

Winchester High School
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter
February 28, 2022

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear WHS Families,

Welcome back from vacation!
Life at WHS always ramps up after February Break. Spring is in the air (hopefully) and there are many fun events on the horizon for each grade and the school as a whole. Please take a minute to scroll down to see all the "goings on".

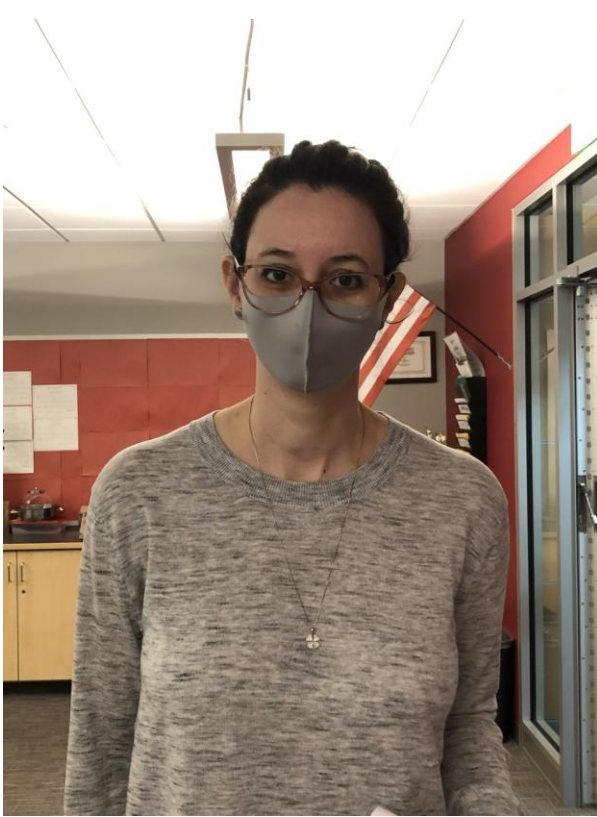


The PFA is looking for parent volunteers (from any grade) to help with the Junior Class "Financial Literacy Fair" on Wed, March 16th 1:30-3pm. No special expertise needed. This is a great way to come into the school. More info below. [Click here to sign up.](#)

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? **Archbishop Mitty High School, San Jose, CA**
2. What was your favorite subject in high school? **History**
3. What sport and/or extracurricular were you involved in high school? **Basketball**
4. What is one of your hidden talents? **I am really good at laser tag.**
5. Favorite Movie/Book/Band/Food? **I love action movies, Rebecca by Daphne DuMaurier, country music, and anything sugary.**
6. Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? **Right Place, Right Time**

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

MANDATORY MASKING IN EFFECT

This is just a reminder that mandatory masking is still in place for students, faculty, and staff upon our return to school on Monday, February 28th.

DESE's lifting of the statewide mandate allows school systems to move to optional masking. While every community is different, many cities and towns established local masking mandates and negotiated requirements into contractual agreements with teachers' associations and other unions that remain in effect until modified/removed through bargaining. As communicated in the WPS email prior to the vacation week, the WPS is in discussions with the Winchester Educators' Association (WEA) regarding the transition to optional masking.

WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

ALL SCHOOL DATES - NEW EVENTS ADDED!

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

MON 4/11 - Q4 begins

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

THU 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.

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 [volunteers](#) 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](#)

WHS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Congratulations to Stephen Burchfield, Varun Swaminathan, Noah Kim, Sophie Chung, and Roxie Arnet on being named National Merit Scholarship Finalists!



MAKING WISHES COME TRUE

Our Make-A-Wish Club officers present Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with a check for almost \$6000.00. This is the money the club has raised thus far this year!



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 on March 5 for our WHS students!



JOIN WHS STUDENT
COUNCIL TO PLAY
MINI GOLF!

PUTTING FOR PATIENTS

play golf, enter raffles, and try
for a hole-in-one!
\$10 per person - ALL profits go
to the Jimmy Fund

March 5 from 11am - 2pm
in the WHS dining commons

A fantastic Friday night activity on April 8 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.

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.

WPS COVID-19

ALL positive COVID-19 test results should now be submitted via [this form](#) (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)

COVID TESTING IN WINCHESTER

Get tested after February vacation week at Winchester Town Hall.

Two testing clinics;

**Monday, February 28th from 2:30pm to 4:30pm and
Wednesday, March 2 from 4pm to 6pm.**

Test clinic is \$20 per test if you are not a Town employee. You need to register through [Project Beacon](#) with a Town of Winchester Profile (code "WINTESTING") and you can create that [here](#). Testing is recommended for symptomatic individuals, if you are exposed to someone positive (e.g. if someone in your house is positive), and before visiting with high risk individuals. PLEASE CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

Click [here](#) for more details.

CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

Attention Class of 2022!

It's Cap and Gown Time!

Please log on to [www.winschools.org](#) 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.

ATTENTION SENIOR STUDENT ATHLETES

Applications for the Joseph M. Murphy III Scholarship can be picked up in the Athletic Office and are due by April 15th.

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2022 DATES

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

FRI 5/27 Seniors' Last Day

WED 6/1 Senior Prom, 6-10pm

FRI 6/3 Graduation, 6-8pm

CLASS OF 2023 NEWS

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!

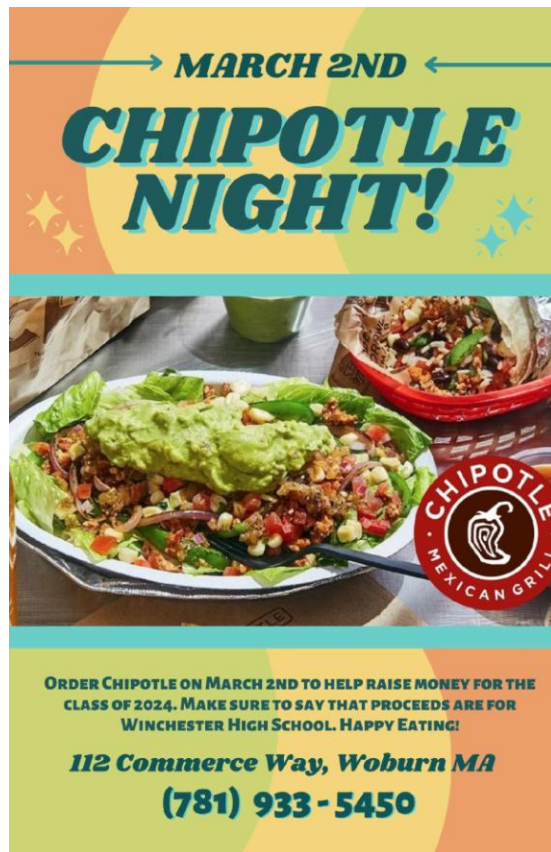
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CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

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



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!

IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2024 DATES

WED 3/2 - 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!

(whspfnewsletter@gmail.com)

ALPINE SKI

Boys ski team won the league and Girls ski team came in second!
Congrats to the team, and good luck to the skiers who are going to the State Championship on Tuesday, March 1 -- Charlie Easton, Maddie Taylor, Lukas Schemmel, Liam Carlin, and Erik Bergstrom.



GIRLS BASKETBALL





At left, Brooke Schrule, Capt. Ava Ciaccio, Claire English and Capt. Carmen Kelcourse

GIRLS HOCKEY

JV girls won their final game of the season vs Pope Francis, 2-1. Well done!



INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

At the MIAA Meet of Champions on Saturday, February 26, senior **Easton Tan won the 55 M hurdles**. His 7.36 time is a new meet record, and the second fastest time ever recorded in Massachusetts. Congrats Easton!

(Pictured happily with his Mom below!)

Also pictured below are the qualifying athletes for the MIAA Divisional Meet on February 20th. Proud Coaches supporting and cheering their athletes through it all! Nice job WHS! Next up... Spring Track!

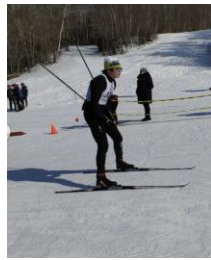


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Boys 55 M Hurdles		Heat/Flight: 1
1	Tan	WINC 7.36
2	Volquez	LAWR 7.43
3	Wall	MANS 7.55
4	Beauregard	WALP 7.60
5	O'Riorden	NASH 7.80
6	Salem	HING 7.90
7	Gerfen	LEXI 8.10
8	Niejadlik	NAND 8.19



NORDIC SKI

The Nordic Ski Team had a great day at States on February 16! Good work Red and Black. Special shout out to the girls team who placed 9th in the state.



OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

There will be an Outdoor Track & Field informational and sign up meeting on **Wednesday, March 2nd** in the library starting at **3:15**.

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). The deadline for submissions is **March 1st**. 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 [list](#) of WHS Clubs and Organizations
Check this section for current club news, meetings & events

Come to A305 during WIN block on **Wednesday, March 2** for the first meeting of the **WHS Justice Reform Initiative!** We are a new club aiming to amend issues in the current criminal justice and prison systems. We want to do activist work such as efforts to change state legislation and educating ourselves and others in the WHS community about injustices in today's correctional facilities. Thanks and we hope to see you there!

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!

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

Winter Break Special!



EnKa Pantry!



"Family Night"
Pizza and Salad Fixins'



Pantry Hours
by Appointment Only
Sundays & Mondays

Text, Email, or Call
781- 369-5844
enkapantry@gmail.com

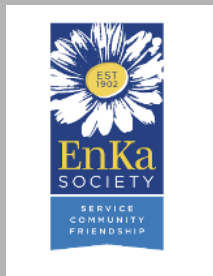


1037 Main Street
Winchester, MA 01890
Same location as the En Ka Exchange

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 EXCHANGE
PROM AND SEMI FORMAL DRESS SALE!!!**

1037 Main Street, Winchester MA
781-729-6146

Look no further; the En Ka Exchange is the place to go for your prom and semi-formal looks-purses, jewelry and shoes also available. Dresses (both long and short) will be on sale starting this **Wednesday, March 2nd**.

We will be open both Wednesday and Thursday evening, from 6pm-8pm (March 2nd and 3rd), as well as our regular hours of 10-4 on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday and 10-1 on Friday.

Go to our [Facebook page](#) to see more dresses.

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS AND YOU

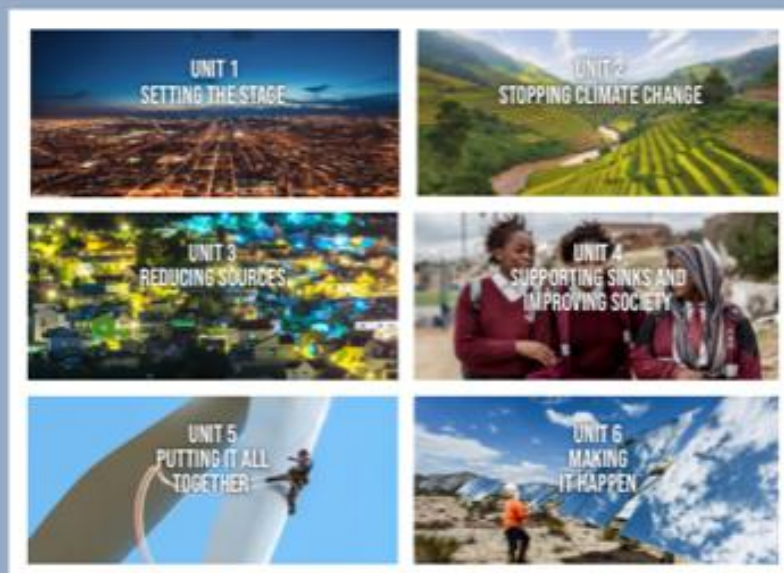
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Virtual and Interactive 6-part Series

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



Register Here for Climate Solutions and You



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 shaines@waldenbehavioralcare.com. Learn more at www.waldeneatingdisorders.com.

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

[Register for Zoom Here](#)

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

[Register for Zoom Here](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

The Winchester Sports Foundation is proud and excited to announce
we will be hosting our annual
Charity Golf Event
at the beautiful Winchester Country Club
on
Monday, May 16, 2021

Online Registration Opens March 1, 2022

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](#)

Spring 2022 Girls Youth Lacrosse
LIMITED SPACE REMAINING
WINCHESTERGIRLSLACROSSE.COM



Travel Teams
Grades 3- 8

House League Clinic
Kindergarten - Grade 2

Beginners Welcome!

Questions? Contact
WinchesterGirlsYouthLax@Gmail.com

WINCHESTER GIRLS YOUTH LACROSSE SPRING REGISTRATION

Limited space available on the 3rd - 8th
Grade Travel Teams

SIGNUP TODAY

There are programs for girls in kindergarten – 8th 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 visit our website 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.

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](#).

THE WHS MASKED STAFFER UNMASKED!



UNMASKED:

Our Action Packed 9th grade English, 10th grade English, Speech and Debate, and Creative Writing Teacher **Ms. Courtney Ledoux!**

Thank you Ms. Ledoux 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!

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.**

To make a newsletter or a news blast submission, **please email us** NO LATER than 12:00 PM on Friday.

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