 purchased:

- supplies for new student events
- books, tools, and materials for art classes
- headsets for the language lab
- English honors class art supplies
- supplies to support technology
- sports equipment for Win Block
- materials for the Cooking for Life program
- beautification of the stairs of the gym and front
- social/emotional programming, and more!

## WHEN? Now!

**HOW?** Click the link below. Any amount is appreciated! 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

### DONATE NOW via VENMO

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.



### **COLLEGE VISITS**

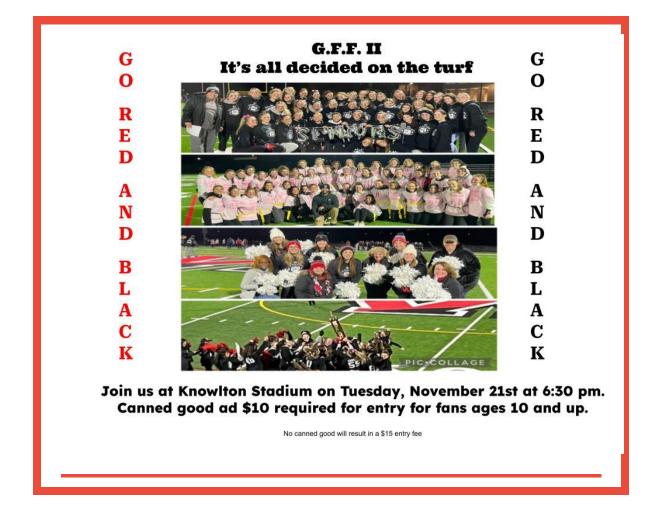
The following colleges will be visiting WHS in the Guidance Department from **8:00-8:30 AM** unless otherwise noted.

**MON 11/6 -** University of California, Irvine & Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WED 11/8 - Fisher College & the School of Fashion Design

THU 11/9 - Emmanuel College & Hult International Business School

### **GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL**





RIVE

HAND IN ANY NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHES OR SHOES FOR THOSE DISPLACED BY THE ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT



\*Items help aid ALL of affected, not one side or the other!\*

-Please drop off items at the main office-

OTHING

PARKING PASSES

Seniors and Juniors\* (\*who have had their license for 3 months) 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

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

Also, more details to follow from your class officers but keep these important dates for the Class of 2024 on your calendar!

11/18 - Parent Fundraising Event12/1 - Semi-Formal DanceTBD - Class Dinner

#### SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER DANCE PARTY

Attention Attention.....Buy your tickets now!! Anyone who buys a ticket by **Wednesday, November 8th** to the Saturday Night Fever fundraiser on the 18th will be entered into a Raffle to win a \$100 Recess Gift Card!!! It's time to boogie and get those dancing shoes on! Join the Class of '24 parent advisors at a dance party like no other! Dress your best for Saturday Night Fever Dance Party sponsored by Andersen Group Realty!

Use <u>Venmo</u> to pay and please note guests names. Any questions

contact parent advisors tagged. Spread the word all are invited.

Please note: This is an Adult ONLY event



### **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 <u>click here</u> to view the online sign up sheet.



# CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

CHECK BACK HERE FOR CLASS UPDATES

# CLASS OF 2026 NEWS



Help support Winchester High School Class of 2026! Monday, November 6, 2023 • 4:00- 10:00 pm Donating proceeds of Product sales\*

20% of purchase is donated to the Winchester High School Class of 2026.



375 Washington St, Woburn, MA 01801 https://www.instagram.com/cfawoburn/?hl=en www.facebook.com/chickfila

\*Proceeds of the purchase price before tax from Product sales. Maximum of 5000 will be donated. See a participating restaurant for more details. All trademarks shown are the property of their respective centers.

CLASS OF 2027 NEWS

#### **CLASS OF 2027 WREATH FUNDRAISER**

Please check out our holiday store and help raise money for our class! There are many different wreath options and other products to choose from, and 3 different shipping dates starting as early as **November 20th**.



CLASS OF 2027 FUNDRAISER!

## 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

<u>Click here</u> to register.

## **BOYS SOCCER**

Come support the Boys Varsity Team for their first playoff game at Knowlton field against North Andover! Monday, November 6, at 4:30pm. Go Red and Black!



And the JV boys (in photo below) ended their season with a 9-2-4 record. Well done!



## CHEERING

Congrats to the team - they are moving on to Regionals!





### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Middlesex League Championship: Freshmen combined race - Both Boys and Girls Teams took 2nd - Riley Newman (2nd), Julia Ramsey (3rd) and Max Phillips (9th) in the girls and boys' races, respectively, all picked up hardware JV - Boys team took 4th with Barrett Davidson (21st) and Brian Langridge (25th) grabbing ribbons! - Girls team took 3rd - lots of hardware! Angela Brice(7th), Hanna Setia (10th), Dahlia LaMontagne (17th), Grace Trachsel (21st), Lilli Cox (22nd) and Linden Wright (28th)! Varsity - Girls team battled hard and came up with 4th, congrats to ribbon holders Mikayla Ferguson(14th) and Alex Machmer (21st)

And the BIGGEST news is that the Varsity Boys took home the championship!!! First time since 2010, beating out perennial favorite Lexington by FOUR points. Wes Kaukas-Quinn (5th), Tyler Johnson (6th), Owen Bernstein (11th), Erik Bergstrom (12th), Tim Hamilton (19th), Nick Walker and Matthew Fritsch!!



The girls field hockey team pulled out a 2-1 overtime win in the 1st round of MIAA playoffs. Four players on the WHS Girls Varsity roster were chosen as Liberty Division Middlesex League All-Stars...Julia Legere, Madelyn Rabinovich, Sam Gal and Molly Hillier, who was also selected to the All Conference team! Way to go!







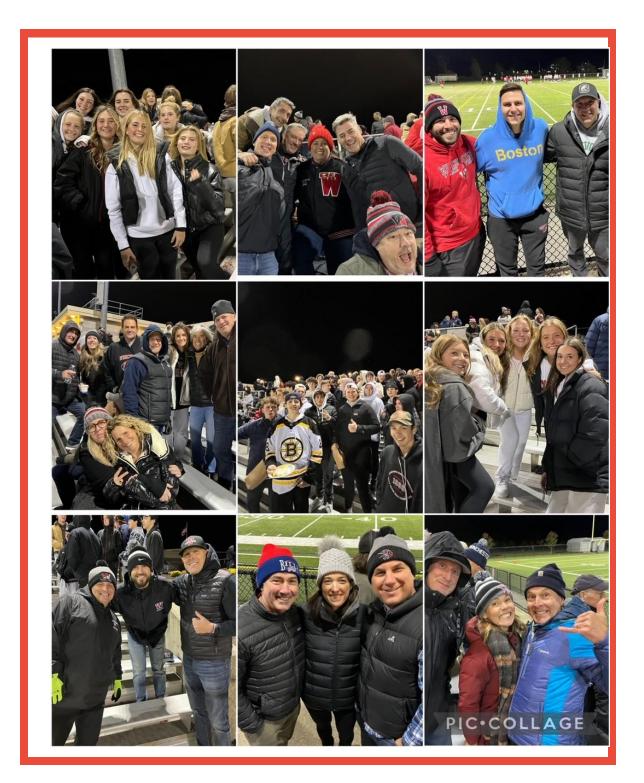
### FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the **WHS Varsity Football** team for winning Game One of the playoffs against North Andover (17-7)! We had a GREAT show of support from WHS students, teachers, staff, families and alum!!! THANK YOU ALL for your spirit and cheers!!!

The next game is at King Phillip Regional in Wrentham on Friday 11/10 at 6PM. Good luck boys!!











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.



Girls Varsity Soccer took the win against a tough Andover team Saturday in the first round of the Playoffs beating them 1-0! Please come support the team at home Tuesday at 4:30 pm for their next playoff game against Concord-Carlisle!



A fantastic season of golf has come to an end with a great effort at the State Championship by John Scully, Brendan Buck, Cole Cassidy, Max Lowenberg, Carson Muse, and Julian Ragosa. The team is still doing good work helping others by hosting a White Sock Drive for Boston Health Care for the Homeless (<u>BHCHP</u>)



Why White Socks? For people experiencing homelessness, the need for new socks is critical. Spending hours on their feet as their primary mode of transportation, exposed to the extremes of weather, too often, the people served by BHCHP face severe infections and avoidable health complications. Socks are distributed to patients at more than 30 shelter-based clinics and through the outreach care of the BHCHP Street Team.

#### How to help?

Please bring new white socks (men, women, or unisex sizes) to a Golf Team Member or drop them off at a bin at your school by November 9th. We'll pack and send them to BHCH for distribution. If it is easier for you to have them picked up, **please email us**. Bins are located near the office at the High School and also at McCall Middle School, Ambrose, Lincoln, Muraco, and Vinson Owen Elementary Schools.

#### Other ways to help:

If you'd like to donate directly, **<u>please visit their site</u>**. Please mention this is for the WHS Golf Team Drive.

The team is selling a limited supply of our best-selling Umbrellas and Golf Hats! To order, please go to our team's <u>Online Store</u>. The team's roster is also <u>posted on the site</u>, So if you have a friend on the team, please cheer us on as we head to our biggest matches this season!

Follow us on Instagram @winchsterbvgolf



ARE BACK?

**GYMNASTICS** 

Gymnastics season is coming up. There will be an informational meeting on **November 17th at 3:15 PM**.

For questions, contact **Sophia Tsiantos** or **Brooke Anderson** 

### SWIMMING

The girls did great today at Sectionals! They placed 4th overall!

Winchester **won** the 400 free relay and came in 4th in both the 200 free and 200 medley relays.

Elle Michaud won the 500 free and came in 3rd in the 200 free

Elissa Bennett was second in the 100 fly and 4th in the 100 free

Emily Moh placed 3rd in diving.

Lots of top 8 podium finishes and best times.

Next up is States on Saturday afternoon @ MIT! Good luck girls!

## VOLLEYBALL

Please Share Pictures & Updates

# WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER



### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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

"I'd like to congratulate the more than 50 students who were inducted into WHS's Chapter of the TriM Music Honor Society. These worthy students have committed themselves to serving the community through music by helping teach younger students, performing for seniors at Jenks, helping to facilitate concerts and any number of other ways. We applaud their dedication and commitment to their community! In addition - BRAVO to the 150 students who performed the first formal concert of the year. The WHS bands and orchestras performed for a full house Wednesday evening and played works by many varied composers- Vivaldi, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Grieg, Rodgers and Hart, Sammy Nestico and Hisaishi. We opened the program with Fantasy on Aloha'Oe (Until we meet again) in tribute to the loss suffered in Maui and extended to all those suffering and in need of peace and consolation. The entire program was dedicated to the memory of Priscilla Miller who passed away last week. Priscilla was band director at WHS from 1974-2010. Thanks to all who came to support the exceptional work of our students." Mary Costello Winchester Music Director





WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Hello Winchester Music families!

The 2023-2024 school year is underway, and with it, another year of amazing choral, orchestral and band performances!

#### Please join us on November 8th at 7:00 PM at Winchester High School library for our first WFOM meeting of the 2023-2024 school year.

The Winchester School Music Department has a full schedule of events and activities during the 2023-2024 school year with lots of wonderful opportunities for families to get involved and help support the music students and teachers. WFOM assists with many of these events and needs volunteers to help with greeting/ushering, fundraising, publicity, decorations, and other activities. At the meeting, we will discuss upcoming events and set up committees to help plan specific events such as the In the Mood and Strawberry Pops concerts. We would also love to hear your ideas of events and activities that can help support the Winchester Public School music program.

We look forward to seeing folks again and meeting new ones on November 8th!

Sincerely, Winchester Friends of Music Board Mai Harrison (President) Laura Colella (Vice-President) Adrienne Spignesi (Secretary) Maura Sullivan (Treasurer)

# WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

Click here for a <u>list</u> of WHS Clubs and Organizations Check this section for current club news, meetings & events



## TEDX EVENT

Does your student have ideas, research, or stories that they are passionate about? Would they like an opportunity to be featured on a YouTube channel with over 39 million subscribers? If the answer is yes, get excited because the Student Council is planning to host a TEDx event in Spring 2024 where STUDENTS are the speakers!

Fill out <u>this interest form</u> (using WPS email) by November 9th to be part of this event. Don't miss this unique chance!



## LITERARY MAGAZINE

Submissions for the fall edition of the Literary Magazine are now open! You can submit writing or artwork using this <u>form</u>.

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

You can view our <u>FAQ document</u> for more information and <u>email</u> 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.



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** 



### FALL SEASONS EATINGS TEEN PROGRAM WITH FARM CHEF KELCY

Join Chef Kelcy at Wright-Locke Farm for a delightful after-school culinary adventure! This six-week program, running from **11/8 to 12/13** (except on 11/21), is designed for 7th, 8th, and 9th graders eager to explore the world of seasonal cooking.

Chef Kelcy, with a warm smile and apron in hand, will guide students on a journey through the vibrant colors and nutritional benefits of seasonal foods while honing essential kitchen skills.

The program culminates in a "Seasons Eating Feast" on 12/13 at 6:00 PM, where families are invited to savor a delectable meal co-created by Chef Kelcy and the young chefs, celebrating the lessons learned and the joy of cooking together.

The class fee covers ingredient costs; allergens like Wheat, Eggs, and Dairy will be used during this course.

Don't miss out on this enriching, flavorful experience!







If you will be entertaining, how about having fun non-alcoholic drink options available for your family members and friends who are living alcohol-free, looking to cut back or just for something new?

Mocktails are all the rage! Come on out to see what they are all about!

We'll have a few signature holiday versions and a variety of others to sample.

Whether you are looking to cut back, curious about living alcohol-free or already are, the holidays can be super fun with zero proof drinks!

Coach Courtney will provide recipes and tips on mixing things up during the holidays and beyond.

RSVP winchestercoalition@gmail.com

**RSVP HERE** 



Accepting and Showing Up For the Child You Have with Debbie Reber



Nearly all parenting challenges are rooted in a disconnect between our expectations for who we think our kids "should be" or what our experience as parents "should" be like, and what's actually happening in the day-to-day. But when we make the conscious choice to lean into and accept who our kids inherently are, things start to feel so much better.

In this presentation (followed by a Q&A), NY Times bestselling author and founder of TiLT Parenting, Debbie Reber will talk about the power in parenting the child we actually have and share strategies for just how to do that.

When we commit to this parenting reframe, we can:

- · build stronger connections with our kids
- reduce conflict in the home
- foster our kids' sense of agency and confidence
- lessen our own sense of overwhelm and burnout, and find more joy in our families

Thursday, November 16th 7:00PM Lincoln School Auditorium

parenttoparentwinchester.org

All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public



#### Epiphany Christmas Fair Returns: Holiday Shopping, Kids Store, Crafts, Homemade Desserts & More

All are welcome to join our community in celebrating the Parish of the Epiphany's annual, renowned holiday tradition on **Saturday, November 18th from 10 AM to 4 PM** at 70 Church Street

in Winchester, MA. Browse through a variety of unique and beautifully crafted, warm, and cozy gifts, and support this age-old tradition spanning three decades.

In addition to items created by skilled and talented parishioners at the knit and craft tables, works of art by parish artist John McConnell will be on display. Returning this year are gifts by Studio on the Common, mittens by Cashmere Resewn, jewelry by Mei Mei of Lexington, pottery by Christa Bennett, and jewelry by Linda Preston. Choose from costume jewelry and White Elephant treasures of the past, among many other finds. Our nonprofits

this year include Holy Nativity Convent (candles), Haiti Peace Quilts, the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem,

Unite with Light, and Food for Fido. To entertain the kids while you shop, check out the Kids Store for a "kids only" holiday shopping experience (no adults allowed!) where children can purchase

family gifts, some crafts, and children's books.

This year's Silent Auction will have items such as tickets to sporting and cultural events plus festive baskets. We will also sell homemade apple pies, lemon curd, jams, and bread and butter pickles. All this in addition to cookies, breads, and treats for the holidays available at the bake table which make great housewarming gifts. Last year every single item sold out!

The Knit and Craft table will again feature 600 Epiphany's hand sewn hearts and many wooden crafts as well as aprons, knitting needle cases, and other holiday crafts. The café will offer a delicious menu and a nice place to gather with family and friends.

Part of the warm and welcoming feel of Epiphany's community are the people of all ages who dedicate hours of their time to preparing for and generously supporting this fair every year! Some of the proceeds will benefit local and global nonprofit organizations that the parish supports.

Call the Parish of the Epiphany @ 781-729-1922 with any questions and/or visit us online.

Handicapped accessible and admission is free.

#### **Farmers Market and Arts Exhibition**

The Winchester Farmers Market is collaborating with the Winchester Cultural District and the Winchester Unitarian Society to host a town wide, multi venue, artist and craftspeople exhibition and sale on Saturday November 18th.

The Farmers Market will be held at the Jenks Center with many of our regular vendors plus over a dozen artists and music provided by the Winchester Community Music School and Shukulele. We're open between 9:30am and 3:30pm



## SATURDAY **NOVEMBER 18** 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Mass Cultural Council Massachusetts

Cultural Commission

#### **Participating Venues**

First Congregational Church 21 Church Street

Griffin Museum 67 Shore Road

Jenks Center/Winchester Farmers' Market **109 Skillings Road** 

**Carolyn Swett Leaf 5 Winslow Road** 

#### Sponsored by



Susan Livada Studio 30 Glen Road

**Rubini Art Gallery** 22 Park Street

**Carolyn Sirois Studio 10 Wyman Court** 

Studio on the Common 22 Church Street

Winchester Unitarian Society 478 Main Street



Cultural Council



Winchester



Learn More and Register



Registration is open for the Enka Turkey Trot 5k Road Race on Thanksgiving morning. Participants are able to sign up through this link: <u>Enka Turkey Trot registration</u>



## 5<sup>th</sup> 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: <u>lumosdebate.com/workshop</u>

This workshop is free for all students. Please make sure to use code COMMUNITY when you register. Email <u>info@lumosdebate.com</u> or call 781-474-3359 with any questions.

Register now at: Iumosdebate.com/workshop

# ALUMNI NEWS



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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 <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>database</u> 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, <u>please email us</u> NO LATER than 12:00 PM on Friday.

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