

**Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
September 6, 2022**

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Dear Fellow WHS Families,

Welcome back from the WHS Parent Faculty Association! We hope everyone had a fantastic Labor Day weekend! Our first full week of school is here!

For people dropping off/picking up students at the WHS front door today (tues 9/6), please keep in mind there is town-wide voting today at the WHS gym. That coupled with the rainy forecast may prove to make the front of the school unusually busy. You may want to consider an alternate drop off/pickup point.

You can count on receiving this newsletter every Monday morning or in the case of a long weekend, Tuesday morning! The newsletter is 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* As always, please let us know if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

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



Our WHS Teachers and Staff Welcome Back Luncheon, hosted by the PFA, was filled with smiles, camaraderie, and eagerness for the year to come!



Welcome back to our amazing "23NIOR" Class--we love your enthusiasm and senior spirit!

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022-2023 District School Calendar

TUES 9/6 - DAY 1

MON 9/12 - WHS CLUB FAIR

FRI 9/23 - EARLY RELEASE DAY

TUES 9/27 - PFA MEETING, 7 PM, WHS LIBRARY

WED 9/28- "BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT" ~ 7PM~ PARENT OPEN HOUSE



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.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE WHS CHEER TEAM

The **WHS Cheer Team** will be hosting a carwash fundraiser at **WHS** this **Saturday 9/10** from **9:00-1:00**. Carwash \$15 (includes "W" air-freshener), students \$10. Rain date Saturday 9/17.

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Due to water damage at a host family's home, the WHS Spanish Exchange program is looking for one final family to host a male student visiting us from Madrid, Spain for two weeks September 10 – 24. Home must be cat free due to allergies.

Please contact [Betsy Kean](#) for more information at

bkean@winchesterps.org

or

whsspanishexchange@gmail.com

ORDERING PHOTOS

Reminder: School Pictures were taken on Thursday, September 1. Parents/guardians wishing to order prints of the photos can do so by going to mylifetouch.com and entering the picture day ID:

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PARKING PERMITS

At this time we do not have the student parking tags. We will update these announcement emails when they are available, and include the link to the Google Form. Only Seniors and Juniors are able to receive a parking pass, Junior need to have had their license for 3 months.

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

YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Winchester Board of Health is charged with protecting the Environment and the Public Health of the people of Winchester. This three-member elected Board of Health is offering a new Youth Volunteer opportunity for any high school 11th or 12th grader who lives in Winchester. This Junior or Senior student will serve in a non-voting position. The Youth Volunteer is an exciting opportunity for any student interested in working on public health or the intersection of the environment and public health.

To apply, or for questions, please send the following to the **Winchester Board of Health:**

1. a short (1/2 – 1 page) letter of interest regarding why the Youth Volunteer position with the Winchester Board of Health is of interest to you
2. a short list of courses completed or currently undertaken that you think might be helpful to this position
3. any projects that you might be considering (optional)

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS



Our Senior Class of 2023 started the school year with lots of excitement and smiles! Above the Senior Class officers (l-r) Regan, Andrew, Mary and Ava greeted their fellow classmates with a warm welcome! Seniors continued the special tradition of decorating black shirts and then wearing them the first day of school while marching together into WHS as proud SENIORS!





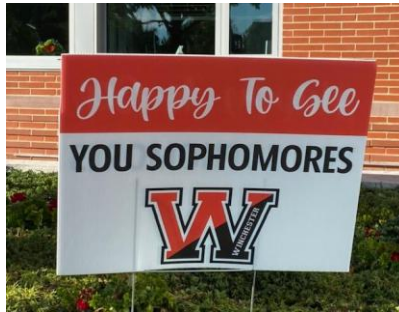
CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

Check back here for updates



CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

Check back here for updates



CLASS OF 2026 NEWS



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.

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

GOLF

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

WHS CLUB FAIR

The WHS Club Fair will be happening this year in the gym during WIN Block on **Monday, September 12th**. All clubs interested in having a spot at the fair please complete [this link](#). Any questions? Contact [Ms. Paradis](#).

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.



ENKA NEWS

En Ka Celebrates being selected as a Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program Beneficiary. En Ka Pantry has been selected as a beneficiary of the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program for the month of September. The

Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program, which launched in February 2021, is an easy way for shoppers to give back. Every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold supports a hunger organization local to the Stop & Shop in which it was purchased. En Ka Pantry was selected as the September beneficiary by local store leadership at the Stop & Shop in Winchester. En Ka will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet purchased at this Stop & Shop location in September.

"Flowers can make someone's day, brighten a room or spread a smile," said Judy Bongiorno, En Ka President. "Now they can help

our community
too. Purchase a Bloomin 4 Good Bouquet at Winchester Stop &
Shop in September.” En Ka Society is a non-profit based in
Winchester. Founded in 1902, En Ka is widely known for its annual
spring fair, the proceeds from which are donated back to the
Winchester community in many ways.

Learn more about EnKa by visiting www.enkasociety.org.

ABC HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

Fall 2022

From Winchester A Better Chance

We are looking for host families for two incoming ninth graders!
During the school year, the ABC scholar would spend Sundays from
12-8pm with your family and would stay at your house one weekend
a month.

Who are the scholars? We're glad you asked!

Meet Ayden! Ayden is a highly motivated student and excited to
join the Winchester community. Ayden plays viola and has been
teaching himself how to cook. He loves preparing meals for his
family.

Meet Joel! Joel is a great friend and student. He loves computers,
coding, and robotics. Joel has enjoyed being tech support for his
church.

Please let us know if you are ready to get to know either of our
scholars better as their new host family!

Contact us at: info@winchesterabc.org

You can also learn more about WABC and other ways to volunteer
at:

<https://www.winchesterabc.org>
www.facebook.com/winchesterabc
www.instagram.com/winchesterabc

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FAIR

The Winchester Farmers Market will launch the fall season with its fourth Community Organizations Fair during the **September 10th, Market from 9:30 to 1:30**. More than 50 organizations and faith communities will be on hand to welcome shoppers and anyone interested in learning about the wealth of community groups, volunteer opportunities, and resources and activities that are available in our town. If you are a member of an organization, this will be an

opportunity to network with groups outside of your interest. Whether you are new to Winchester or a longtime resident, you're guaranteed to learn something new.

For more information contact info@winchesterfarmersmarket.org.



Join Scouting in 2022!

Interested in exploring the outdoors? Camping? Hiking? Canoeing?
Do you want to take on new responsibilities to build skills and confidence?

Learn leadership skills?

Please join us at our annual Ice Cream Social to learn more about the scouting program in Winchester.

The program is open to both boys and girls.

Pack leaders will be on hand to talk to and answer any questions that you may have about the scouting program.

This is a family event and parents and siblings are welcome to meet

the scouting community and enjoy an ice
cream treat!

Monday, September 12
6:45pm - 8:00pm

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
34 Dix St, Winchester, MA, 01890
(parking in lot or on streets around church)

Learn more at: <https://www.scouts507.org>
Contact Pack Leadership at: info@scouts507.org

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

Sponsored By:



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*

[Send Email to Participate](#)

ALUMNI NEWS



WINCHESTER

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.

