

**Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
June 13, 2022**

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear WHS Families,

Let's finish the last week off with some spirit! The week of June 13th to June 17th will be a full school spirit week, with the themes as follows. Send in photos to the [winchesterhs2024](#) instagram for a chance to win. Brought to you by the Class of 2024

Monday: Pajama Day
Tuesday: Crazy Sock/ Crazy Hat day
Wednesday: Jersey Day/ Sports Day
Thursday: Beach Day
Friday: Dress Up Day



Come and cheer on the Boys Volleyball team~ MIAA D1 Semi-Final match vs. Needham HS at Concord-Carlisle HS today (6/13) at 6pm please [click here for tickets](#). Tickets must be purchased on line.

Best of luck to Girls' Tennis who advanced to the Semi-Finals of the MIAA State Tourney and will play on 6/15-opponent tbd.

Don't forget to have your student(s) check the Lost and Found before the end of the school year. Everything left behind will be donated.

This is the last newsletter of the school year! A huge THANK YOU to our Newsletter Team of Tara Salivietti & Audrey Siciliano! These awesome ladies work week after week ALL YEAR long putting this together so we know what the heck is going on at WHS and around town. We are so grateful!! A special thank you to Mai Harrison ~ the photograpaher "extraordinaire" who brings us all the amazing pics collages that we see each week.

Happy Summer!! YAY!!!!!!

Best,
Abbie DiMatteo & Brenda Mandile
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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

2021-2022 District School Calendar

2022-2023 District School Calendar

FRI 6/17 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, EARLY DISMISSAL (12PM)

Special Schedule for the Last Week of School (6/13-6/17)

Attendance is required during all scheduled blocks. There will be no WIN block sign-ups or library passes during the final week of school. The library will be open for printing and returning materials. All library materials must be returned by Tuesday 6/14 and all Chromebooks must be returned by Thursday 6/16.

Culminating Activity Schedule for 2022

Monday 6/13 - Wednesday 6/15

	Monday 6/13 (Day 5)	Tuesday 6/14 (Day 6)	Wednesday 6/15 (Day 1)
8:30-10:07 (extended time built into the block)	G block extended block	D block extended block	A block extended block
10:12-10:52	B block	A block	E block
10:57 - 12:40	WIN Black - lunch by grade level	WIN Red- lunch by grade level	WIN Black - lunch by grade level
12:45 - 1:25	D block	C block	F block
1:30 - 3:07 (extended time built into the block)	F block extended block	E block extended block	C block extended block

Thursday 6/16	(Day 2)
8:30-10:07 (extended time built into the block)	B Block extended block
10:12 - 10:53	WIN Red
10:58-12:41	D block
12:46-1:53	F block
1:58 - 3:07	G block

Friday 6/17	Period
8:30 - 8:55	A day 3
9:00 - 9:30 * extra time for announcements	B day 4
9:35 - 10:00	C day 3
10:05 - 10:30	D day 3
10:35 - 11:00	E day 3
11:05 - 11:30	F day 4
11:35 - 12:00	G day 3

FINAL SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK!

Let's finish the year with some spirit! The week of **June 13th to June 17th** will feature a different theme every day for all students in all grades. Send in

photos to the **winchesterhs2024** instagram for a chance to win prizes.



WINCHESTER GOT LUNCH

Winchester Got Lunch is looking for student volunteers to help out on Monday mornings this summer. WGL provides lunches to families in need during the summer months when there is no free school lunch.

There is no summer commitment, you can sign up for only the dates you are available.

This is a great way to get community service hours!
I can write you a letter stating you volunteered if needed or
can sign off on your NHS application.

For more information or to sign up, see link below.

Please see Mrs. Beauchesne in B113 if you have any questions!

Winchester Got Lunch Summer 2022

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)

LOST AND FOUND - LAST CHANCE!

The WHS Lost and found is OVERFLOWING! We have all sorts of clothing, water bottles, jewelry, glasses, air pods and cases, and more! Please see the rack at the back of the cafeteria for larger items, and Ms. Hanlon on the main office for smaller items. Everything will be cleaned out and donated at the end of the school year.



FINISH STRONG

There is still time to flock our school with love as part of WFEE's Teacher Tribute. A \$20 contribution will land a flamingo at our school this Friday as a sign of how we feel about the school. A \$100 gift brings the coveted pink flamingo! With your contribution to WFEE at **info@wfee.org** you can also submit a tribute for your favorite educator. WFEE will print the tribute on a special certificate with your name and deliver it at the end of the year. Let's wrap up this year on a high note!

WINCHESTER FARMERS MARKET FOOD DONATION PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Each week during the Winchester Farmers Market season (June-October), we need volunteers circulate around the market vendors just before the market wraps up (around 1:15) to collect any food that the vendors do not want to pack up (slightly bruised/less than perfect, or an overabundance) and deliver the donated food to the Dwelling Place soup kitchen (523 Main St., Woburn) and the Anchor Baptist Church (29A Montvale Ave., Woburn). Please click on the link below to signup and see further information. If you have further questions, please email jstoreyg@gmail.com
Thank you. Judy Storeygard, Coordinator

[SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)

[Email Coordinator](#)

FOOD DRIVE FOR BOSTON HOUSE

Owen Stesney and Kiera Donahue are running a food drive for the [Boston House](#) which serves as no-cost housing for children with cancer and their families.

They are specifically looking for water, individual oatmeal cups, individual (and relatively healthy) cereal cups, individual Annie's mac and cheese, and shelf stable dairy, and also have an Amazon wishlist, and the link to that is [here](#).

We have a bin located outside the main office for donations, anything helps!
Thank you!"

[Here](#) is the link to the Boston House website.

SUMMER CLOTHES DRIVE

Max Griffin is running a summer clothes drive for the Italian home for children. The Italian Home for Children provides an integrated network of powerful and effective programs to help children

and families with emotional, behavioral, and educational challenges thrive in their communities.

They are specifically looking for new summer clothes like:
Shorts, Bathing Suits, Google, Towels, Sandals,
etc. that would fit 5-12-year-olds.

A bin is located outside the main office for donations, and anything helps!
Thank you!

Here is the link to the [Italian Home for Children](#) website
if you want to check it out.

TECH ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed for Jenks Center Mobile Phone Clinic: Tech on Wheels -
Volunteers are needed to assist with basic phone related questions: voice mail set up and retrieval, questions on text messaging, phone settings, and notifications. Looking for volunteers (all ages welcome!) for once a month, on a week day, for an hour. Ride on the Jenks Shuttle to local senior housing complex help answer residents' questions. This summer, volunteers are needed on Tuesday, July 19th for the 10 am -11 am session and on Monday, Aug. 15th for the 2 pm -3 pm session. Contact [Suzanne Norton](#) at the Jenks Center for more information or to volunteer.

COVID UPDATE

Winchester is currently experiencing a COVID-19 surge, as is Middlesex County and most of the state. Transmission is high, and indoor settings pose the greatest risk.

Don't assume if you have a stuffy nose or scratchy throat that it is a cold or allergies; it may be COVID-19. A positive result may take several days before showing up on an antigen test, so it is highly advisable to retest for multiple days if you test negative with even mild symptoms.

We are STRONGLY recommending the following to slow the spread and to avoid missed school days and end of year activities:

MASK UP INDOORS: Especially at all times in school buildings and public places when not eating. While this is not a mandate, it is a highly effective tool to protect yourself and others against COVID-19.

Remember, masking is still REQUIRED if able to return to school on Days 6-10 after isolation after you have had a known exposure to a positive person (including household members)

TEST: Stay home if positive. Home antigen tests indicate active infection. Test (more than once) if you have any symptoms. Tests are available through the Health Department and your school nurse.

VACCINATE: Stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations. [Check the town's webpage](#) for any upcoming clinics held by the Health Department. Boosters for 5-11yo coming soon!

Return to school after testing positive for COVID-19/isolation:
A Health Department case manager will call to discuss the return of a student. The student must be symptom-free and able to mask at all times except for eating in order to return. We ask that you also take a home antigen test on Day 5 or later, prior to return and if positive, it is strongly advised that you remain home. Return to school questions?
Call the Health Department 781-721-7121.

We are so close to the end of school.
Thank you for your cooperation in making these last few weeks of school as healthy as possible!

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



Cue the Confetti!

CLASS OF 2022

Wherever you go, don't go alone.
Tap into the Alumni Network of WHS.

Before you go...

[Sign up](#) to join the WHS Alumni Association and share your plans for next year! Look for a College Transitions email this summer.

Register [HERE](#)

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check back here for updates

WHS SPORTS

FALL SPORTS INFO FROM THE WHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

All students & families that are interested in participating in a Fall Sport should read the Fall Candidates Information Packet at the link [here](#).

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](#)



CONGRATS TO ALL WHS TEAMS THIS SPRING!

CHEERLEADING

Attention any students interested in trying out for the Cheer Team for this Fall. Tryouts for Cheerleading are **6/13, 6/14 and 6/16** from 6:00-8:00 PM at the WHS Gym. You must have an up-to-date physical on file in the Athletic Office and be registered on FamilyID.

GIRLS SWIMMING

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, June 14th** at 3:20pm in the auditorium at WHS for anyone interested in Girls Swim in the Fall.

TENNIS

Congrats to the Girls' Tennis Team! They defeated a very good Andover team 5-0 to advance to the MIAA D1 Final Four!



The Boys had a 3-2 win over a very good Westford Academy team but unfortunately lost in the Round of 8 to a tough Lexington Team, congratulations to the boys' team and head coach Mike Lauretano on a great season.

TRACK & FIELD - BOYS & GIRLS

The Track and Field Team concluded its in-state meet season this past weekend in the Meet of Champions at Westfield State University. Below are the highlights from the meet.

- Junior Gabe Watson ran a PR placing 14th
- Graduated Senior Napoleon Suderman medaled, placing 8th in the disc throw.
- Freshman Danny Killian medaled, placing 7th in the 100m Dash.
- The 4 x 100m Relay Team of Jeff Tan, Danny Killian, Kuzey Kaya, and Easton Tan medaled, placing 3rd and breaking their school record.
- Lastly, Graduated Senior Easton Tan is the Massachusetts' State Champion in the 110m Hurdles running the 2nd fastest time in Mass history.

ULTIMATE DISC



VOLLEYBALL



The boys volleyball team beat Lexington 3-0 to win the D1 Section title and advance to the Final Four! They face #1 ranked Needham in the state semi-final on **Monday, June 13 at 6pm**. The game is at Concord-Carlisle High School. Come on out and cheer on the team! Tickets must be purchased online. It will be a full house, so get there early and be sure to purchase your tickets in advance. [Here is the link to buy tickets.](#)

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

CURTAIN AND CUE - FALL PLAY

Interested in participating in the 2022 Fall Play presented by Curtain and Cue, our student-led drama club? If so, you are invited to meet with Mrs. Cella on **Monday, June 13th at 3:15PM** in room B103. We will discuss leadership opportunities and brainstorm on next year's play.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please email [Mrs. Cella](#).

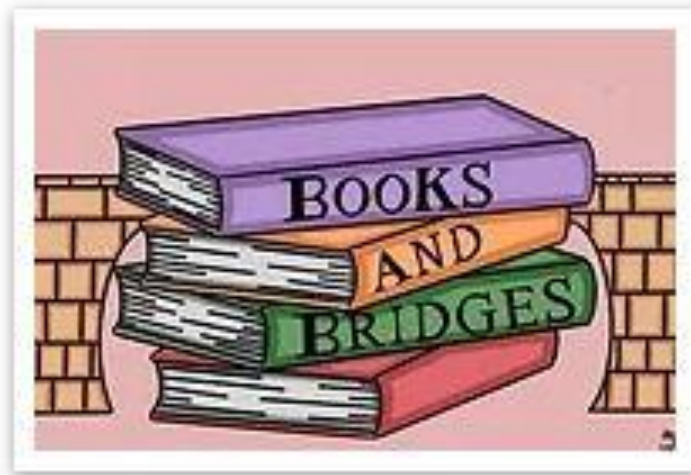
WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

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.

BOOKS AND BRIDGES



Books and Bridges, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that seeks to promote the importance of women holding leadership roles to young girls and boys.

Our organization takes a multifaceted approach to encourage young girls to learn more about female leadership, from holding events at elementary schools across the nation, to conducting interviews with accomplished female role models, to publishing articles focusing on women's issues. We believe that

discussing women in leadership roles is important for acknowledging women in history and furthering confidence in young girls.

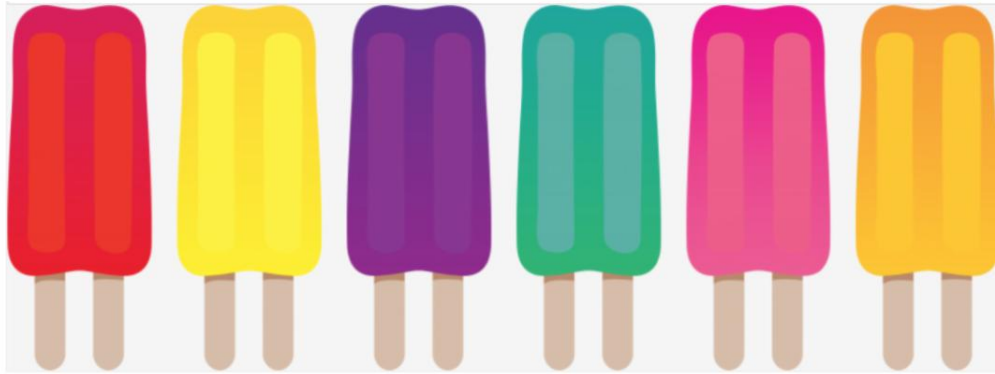
Our organization has read stories focusing on female leaders to hundreds of elementary students in the past, stretching from schools in Massachusetts to as far as Seattle.

We hope to foster a dialogue about women in leadership throughout schools and communities for many years to come.

In order to help us achieve our mission, please donate today by filling out our donation form at booksandbridges.org.

All donations are tax deductible and will be used to purchase children's books to give to the elementary classrooms we visit.

ENKA PANTRY SUMMER KICK OFF!



“Beat the Heat” in June

Non-perishables, personal items, plus some fresh & frozen food.

Make your appointment today!

Pantry Hours
by Appointment Only
Sundays & Mondays

Text, Email, or Call
781- 369-5844
enka pantry@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.



Allyship for the Future:

Growing our power for cross-community collaboration

June 9 & 16

7-9PM

Virtual Program

Register [here](#)

This **new NFSJ signature workshop** takes a closer look at the theory and the everyday application of allyship. Together let's explore **allyship** through looking at our own identities, discussing core concepts, and looking at promising practices and grounded scenarios.



[Register Here](#)

Winchester Home & Garden Club

PLANT SALE

Saturday, June 11

9:30-11:30 Town Common

Alongside the Farmers' Market

Annuals, Perennials, Herbs, Flower Arrangements

Come get a bargain - most plants under \$10





Winchester Farmers Market Matches
SNAP funding up to \$15 per Market Day.

Join Us!

MARKET DAYS:

Saturdays, June 11 through October 29, 2022

9:30am–1:30 pm

Winchester Town Common (near 21 Church St.)

Stop by the farmers market tent for more information.

winchesterfarmersmarket.org



SpeakOUT's Alphabet Soup: Understanding Gender and Sexuality



Please join us for a panel discussion with members of SpeakOUT Boston to learn more about the LGBTQIA+ community. Panelists will share the truths of their lives through telling their personal stories, with the hope of creating an understanding of differences and spreading acceptance. A Q&A will follow the storytelling portion of the evening.

Masks strongly encouraged and appreciated.

Wednesday, June 15th
7:00PM
Large Meeting Room
Winchester Public Library

educate
encourage
empower

parenttoparentwinchester.org

All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public





The NAN Project works to promote mental health awareness and suicide prevention programs for young people, using a trained peer-to-peer model.

The Nan Project has been working with McCall 8th graders this spring.

This presentation is the same one given to students.

Together let's make our community safe, healthy, and stigma-free!

**WATCH THE PRESENTATION
[HERE](#)**



winchestercoalition@gmail.com

[Watch the Presentation Here](#)

[Email with Questions](#)

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,

To make a newsletter or a news blast submission,
NO LATER than 12:00 PM on Friday.

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