

# Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter April 11, 2022

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear WHS Families,

Q4 begins today – WOW, where does the time go?!

**EIGHT weeks until graduation** and the seniors are getting excited for all the FUN FILLED spring traditions!



Next week is April school vacation week – enjoy! In a blink of an eye, it's going to be summer! Scroll down to see all of the fabulous upcoming happenings at WHS and around our fabulous town!

We would love to include more pictures of all WHS performances / sports / activities! If you are at an event please snap a pic and send to our newsletter staff ([whspfanewletter@gmail.com](mailto:whspfanewletter@gmail.com)). Part of what makes this newsletter so great is that it gives parents a glimpse of all the AMAZING things our kids are up to!

Best,  
Abbie DiMatteo & Brenda Mandile, Co-Chairs  
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[www.whspfa.org](http://www.whspfa.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

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## WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

**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**

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### PARKING REMINDER FOR STUDENTS

All student drivers are reminded that the **ONLY** place they may park is in the designated student lot, by the athletic fields. At no time may students park in faculty parking spots. Students should also be aware that Stop and Shop has also posted new signs and will be increasing their enforcement of parking in their lots. Under no circumstances should students be parked in the Stop and Shop lot during the school day, or they may be subject to towing.

Please be a respectful neighbor.

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### REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that the **BEST** way to report student attendance (absences/tardies/dismissals) is through the absent line

**email: [whsabsentline@winchesterps.org](mailto:whsabsentline@winchesterps.org).**

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### COLLEGE INTERVIEW SEMINAR

We are looking for volunteers to help with a seminar to prepare students for

college interviews to take place next October (2022). If you are a parent/guardian who has experience with interviewing or has any interest in helping please reach out to Brenda Mandile at [whspfa@gmail.com](mailto:whspfa@gmail.com).



## WHS LATIN CLUB MAKES HISTORY!

The Winchester High School Latin Club won the Junior Classical League State Convention on Saturday, April 2 for the first time in its 16-year history! Schools from all over Massachusetts competed in the final events of this year-long competition hosted by Duxbury High School. Winchester Latin students took home the coveted Janet

Rajotte trophy for excellence in all categories: academics, art, Olympika, service, website, newsletter, scrapbook, oratory, costume, publicity, recitation, acting, dramatic interpretation, chariot, spirit, and Certamen (quiz bowl). To paraphrase Julius Caesar, "venimus, vidimus, vicimus!"  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## 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 **now until 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!

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## WINCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

**April 12, 2022: 5:00 p.m.**

**Parkhurst School, 40 Samoset Rd., Winchester, MA**

***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:***

***[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kn0LIB\\_Q6WViq3CFn5bOg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kn0LIB_Q6WViq3CFn5bOg)***

***Live streaming via Wincam: <https://wincam.org/watch/education>***

1. Call to Order (5:00 PM)
  
1. Communications from School Committee and Administration (5:05 PM)
  
1. Public Comment (5:15 PM)
  
1. Consideration of Ratification of OT / PT Contract (5:40 PM)
  
1. Reports and Discussion Items (around 5:45 PM)
  2. Review of Updated Town Meeting Articles

3. Interim Superintendent Formative Review
4. School Committee Workshop Update

1. Action Items (around 6:45 PM)
  2. Consideration of Superintendent Contract
  3. Consideration to Re-appoint Geethanjali Mathiyalakan to the Educational Facilities Planning & Building Committee
  4. Network for Social Justice Micro Grant for \$1,225 for Winchester Public Schools
  5. Winchester Rotary Club Grant for \$2,000 to Winchester High School Music Department

1. Chair Report (7:00 PM)

1. Interim Superintendent Report (7:05 PM)

1. Future Agenda Items: School Committee Workshop
2. Next Meetings: April 25 (6:30 PM); April 26 (6:00 PM); May 10 (6:00 PM); May 24 (6:00 PM)

1. Adjournment around 7:15 PM

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## **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**The Network for Social Justice has officially launched our Summer 2022 internship application!**

Internships are for high school age students (rising Freshman welcome!) These are paid positions for an internship which runs 6 weeks, and requires a 5 hour a week commitment.

To apply click [here](#).

**Attention all aspiring community organizers and mental health/racial justice teen advocates!**



**Summer 2022  
Internship  
Program**

Student intern slots available!

Interns must commit to meeting on:  
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, and 8/10 from 12-3PM  
(one absence allowed)

Time commitment: 25 hours across 6 weeks  
\$250 stipend plus lunch provided on meeting  
days

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**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)



## **UPCOMING PFIZER VACCINE CLINIC IN WINCHESTER**

**Vaccinations** are our best protection to help prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death.

There are spots available in our clinic on  
**Monday, April 11, 2022**  
**4:30 – 6:00 PM at the Winchester High School**  
This clinic is for anyone over the age of 5.  
**Please register in advance!**

All Public Welcome

For more information and to register click here

## CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

### IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2022 DATES

**FRI 5/27** - Seniors' Last Day

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

**FRI 6/3** - Graduation, 6-8 PM - Knowlton Stadium, McCall Middle School

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### IT'S CAP AND GOWN TIME!

Please log on to [highschool.herffjones.com](https://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.

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### SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

## CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

### APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Buy a "Raindrop" for your student (\$10)!

The Class of 2023 wants to present to you our

**April Showers Bring May Flowers Fundraiser!**

If you are interested in participating, please fill out [this form](#). Your "raindrop"



will be attached to a flower, saying who it is from and your message. Your flower and raindrop will be delivered on **May 17th** during school, but you can buy a raindrop any day in April. Thanks so much.

### MUSICAL BINGO SPONSORS



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### THANK YOU!

HUGE thanks to the sponsors, attendees, Nulmage, the Sons of Italy and all the volunteers who made the **Class of 2023's Musical Bingo** the largest and most successful bingo to date! Special shout-out to some special juniors who donated their talents and time (think ring making; soccer, surf, ballroom dancing and field hockey lessons; weeding and IT support, to name few!) to the auction.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.  
We had the time of our lives!

## CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

### IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2024 DATES

Check back here for updates

## CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

### IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2025 DATES

Calling all class of 2025 parents!

A lot of exciting happenings for the class of '25! Their first semi-formal is happening on April 29th! While the class dances away at the WHS, parents are invited to gather at Lucia's lower level for some 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](#).**

Payment is by [UniPay](#) instructions or via check.\*

**\*Checks payable to "WHS class of 2025"**

Mail checks to:  
WHS c/o Class of 2025  
80 Skillings Road

To donate items for the event please [click here](#) to access the sign-up.

Thank you so much for your support!

**Class of 2025 Parent Advisors**

## 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](#)



**SPRING SPORTS SEASON IS ON!  
PLEASE [SEND US](#) TEAM UPDATES, PHOTOS AND  
SCORES!**

Baseball  
Lacrosse Boys & Girls  
Sailing Co-Ed  
Softball  
Tennis Boys & Girls  
Track & Field Boys & Girls  
Ultimate Frisbee Coed  
Volleyball Boys

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## BASEBALL

Despite the weather, the teams are off to a great start. Varsity won their home opener and ended last week with a winning record, the JVA remains undefeated, and the JVB faced a tough Reading team and despite the 4-3 loss gave a great effort!



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## Girls Lacrosse



Girls Lacrosse is off to a great start with BIG wins over Burlington 18-13 and Wilmington 16-1!



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## TENNIS

Winchester Boys Tennis is off to a great start with wins over Burlington, Wakefield, Stoneham and Belmont.

Pictured here are senior captains Varun Swaminathan and Niko Fortier.



WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

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## WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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

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### PURPLE CLUB

Participate in the Purple Club's raffle from **April 11-15** in the WHS cafeteria during school lunches! Tickets are \$5 for 1 and \$7 for 2. All proceeds will go to the Epilepsy Foundation of New England You are entering to win a gift basket; either with food or self care essentials.

[Email](#) with any questions. We hope to see you, good luck!

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### CONNECT AND COMMIT

Winchester's Connect and Commit is hosting a Women In Need Drive from now until April Break! We are collecting feminine hygiene products, toiletries and undergarments, and all proceeds will be going to Woburn Council of Social Concern! Any questions, please [reach out](#)! Thank you for your support! A bin is located at WHS's main entrance.

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### CREATIVE MINDS NIGHT

Calling all WHS readers and writers! Do you want a chance to have your short story published? The Creative Minds Night team is publishing a book of short stories authored by WHS students, to learn more or [submit your story here](#).

We are also conducting a quick interest check, which you can fill out [here](#).



You don't have to be planning on contributing to enter, we'd greatly appreciate any responses!

## 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.



### VISIT MAHONEY'S AND SUPPORT WFEE!!

It is Getting Warmer!

Put the misery of the last week behind you, spring really is almost here. That means you should mark your calendar for **Wednesday,**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** and plan a trip to Mahoney's

**Garden Center in Winchester.** A portion of all purchases made that day will be donated to WFEE, benefiting students and teachers in all of our schools. Plan to buy some spring flowers; get yourself a gift card so you will be ready to garden when the temperatures really get warm.

*Winchester*

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TICK  
SMART**



*winchester.us/ticks*

**DON'T GET TICKED OFF – GET EDUCATED**

Join us Wednesday April 13 at 7PM on Zoom  
Learn how tick-borne diseases can be prevented  
Speaker Larry Dapsis, Entomologist

*Brought to you by the Winchester Health Department*



# College Admissions for Complex Students

a **FREE WEBINAR** by Signet Education

**Thursday, April 14th, 2022**

**7:00pm - 8:00pm EST**

- Navigate the college admissions process for neurodiverse students
- Know the changes in the admissions landscape due to COVID-19
- Plan an intentional approach to reduce stress and improve outcomes

**Register here:**

<https://bit.ly/3wJTm80>



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**Click Here to Register**



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