

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
November 7, 2022



PRESIDENT'S NOTE



The Senior Fundraiser on Friday night
was a sold-out success!
Musical Bingo + parents = hysterical



WHS Seniors Sporting their
Red & Black Spirit
last Wednesday.

Happy Monday WHS Families,

Wow! What a beautiful weekend! Hope you were able to make the most of the weather.

Please note, **our November 14th PFA Meeting, originally scheduled for 7pm will be moved earlier to 6:15pm** so parents are able to attend the Coalition for a Safer Community's Speaker, Harry Cunnane, on Gateway Drugs at 7pm (Flyer Below).

Thank you to all of the families who have donated to the **WHS Direct Appeal** campaign! We are getting close to our goal; please help us cross the finish line! The WHS teachers and staff are so appreciative of your generosity!

Please keep the following items on your radar:

- **11/08 - * NO SCHOOL * Election Day Bake Sale, 8am - 6pm: BAKERS NEEDED!!** Election Day Bake Sale- Join the WHS class officers and Student Council members at the annual Election Day Bake Sale. [Sign up](#) to bring individually-wrapped baked goods throughout the day. Polls are open all day- you can drop off any time. All proceeds will be split between each grade for their events (dances, prom, class dinners, etc). Don't you miss all the bake sales from elementary school? If not ~ have your kids bake something! It's a great opportunity to fundraise!
- **11/11 - * NO SCHOOL * Veteran's Day Parade, 10:15am** Come down and support our Veterans for the parade on Friday. WHS Marching band will be there as well as many more community supporters. You won't want to miss it! Click [HERE](#) for route & parade details.
- **11/19 - Fall Spirit Fair: Saturday, November 19th, 10am - 1pm** in the WHS Dining Commons. WHS teams, clubs, and organizations will be selling RED AND BLACK branded gear, as well as Winchester-themed items. Come and do some holiday shopping, show your support and be part of the fun. You won't want to miss it! More info on how to sign up for a table below.
- **Now through 12/03 - WHS Gives Back~** 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 WHS Gives Back

program. Last year over 153 children in Winchester Public Schools benefited from your generosity. Please see the below flyer for more information.

As always, please reach out to us for anything at all. Have a great week!

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

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).

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

PAYPAL LINK TO DONATE TO WHS GIVES BACK

Families in need - Please see this [link](#) for more information and to obtain the Winchester Gives Back Holiday 2022 Contact form.

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022-2023 District School Calendar

MON 11/7 - Q2 begins - Semester 2 starts again as a Day 1

TUE 11/8 - NO SCHOOL

MON 11/14 - PFA Meeting 6:15 pm (new time -was 7pm), WHS Rm LG1

FRI 11/11 - NO SCHOOL

SAT 11/19 - Spirit Fair - 1 AM - 1 PM, WHS Dining Commons

SUN 11/20 - WHS Unified/Adaptive Flag Football - 1-3 PM,
Manchester Turf Field

TUE 11/22 - Thanksgiving Pie pick-up

WED 11/23 - Early release day

THU 11/24 - NO SCHOOL - Winchester vs. Woburn Football game -
10:30 AM - Knowlton Field

FRI 11/25 - NO SCHOOL

COLLEGE VISITS

The following colleges will be visiting WHS in the Guidance Department @ 8AM (unless otherwise noted).

All Juniors and Seniors are welcome!

MON 11/7

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Fisher College

WED 11/9

Johnson & Wales University-Providence
Bridgewater State University

THU 11/10

Regis College
Rutgers University-New Brunswick

WHSPFA DIRECT APPEAL

WHSPFA Direct Appeal



*Thank you to the 200 families who donated to this year's campaign.
We met our goal of \$25,000!*

Monies raised provide support for WHS faculty and staff extra needs during the school year. Because of you, we are funding many grants for teachers, staff, and students.

Keep following the WHSPFA newsletter to hear more about this year's approved grants.

WPS SYMPTOMATIC TESTING OPPORTUNITY

Covid-19 is still among us in our community. Our collective district goal is to limit the spread of the virus in our school community and protect our students, teachers and staff.

Staying home when sick is one of our best mitigation strategies against COVID-19 as it helps reduce spread.

We have seen an increased number

of students coming to school feeling ill.

Please do not assume your student has a common cold or seasonal allergies. You must keep your student home if they are sick.

We strongly encourage you to test your symptomatic student prior to coming to school. We recommend at least one negative self antigen test **and** a significant improvement in symptoms before returning to school. Best practice is two negative self antigen tests 24-48 hours apart and/or a PCR test.

If your **student tests positive** for **COVID-19**, please report the positive case here;
[Positive COVID-19 Test Reporting Form.](#)

COVID-19 Symptom List:

- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea when in combination with other symptoms

WPS Symptomatic Testing Opportunity:

If your student becomes ill **during** the school day, the school nurses will assess your student to determine if a rapid antigen test is needed. Performing a BinaxNow test in school will be based on the school nurse's assessment.

Symptomatic testing program has returned and a BinaxNow antigen test may be administered in the health offices if the parent/guardian has completed a consent form.

The **NEW 2022-2023** optional test form needs to be submitted for this academic year.

You must submit one optional COVID-19 testing consent form per student. Note: A consent form must be submitted for each student that you agree to participate in the symptomatic testing program.

DO NOT forget to hit submit at the end of the form so that the consent will be processed.

Please contact me directly with any questions or concerns or if you are in need of home self antigen test kits.

Warm regards,
Stephanie Blass
COVID-19 Response Coordinator
sblass@winchesterps.org
617-827-1904

NOVEMBER SAVE THE DATES

November is a super busy month for WHS students. To consolidate all of the dates students and parents are receiving, we created a "save the dates!" document.

[Click here](#) to see the fun activities happening in November.

SUPPORT ALL WHS STUDENTS AND STOP
BY THE...

Election Day Bake Sale

NOVEMBER 8, 8AM - 6PM
WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL GYM



FALL PIES ARE HERE!!

Purchase your favorites from Wilson Farms to support

the Winchester High School Student Council!

You can also choose to make a donation to
Enka Pantry to support the town!

Fill out this form to order some delicious pies,
including pumpkin, apple, and more.

Please order by **Monday, November 7th**,
and pay by **Friday, November 11th**.

You can drop off cash or check to the WHS main office.

Pick up your pies on **Tuesday, November 22nd** at WHS.

Thank you for your support!!

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!

THE RED & BLACK'S OCTOBER EDITION IS OUT!

The Red & Black School Newspaper's October Edition is out! Visit our new website available to students and staff at www.whsredandblack.com, or pick up your physical copy outside the library. Read about girl's flag football, senior plans after college applications, Mahsa Amini protests, WHS sports, and more!

Reach out to redandblacknewspaper@gmail.com with any questions.

WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS JOB OPENINGS

[Check out job openings here](#) for the Winchester Public School District. Our schools need good people like YOU! Please pass along to local friends and family members too!

NHS TALENT SHOW

Friday, November 18th is the annual NHS Talent Show!

Stop by to watch the town's talented performers. Tickets are free of charge with a suggested donation of \$5 or \$10.

[Reserve your seat here!](#)

All money will go to the [Malden Warming Center](#) located in Malden, MA.

STUDENT SURVEY

Hey WHS! Your school's Active Citizenship class is conducting research to improve our students' mental health.

[This survey](#) is completely anonymous and you are free to answer any of the questions you are comfortable with!

We appreciate it!

CAFETERIA ANNOUNCEMENT

Students are asked to please leave their backpacks at a table before proceeding into the cafeteria lunch lines, and to make sure they have their ID cards ready to scan at the registers. This allows everything to move more quickly and smoothly.

Per the WHS Student Handbook policy, during the lunch periods **ONLY grades 10-12** have the ability to eat off-campus should they choose to do so.

All grades are encouraged to eat outside while still on campus. If you do eat outside, please remember you must re-enter the building using the main entrance or courtyard doors.

Failure to follow these guidelines will result in disciplinary actions by administration.

AP EXAMS

Attention students enrolled in AP classes. To take the exam in May 2023 you need to fill out the [AP exam form](#) and join the AP classroom. The AP classroom codes are provided by your teacher. AP forms are available at the front desk, outside Room B208 and a link is in the Morning Announcement. AP exam form are **due Tuesday 11/8** without a late fine. After that date there is a \$40 late fee per subject.

Please read the form carefully and check only the exams you will be taking.

SPIRIT FAIR



The [Winchester Spirit Fair](#) is back!

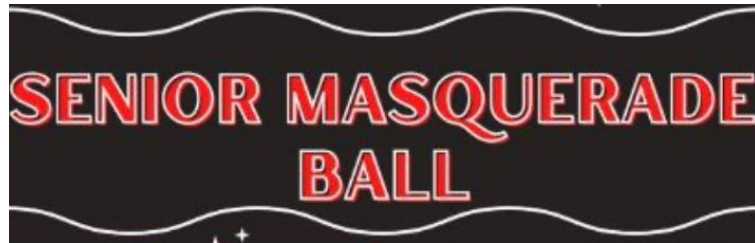
Please come by the high school dining commons on Saturday, **November 19th between 10 AM - 1 PM** for one-stop shopping for holiday gifts for friends and family while you support WHS's teams, clubs, and organizations!

If you want to sign up for your team, club, or organization, please fill out this [form](#) and register. Stop by, say hi to your friends, and snag your Red & Black branded sweats, beanies, masks, and tees! Golf umbrellas and stadium cushions! Blankets and baked goods, and so much more! Get your holiday shopping done early! And don't forget your canned soup and crackers donations to the ENKA Society Food Pantry!

Questions? Ask student reps:

Elle O'Connor, Charlie Savage, or Addison Adams

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS



The Masquerade Ball was rescheduled to **Friday, December 9th** due to the large number of people participating in playoffs this week. The dance will take place in the Dining Commons on that date and will run from 7:30pm-10pm. The doors will close upon entering at 8pm and students can begin leaving at 9:30pm. Tickets will still be \$30, and more information about ticket sales will be sent out on closer dates leading up to the event. If you have already paid and handed in your contract, we have made note of that and those will carry over to December 9th.

YEARBOOKS

The yearbook staff is already hard at work on your senior's yearbook, and we wanted to make sure important information is in your hands!

Here some info you'll want you to keep on your radar this fall:

1: Be sure to buy your yearbook, as we usually sell out each year - and we order very few extras. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase.

2: Be sure your child submits their senior portrait by our **Dec. 1 deadline**. For more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

3: Lastly, begin to think about a senior family ad in the yearbook. Our PDF of instructions walks you step-by-step through how to do this. For guaranteed space and best pricing, **submit by December 1**. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

That's all for now! We hope your senior is having a great start to the year!

The WHS Yearbook Staff

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



Class of 2025

CALLING ALL SOPHOMORES!

Do you like Chipotle? Do you like to flex your trivia skills with your friends?

Whatever your answer to those two questions may be, you should come to the

Class of 2025 Chipotle Dinner and Trivia Night!

Wed Nov 16th from 5:30-7:30 pm in the dining commons!

There will be prizes for trivia and sides to burritos!

Sign up by printing out **this form** and dropping it (along with payment) off at Ms. Beauchesne's room (B113) or Mrs. Younker's room (B107).

All orders and checks **MUST** be received by 3:07 on Thursday 11/10

CALLING EVERYONE! Do you like looking stylish? Then 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**



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](#)



ATTENTION WINTER SPORT CANDIDATES!

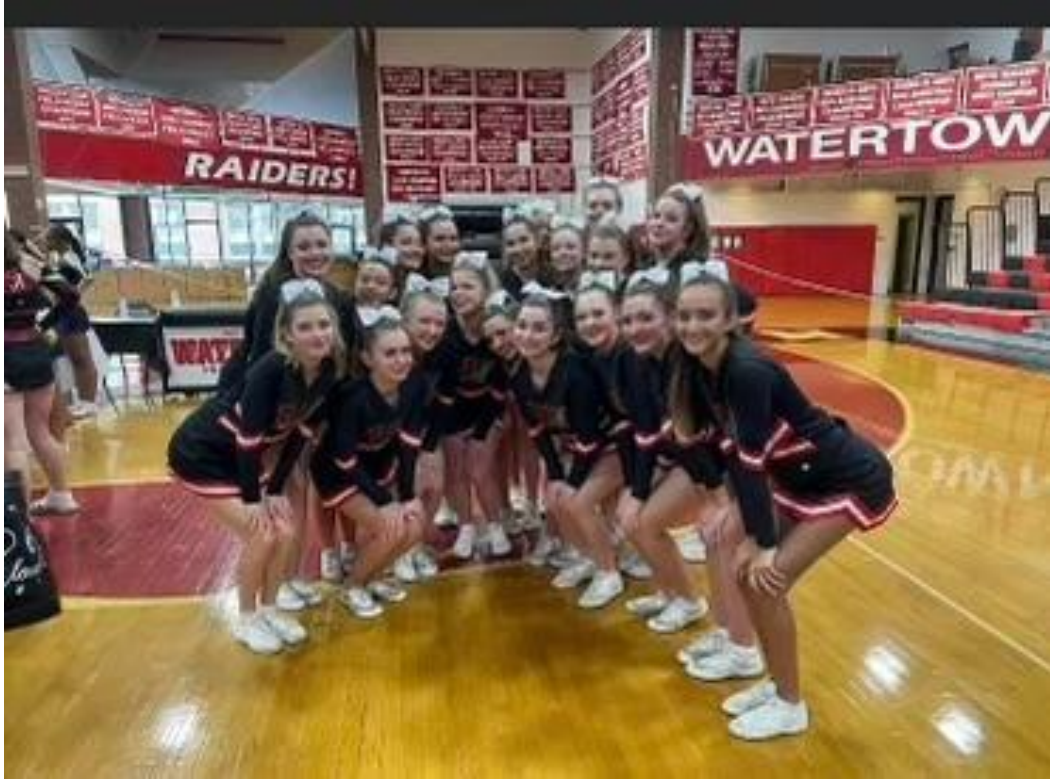
Winter Sports Registration is now open!

[Click this link](#) to register!

CHEER

WHS Cheer qualified for regionals!!!

CONGRATULATIONS! Let's G-O Red & Black!



BOYS SOCCER

Spirit Night

Fundraiser



Help support Winchester Boys Soccer!
Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 • 4:00-10:00pm
Donating proceeds of
Product sales*

20% of purchase is donated to Winchester Soccer

*Only valid with flyer



*Proceeds of the purchase price before tax from Product sales. Maximum of \$000 will be donated. See a participating restaurant for more details.
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The boys soccer team is selling these warm waterproof blankets and the ever-popular trucker hats! Blankets are \$50 and hats are

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