

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
March 28, 2022

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



The amazing Junior tech crew with Alessandro this year's WHS Royals winner!



Dear WHS Families,

"WHS Royals" was a HUGE success! Last night the hilarious senior tradition continued with a sold out crowd! Six talented seniors competed for the title of WHS ROYAL! Congratulations to **Alessandro Cella** for winning this year's title!!! Sophie Chung, David Dodge, Kayla Harrison,



Vaikunthan Mathiyalakan and Nate Watson also put on amazing performances! Thank you to our facility judges, WHS admin, Dot Butler (our fearless leader), our student tech crew and our enthusiastic student body for making this year's Royals one to remember!

We would love to include more pictures of all performances/sports/activities but we need your help! If you are at a **WHS** music or performing arts performance/exhibit/sporting event/activity please snap a pic and send to our newsletter staff (whspfaneletter@gmail.com). Part of what makes this newsletter so great is that it gives parents a glimpse of all the AMAZING things are kids are up to!

The count down to graduation continues - **10 weeks!** Time flies! Keep scrolling down to see more dates and fun traditions that are planned for this spring!

Have a great week,
Abbie DiMatteo & Brenda Mandile, Co-Chairs
whspfafa@gmail.com
www.whspfafa.org

"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 #28!



- 1.What high school did you go to?
Deering High School, Portland, ME
- 2.What was your favorite subject in high school?
Art, guitar, and science
- 3.What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school?
Soccer, Lacrosse, Art magazine
- 4.What is one of your hidden talents? **Juggling**
- 5.Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food?
**Studio Ghibli films/
Boys in a Boat/Radiohead/Breakfast**
- 6.Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by?
Leave no trace

*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 3/28 - THU 3/31 - Class of 2024 dance contracts and tickets (\$25/each) are available during lunch

TUE 3/29 - School Committee meeting at 6:30 PM - see block below for more details

FRI 4/1 - Class of 2024 Semi Formal from 7:00-9:30 PM
AND Class of 2024 Parents Fundraising event at Lucia's lower level - Purchase Tickets and/or Donate - [CLICK HERE](#)

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**



Winchester Athletics @Win... · 1d ...
Great representation at the MIAA Sportsmanship Summit today at Gillette.

WHS STUDENT COUNCIL SHOE DRIVE



The WHS Student Council is hosting a shoe drive for the JC Hispaniola Fund!
The drive will be running from **March 28th to April 15th**,
and drop-off is at the high school.

All gently used shoes are appreciated! Sneakers and other durable shoes are preferred. This non-profit organization will bring the shoes to the Dominican Republic to help those in need.

Please visit this [link](#) to learn more! Thank you all for your support!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Science Olympiad Team which got 4th out of 65 teams this last Saturday at the State Competition!

Special congratulations to **Armen Bagdassarian, Jonathon Chang, Arthur Zhang, Heneni Dong, Nate Finley, Joy Ke, Jennifer Wu, Mark Martirosian, Ayan Ghosh, Ada Russell, Ananya Dalal, Eric Pan, Eric Lee, Nathan Liu, and Kyle Sun** for getting top 6 in their respective events and winning an award!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Tabitha Chen-Fiske for being runner-up in the MIAA Sportsmanship Literary contest!



Interested in changing lives this summer?

Join School the World in the library on **Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30 PM** for an information session about their upcoming service trips to Central America this summer!

Students and parents are invited to learn everything there is to know about traveling with School the World and hear from WHS students about their experiences on past trips. Scholarship opportunities are available!

Come with your questions and get ready to embark on a journey of a lifetime! This informational meeting is hosted by WHS Connect & Commit.

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 Candidis](#)
[Sophomore Candidis](#)
[Freshman Candidis](#)

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

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

FRI 4/8 - LAST DAY to order Class Banners

FRI 5/27 - Seniors' Last Day

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

FRI 6/3 - Graduation, 6-8 PM



CLASS OF 2022 BANNERS

Spring is here and so are the Class of 2022 Banners!

The WHS PFA is organizing the 3rd Annual Personalized Banner Drive for the **Class of 2022!** If you would like to order a banner for your student or for another deserving student, please fill out this [form](#) and submit it no later than **Friday, April 8th.**

Each banner is **\$60.** Payment must be made in full in order to process your banner request. **Banners can be picked up at WHS on April 29th, 4:00-6:00 PM or they can be delivered to your home for a \$10 fee.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to [contact us.](#) If your family would like financial assistance with purchasing a banner, please contact [Ms. Conis.](#)

You can pay either by check (payable WHSPFA) or [PayPal.](#) Checks can be dropped off at the main office.

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 2023 MUSICAL BINGO FUNDRAISER - Fri 4/8

We are in need an assortment of nominal gift cards to use as prizes, as well as some candy and cups for the event.

We have included an Amazon link for the cups, as it would help to have them uniform in size.

[Donate Here](#)

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.

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2024 DATES

FRI 4/1 - Class Dance, 7:00-9:30 PM, WHS Dining Commons **AND** Parents Fundraising event at Lucia's lower level - more details below

CLASS SEMI FORMAL

**GET READY FOR...
THE SOPHOMORE SEMI FORMAL!
RED CARPET THEME**

April 1st, 7-9:30pm in the dining commons.
Tickets sold in cafeteria throughout the week for
\$25. All attendees will need to submit dance
contracts. Guests are welcome with a guest contract



CLASS OF 2024 IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS

...for the Sophomore Class's first ever dance!

The Class of 2024 is hosting their red carpet themed semi-formal dance on **Friday, April 1st from 7:00-9:30 PM** at the WHS Dining Commons.

Sophomores as well as students from other classes and schools are welcome to attend, as long as **contracts** and **guest contracts** are filled out.

Dance contracts and tickets (\$25 each) are available this week during lunch - the last day to purchase tickets will be Thursday, March 31st.

You may **not** purchase a ticket without a **signed contract**. You can also print the dance contracts which are below. Come join the fun!

[WHS Student Contract](#)

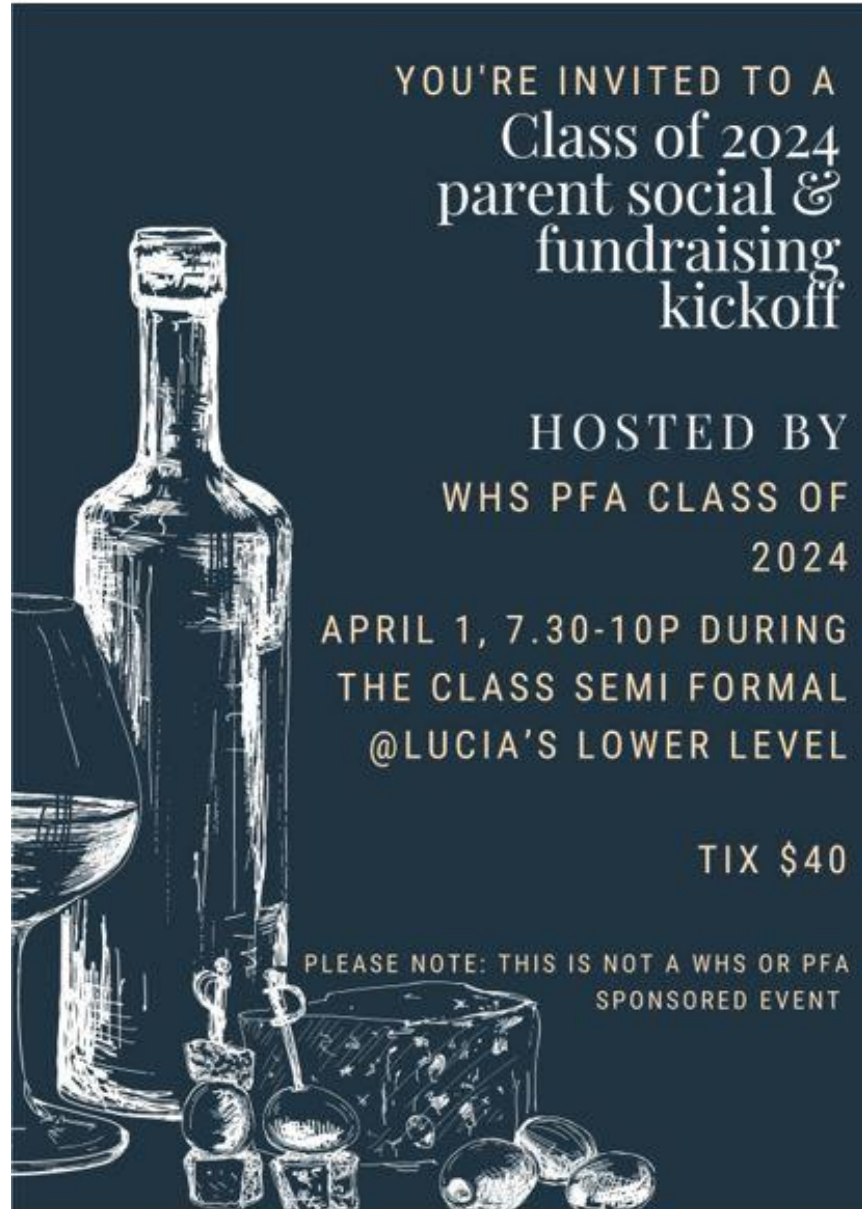
[Guest Contract](#)

Donations Needed for the Dance to help make the dance even better...

The donations needed, drop-off time and place are all in

[this signup genius link](#)

PARENT FUNDRAISING EVENT



DON'T MISS OUT.....We have received a lot of very generous items for our first fundraiser on **Friday, April 1!**

Just a sample of items that will be available for raffle and auction: Bruins tickets (2 sets of 2!), family portrait sitting with Ambrose photography, passes to area workout facilities including Fit Life, StretchMed, Title Boxing and Tread, gift cards to local stores and restaurants!

So 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*.

If you are having trouble with Unipay please [contact Danielle Adams](#)

*Checks payable to "WHS class of 2024"

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

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

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

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2025 DATES

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](#)



BOYS SWIMMING

The boys enjoyed their banquet last week



WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

PRESENTING THE FALL-WINTER WHS LITERARY MAGAZINE!

View student creative works at the website here, or pick up a copy of the magazine during Creative Writing Guild (Mondays at 3:30 PM in Ms. Evrigenis's room).

Submissions for the Spring 2022 litmag are now open as well and will be **closing April 5th**. Anyone in WHS can submit, and we look forward to compiling your works!

Submission guidelines can be [found here](#)

WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

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.

March on over to...



Food Pantry Hours
by Appointment Only
Sundays & Mondays

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



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

Open to Winchester Residents

- Providing 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 the En Ka Pantry is limited to one time per month and does not prohibit individuals or families also visiting the Woburn pantry.
- The En Ka Pantry is open to all households, through pre-arranged appointments.

EMAIL ENKA



WINCHESTER HALL OF FAME 2022 ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDUCTEES

The Winchester Sports Foundation Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the inductees for The 2022 Hall of Fame.

The honorees for 2022 are:

- Class of 1997 & 1998 Girls Soccer Teams
- Class of 1966 John Doherty – Baseball, Track & Football
- Class of 1982 Martha Doherty – Field Hockey, Basketball & Tennis
- Class of 1990 Sean Donlon – Football & Lacrosse
- Class of 2008 – Megan Sullivan – Soccer, Ice Hockey & Lacrosse

The inductees will be inducted at the Hall of Fame Dinner held on **Thursday, May 5th** at the Burlington Marriott, Mall Road, Burlington, MA
6:00 PM Cocktails and 7:00 PM Dinner

Reservations can be made by sending a check made out to:

The Winchester Sports Foundation for **\$60**

Dot Butler

30 Wildwood Street

Winchester, MA 01890

or you can pay on line

Please R.S.V.P. by 4/27/22

Tables of 10 are available and will be reserved for
your party only upon receipt of payment.
Please indicate members of your party when reserving a table.

For additional information about this event or the WSF Hall of Fame, please
contact [Paul Manganaro](#) or [Dot Butler](#)

WINCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tuesday, March 29th at 5:30 pm
Parkhurst School, 40 Samoset Rd., Winchester, MA

I. Call to Order (5:30 PM)

II. Executive Session (5:35 PM)

A. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Winchester Education Association because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee.

B. Purpose (6) to discuss strategy regarding the lease of real property for 2022 summer programming and afterschool care for the 2022-2023 school year because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee.

C. Purpose (2) to discuss strategy with respect to negotiating non-union administrative contracts because to do so in open session would be detrimental to negotiation.

III. Adjournment (around 6:20 PM)

The above topics represent what the Chair of the Winchester School Committee reasonably anticipates will be discussed at this meeting at the time this meeting was posted.

WINCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 pm
Parkhurst School, 40 Samoset Rd., Winchester, MA

I. Call to Order (6:30 PM)

II. Reorganization of the School Committee (6:35 PM)

III. Student Representatives Report (6:50 PM)

IV. Communications from School Committee and Administration (7:00 PM)

- A. SEEM Collaborative's FY21 Annual Report, with Audit
- B. SEEM Collaborative Approved Budget & Budget Highlights
- C. Lynch Phasing & Logistics Task Force Meeting

V. Public Comment (7:15 PM)

VI. Reports and Discussion Items (around 7:40 PM)

- A. Update on Muraco, Lincoln & McCall Building Projects
- B. Report Back from EFPBC Chair on Lynch Project Regarding Logistics & Swing Space
- C. Update on World Languages Student Interest Survey
- D. Proposal to Change the Pay for Substitute Nurses
- E. Review of the Summer Programming Proposal by Kidsborough
- F. Distribution & Overview of Formative Evaluation of the Interim Superintendent

VII. Action Items (around 8:55 PM)

- A. Consideration of Acceptance and Approval of Gifts and Grants Totaling \$23,944.59

- 1. \$745 WFEE Grants
- 2. \$1000 donation from Min Hu to WHS
- 3. \$500 for the Post Graduate Program at Winchester High School
- 4. \$10,000 Community Health Grant from Winchester Hospital to Winchester High School
- 5. \$11,699.59 grant from the John & Mary Murphy Educational Foundation to Winchester High School

- B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes

- 1. January 18, 2022
- 2. January 25, 2022
- 3. January 25, 2000: Public Hearing
- 4. January 31, 2022
- 5. February 8, 2022
- 6. February 15, 2022

VIII. Chair Report (around 9:10 PM)

IX. Interim Superintendent Report (around 9:15 PM)

X. Next Meetings: 4/12 (6:00 PM); 4/25 (6:00 PM); 5/9 (6:00 PM)

XI. Adjournment (around 9:20 PM)

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If you would like to make a public comment but are not able to attend in person, please fill out the registration form 24 hours in advance of meeting by registering below.

[**Register for the Zoom Here**](#)

[**Live Streaming Via Wincam**](#)

[Sex, Drugs and Netflix] Influencers in Popular Media



With Dr. Aaron Weiner & Sgt. Mike DeRosa

Wednesday, March 30
7:00 p.m.
[ZOOM LINK](#)

Depictions of drug and alcohol use is widespread in current media, including shows often viewed by teenagers such as *Stranger Things* and *The Queen's Gambit* on Netflix, and HBO's *Euphoria*. Join Dr. Weiner and Sgt. DeRosa for an exploration of the psychological impact of drug use and sexual content in media, as well as actionable strategies for Winchester parents and caregivers to help teenagers navigate this complicated social and cultural terrain.

Objectives

- Understand the connection between on-screen behavior and real-life behavior, and what makes teens more vulnerable or resistant to this influence;
- Learn strategies for communicating with your teen about substance use and sexual content in media.



[Dr. Aaron Weiner PhD](#) is a strong advocate for evidence-based care in treating chemical dependency and behavioral addictions, as well as a proponent of integrating behavioral health services into medical settings.



Sgt. Mike DeRosa is Winchester's first Community Resource Officer, based at McCall Middle School. Sgt. DeRosa has been with Winchester Police Department since 2010 and works to reduce risky behavior and improve mental health and wellness in the community.

winchestercoalition@gmail.com



ZOOM LINK

DR. WEINER'S PAGE



CALLING ALL WOMEN

The **Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community**, the **Winchester Police Department** and the **Winchester Recreation Department** are offering a community R.A.D. self defense class for all **women** and **girls over the age of 14**.

REGISTER TODAY

(Class Size: Minimum 10; Maximum 20)

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PARTICIPATION WELCOME!

What is R.A.D.? The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) System is a program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. It is a comprehensive course for women that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

R.A.D. is not a martial arts program. Our courses are taught by certified R.A.D. instructors and provide you with a workbook/reference manual. This manual outlines the entire physical defense program for reference and continuous personal growth. Our system of realistic defense will provide a woman with the knowledge to make an educated decision about resistance.

DATES: Tuesday/Thursday on April 5, 7, 12 and 14 (this is a 4 class course) **(Register by March 31)**

TIME: 6:30-9:30 PM

LOCATION: Winchester High School Gym (80 Skillings Road)

COST: \$40 (workbook/reference material included)

Register at winrec.com. **Questions?** Please call 978- 423-3786.



REGISTER HERE

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HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC! ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD AND NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS. LEAVE YOUR FOOD ON YOUR PORCH AND WE'LL COME PICK IT UP.

SATURDAY
1PM

4/30



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EN KA PANTRY AND LISTS OF REQUESTED ITEMS, VISIT WWW.ENKASOCIETY.ORG. TO DONATE FOOD, SIGN UP USING THIS LINK TINYURL.COM/ENKADONATE OR THE QR CODE ABOVE. ALL THAT IS REQUIRED IS YOU CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE FOOD AND MAKE SURE TO ONLY DONATE NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY BECOME BETTER PLACE .

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