

**Winchester High School  
Parent Faculty Association Newsletter  
April 4, 2022**

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**PRESIDENT'S NOTE**



Dear WHS Families,

**WHS is buzzing with activity!** Spring sports have started and all team schedules can be found at [WHS Team Schedules](#).



Come and support the Arts this week:  
**FRI 4/8 - Spring Choral Concert, WHS Auditorium, 7-8:30 PM.**

The Sophomore Class of 2024 had their first dance last Friday and it was so worth waiting for! There were record high numbers of students in attendance - over 250! And just down the street their parents were celebrating at Lucia's

and having a great time as well! A beautiful night for all! Thank you to Teacher Advisors *Betsy Kean and Christina Costas*, Parent Advisors *Danielle Adams, Pam Balfanz, Michelle Blumsack and Leigh Hurd*, Class officers *Harper Lindsay, Karennia Marnik, Nidhi Rao, and Kaitlin Tan*, and the Winchester Coalition for Safer Community, *Dot Butler* and all the staff who volunteered their time to chaperone for making this night so special and memorable and parents who donated items for both events-- it takes a village! Next up, our Freshmen Class of 2025's Dance on April 29th!

Keep scrolling down for so much more! Please send us pictures of any and all WHS events you attend ([whspfaneewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:whspfaneewsletter@gmail.com)) as everyone enjoys seeing what these talented kids are up to.

Best,  
*Abbie DiMatteo & Brenda Mandile, Co-Chairs*  
[whspfafa@gmail.com](mailto:whspfafa@gmail.com)  
[www.whspfafa.org](http://www.whspfafa.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 SAYS GOODBYE...



With the end of the mask mandate it's time to bid a fond farewell to our "WHS Masked Staffer". Heartfelt thanks to ALL the WHS Staff and Faculty who contributed to it! We LOVED learning about YOU!

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WHS IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[Click here for District School Calendar](#)

**FRI 4/8** - Spring Choral Concert, WHS Auditorium, 7-8:30 PM **AND**  
Musical Bingo Adult Fundraiser (SOLD OUT), 7-11 PM, Sons of Italy

**MON 4/11** - Q4 begins

**MON 4/18 - FRI 4/22** - NO SCHOOL - April Vacation

**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**

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## GET PIZZA AT GLORIA'S ON WEDNESDAY!

The boys volleyball season is off to a great start! In support of the team, **Gloria's Pizza** will hold a fundraiser this coming **Wednesday, April 6th** from **5-9pm**. A portion of all sales will be contributed to the team. Please consider taking advantage of a meal out - your support is appreciated!

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **THE Winchester Model UN Team** on taking home **FIRST PLACE** at the National High School Model UN Conference by winning the Award of Distinction for the second year in a row! The Red and Black competed against participants from all across the world over four days at the in-person conference hosted in the New York Hilton Midtown. Congratulations to Spenser Wu, Eda Erdogmus, Sophie Chung, Jennifer Wu, Armen Bagdassarian, Georgia Keeler, Kaitlin Tan, Anya L'Esperance, Harper Lindsay, Aden Huang, and Gauri Bansal on their achievement! Additional congratulations to Harper Lindsay for winning an Award of Excellence, Gauri Bansal and Aden Huang for winning an Award of Excellence, Spenser Wu for winning an Award of Merit, Eda Erdogmus for winning an Award of Merit, plus Anya L'Esperance and Armen Bagdassarian for winning an Award of Merit in their respective committees.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the **Figure Skating Club** for placing 6th in New England at the end of the 2021-2022 season! The team came together to win two team gold medals and six individual medals in the NEICC competition series. Congrats to all of our members for their hard work this season!



## AND MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to ALL of our students who participated in this year's En Ka Poster Contest!!

The winning poster and theme was created by Ella Matule. Great work Ella!

"Winchester's Weekend of Fun!!!"

Love,  
Mrs Michienzi

## WHS STUDENT COUNCIL SHOE DRIVE



The WHS Student Council is hosting a shoe drive for the JC Hispaniola Fund! The drive will be running from **now until April 15th**,

and drop-off is at the high school.

All gently used shoes are appreciated! Sneakers and other durable shoes are preferred. This non-profit organization will bring the shoes to the Dominican Republic to help those in need.

Please visit this [link](#) to learn more! Thank you all for your support!

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Interested in changing lives this summer?

Join School the World in the library on **Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30 PM** for an information session about their upcoming service trips to Central America this summer!

Students and parents are invited to learn everything there is to know about traveling with School the World and hear from WHS students about their experiences on past trips. Scholarship opportunities are available!

Come with your questions and get ready to embark on a journey of a lifetime! This informational meeting is hosted by Connect & Commit.

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## **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**The Network for Social Justice has officially launched our Summer 2022 internship application!**

Internships are for high school age students (rising Freshman welcome!) These are paid positions for an internship which runs 6 weeks, and requires a 5 hour a week commitment.

To apply click [here](#).

**Attention all aspiring community  
organizers and mental health/racial  
justice teen advocates!**



## Summer 2022 Internship Program

Student intern slots available!

Interns must commit to meeting on:  
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, and 8/10 from 12-3PM  
(one absence allowed)

Time commitment: 25 hours across 6 weeks  
\$250 stipend plus lunch provided on meeting  
days

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**APPLY NOW**

## 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)



## UPCOMING PFIZER VACCINE CLINIC IN WINCHESTER

**Vaccinations** are our best protection to help prevent serious illness, hospitalization and death.

There are spots available in our clinic on  
**Monday, April 11, 2022**  
**4:30 – 6:00 pm, Winchester High School**  
This clinic is for anyone over the age of 5.  
**Please register in advance!**

All Public Welcome

[For more information and to register click here](#)

# CLASS OF 2022 NEWS

## IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2022 DATES

**FRI 4/8** - LAST DAY to order Class Banners



FRI 5/27 - Seniors' Last Day

WED 6/1 - Senior Prom, 6-10 PM

FRI 6/3 - Graduation, 6-8 PM



## CLASS OF 2022 BANNERS

Spring is here and so are the Class of 2022 Banners!

The WHS PFA is organizing the 3rd Annual Personalized Banner Drive for the **Class of 2022!** If you would like to order a banner for your student or for another deserving student, please fill out this [form](#) and submit it no later than **Friday, April 8th.**

Each banner is **\$60.** Payment must be made in full in order to process your banner request. **Banners can be picked up at WHS on April 29th, 4:00-6:00 PM or they can be delivered to your home for a \$10 fee.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to [contact us.](#)  
If your family would like financial assistance with purchasing a banner, please contact [Ms. Conis.](#)

You can pay either by check (payable WHSPFA) or [PayPal.](#)  
Checks can be dropped off at the main office.

## IT'S CAP AND GOWN TIME!

Please log on to [highschool.herffjones.com](https://highschool.herffjones.com) 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 **\$20.00**, this includes cap, gown and a 2022 red and black tassel.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the **Christopher Mitropoulos Memorial Scholarship** are due by **April 9th**.

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

Please see the Guidance Office and Naviance program for more information.

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## CLASS OF 2023 MUSICAL BINGO FUNDRAISER - Fri 4/8

We are in need an assortment of nominal gift cards to use as prizes, as well as some candy and cups for the event.

We have included an Amazon link for the cups, as it would help to have them uniform in size.

**[Donate Here](#)**

The Class of 2023 is having a Musical Bingo fundraiser for adults on **April 8th**. If you were unable to get tickets (this event sold out very quickly) or the date didn't work for you and you would like to help, please consider a donation to the Silent Auction or Raffle.

Some ideas would be a gift basket of any kind, you may have a hidden talent you would like to share, a vacation home, tickets to a sporting event, or gift certificate. You could go in with another family or families.

Contact [Lori Sirignano](#) with any questions or donations.

## CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

### IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2024 DATES

Check back here for updates

## CLASS OF 2025 NEWS

### IMPORTANT CLASS OF 2025 DATES

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

## 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](#)



SPRING SPORTS SEASON IS ON!  
PLEASE [SEND US](#) TEAM UPDATES, PHOTOS AND

## **SCORES!**

Baseball  
Lacrosse Boys & Girls  
Sailing Co Ed  
Softball  
Tennis Boys & Girls  
Track & Field Boys & Girls  
Ultimate Frisbee Coed  
Volleyball Boys

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## **VOLLEYBALL**

The boys volleyball team kicked-off the season in the Kick-Off Classic with a home opener against Westfield, one of the best programs in the state. Tough 3-2 loss after battling back from 0-2, followed by a win vs St John's Shrewsbury, 3-0.



# **WHS ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER**

## **SPRING CHORAL CONCERT**

Friday, April 8

WHS Auditorium  
7-8:30 PM

# WHS CLUBS & GROUPS

Click here for a [list](#) of WHS Clubs and Organizations  
Check this section for current club news, meetings & events

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## CREATIVE MINDS NIGHT

Calling all WHS readers and writers! Do you want a chance to have your short story published? The Creative Minds Night team is publishing a book of short stories authored by WHS students, to learn more or [submit your story here](#).

We are also conducting a quick interest check, which you can fill out [here](#).  
You don't have to be planning on contributing to enter, we'd greatly appreciate any responses!

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## WHS LITERARY MAGAZINE

Presenting the Fall-Winter WHS Literary Magazine! View student creative works at the website [here](#) or pick up a copy of the magazine during Creative Writing Guild (**Mondays at 3:30 in Ms. Evrigenis's room**). Submissions for the Spring 2022 Litmag are now open as well and will be closing **April 5th**.

Anyone in WHS can submit, and we look forward to compiling your works!  
Submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

# 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.

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## VISIT MAHONEY'S AND SUPPORT WFEE!!

It is Getting Warmer!

Put the misery of the last week behind you, spring really is almost here. That means you should mark your calendar for **Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** and plan a **trip to Mahoney's Garden Center in Winchester**. A portion of all purchases made that day will be donated to WFEE, benefiting students and teachers in all of our schools. Plan to buy some spring flowers; get yourself a gift card so you will be ready to garden when the temperatures really get warm.

*Winchester*

**BE**

**TICK**

**SMART**



[winchester.us/ticks](http://winchester.us/ticks)

### **DON'T GET TICKED OFF – GET EDUCATED**

Join us Wednesday April 13 at 7PM on Zoom  
Learn how tick-borne diseases can be prevented  
Speaker Larry Dapsis, Entomologist

*Brought to you by the Winchester Health Department*



# College Admissions for Complex Students

a **FREE WEBINAR** by Signet Education

**Thursday, April 14th, 2022**

**7:00pm - 8:00pm EST**

- Navigate the college admissions process for neurodiverse students
- Know the changes in the admissions landscape due to COVID-19
- Plan an intentional approach to reduce stress and improve outcomes

**Register here:**

<https://bit.ly/3wJTm80>



[Click Here to Register](#)

[More About WinPAC Here](#)

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## MIT'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS WORKSHOP

MIT's Women Business Leaders will be hosting the annual Women in Business workshop for high school women this spring and would like to invite Winchester High School students interested in learning more about consulting, finance, and/or entrepreneurship to attend. Students will be able to interact with industry professionals and MIT faculty through presentations, workshops, and Q&A panels, as well as learn about business-related opportunities at MIT from current undergraduate students.

The workshop will be held on **April 23rd**. The details of the event are being organized now. Students can [RSVP here](#) to indicate interest in attending. (The RSVP is non-binding).

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## **Mental Health After High School: How To Help Your Young Adults Help Themselves**

***Did You Know that 75% of all mental health conditions start by age 24?***

***The life of an 18-24 year old can be hard. College, job search, gap year, life exploration and living on their own for the first time are some of the things they face.***

- 12:00-12:30 lunch & viewing of *What Made Maddy Run*
- 12:30-1:30- Panel Discussion
  - Young adult speaker- experience; signs & symptoms
  - College resources: Support for students on campus
  - Community mental health provider resources

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND A PANEL DISCUSSION!**

*Facilitated by WHS Adjustment Counselor  
Amber Haines, LICSW*

### ***Panelists:***

Madison Murphy, Boston University Student Services

Chris Robinson, Boston University, Student Services

Patricia Bruno, Middlesex Community College

Georgia Kondylis, WHS '16 & Lesley U '21

Community mental health provider TBD

**April 26, 2022  
WinCAM  
32 Swanton Street  
Winchester, MA**

**FREE & Open to  
the Public!**



**RSVP**

[winchestercoalition@gmail.com](mailto:winchestercoalition@gmail.com)

so we can plan for food!



## WINCHESTER HALL OF FAME 2022 ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDUCTEES

The Winchester Sports Foundation Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the inductees for The 2022 Hall of Fame.

***The honorees for 2022 are:***

- Class of 1997 & 1998 Girls Soccer Teams
- Class of 1966 John Doherty – Baseball, Track & Football
- Class of 1982 Martha Doherty – Field Hockey, Basketball & Tennis
- Class of 1990 Sean Donlon – Football & Lacrosse
- Class of 2008 – Megan Sullivan – Soccer, Ice Hockey & Lacrosse

The inductees will be inducted at the Hall of Fame Dinner held on **Thursday, May 5th** at the Burlington Marriott, Mall Road, Burlington, MA  
6:00 PM Cocktails and 7:00 PM Dinner

Reservations can be made by sending a check made out to:  
The Winchester Sports Foundation for **\$60**  
Dot Butler  
30 Wildwood Street  
Winchester, MA 01890

**[or you can pay on line](#)**

**Please R.S.V.P. by 4/27/22**

Tables of 10 are available and will be reserved for your party only upon receipt of payment.  
Please indicate members of your party when reserving a table.

For additional information about this event or the WSF Hall of Fame, please  
contact [Paul Manganaro](#) or [Dot Butler](#)

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# EN KA PANTRY

## FOOD PICKUP



HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC! ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD AND NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS. LEAVE YOUR FOOD ON YOUR PORCH AND WE'LL COME PICK IT UP.

**SATURDAY**  
1PM

**4/30**



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EN KA PANTRY AND LISTS OF REQUESTED ITEMS, VISIT [WWW.ENKASOCIETY.ORG](http://WWW.ENKASOCIETY.ORG). TO DONATE FOOD, SIGN UP USING THIS LINK [TINYURL.COM/ENKADONATE](http://TINYURL.COM/ENKADONATE) OR THE QR CODE ABOVE. ALL THAT IS REQUIRED IS YOU CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE FOOD AND MAKE SURE TO ONLY DONATE NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY BECOME BETTER PLACE .

[DONATE HERE](#)

