

Winchester High School  
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter  
November 28, 2022



## PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Happy Monday WHS Families,

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Weekend. Our big focus this week is collecting funds for **Winchester Gives Back** ~ our charitable holiday giving program. **WE ARE COLLECTING \$ THIS WEEK ONLY! Contributions of any size greatly appreciated! Now through 12/3.** ~ As the Holidays approach, this is a great time to think about "giving back" to those who are in need in our own community through our annual "Winchester Gives Back" program. Last year over 153 children in **Winchester Public Schools** benefited from your generosity. Gifts are tax deductible. Please see the flyer below for more information. [Click here for PayPal link](#). If using VENMO (see below), please write: WGB in memo.

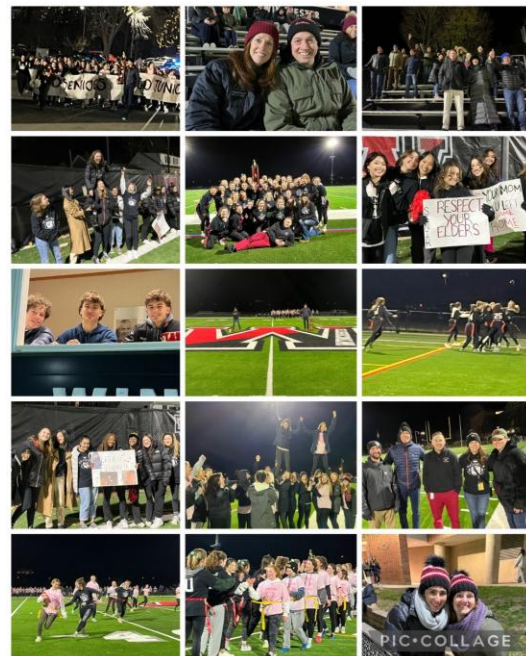
\*Also, please consider purchasing some new hats/mittens of any sizes that will be distributed along with the gift cards. Boxes to collect hats/mittens will be at the front of the school 11/28-12/12.

As always, please reach out to us for anything at all.

Warmly,  
Brenda Mandile & Adrienne Spignesi  
Co-Chairs  
[whspfa@gmail.com](mailto:whspfa@gmail.com)



Last Tuesday night, WHS had their first Girls Flag Football Game under the lights! The Seniors and Juniors played hard while super staff cheerleaders cheered on the sideline!



Although Seniors won the big trophy and big belt -- all who attended and participated felt the same thrill and excitement of the awesome night!



The very next day was the annual School Pep Rally! Freshmen, Sophomore, Juniors, Seniors and Staff came together for some old school FUN!



Fall Captains parade! Students VS Staff Dodgeball game! Band and Chorus play and sing! Football players and Cheerleaders dance! Students Pie the Staff! And students cheer from the bleachers!

## WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 2022-2023 District School Calendar

**THU 12/1** - Senior family yearbook ads and portraits due

**FRI 12/2** - Neil Simon's Rumors, 7 pm WHS Auditorium

**SAT 12/3** - Neil Simon's Rumors, 7 pm WHS Auditorium

**SUN 12/4** - Neil Simon's Rumors, 7 pm WHS Auditorium

**FRI 12/23** - Early Release

**SAT 12/24 - MON 1/2 - No School**

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## **DECEMBER 1 YEARBOOK DEADLINES**

**Hello, WHS Senior Families!**

This is your reminder that the deadline for senior family ads is **FRIDAY - December 1st!** After this date, we cannot promise space in the book. We're all a little bit busier this time of year and it's easy to forget, so why wait? For comprehensive info, download the PDF at [\*\*This Link.\*\*](#)

Thanks to those who've already submitted - your ads are great!

The WHS Yearbook Staff

PS - Have you bought your senior's yearbook yet? If not, [\*\*Click Here.\*\*](#)

PPS - Senior portrait submissions are ALSO due on December 1st. For more info, [\*\*Click here.\*\*](#)

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**LAST DAY TO DONATE TO WGB IS FRIDAY DECEMBER  
3!**



# WINCHESTER GIVES BACK



## What is Winchester Gives Back?

WGB is an opportunity for the students and residents of Winchester to come together to provide holiday gifts for those in need during the holidays.

We collect money and divide it among participants in the program. All participants are members of the Winchester community.

Last year 153 children benefited from your generosity!

Parents received a \$100 gift card to Target to buy presents and a \$25 gift card to Market Basket to enjoy a holiday meal per child.

We are hoping to raise enough this year to keep the tradition alive!

This program is sponsored by WHS, WHS Student Council, & WHS PFA.



## How do I donate?

All donations will be collected online. Please donate through Barcode or paypal link ([https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=E8GYCCEEHD5MW](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=E8GYCCEEHD5MW)).

We will be accepting donations until Friday, **December 3rd**.

**PAYPAL LINK TO DONATE TO WHS GIVES BACK**

WinchesterHS ParentFacul...  
@whspfa



*\*If you are donating thru Venmo please put WGB in memo*

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## MESSAGE FROM WHS STUDENT COUNCIL

Hi everyone! Student Council's website will now be updated regularly with relevant information useful to all students. Check it out [here!](#)

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## PARKING PERMITS

Parking passes for Seniors and Juniors are now available! Please fill out the [Google Form](#) and then see Ms. Hanlon in the main office or Officer Chiuccariello with your license to get your hang tag. Please remember Juniors need to have had their license for 3 months before they can receive a pass.

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## DONATE IN MEMORY OF DONNA GILDERSLEEVE



Please donate to the Donna Gildersleeve Scholarship fund.  
**[Support | Winchester Scholarship Foundation | Massachusetts  
\(winchestersf.org\)](http://winchestersf.org)**

Donna Gildersleeve passed away this summer after a hard fought battle with cancer. Donna was a PE and Health Teacher at Lynch and McCall for 45 years. She was the Athletic Trainer at WHS for over 30 years and for the last 4 years, she was an Assistant Athletic Director. Donna's love for the Winchester Community and students was immeasurable. Donna would do anything and everything for "her kids". If you got the chance to stand with Donna while watching a game, you could witness the number of people that would come over to say hello to her.

An important charity to Donna was the Winchester Scholarship Foundation (WSF). A unified tribute in Donna's name is underway. Please consider donating to the Donna Gildersleeve Scholarship fund, no amount is too small and will go a long way.

All scholarships given out by the WSF go to WHS graduates. To dedicate a WSF scholarship in Donna's memory, a minimum of \$10,000 has to be raised.

Individual and group donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the fall sports teams who have already made donations in Donna's memory:

Varsity Cheer  
Girls Soccer  
Girls Cross Country

Boys Cross Country  
Girls Field Hockey

[DONATE HERE](#)

## CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

With the upcoming winter holidays, the Class of 2023 would like to present a variety of wreath options perfect for the holiday season through Three Rivers Fundraising. The proceeds will go directly towards the Class of 2023 and its efforts in creating a fun year for Winchester high school's seniors. **November 29th is the last day to order!** Send the link or code



attached below to friends, family, neighbors, etc. Thank you for supporting the Class of 2023 and we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

[Link](#)

Class of 2023 Code: 1E407C  
(code and website do not need to be used together)

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# ATTENTION!

**CLASS OF 2023 WILL BE SELLING  
MASQUERADE BALL TICKETS ON  
THESE DATES DURING LUNCH:**

**DECEMBER 6TH AND 7TH**

**\*PLEASE TURN IN YOUR PAYMENT AND  
CONTRACTS NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE  
SCHOOL DAY ON 12/7\***

**MAKE SURE TO TURN IN YOUR  
TICKETS AND CONTRACTS  
TOGETHER!**

Attention Seniors! Just a reminder that our Masquerade Ball will take place on **December 9th** from 7:30pm- 10:00pm in the WHS Dining Commons. If you had already made your payment, it has carried over to this dance. If you did not, just a reminder that dance contracts will still be in the main office and that tickets are \$30.

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**FUTURE DATES FOR PLANNING**

More details in the Spring

**Wednesday, May 31st** ~ Prom at the Fairmont Copley Plaza

**Friday, June 2nd** ~ Graduation & All Night Graduation Party

## CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

The class of 2024 will be selling the Winchester W flags for \$60 so get yours to show your town spirit! If you would like to pre-order you can Venmo @danielle-adams-7.



## CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

The Sophomore Class dinner has been rescheduled for **1/20/23**. Do you like looking stylish? Support the Class of 2025 and buy our [merch here](#).



## CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

The Class of 2026 is selling Black Winchester Sweatshirts! Don't miss out! **ORDER NOW** and get them before the holidays! Anyone can order!

Adult and Children sizes! Hoodies \$40 and Crewneck \$35

Fill out this **FORM**

**Questions?** Please reach out to your Class Moms  
Judy Cox, Akari Dollard, Mai Harrison & Juan LI  
at **[thewhsclassof2026@gmail.com](mailto:thewhsclassof2026@gmail.com)**



## 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**



## WINTER SPORTS START TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Boys Hockey – 11/28 5:25pm @ Ryan Arena in Watertown. 11/29 5-6pm @ Charlestown Rink. 11/30 4-5pm @ Charlestown Rink.

Girls Hockey – 11/28 4-5pm @ Charlestown Rink. 11/29 4-5pm @ Flynn Rink. 11/30 5-6pm @ Charlestown Rink. 12/1 5-6pm @ Charlestown Rink. 12/2 Scrimmage @ Peabody 5-7pm.

Gymnastics – 11/28, 11/29, & 11/30 6-8pm @ Woburn High School

Boys Swim – 11/28 6-7:30am @ Woburn Boys & Girls Club

Girls Basketball – 11/28, 11/29, & 11/30 - 7-9pm @ WHS Gym

Boys Basketball – V, JV, & Freshman - 11/28 & 11/29 – 5-7pm @ WHS Gym. V & JV – 11/30 - 5-7pm @ WHS Gym, Freshman 3:45-5:30 @ McCall.

Alpine Ski – 11/28 3:30pm @ Knowlton Stadium

Nordic Ski – 11/28 3:30pm outside of the Athletic Office

Wrestling – 11/28 3:30-6pm @ WHS Wrestling Room

Indoor Track – 11/28 3:25-5pm @ WHS Gym

*All schedules are subject to change.*

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## FOOTBALL

The boys lost on Thanksgiving, but fought hard against Woburn.  
We are proud of all of you!  
We will miss you Captains and Seniors!

Thank you the cheerleaders and the band for coming out in the chilly temps to support the football team!













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## LACROSSE

WHS (Boys and Girls) On-line Store  
for Lacrosse gear available for Christmas gifts!

[LINK HERE](#)

PASSWORD: winchester

Winchester colors with logo and player name free of charge!

**Order by Dec. 9th for delivery by Christmas**

*\*UPS ground shipping*

## 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!](#)**

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### **COMING TO THE WHS AUDITORIUM THIS WEEK!**

Please come support our students as they perform in Neil Simon's *Rumors*, a two act farcical comedy that features several couples arriving, one by one, to their friends' tenth wedding anniversary party. Unfortunately, the host got hurt, the hostess is nowhere to be found, the cook is gone...a messy evening for sure!

Winchester High School Presents

NEIL SIMON'S  
**RUMORS**



*A Curtain & Cue Production*

WHS AUDITORIUM

DEC

2nd

7 pm

DEC

3rd

7 pm

DEC

4th

2 pm

**\$15**

GENERAL ADMISSION

**\$10**

STUDENT ADMISSION

TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

CONGRATULATIONS!

WHSPFA | 80 Skillings Road, Winchester, MA 01890