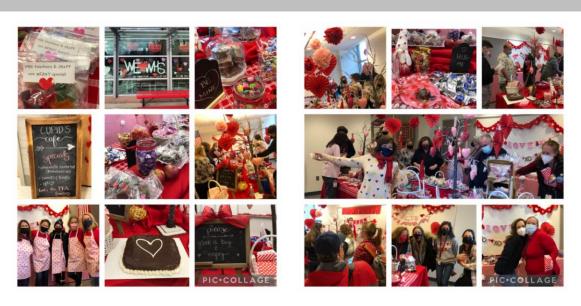
# Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association Newsletter February 14, 2022

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Dear WHS Families,

Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Sweet Surprises for the WHS teachers and staff! Everyone was SO thrilled and appreciative!



This newsletter is packed with NEW information! Make sure to scroll down and mark your calendars! WHS is booming with activity -

#### there is something for EVERYONE!

February school vacation week is next week! EJNOY!

Best,
Abbie DiMatteo & Brenda Mandile, Co-Chairs
whspfa@gmail.com
www.whspfa.org

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

## THE MASKED WHS STAFFER Week #23!



- 1.What high school did you go to?

  Dedham High School Dedham, MA

  2.What was your favorite subject in high school? French and psychology (respectively, my minor and major at Quinnipiac University!)
- 3.What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? I competitively danced all styles from the time I was 3 to my senior year of high school. I also briefly did theater and was a member of the French club and the National Honor Society.
- 4. What is one of your hidden talents? I'm a pretty good baker, if I do say so myself:)
- 5.Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? Back to the Future/A Moveable Feast by Hemingway/Zac Brown Band/Pizza 6.Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? The world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page. -Saint Augustine

\*Don't forget to scroll all the way down to find out who this is!

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Click here for District School Calendar

#### **ALL SCHOOL DATES - NEW EVENTS ADDED!**

MON 2/21 - FRI 2/25 - February Vacation

WED 3/2 - NHS Trivia Night, WHS LG 1 & 2, 6-8 pm

THURS 3/3 - Orchestra Concert, WHS Auditorium, 5:30-9

WED 3/9 - No School, Professional Day

WED 3/9 - Night of the Arts

**FRI, SAT, & SUN -3/18, 3/19, & 3/20** - WHS Spring Musical "Anything Goes" (7pm/7pm and 2pm)

SUN 3/27 - WHS Royals, WHS Auditorium, 5-10 pm

FRI 4/8 - Spring Choral Concert, WHS Auditorium, 7-8:30 pm

FRI 5/6 - Jazz Night, WHS Auditorium, 7-9 pm

THURS 5/12 - Strawberry Pops, WHS Auditorium, 6-8 pm

SUN 5/15 - Orchestra/Chamber Concert, TBD 7:30-9:30 pm

FRI 6/17 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

For class-specific events, see the Class News Sections below.

#### MORNING DROP OFF REMINDERS

For everyone's safety and to help facilitate a better morning traffic flow with student drop offs, we ask that all families who drop off students, to please drive as far up through the traffic circle toward the stop sign. Please do not drop off on the corner as you pull in. Please do not drop off in the crosswalk area. Please pull up as far as possible and have your student(s) wait until it is safe to get out of the car.

#### PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! FINANCIAL LITERACY FAIR

The Social Studies department at WHS will host a Financial Literacy Fair for the entire Junior class (Grade 11) on the afternoon of **Wednesday, March**16. The Fair will introduce students to the financial basics of post-collegiate life

We are looking for <u>volunteers</u> from the community to assist with the Fair. Volunteers will help guide students through their activities, provide deeper explanations for any of the financial tasks, and/or help with the Fair's functioning. If you've made any adult decisions like getting a job, buying a car, or renting an apartment, then you have the required experience to assist us!

The Fair should run for about one hour, from approximately 2.00 to 3.00 PM. Volunteers should arrive at WHS between 1.30 PM and 1.45 PM, in order to receive assignments and a short training before the Fair begins. More information will be provided to volunteers in advance.

If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact **Scott Spencer** or **Andrew Langlois** at Winchester High School.

SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER

#### LAST CALL FOR 2022 YEARBOOKS!

Last call to order yearbooks for the 2022 school year. Visit <a href="https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/">https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/</a> and enter 13780 as your code.

Sales will close on Friday February 18th or sooner if we sell out.

#### LOST AND FOUND

The WHS Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING! We have lonely jackets and sweatshirts and water bottles and more waiting to be reunited with their owners. Students, please swing by the rack at the back of the cafeteria to find your things!

Ms. Hanlon also has quite the stash of found earrings, rings, necklaces and more small items in the main office. If you are missing one of these items, please see her.

#### REMINDER: ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

No athletic equipment may be left in the main office during the school day. Students are to store this equipment in the locker rooms or team rooms.

#### THE RED & BLACK NEWSPAPER

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: The Red & Black Newspaper has created a new website, and all students have access to a free account. Check Out the Website Here!

A fantastic Saturday afternoon activity for our WHS students!



A fantastic Friday night activity for our WHS parents!



#### SAVE THE DATE - MUSICAL BINGO

Sponsorship opportunities are available for **\$250** which includes two tickets and business/family name prominently displayed. One or two families can go in together to sponsor--you don't need to have a business to be a sponsor!

#### Sign Up Here if interested in a sponsorship

ALL PROCEEDS OF THE EVENT GO TOWARDS THE SENIOR FESTIVITIES FOR THE CLASS OF 2023!

#### PARKING REMINDERS

Students are reminded that they may ONLY park in the student lot. Students parked in other places (visitor parking, staff spots, unauthorized spots on Skillings Road) are subject to ticketing. Repeat offenders may have their parking pass revoked.

Students are ALSO reminded to use the trash receptacles in the parking lot. Please do not just leave your trash on the ground.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON HEALTH SCREENINGS

Monday, February 14th and Tuesday, February 15th the WHS nurses and PE teachers will be holding our mandated DPH Screenings (hearing, vision, height & weight) with our 10th graders, during their PE classes.

If you wish to opt your student out of the screenings, please email our new high school nurse, **Kristen Lichtenberg**.

#### **WPS COVID-19**

ALL positive COVID-19 test results should now be submitted via <a href="mailto:this form">this form</a> (regardless of whether the test was taken at home or through a clinic). This is required to determine your student's clearance date for returning to school.

- You do not need to contact your school nurse
- Please remember to report your student absent as you normally would
- While isolation guidance for COVID-19 has been shortened to 5 days if you never had symptoms or if symptoms have resolved, it is your responsibility to monitor your students and keep them home longer to recover, if needed

#### **Available Information: Please Check First Before you Call:**

- Please refer to the Daily Symptom Checker
- WPS COVID-19 Protocols
- WPS Testing Program
- Email us for resources for students in isolation or quarantine
- Town of Winchester COVID Page (includes guidance on what to do if test positive or if have been exposed to someone with COVID-19)

## **CLASS OF 2022 NEWS**

**Attention Class of 2022!** 

It's Cap and Gown Time!

Please log on to <a href="https://example.com">highschool.herffjones.com</a> 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 **\$16.00**, this includes cap, gown and a 2022 red and black tassel.

#### **IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2022 DATES**

**TUES 3/22** Senior Parent Night & Senior Internship Meeting, 6-9 pm, WHS Auditorium

FRI 5/27 Senior's Last Day

WED 6/1 Senior Prom, 6-10pm

FRI 6/3 Graduation, 6-8pm

## CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

MONDAY FEBRUARY 14 3PM DINING COMMONS



#### **CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGE NIGHT**

Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 WHS Auditorium 7-8:30 PM

In early February, Counselors will be meeting with all juniors to review postsecondary options and outline the college search process. The Guidance
Department's College Planning Night for juniors features local admissions
professionals who will describe the admissions process from the colleges'
perspective. The panel will include Admissions representatives for three area
schools. Guidance Coordinator Suzanne Ontso will discuss how to get started
on the college selection process and provide an overview of how to use
Naviance. The College Planning Night is the first in a series of workshops
designed to equip parents and students with as much information as possible
about the college process. Students should attend this with their
parents/guardians. Counselors invite students and families to make individual
appointments to discuss their specific post-secondary plans AFTER the
workshops have concluded.

## ATTENTION CLASS OF 2023 PARENTS! MUSICAL BINGO IS BACK!

There is a small committee of volunteers that is working

## on the planning and we need more help! CAN YOU VOLUNTEER? CLICK MY SIGN UP FOR FOOD, AUCTION COMMITTEE, SET UP, AND MORE!

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for **\$250** which includes two tickets and business/family name prominently displayed. One or two families can go in together to sponsor--you don't need to have a business to be a sponsor!

#### Sign Up Here if Interested in a Sponsorship

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#### **IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2023 DATES**

MON 2/14 - Bake Sale, 3pm, WHS Dining Commons

WED 2/16 - College Info Night, 7-8:30pm, WHS Auditorium

FRI 2/18 - Junior Class Cocoa, 3-4pm, WHS Dining Commons

FRI 3/4 - Class Dinner, 6-9pm, WHS Dining Commons

## **CLASS OF 2024 NEWS**

Get excited! It is finally time for the Sophomore **Red Carpet Semi Formal**!

Come one and all to the Class of 2024's first ever dance!

April 1st, 7-9:30pm

**WHS Dining Commons** 

More information about tickets coming soon.

Hope to see you there!

#### CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER

Come join us for the Sophomore Chipotle fundraiser! 33% of event proceeds will go towards supporting the class of 2024. On **March 2nd from 5-9**pm at 112 commerce way, Woburn, MA, 01801

#### **IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2024 DATES**

WED 4/1 - Chipotle Fundraiser, 5-9 pm

MON 3/7 - Class Dinner, 4-8pm, WHS Dining Commons

FRI 4/1 - Class Dance, 7:30-10pm, WHS Dining Commons

## **CLASS OF 2025 NEWS**

#### **IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2025 DATES**

FRI 4/29 - CLASS DANCE, 7-10pm, WHS Dining Commons

## WHS SPORTS

#### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Winter Sports still going strong!

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



Watch games live on the public channel, and streamed live online

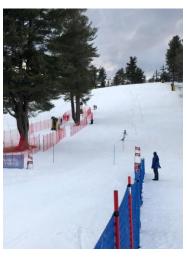
Please email us pictures and updates for Winter Sports! (whspfanewsletter@gmail.com)

## Please send us pictures and team updates! whspfanewsletter@gmail.com

# BOYS HOCKEY GIRLS BASKETBALL GIRLS HOCKEY GYMNASTICS INDOOR TRACK & FIELD NORDIC SKI

#### **ALPINE SKI**







**BOYS BASKETBALL** 









## **GIRLS HOCKEY**







#### **SWIMMING**

The boys had a solid end to their season at the Middlesex League Meet.

They finished 5th out of 7 teams with some great swims!

No more 5:00 AM wake-up calls for them.

(L to R) Benny Chen, Gary Xiang, (L to R) Ibny Crookson, Eric Lee (L to R) Nathan Liu & Ethan Guo Aaron Fisher & Leon Fu & Desmond Gao









Pictured below (L to R) Henry Leung, Gabe Guo & Felix Chen



Pictured below - (L) Senior Captain Jason Clark (R) newly elected Captain Allen Huseinovic



#### WRESTLING

It was a tough loss to Arlington at home on Wed night 39-29 Arlington.

Saturday saw the Division 1 Sectionals at Newton South High School.
Napoleon Suderman placed 1st, Jadd Farra placed 2nd, Ethan Cobbold &
Anthony Donlon placed 3rd, Obadiah Cao, Noah Cafferky & Paul Reid placed
4th, Joey Testa & Brian Claxton placed 6th.

Napoleon, Jadd, Ethan, Anthony, Obadiah, Noah and Paul head to the D1 States next weekend. Go Winchester Wrestling!









WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

#### CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS!

Student Council will be accepting submissions for Night of the Arts, which will take place at the high school on **March 9th**.

Please remember we are looking for disciplines of art (ex. film, paintings, performances, and sculptures). There will be another opportunity to submit art in late February.

Please either turn in your completed form to Mrs. Leduox's mailbox in the main office or email it to **Camille Clarke**.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing everyone's impressive work!

## WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

Click here for a <u>list</u> of WHS Clubs and Organizations Check this section for current club news, meetings & events

#### **CONGRATS TO MODEL UN TEAM!**

Congratulations to THE Winchester Model UN Team on taking home nine awards at the Boston Invitational Model United Nations Conference! The Red and Black debated, compromised, laughed, and researched with participants from all across the country and world over the course of the past weekend at BOSMUN, which was hosted at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. Special congratulations to Krishan Hedge, Mason Casebeer, and Sophie Chung for winning verbal commendations, Aashna Miharia for Best Position Paper, Spenser Wu for Honorable Mention, along with Adah Nordan, Anya L'Esperance, Georgia Keeler, and Maggie Fisher for Best Delegate!



Our Mathletes getting it done in a remote competition!

The Winchester High School Food Bank Club is hosting a winter food drive from February 1st - 15th! A donation box will be set up at the school, so you can drop off food. All food will be brought to the EnKa food pantry to help families in need this winter. Examples of food to bring are non-perishable foods, such as canned fruits or vegetables, soup, uncooked pasta, etc. Please contact <a href="mailto:2307065@wpsstudent.com">2307065@wpsstudent.com</a> with any questions. Thank you!

The **Art Club** is now meeting every **Thursday**, **3:15 - 4:30**, in room C109. The Art Club is a great opportunity for students to be creative in one of the art classrooms, whether or not they are in, or have taken, any art classes.

**JSA Debate** is every **Wednesday** from **5-6** in B209! Come join us this week and join our Google Classroom, Instagram, email list, and weekly political debates!

The **Winchester World Culture Club** will be meeting Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 in the library. In this club we will explore the wonders of world cultures through lots of fun and interactive activities. We hope to see you there!

Join the Purple Club on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 pm to hear from

special guest Dr. Kiriakopoulos who will discuss the basics of epilepsy and be available to answer questions.

Here is the **zoom link** to join.

Join **Upcycle Club** next **Tuesday 2/15** during Win Black to make some super cool woven newspaper baskets! Hope to see you there!

WHS is always collecting menstruation products for its drive to combat period poverty. Items can be dropped at the main office.

## **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.

#### TOWN ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUM

Dear members of the Winchester Schools community - it is that time of year again. Our Town election will be held on **Saturday March 19**, with all precincts voting at WHS.

The League of Women Voters of Winchester will again sponsor candidate forums for all townwide offices where there are more candidates than open seats, resulting in a competitive election. This year that will include:

Select Board
Board of Health
Planning Board
School Committee
Library Trustee

We would like to ask that all interested adults and students submit possible debate questions to **candidatequestions@lwvwinchester.org**.

No question is too big, too small, or too controversial. We will examine all questions, identify issues that residents are concerned about, and write

questions that cover the issues in a way that is unbiased, civil, and hopefully designed to elicit the candidates' positions about the issues.

Thank you for your participation in the governance of our Town.

The League of Women Voters of Winchester.

Submit Questions for Candidates



Pantry Hours by Appointment Only Sundays & Mondays Text, Email, or Call 781- 369-5844 enkapantry@gmail.com



1037 Main Street Winchester, MA 01890 Same location as the En Ka Exchanae

#### **Open to Winchester Residents**

- Providing non-perishable food and personal care items to individuals and families living in Winchester who do not have adequate financial resources to meet basic needs.
- Use of the En Ka Pantry is limited to one time per month and does not prohibit individuals or families also visiting the Woburn pantry.
- The En Ka Pantry is open to all households, through pre-arranged appointments.

**Email ENKA** 



# The En Ka Society's calendar raffle is here!! Please support the En Ka Society's many philanthropic efforts by purchasing one or more \$10 raffle tickets.

By doing so, you will not only be supporting the En Ka Society programs, but you will also help to patronize our local businesses that are featured as daily prizes.

#### Sample of daily prizes during the month of March:

\$500 cash prize, \$300 gift card to Simms ll Jewelers \$250 gift card to Mahoney's Garden Center \$250 gift card to Lucia's

#### There are 3 ways to purchase your \$10 raffle ticket by Feb 26th

- 1. Go to Bookends
- 2. Visit our website at En Ka Raffle 2022 and click on the link and pay with PayPal
- 3. From any En Ka member

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
S	*	Studio on the Common \$100	2 Frozen Hoagies \$50 Sweet SusperiZe \$25	3 Home \$75	4 Fells Hardware \$125	5 Lucia's \$250
6 First House Pub \$150	7 Mamadou's Artisan Bakery \$50 The Branch \$50	8 Fuller Cup \$50 Trentanoxe Skin Studio \$75	9 Swanton St. Diner \$100	Bookends \$200 Dunkin' Donuts \$25	Ciao Bow Wow \$50 La Patisserie \$50	A Tavola \$250
D'Agostino's \$150	Nourish Your Soul \$30 Pandxiew Florist \$50	Wine Country \$50 Recess \$75	Revel \$75 Toscano's Pizza \$50	Cash Prize!! \$500	Shields Car Wash \$50 Shear Perfection \$40	Simms Jewelers \$300
20 Black Horse Tavern \$150	21 Sole Amour \$75 Joe's Pizza \$50	Catch a Ealling Star \$50 Bruegger's Bagels \$25	23 Gingerbread Construction Co. \$50 Andrea's Pizza \$50	24 Salone Estetica \$75	25 The Hive \$75 Starbucks \$25	26 Mahoney's Garden Center \$250
27 China Sky \$150	28 Revolve \$75 Eleni's Med. Grille \$50	Liquor Junction \$50 Comella's \$50	Gloria's \$50	31 Runway Boutique \$75	See you	

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Coughlin Massa at 781-589-0977



# Peggy Orenstein: Author of Girls & Sex: Navigating the Complicated New Landscape



Inspired by her *New York Times* best seller, Orenstein will focus on her work with high school and college girls to reveal how they understand and negotiate the new rules of physical and emotional intimacy.

Through wit, research and powerful stories, she will explore:

- · the impact of the hookup culture on girls;
- how pop culture and pornography put undue pressure on girls to look and act sexy;
- how girls navigate between being called a "prude" or a "slut";
- and how parents can talk to girls (and boys) about sex authentically.

Good information for parents of either boys or girls. Books available at Bookends.

Thank you for the generous support from: The John and Mary Murphy Educational Foundation and The EnKa Society

Register for this webinar at parenttoparentwinchester.org, https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_G7tJ7iwiSFquy2qSlaxv Dg

Wednesday, February 16th 7:00PM Zoom Webinar

All Programs Are Free and Open to the Public

educate encourage empower

parenttoparentwinchester.org

#### **Register for 2/16 Webinar**

#### **TEEN SUMMER EXPO**

PLAN YOUR TEEN'S PERFECT SUMMER - The annual Teen Summer Expo is back! **Wednesday, February 16**, at Fusion Academy, 100 Summit Drive, Burlington from, **5:30-8:00pm**. Meet with directors of meaningful summer enrichment programs for kids ages 12-18. Options for every interest and budget. FREE and OPEN TO ALL. Easy highway access and plenty of parking. <a href="Per-Register">Pre-Register</a> at <a href="www.TeenSummerExpos.com">www.TeenSummerExpos.com</a>.

Vaccination ands masks required.

## **CLIMATE SOLUTIONS AND YOU**

Learn · Act · Lead

#### Virtual and Interactive 6-part Series

Each unit includes a Drawdown 101 video, conversation with local experts and Q&As

Sundays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 4:00-5:30 pm March 27, 2:00-3:30 pm

Filled with the latest need-to-know science and fascinating insights from experts in climate policy, research, investment, and beyond, this 6-part series will empower you to take action and become a leader towards a brighter climate reality.



For information and to register go to:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-solutions-and-you-virtual-and-interactive-6-part-series-tickets-257323650967
Sponsored by 350 Mass MetroNorth and the Winchester Unitarian Society



#### REPAIR CAFE

The goal of Repair Café is to encourage folks to repair and reuse items (such as clothing, furniture, tools, appliances, bikes, toys, etc) rather than throw them away. The next Repair Café will be held on **Saturday, February 26th, 2022** from **9.30 am to 12.30 pm** in Chidley Hall at the First Congregational Church of Winchester (just across from the town common). It is at the same location as our last Repair Café.

Our volunteers had a great time too and are ready for new challenges. We will add a Spring Bike Tune-up for small children's bikes; simple safety overview checking tires, brakes, etc. We would love to have more children's toys to repair too, these things sometimes need a small fix to have a whole new life. So sort out your broken goodies and sign up for the Repair Café.

Repair Cafe Sign Up



## Virtual Presentation: Eating Disorder Prevention March 2, 2022 7:00pm

#### **About Stephanie Haines**

Stephanie Haines, M.Ed., CHES has been providing school communities with specialized addiction prevention education since 1999 and has taught students of all ages in most U.S. states and more than 40 countries across five continents. After completing her graduate work at Plymouth State University's Eating Disorders Institute in 2013, Stephanie joined Walden Behavioral Care as their Prevention Education Specialist, creating an eating disorders prevention curriculum designed for use in school communities. Stephanie takes great joy in raising awareness about the prevention and treatment of eating disorders and substance use disorders as a private consultant, and helping families get the care and support they need and deserve as a member of the Walden team.

Stephanie can be reached at <a href="mailto:shaines@waldenbehavioralcare.com">shaines@waldenbehavioralcare.com</a>. Learn more at <a href="https://www.waldeneatingdisorders.com">www.waldeneatingdisorders.com</a>.

## Join us for a conversation on:

- Prevention
- Identification
- Treatment

Winchester Public Schools and the Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community

ZOOM LINK:

Meeting ID: 861 1705 4469



winchestercoalition@gmail.com

Email Stephanie Haines

Visit Walden Eating Disorder Website

Email Winchester Coalition

## Positive Coaching: Training for Healthy Outcomes in Sports & Life



Krystal Mellonakos-Garay, Reading Coalition Outreach Coordinator



Winchester Police Chief Dan O'Connell

Please join us for a presentation by **Reading Police Department Outreach Coordinator Krystal Mellonakos-Garay** and moderated by **Winchester Police Chief Daniel O'Connell** on H.O.P.E. (Healthy Outcomes From Positive Experiences). H.O.P.E. is a program run out of Tufts Medical Center that responds to what we know about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and their impact on risky behavior. H.O.P.E. focuses on creating positive experiences to support children's growth and development into healthy, resilient adults.

Coaches can play a big role in creating these experiences and you will see the difference on your teams... Learn how!



winchestercoalition@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 8
7pm
ZOOM LINK
Meeting ID: 817 8905 8728

## **SPORTS AROUND TOWN**



#### **BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE**

Winchester Lax Parents! Spring Lax registration is OPEN. We cannot wait to be back out there with the boys. Our success on the field is determined by how the boys improve and how much fun they have. We love the wins, but Town Lax is about friendship, fun and improvement.

#### **Registration link**

#### **Important Dates to Remember:**

Our season opens on **April 4th**. House League parents we will have Friday afternoon practices, and Saturday afternoon games.

We will not conflict with Sandlot games.

We will have a WYL "assembly" on **April 3rd**. Location will be weather dependent. This is a K-8th grade event, and we will have skill competitions (not all skills will be "lax" skills) for prizes.

**Pre-Season** – We will plan to secure some pre-season turf under the lights for our league teams to get some skills and drill work in before April 4th.

**Equipment** – US Lacrosse has recently passed a rule that all shoulder pads have a chest protector that meets NOCSAE standards ND200. WYL will enforce this for 3rd-8th grade. All of the lacrosse stores and sites now have this gear fully stocked – you will have a hard time finding gear that does not meet these new standards. **More info here** 

Cost – For 2022, we have slightly increased the cost of 3rd - 8th grade

lacrosse. WYL lost money in 2020 (COVID), and was slightly in the red in 2021 as we made investments and recovered from the effects of Covid. Please email us if you would like us to consider a scholarship. Please do not sign up and not pay without reaching out to us.

Local College Lax – There is a lot of great local college lax. We will plan a couple "All-Program" field trips to watch some of our program friends play. We will head to Tufts on March 29th to watch a few WYL and WHS alum (Jake Mabardy, Ryan McCarthy, Andrew Murray) take on the elephants. We will also head over to Harvard to watch WYL alum Collin Bergstrom play and may have some behind the scene access.

Register up! Think warm thoughts. Let's go!



# WINCHESTER GIRLS YOUTH LACROSSE SPRING REGISTRATION

Limited space available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Travel Teams

#### **SIGNUP TODAY**

There are programs for girls in kindergarten – 8 grade. Beginners are welcome! Please visit us at winchestergirlslacrosse.com to register today. Contact us if you have any questions. See you on the field!

#### 2022 REGISTRATION FOR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Hello friends, Spring is around the corner and it's time to get ready for softball & baseball! Registration is open for all kids who want to play this spring. We are excited about the work the Board has put in during the off season to

enhance our programs and we're eager to get the season rolling.

Please <u>visit our website</u> to sign up today! March 15th is the registration deadline!

#### Babe Ruth Baseball (13-15U)

We are excited to announce that the WYBS 13-15U baseball program is now offering an in-town only Babe Ruth league to foster more participation in the game for this age group.

Starting with the Spring 2022 season, the league will be comprised of 6 teams that will play 12-14 games on weeknights followed by the playoffs at the conclusion of the regular season. Our goal in establishing this new program, is to provide a fun, competitive and instructional baseball experience for players age 13-15 so those players may continue to have the ability to participate in a recreational baseball program.

The teams will play on the full size 90ft diamond as part of the Babe Ruth program and games will be held at Skillings, McDonald and Lynch fields. Teams will be organized based on age and skill once registration is complete and all registered players will receive a roster spot. The registration fee of \$350 covers the cost of umpires, equipment and field rentals.

A decision regarding the future of the program's continued participation in the middle school baseball program will be made in January.

## **ALUMNI NEWS**



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 <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for our Alumni Spotlight Series that celebrates past WHS students now around the world or check out our website **HERE**.

## THE WHS MASKED STAFFER UNMASKED!



#### **UNMASKED:**

Our Fabulous French Teacher Erin Foley!

Thank you (Merci!) Ms. Foley for participating and helping us get to know you better!

Stay tuned folks for our next mystery WHS Masked Contestant! :-)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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