

# Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter June 6, 2022

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Dear WHS Families,

The WHS Class of 2022 was sent off in style!  
The Senior Prom was a HUGE success with a ton of fun had by all! The dance floor was packed until the last song of the night!  
Graduation had terrific weather and fabulous speakers making it the perfect sendoff for our Seniors! The After Prom Party was also amazing! The turnout was awesome (almost 80% of the class)! Everyone loved the food, music, bouncy house obstacle course, blackjack tables, hypnotist, psychics, airbrush

tattoos and more!

Thank you to the tons and tons of volunteers it took to pull off these special events! We truly appreciate each and every one of you! Your time and enthusiasm were SO appreciated! WHS is a really special place – we are all so lucky to be part of it!

**It's now the Class of 2023's time! The Spring Social is THIS FRIDAY, 7-9pm at WHS!** It's going to be great! There will be a DJ, ice cream, lawn games and more! Make sure your Junior brings in \$30 to their lunch block to sign up!

Come cheer on the girls lacrosse team as they host Natick HS in the STATE TOURNAMENT! The game is at home THIS TUESDAY at 4:15pm at Knowlton Stadium (McCall turf). Go right from the lacrosse to the WHS Gym to support the boys volleyball team as they take on Malden HS at 6pm in the round of 16!!! GO RED and BLACK!

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.

It's not quite time to check out... 2 weeks to go!

Best,  
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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

### SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR SCIENCE MCAS

Due to Science MCAS on Tuesday, June 7th (Day 1) and Wednesday (Day 2), June 8th we will be running a flipped daily schedule ONLY on Wednesday, June 8th. June 7th will run on a normal block schedule.

Please see this [schedule](#) for the block rotations on Wednesday June 8.

2021-2022 District School Calendar

2022-2023 District School Calendar

FRI 6/17 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## THANK YOU ~ "All Night" Graduation Party Volunteers!



The Graduation Party (held in the McAll Gym after graduation) was a HUGE success and **we want to thank the DOZENS of volunteers** who helped make it happen! A special thank you to Co-Chairs, Maureen Conway & Kim Freund who bravely stepped forward to "pick up" this event from the ashes of a 2 year covid hiatus. The kids had a great time!

We want to send a special "thank you" to several very kind and generous vendors who gave us goods/services at highly reduced rates so we could make this evening a reality. Please consider supporting these local businesses! Thank you~WHS's Rauseo Family from [Gloria's Pizzeria](#), WHS Mom Annie Han from [Peppercorn House Chinese Restaurant](#) in Woburn Center, Balloons by Jackie Perritano (603-396-2219) and DJ Danny.

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### PEERS (EM)BRACING PEERS

The Winchester Latin Club members would like to extend their gratitude to all families for their overwhelming support towards their service projects. The club was able to provide gift baskets to Wayside Youth & Family Support Network, an emergency shelter for homeless teens. Closer to home, the club honored the custodians of the school, the unsung heroes, which included food, friendly conversations, gift cards, and an original drawing of each member of the custodial staff.





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## 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](#)**

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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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**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.



## SHARE THE LOVE

Let's flock our school with love as part of WFEE's Teacher Tribute program. A \$20 donation will bring one colored flamingo to us on the last day of school, \$100 will bring the coveted pink flamingo. With your donation you can write a tribute to a favorite educator or staff member. WFEE will print that tribute on a certificate and deliver it at the end of school. How many flamingos can we bring to the school?

As an added bonus, WFEE volunteers will be flocking our schools with love

and flamingos on **June 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Don't miss out on the fun!

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## **BECOME A WINCHESTER ABC HOST FAMILY!**

Winchester ABC is now accepting host family applications for fall 2022. Host families play an integral role in the life of our scholars and gain a rewarding experience over four years... and beyond. Through Sunday visits and monthly weekend time, the Host families and scholars have an opportunity to learn from each other and develop lifelong bonds. To learn more about Winchester ABC, becoming a host family, or other volunteer opportunities — we have roles to suit a variety of commitment levels — please visit our [website](#) or [email us](#).

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## **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](mailto:jstoreyg@gmail.com)  
Thank you. Judy Storeygard, Coordinator

[SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)

[Email Coordinator](#)

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## **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.

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## 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.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

**June 6, 2022: 6:30 p.m.**

**Winchester High School, Guidance Conference Room D107,  
75 Skillings Rd., Winchester, MA**

1. Call to Order (6:30PM)
2. Discussion and Consideration of Special Town Meeting Waterfield Project
3. Adjournment (6:55PM)



*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.*

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## 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 if 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!

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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)

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

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**ALUMNI**

WinchesterAlumni.org

Connect - Engage - Network - Support

**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

**CLASS OF 2023 SPRING SOCIAL**



**CLASS OF 2023 PARENTS!  
MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT DOESN'T MISS OUT!**

Don't miss out on our end-of-year-celebration: Spring Social!

We're looking forward to a fun night of music, games, and bonding!

Celebrate the amazing year we've had and our awesome upcoming class of seniors!! Go WHS!

Class Officers will be selling tickets the week of June 6th at lunch! Cash, Check (payable to WHS-in memo, note 2023-student social), or [Unipay!](#) (if using Unipay, please select Class of 2023 and note "Student Social").

**Payment is due by Thursday, June 9th at 3:00 pm.**

## CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

Check back here for updates

## CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check back here for updates

## 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](#)



CONGRATS TO ALL WHS TEAMS THIS SPRING! WE HAVE ONE MORE NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR IF YOU'D LIKE TO [SEND US](#) TEAM RECAPS, PHOTOS AND SCORES!

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## CHEERLEADING

Attention any students interested in trying out for the Cheer Team for this Fall. Tryouts for Cheerleading have been moved to **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.

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## GIRLS LACROSSE

The WHS Varsity girls lacrosse team takes on Natick High School in the State Tournament tomorrow, June 7th at 4:15pm at HOME!

Come cheer on the girls at Knowlton Stadium!

Let's pack the stands and show the girls our love!



Another BIG win to wrap up the season! Winchester 19 - Swampscott 3!

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## SAILING

The Winchester High School sailing team finished the season strong winning **second place at the statewide regatta** held at the MIT boathouse. Congratulations to the team for a great season!

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## TENNIS

Boys tennis finished a strong season and starts the first round of the state tournament **4 pm Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>** at Crosby Courts in Arlington. Photos below were taken on senior day of the team and the four graduating seniors - Andrew Houllahan, Trace Kenrich, Niko Fortier, and Varun Swaminathan.



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## TRACK & FIELD - BOYS & GIRLS

Don't forget to **RSVP** to the banquet!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4caea728a46-rsvps>

Please consider helping with desserts & drinks **DONATIONS!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4caea728a46-whstrack>



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## VOLLEYBALL

The boys volleyball team began play in the state tournament last Thursday with a **3-0 victory** over Durfee High School. The boys have advanced to the round of 16 and host Malden High School on Tuesday, June 7, at 6pm at the WHS Gym. We hope you will come out to support the team! Tickets for the match must be purchased through the following link:

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)





## WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

[Click here for updates on WHS Arts, Music & Theater](#)

## 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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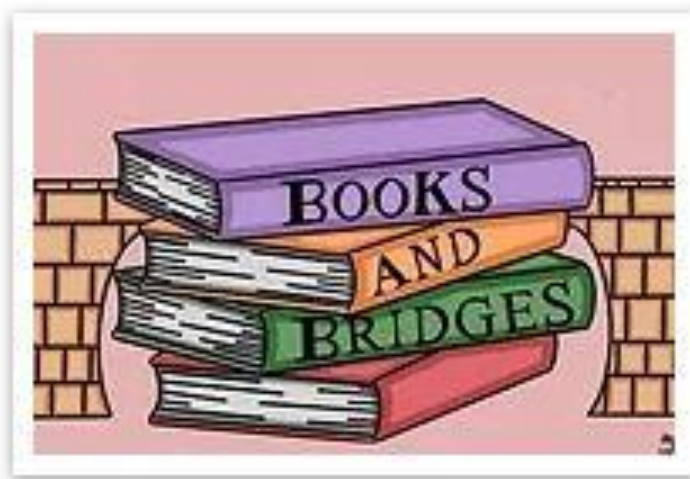
### FRENCH CLUB

We will be hosting a meeting on **Monday, June 6th** after school in B114.  
This will be an ice cream social with the French exchange students.  
We hope you can join us, and everyone is welcome to come!

# 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](https://booksandbridges.org).

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

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## **A Presentation and Discussion with Lisa and Joshua Dieker: Celebrating Strengths**



### **Lisa Dieker, Ph.D. & Joshua Dieker**

Please join Joshua Dieker in this presentation with his mother, Lisa Dieker, a professor in special education. They will share their personal journey with Tourette's Syndrome, dysgraphia, and dyslexia – from preschool to college. Join Josh and his mom as they provide practical advice as well as share their story through humor and heartfelt strategies - from the good, the bad, and at times ugly parts of life of being a parent or a person with a disability. Be ready to leave this session with strategies and ideas to celebrate the good while considering the best pathway to meet the challenges throughout your personal journey

**Winchester Parent Meeting: Monday June 6th at 2pm**

Please join the meeting via Zoom at the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89237282470>



Winchester Special Education Advisory PAC invites all parents to a webinar on "Celebrating Strengths" with Dr. Lisa Dieker and her son Joshua Dieker, as they share the journey with Tourette's syndrome, dysgraphia, and dyslexia. Dr. Dieker is a Professor in special education.

**Join us on Wednesday June 6th at 2 PM**

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**JUNE 8 2022**  
**5-7pm** | Winchester  
 Town Common

**Celebrate Winchester's LGBTQ+ Community**

# PRIDEFEST 2022



Join members of the **Spectrum, QSA, SoJust** and **Social Justice** student clubs and NFSJ student interns for a celebratory and educational festival on the Winchester Town Common.

This **FREE** event is for families and children of all ages.

**ARTS & CRAFTS**  
**SPEAKERS**  
**ENTERTAINMENT**  
**EDUCATION**  
**ADVOCACY**  
**AND MORE!**

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