

Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter August 29, 2022

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello WHS Families,

A HUGE Welcome from the Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association! For families who are new - we can't wait to meet you!

The PFA is starting our year out by hosting a "Welcome Back" Luncheon for the teachers TODAY~ their first day back!!

The First Day of School for students is Wednesday, August 31st. ☐

Picture day is THIS Thursday, Sept. 1st- to order pictures see more info below. Seniors typically hire their own photographer and submit their own "Senior Picture" to the yearbook. Seniors will have pictures taken on Thursday for their school ID badge.

There is NO school on Friday 9/2 or Labor Day Monday 9/5

It is said that absence makes the heart grow fonder. Well, we think that's true and know that hearts are truly bursting with excitement to be reunited for our 2022-23 school year!

Top Ten Reasons to Read the WHS PFA Newsletter 2022-2023:



10. We will use many emojis, exclamation points, and other energizing characters ☺☺☺☺☺☺!!!
9. We keep this newsletter short and sweet!
8. It weighs less than the ridiculously heavy backpacks our kids drag to school
7. You'll find out updates about stuff your kids won't tell you.
6. Find out community news too!
5. It's calorie free.
4. You can get info here so you don't have to go to the Facebook Resident's page and get pulled in to all kinds of drama ☹.
3. We won't ask you to sell wrapping paper/popcorn or anything else....we only do one Direct Appeal Fundraiser all year☺!
2. It's not a Zoom meeting ☹
1. We are a special community and this is a great way to stay connected☺!

The newsletter will have sections for clubs, arts/theater/music, sports, and more - right now, there's a fair amount of blank space just waiting to be filled with YOUR photos, announcements, news, and more - so don't hesitate to **submit contributions** to our awesome news editors

Tara Salvietti & Audrey Siciliano.

WHSPFA Meetings

Every year we look forward to working collaboratively with the Winchester High School teachers and administrators to make Winchester High School a terrific place for our kids to grow and learn. Please join us at our WHS PFA meetings, where Principal Mahoney will update us on events and happenings at WHS and guest speakers will address various topics relevant to our students and families. This year 2022-2023 PFA meeting dates are scheduled for:

- **Tuesday, September 27th - 7 PM**
- **Monday, November 14th - 7 PM**
- **Monday, January 23rd - 7 PM**
- **Monday, March 13th - 7 PM**
- **Monday, May 15th - 7 PM**

**We meet at WHS Library ~ 2nd Floor*

WHSPFA Board Positions

We have the following board positions open:

- Freshman Class Parent Advisors (Each class has 4 Parent Advisors that work along with Teacher Advisors to help guide the Student Class Officers in regards to planning class social events, civic volunteering and fundraisers. Please note this is a 4 year commitment. [Click here](#) for a "job description".

***[Please email](#) if you want to volunteer to be a Freshman Class Parent Advisor by 9/15. You can reach out at same email address with any questions.**

As always, please let us know if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

Warmly,
Brenda Mandile & Adrienne Spignesi
Co- Chairs
whspfa@gmail.com

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022-2023 District School Calendar

MON 8/29 - SENIOR CLASS T-SHIRT PICK UP, 4-6 PM WHS

WED 8/31 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

THUR 9/1 - PICTURE DAY

FRI 9/2 & MON 9/5 - NO SCHOOL

WHSPFA DIRECT APPEAL

Let's get the 2022-2023 school year off to a great start!

WHAT? Direct Appeal is WHSPFA's only fundraiser. Monies raised support our WHS faculty and staff with their extra needs during the

school year. Your donation will help them enhance students' in-school learning, teaching, and counseling experiences.

WHY? It's an investment in our kids' educations. Direct Appeal funds are used to support programs and activities beyond what is covered in the regular school budget. By contributing, you will be helping to fund valuable in-school enrichment programs, teacher grants and more! For example, previous fundraising efforts have purchased:

- a new sound system at Knowlton Stadium
- bought art materials for specialized art classes
- risers for the music department
- a human skeleton for the science program
- new student events
- materials for cooking for life program
- AED trainers, laptops, books, software programs
- social/emotional programming, and more!

WHEN? Now!

HOW? Click the [link](#) below. **Any amount is appreciated!** Keep in mind that we're a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) so each dollar is tax deductible.

**DONATE NOW via [PAYPAL](#)
or mail a check payable to:**

**WHSPFA
10 Cranston Road
Winchester, MA 01890**

Don't forget Corporate Matching Gift programs offered by your employers.

You could double your impact to WHS.



SMILE! IT'S SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!

Pick out your shirt, and practice that smile, because school picture day is coming soon!

Thursday, September 1st, all students will be taken to the gym during their English class to take their school photo. This picture will be used for the yearbook (for grades 9-11) and for student ID cards, so all students (including grade 12) must take a picture to be issued an ID card.

Parents/guardians wishing to order prints of the photos can do so by going to mylifetouch.com and entering the picture day ID: EVTGBVJJJ.

Picture prints can be ordered before or after photo day.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS EXTENDED FOR ALL STUDENTS (2022-2023)

As you may know, it was recently announced that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will extend free school meals for all students through the 2022-2023 school year. While breakfast and lunch will continue to be served at no cost to all students, second meals and a la carte items (i.e, milk) will be charged to student

accounts at existing prices. To add funds to your student's account, please visit <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> or submit a payment via a check made payable to Winchester School Lunch Program to any cashier at each school.

Please note that even though meals will be free for all, it is very important for families to complete the household Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals for the 2022-2023 school year. You can view and complete the application [here](#).

We strongly encourage ALL families to submit this form as it allows us to establish eligibility for P-EBT benefits, waived transportation fees for those who qualify, and serve families most effectively.

In addition, please consider applying for SNAP, the federal nutrition program that provides eligible residents with monthly financial assistance to purchase groceries. More SNAP information can be found at gettingsnap.org or by calling Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

As always, we are grateful for the opportunity to provide nourishing and healthy meals to all Winchester students so please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

WPS Food & Nutrition Services

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

MESSAGE FROM SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Hello everyone! We hope you are all enjoying the last few weeks of summer!

First day of school **senior t-shirt pickup** will take place on **August 29th from 4pm-6pm**. Whether you ordered a senior shirt or not, we have one for you!!!!

T-shirt pickup and decorating will take place outside WHS on the

right side of the school as you pull in. Although decorating is optional, materials will be provided and we hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,
Ava, Andrew, Regan and Mary



CLASS OF 2023 PARENTS

For 2 weeks ONLY, the WHS Class of 2023 is selling official Mom/Dad Class of 2023 t-shirts! Short sleeve shirts are \$20 and long sleeve shirts are \$30. If you would like to buy this fabulous cotton t-shirt, please fill out this [form](#). This is the perfect shirt to wear to all upcoming WHS Events! Get yours while they last!



CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check back here for updates

CLASS OF 2026 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](#)



CHEER

CROSS COUNTRY

FIELD HOCKEY

FOOTBALL

SOCCER

SWIMMING

VOLLEYBALL

WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

Check this section for updates about Arts, Music & Theater events and opportunities at WHS. If you have pictures or updates about WHS student performances and work **[please email them to us!](#)**

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.

Back to School

Demo Class Week!

Saturday, Aug. 27 — Friday, Sept. 2

Try a Class ★ Meet the Teachers ★ Free
Visit winchestermusic.org for schedule



KIDS: Music & Movement for Families ★ First Steps in Music
Musical Beginnings ★ Singing for Children
Eurhythmics + Melodica & Percussion
Eurhythmics + Piano ★ Intro to Guitar
Intro to Ukulele

TEENS: Intro to Guitar ★ Intro to Ukulele

ADULTS: Group Keyboard ★ Intro to Guitar ★ Intro to Ukulele

A few classes
have remote
options



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www.winchestermusic.org | 781-721-2950

Health Begins at Home

How quality, affordable housing strengthens a community's well-being

A Panel Featuring



Thea James, MD
Assoc Professor of
Emergency Medicine,
Boston Medical
Center



Dana LeWinter
Municipal
Engagement Director,
CHAPA



Sarah Betancourt
Reporter, GBH News'
Center for
Investigative
Reporting

and moderated by Tom Howley



Wednesday, September 21

7-8:30PM

Winchester Town Hall Auditorium

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Winchester
Board of Health
& Health
Department



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Winchester Hospital



The Winchester Chamber of Commerce
invites your organization to participate in:



WINCHESTER SPIRIT NIGHT



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

5:00-10:00 PM

- Organizations will have an opportunity to sell their "Spirit Wear" on Main and Thompson streets
- Set up begins at 4:30 and the night begins at 5:00 pm
Booths can stay until 8:00 pm
- Live music and cheer on the WHS Field Hockey teams
- Free to participate. Free to register!

*If you would like to participate, send an email to Dot Butler at:
butlermaild@gmail.com*

ALUMNI NEWS



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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*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, [please email us](#) or [click on this link](#).

To make a newsletter or a news blast submission, [please email us](#)
NO LATER than 12:00 PM on Friday.