Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter January 9, 2023



PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Good Morning WHS Parents and hope you enjoyed your beautiful wintry weekend.

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for the first PFA Meeting of the year. It will be held Monday, January 23rd at 7pm in the Library of WHS. School Resource Officer Mike Chiuccariello, fondly referred to as Officer Chic, will be the guest speaker. This is a great time to find out the good and possibly the concerning of what is going on within the walls of WHS and the community. If you have a specific topic or question you would like Office Chiuccariello to address, please send us an <u>email</u> so we can get those questions to him ASAP.

As you may know, the WFEE Trivia Bee is back and IN PERSON! Are you a wiz at trivia? Do you have the chops to put it to the test? The PFA will be sponsoring a team of parents to compete in this year's Bee. If you are interested in participating please <u>email</u> us as soon as possible and we will

organize the team. Let's show the town how smart WHS Parents are and bring home the trophy!

Kleenex is still needed for the school. Please consider sending a box with your student. They may drop it off at the front office or give it to a teacher. All classrooms, study halls, library, etc. thank you in advance.

As always, please reach out for any reason.

Very fondly, Brenda Mandile & Adrienne Spignesi WHSPFA Co-Chairs whspfa@gmail.com

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022-2023 District School Calendar

MON 1/9 - Standardized Testing Virtual Workshop (ZOOM)

MON 1/16 - No School

MON 1/23 - PFA Meeting 7PM

MON 1/23 - Q3 begins and runs through April 7th

TUE 1/31 - Early Release Day

SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF 1/16 - 1/20

We will be running a special schedule for the final week of semester one (please see below). There will be two extended blocks each on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (90 minutes long) and one extended block on Friday. Attendance is required during all scheduled blocks (including WIN blocks) each day. Students will have WIN blocks during the lunch block on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Lunches will be done by grade.

> Note that there is no school on Monday, 1/16 (Martin Luther King Jr Holiday)

Mid Year Culminating Activity Schedule for 2022-23

Tuesday 1/17/23 - Thursday 1/19/23

	Tuesday 1/17 (Day 6)	Wednesday 1/18 (Day 1)	Thursday 1/19 (Day 2)
8:30-10:07 (extended time built into the block)	A block extended block	B block extended block	D block extended block
10:12-10:52	D block	A lock	B block
10:57 - 12:40	WIN Red - lunch by grade level	WIN Black- lunch by grade level	WIN Red - lunch by grade level
12:45 - 1:25	G block	F block	G block
1:30 - 3:07 (extended time built into the block)	C block extended block	E block extended block	F block extended block

Friday 1/20	(Day 3)
8:30-9:11	WIN Black
9:16 - 10:53 (extended time built into the block)	G Block extended block
10:58-12:41	D block
12:46-1:53	C block
1:58 - 3:07	E block

• All students must remain in the classroom for the entire 90 minutes during the extended blocks. Students may **not** leave early if they finish early.

Lunches:

Tuesday 1/17: 9th - first lunch, 10th - second lunch, 11th - third lunch **Wednesday 1/18:** 9th - second lunch, 10th - third lunch, 11th - first lunch **Thursday 1/19**: 9th - third lunch, 10th - first lunch, 11th - second lunch **Friday 1/20:** 9th - normal lunch schedule for all classes for Day 3

MASKING ADVISORY

In order to protect the school community, WPS and the Winchester Health Department are issuing a strong recommendation that students, staff, and visitors who are able, <u>wear masks</u> except as needed for eating or drinking for the first few weeks after return from break; **through January 13, 2023.**

WPS and the Health Department offered at-home COVID-19 test kits before the winter break. Please consider testing. This is especially important if your child has symptoms such as coughing, sore throat, fever, fatigue, etc. If you need additional tests or highquality masks, please contact your school nurse or visit the Health Department at Town Hall. The Winchester Public Library also has a supply of at-home COVID-19 test kits.

As a reminder, these additional steps will also reduce the spread of illness:

- Keep your child home if sick.
- Wash hands with water and soap or use sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Get vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19.

Other Resources:

WPS COVID-19 Reporting Form: If your student tests positive for COVID-19, please fill out this <u>reporting form</u> to receive important isolation and return to school information.

WHS GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

The Winter Newsletter is available <u>here</u> and will be also be available for download on the <u>WHS website</u>. Please see your child's guidance counselor directly with any questions.

STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday, January 9th

6:30-7:30pm

This <u>virtual workshop</u> offered in conjunction with Revolution Prep will help students and families to interpret scores and identify next steps for standardized test planning including differences between the ACT and SAT format and concludes with a Q&A session.

Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. The presentation will be recorded and posted on the Guidance website for those who are unable to attend.

GAP YEAR FAIR

Reading Memorial High School will be hosting a Gap Year Fair on **Thursday, January 19th**. There will be over 30 programs represented at the fair plus a presentation beforehand to share all the benefits of a gap year program.

Visit this link for additional information and to register.

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

CAP AND GOWN TIME!

It's Cap and Gown Time! Please log on to <u>highschool.herffjones.com</u> to place your order. Click on login and set up your account. Type Winchester in the "find your school" box, click on Winchester High School and place your order. The website is now active so place your order as soon as possible! The cost is \$23.00, this includes cap, gown and a 2023 red and black tassel.

FUTURE DATES FOR PLANNING

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

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

More details in Spring.

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 @danielleadams-7



CLASS OF 2025 NEWS



Calling all sophomores!

We will be having a class Chick-Fil-A dinner on **Thursday, January 12th, 2023** from 6 to 7 PM. To join, fill out the <u>order form</u> by Tuesday the 10th at 8:30 AM and submit it to Ms. Beauchesne's (B107), Ms. Younker's Room (B113), or the main office. We are only accepting checks.

We can't wait to dine with you!

Please follow our class Instagram account <u>@winchclassof2025!!!</u> Thank you for your help!

Do you like looking stylish? Support the Class of 2025 and buy our <u>merch here</u>.





CLASS OF 2026 NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! Freshman Movie Night Date: Tuesday, January 31 Time: 6:00-8:30pm with snacks in the cafe from 6-630 followed by the movie in the auditorium Location: WHS Auditorium Movie: Will announce soon! Stay Tuned! Freshman families we would love help with concessions- please be on look out for our sign up genius coming soon!



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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 the Fall All Stars, All Conference, All State, & All Scholastics!



Please send us updates!

BOYS HOCKEY

Please send us updates!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Please send us updates!

GIRLS HOCKEY

Girls Varsity Hockey had an exciting game vs. Reading on Wednesday night but came up short 0-1 in overtime



GYMNASTICS

Please send us updates!

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

If you are around *Chick-Fil-A* tonight, **Monday**, **January 9th** 4-10 PM - please support our team by ordering some dinner -

Happy New Year!



Help support Winchester Track & Field Team! Monday, January 9th, 2023 • 4:00–10:00pm Donating proceeds of Product sales*

20% of purchase is donated to Winchester Track Team *Only valid with flyer



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Another good week for the track and field team closed out by a strong meet from our 9th and 10th grade standouts!

The gualified athlates list continues to grow

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