

Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter April 25, 2022

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Our WHS National Honor Society Students with Mrs. Chakladar helped make, package, clean and pass out dinner at The Dwelling Place Soup Kitchen during April Break!



Andrew Ren and Amanda Harrison were honored on April 14th for this year's Middlesex League Twelve 2022 SILS (Scholarship, Integrity, Leadership and Service) Award.

Dear WHS Families,
Welcome Back from Vacation!

Although many of us were on vacation, there were still teachers and students still around last week volunteering! Last week National Honor Society students guided by their wonderful teacher advisor Mrs. Chakladar, helped tend to the high school garden and volunteered at the Dwellings Place Soup Kitchen! Please see pictures above. We also wanted to note right before vacation, Principal Mahoney proudly escorted two of our very own Juniors **Andrew Ren** and **Amanda Harrison** to the annual Middlesex League Twelve 2022 SILS Award Banquet. "Each year, the SILS award is given to two juniors from each public high school in the Middlesex League. Students are selected based on their exemplary academic achievement and their embodiment of Service, Integrity, Leadership, and Spirit." Congratulations kiddos- nice job representing!



Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be on the 1/2 day~Friday, May 6th. We have some fun things in store but we need your help to make it great. Please click on the [Sign Up Genius](#) to see what is needed. *(Teachers and Staff no peeking!)* It takes a village and our teachers have been AMAZING this year. Lets show them some love.

Best,
Abbie DiMatteo & Brenda Mandile, Co-Chairs
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"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

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

WED 4/27 - Spring Band Zing! WHS Auditorium, 6:30 pm

WED 5/4 - Spring String Fling! WHS Auditorium 6:30 pm

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

TUESDAY IS PIZZA NIGHT!

Gloria's Pizza is a long-time supporter of all things Winchester! On **Tuesday 4/26** they will be giving back to the Winchester High School Baseball Teams. Please consider ordering between 5-9 pm on Tuesday night to support the WHS Baseball program. Here is the [link](#) to place your order for pick up or delivery. You can [place your order](#) now for Tuesday, just make sure that your order is for pick up or delivery between 5-9 pm.



National History Day
Massachusetts

WHS EXCELS AT THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

On Saturday, April 9 Winchester High School hosted the Massachusetts State History Day competition. Students from across the state came to present documentaries, papers, exhibits, performances, and websites centered on the theme "Debate and Diplomacy in History." WHS students did quite well, winning special prizes, honorable mention awards and placement medals. Congratulations to Mr. Artigues, Mr. Lee & Dr. Spencer, as well as the following students, for all of their hard work and success.

Medal Winners

Jordana Eichel (Paper) - 2nd place

Sascha Jalinous (Individual Exhibit) - 2nd place

Robin Adelson (Individual Website) - 1st place

Honorable Mention Awards

Isabella Chen, Amy Sun, Sandra Tang (Group Website)

Ryan McDowell (Individual Exhibit)

Jasper Hewes, Cathryn Limketkai, Amy Nguyen (Group Documentary)

Special Awards

The Theresa Ruth Joens Award for Best Project in the History of Science and Engineering: Karena Marnik & Anna Sucholeiki (Group Website)

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute Award for Best Project Related to Civil Dialogue and/or Bipartisanship: Addison Walsh (Historical Paper)

2022 WHS STEAM SHOWCASE

The 2022 WHS STEAM Showcase is now available online at [WHS STEAM Showcase](#). This is the final Capstone event for the STEAM Certificate program where candidates present and discuss their final STEAM project.

Students projects fit in one of three categories: STEAM Team/Club, Independent study, or Internship. In addition to the capstone project, students must also complete 4 years of Mathematics courses, 4 years of Science courses, Engineering Design course, and 3 electives from Technology or Art.

Congrats to this year's candidates for a job well done!

Mahiya Agarwal, Sophia Ahmad, Roxana Arnet, Deva Batarseh, Anna Caggioni, Tabitha Chen-Fiske, Gia Christakis, Naia Daley, Daniela Fritsch, Yanjie (Jack) Guo, Allan Huang, Anna Kelly, Shannon Miranda, Ritika Relwani, Jacqui Schlesinger

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.

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.

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.

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 DATES FOR SENIORS

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
WHS Graduation Party 9-1:30 AM

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**Help us deliver yard signs to all seniors!**

The PFA and the Coalition for a Safer Community will be honoring our seniors again this year. In order to have a successful effort, we need your help to deliver "senior signs" to their home. It's simple! On Friday, April 29th between 4:30-6:30, you will come to WHS and pick up your signs and a list of addresses of seniors. Every sign will be delivered on Sunday, May 1st---**DECISION DAY!** Please consider delivering a yard sign to a senior!

(you don't have to be a senior parent to help~pay it forward)

**[CLICK HERE TO HELP](#)**

**PRE-ORDER SENIOR BANNER PICK UP**

Congratulations to your seniors! If you pre-ordered a banner for your student, they can be picked up at WHS on **April 29th, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm**. If you paid for them to be delivered, they will be dropped off this week! In order to receive your banner, you must be paid in full.

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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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## GRAD NIGHT

What's Happening at Grad Night 2022?

There will be great music with DJ Jo Jo, plenty of food and drinks, fortune telling, photo booth, inflatables, blackjack, and a live performance by the highly entertaining comic hypnotist Frank Santos. Watch [this video](#) for a preview!

When is this happening? Friday, June 3 @ 9pm – Saturday, June 4 @ 1:30am

How do I register? Print and complete the [registration form](#).

When should I register? Now! You'll help us lock in the party budget which will lead to a better party.

If you have any questions, [email us](#) !

## 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.

## CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

### IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2024 DATES

Check back here for updates

# CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

## THIS WEEK! CLASS OF 2025 SEMI-FORMAL AND PARENT SOCIAL

Calling all class of 2025 parents!

A lot of exciting happenings for the class of '25! Their first semi-formal is happening this Friday 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](#)



# THIS WEEK'S SPORTS COVERAGE

**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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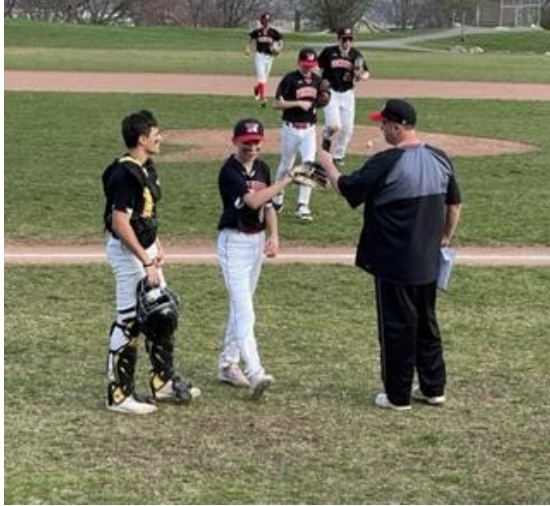
## **BASEBALL**

**Winchester Baseball ONLINE APPAREL STORE is open!**

The store closes on 5/1 with items shipping within one week of closing. The items include youth, women, and men's sizes as well as personalization (name and/or #) on select items.

Please consider purchasing items for your baseball player or their fans!





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## SAILING

The CoEd Varsity Sailing Team finished in first place at the Sharon Invitational on Sunday April 10th 2022 against 18 other schools. Juniors Carter Knight and Nate Morrissey were in second place overall, and Sophomore Grant Garrett and Junior Dorothy McCarthy were fourth overall.

Well Done!

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## TENNIS

Boys tennis beat Arlington 5-0 and Woburn 5-0 the week before spring break

Pictured at left: Doubles Team Nico Fortier and John DeMichaelis



Above Left: singles players Varun Swaminathan, Logan Li, and Damon Bhalla  
Above Center: Doubles Team Eddie Wei and Max Griffin  
Above Right: Doubles players John Howland and Thomas Andrews



## VOLLEYBALL

The boys volleyball team hosted a successful April Break ALS One Invitational tournament over the vacation week, with teams from across the state competing. Two home matches are scheduled in the week ahead --

**Monday, 4/25 vs. St. John's Prep**  
and

**Thursday, 4/28 vs. Lexington.** JV plays at 4pm; Varsity plays at 5:15pm.

Come out and cheer on the team!



## WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

### SPRING FLING CONCERT SERIES

The Winchester Public Schools Music Department is pleased to be able to invite you again to our annual **Spring Fling Concert Series**. The Spring Flings are special in that they feature all of our instrumental music students in grades 3-12. It is amazing and rewarding to hear and see the progress students have made when we start the evening with the 3rd graders and finish with the high school symphony!

Please join us!

Spring Band **Zing! Wed., April 27th** - 6:30 PM WHS Auditorium

Spring String **Fling! Wed., May 4th** - 6:30 PM WHS Auditorium

In honor of "May the 4th (be with you)", the 5/4 finale will be all string students playing selections from Star Wars! ...not to be missed.

## 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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## 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.

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## **Mental Health After High School: How To Help Your Young Adults Help Themselves**

***Did You Know that 75% of all mental health conditions start by age 24?***

***The life of an 18-24 year old can be hard. College, job search, gap year, life exploration and living on their own for the first time are some of the things they face.***

- 12:00-12:30 lunch & viewing of *What Made Maddy Run*
- 12:30-1:30- Panel Discussion
  - Young adult speaker- experience; signs & symptoms
  - College resources: Support for students on campus
  - Community mental health provider resources

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND A PANEL DISCUSSION!**

*Facilitated by WHS Adjustment Counselor  
Amber Haines, LICSW*

### ***Panelists:***

Madison Murphy, Boston University Student Services

Chris Robinson, Boston University, Student Services

Patricia Bruno, Middlesex Community College

Georgia Kondylis, WHS '16 & Lesley U '21

Community mental health provider TBD

**April 26, 2022  
WinCAM  
32 Swanton Street  
Winchester, MA**

**FREE & Open to  
the Public!**



**RSVP**  
[winchestercoalition@gmail.com](mailto:winchestercoalition@gmail.com)  
so we can plan for food!

RSVP for luncheon

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The Network for Social Justice  
proudly presents...

# BOOK TALK

with Laura Hatosy



In honor of the Days of Remembrance (marking the uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto), join us for a virtual program on allyship during the Holocaust, featuring local YA author, Laura Hatosy.

Tuesday, April 26  
7PM

Register at [bit.ly/3N8QLKQ](https://bit.ly/3N8QLKQ)





Register for Book Talk

**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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APRIL 27 DR. THURBER TALK MOVED TO ZOOM



**Dr. Chris Thurber:  
Rethinking Parental Pressure  
A Positive Approach to Encouraging  
Your Child to Be Their Best Self**



Parents instinctively push their kids to succeed. Yet, sometimes well-meaning parents can put too much pressure on young people, leading to under-performance and mental health problems instead of social, emotional, and academic success.

Dr. Thurber, co-author of the book *The Unlikely Art of Parental Pressure*, suggests breaking with convention by asking not "How much pressure should I put on my child to succeed, but rather "How do I transform that pressure into a positive force?". Grounded in research, Dr. Thurber's talk is fueled with practical strategies that you can start using right away!

*Thank you to Winchester Co-operative Bank for their generous support*



*Books available at Book Ends*

*Register for this webinar at [parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://parenttoparentwinchester.org)  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RPLG-bL1QDuzvw4xmVDTHw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RPLG-bL1QDuzvw4xmVDTHw)*

**educate  
encourage  
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[parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://parenttoparentwinchester.org)

**Wednesday, April 27th  
7:00PM  
Zoom Webinar**

*All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public*

REGISTER FOR ZOOM HERE



## 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](#)

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# Are the Kids Alright?

Winchester's YRBS\* Data  
& What it Means for  
Our Community

Childcare  
&  
pizza provided

\*Youth Risk Behavior  
Survey

YRBS data identifies behaviors that can predict mental health struggles in kids.

How do we support ourselves, our children and our community, including those whose struggles may be intensified due to marginalized identities?

Parent Circle Mtg.  
Apr 28 @ 4:30pm  
Win Unitarian Society  
Register @  
[bit.ly/3KaKuw2](https://bit.ly/3KaKuw2)

[Register Here](#)

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE EN KA SOCIETY AND BSA TROOP 503

# EN KA PANTRY

## FOOD PICKUP



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](http://WWW.ENKASOCIETY.ORG). TO DONATE FOOD, SIGN UP USING THIS LINK [TINYURL.COM/ENKADONATE](http://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 .

[DONATE HERE](#)

