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**PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ MARCH 2009**

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**From the Office of Principal Tom Gwin**

The year continues to fly by as we glide into Spring Training, March Madness, and a very busy month at Winchester High School. March features the course registration process that will kick off during the week of March 2nd. From March 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, guidance counselors will visit social studies classes to give out the *2008-09 Student Guide and Course of Studies* and discuss the registration calendar, graduation requirements, new courses, and other important registration-related information. The *2008-09 Student Guide and Course of Studies* will also be available on the WHS website, listed on the home page under “course selection”.

Faculty will be making course recommendations for students during the week of March 9<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will make recommendations based on the current course level and student performance during the year. Please consider teacher recommendations very seriously as the staff chooses the courses that will both challenge your children and provide them the best opportunity for academic success. However, if the parent/guardian(s) and student disagree with the teacher recommendation, there is an appeal process. Course appeal forms will be available on the high school website, and should be submitted to the appropriate director or coordinator by Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Parents will be notified of appeal decisions by April 17. There will be a special evening for parents of incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Monday, March 2 at 7 pm in the WHS auditorium. The evening includes a presentation from the directors and coordinators on ninth grade course options as well as a Parent-to-Parent program featuring current WHS students and parents.

March also brings the first round of MCAS testing for 10<sup>th</sup> graders. English Language Arts testing will take place on the mornings of March 31, April 1, and April 2. WHS no longer has delayed openings during MCAS exams and all students should be in school at 7:45 am. Later in the year, 10<sup>th</sup> graders will also take the MCAS mathematics, 9<sup>th</sup> graders will complete a biology MCAS, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take a United States History MCAS.

I hope you are able to attend our musical, Sweet Charity, taking place on the nights of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 5, 6, and 7 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. Please come and support our young performers.

Prescription Drug Abuse

According to many research studies, prescription drug abuse has been on a steady increase, especially among teenagers. The danger of prescription drugs is twofold. First, teenagers see these drugs as safer than illicit drugs because they are manufactured by pharmaceutical companies and are prescribed by doctors. Second, they are easily assessable from home medicine cabinets or from students to whom these medications have been prescribed. The drugs most commonly abused are pain killers (oxycontin, vicodin, and codeine), depressants (valium and xanax), and stimulants (often used to treat ADHD- ritalin and adderall). According to a report from New York State's Department of Health.

[http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/patients/medicines/prescription/abuse/parent\\_questions\\_and\\_answers.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/patients/medicines/prescription/abuse/parent_questions_and_answers.htm)

Parents can take three important actions to prevent children from misusing prescription drugs:

- Educate yourself about the medications being abused.
- Talk to your kids about the issue. Be very clear and explicitly state (frequently) your expectations of their behavior in regards to drugs.
- Lock up medications that you have at home and properly dispose of medications no longer in use.

I am working with the Winchester Substance Abuse Coalition in planning presentations to students regarding the misuse of prescription drugs.

**MESSAGE FROM THE MAIN OFFICE**

Items, found by staff or students, should be turned in to the Lost and Found in the Main Office. Students may check this area for lost items. All academic books will be returned to the subject department. All unclaimed items are donated periodically to a local charity.

**MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS**

Dismissals from School: Students who are to be dismissed from school, for dental or doctor's appointments must be excused with an explanatory note or telephone call from a parent to the Main Office **prior to the dismissal. A note after the fact will not be accepted. Underclassmen should not be dismissed for lunch periods. If a student must be dismissed, then the parent of the student/s must enter the building and sign their student/s out.**

Wilson Farms has generously offered a **Winchester Public Schools Fundraising Day!** All Winchester families, school faculty, administrators, staff are welcome to shop at Wilson Farms on **Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am-7pm and 20% of their total purchase will go directly to Winchester Public Schools!** The official flyer must be used in order to benefit Winchester. The coupon can be found at [www.winchester.k12.ma.us](http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us) by clicking “District Fundraiser”. It is encouraging when all the schools and members of the Winchester community work together toward a common purchase – helping all our children. Please join us at Wilson Farms on March 4<sup>th</sup>! Any questions, please contact Sue Kim at [sue\\_kim@post.harvard.edu](mailto:sue_kim@post.harvard.edu) or Maria O'Connor at [mtotoc@yahoo.com](mailto:mtotoc@yahoo.com). Co-Sponsored by Wilson Farms and the Winchester Parents Inter School Council (PTOs).

## MESSAGE FROM NURSE BRITT

Student Illness and Medications ~ Except in an emergency a student who becomes ill at school should obtain a pass from a teacher before going to the Health Office. When a student is too ill to remain in school, a parent or the person designated on the contact sheet will be notified. Students must report to the nurse in cases requiring dismissal for health reasons. If they fail to do so, the absence will be considered a cut.

Students are not permitted to carry prescription or over the counter medications in school. This is mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All medications must be registered with the school nurse.

Any student who is returning to school following a contagious disease, extended illness or hospitalization must be readmitted to school by the school nurse. Any student returning to school with a cast, crutches, braces, etc., must be readmitted to school by the school nurse.

Students who need to be excused from active participation in physical education class for a medical reason must provide the nurse with documentation from a physician in order to obtain a PE excuse. Academic participation will still be required.

Students, with a doctor's note or a parent note stating that they cannot use the stairs because of an accident, injury, etc., may obtain an elevator key at the Nurse's Office with a \$10.00 deposit. A lost or non- returned key will result in an additional charge of \$10.00 dollars.

Students who are injured during school hours must report to the school nurse and file an accident report if necessary. If an injury occurs during an after school activity, it should be reported immediately to the advisor, trainer or coach.

**The Sports Marketing Course** is looking for a connection in the community who would have experience working in the copyright or product licensing field. The Sports Marketing course works on a unit which focuses on concept, development and product marketing for the sports industry. Please email Daniel Downs-Educational Technology Teacher at Winchester High School [d downs@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:d downs@winchester.k12.ma.us)

## TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES AT WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

We may not have a laptop per student at Winchester High School yet, but we are certainly moving forward with our technology every year.

Shortly after school started, we had a system-wide, Professional Development Day dedicated to introducing new technologies and improving learning. The world-renowned keynote speaker, Mr. Alan November, inspired us to envision new ways to teach. All teachers attended interesting and informative workshops of their choice after his provocative presentation.

As the Instructional Technology Specialist, I have the opportunity to facilitate the integration of technology in the curriculum. It is common to see teachers in every department using 21<sup>st</sup> Century tools to enhance the performance of students and achieve higher goals at Winchester High School. For example, one can find students in the departments of English, Social Studies, Foreign Language, or Health and Wellness using "blogs". They can critique or comment on their peers work. Sometimes they use Google Docs or Google presentations to show their products. Students learn to cooperate and collaborate to complete a project or an assignment. Teachers find these tools user friendly, as they can easily access student work at their convenience, give continuous feedback, and make assessments in a timely manner.

Teachers and students at Winchester High School use other 21<sup>st</sup> Century tools such as podcasts, wikis, films, virtual tours, and Skype for communication. We are looking forward to video conferencing with students in other parts of the world. Some teachers use skrbl.com as an interactive whiteboard tool in class, or they use Quizlet.com to prepare flash cards or to teach new vocabulary words. Certain textbooks are complemented by websites which extend learning into different venues.

We also have a new on line grading program this year, [www.Edline.net](http://www.Edline.net), which is a resource to help parents monitor their children's academic progress. Several of our teachers post student grades on Edline.net, and all use this site for reporting grades each quarter.

I am looking forward to expanding the use of these exciting new tools with more teachers and students in the coming months to further empower teaching and learning at Winchester High School.

Submitted by: Seta Kaleshian, Instructional Technology Specialist, Winchester High School, Tel. 781-316-5494

## CLASS NEWS

**CLASS OF 2010 UPDATES:** The Class of 2010 had their "Semi" on February 6<sup>th</sup>; it was a great time with a successful turn out. Thank you to everyone for all of their help and participation in the 3rd Annual Valentine's Bake Sale and the Practice SAT with KAPLAN. The Junior Class will be sponsoring a raffle in the Spring. ***Mad Money Monday in May.*** There will be more info on this event in the near future. Keep your eyes and ears open for flyers, e-mails and announcements.

**Sophomore News:** The Class of 2011 has their own version of March Madness. It begins with the participation of 20 talented Sophomore thespians in the WHS musical *Sweet Charity*. Performances are Thursday March 5, Friday March 6 and Saturday March 7. We hope both students and parents will attend! On Tuesday March 17 the Sophomore Class will be wearing the green as they hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale. Please mark your calendars! The Student Council will be requesting contributions. Finally, the month concludes with the much anticipated Sophomore Semi-Formal on Friday March 20 at Town Hall. While the students dance the night away, parents are invited to Lucia's for dinner and a silent auction. This year's silent auction will feature a *student table* where parents can bid on services provided by the Sophomore Class such as lawn care and babysitting. Items highlighting our student's creative talents will also be up for auction. Parents are asked to support the auction with a donation such as a gift certificate, gift basket, or use of a vacation home. Be creative! You could also donate your time and talent with items such as a cooking class or a music lesson. Please contact Judy Spang at [jsspang@gmail.com](mailto:jsspang@gmail.com) or 781.729.3498 to contribute. This event was a tremendous success last year and a major fundraiser for the Class of 2011 Senior Activities! We look forward to seeing you there. More details to follow.

## MUSIC

**On March 18th WHS Symphony and WHS Sinfonietta** will present their annual Kids Concert with an instrument petting zoo and maraca workshop starting at 6:30 PM in the WHS auditorium. This is an opportunity for elementary school students and their families to learn about the music lessons offered at their school. The music starts at 7:00; all are welcome to enjoy Felix Mendelssohn's "Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Souvenir de Puerto Rico" by Louis Moreau Gottschalk and John Lennon's song "Goodnight".

**On March 22, 2:00 PM, WHS Sinfonietta and Orchestra** join forces for a program of Music of Immigrant Cultures at the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington. The concert is presented in conjunction with the exhibition "Augustus Frederick Sherman: Ellis Island Portraits, 1905-1920." This family program includes music from a variety of cultures, including Scottish, Polish, Chinese, and Klezmer. This free concert is made possible through the student musicians' commitment to Service Learning and is one of several community performances this school year. The event is on Sunday, March 22, at 2 PM at the National Heritage Museum located at 33 Marrett Road, Lexington. For more information please contact the Museum's Director of Education and Public Programs at 781-457-4156.

**Winchester High School presents the musical "Sweet Charity" on Thursday through Saturday, March 5, 6, and 7, at Winchester High School.** Charity Hope Valentine is a dance hostess at the Fan-Dango ballroom. She is looking for true love and a way out of working at the Fan-Dango ballroom. We meet her boyfriend - who pushes her into a lake and runs off with all her money, the movie star Vittorio Vidal, and the claustrophobic tax accountant Oscar, as well as her many friends at the Fan-Dango ballroom. The book for "Sweet Charity" was written by Neil Simon. Lyrics are by Dorothy Fields and music by Cy Coleman. The original Broadway production opened in 1966 and received 12 Tony nominations. Shirley Maclaine starred in the 1969 film version. The Winchester High School production is directed by Jason Van Dinter and choreographed by Anna Quinn, Katie Mukai, and Kate Keleher. Music Director is Mary Costello. All performances are at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$12.00 and can be purchased at Book Ends or at the door. For more information, contact Melodie Wing at 781-721-2364 or Mr. Van Dinter at [jvandinter@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:jvandinter@winchester.k12.ma.us).

**Congratulations to the following Winchester High School Music Students on making All-State!!!** We know they will represent our district well at the Massachusetts Music Educator's Association annual conference/concert at the end of March in Boston. Join us in congratulating them on this big accomplishment! We are so proud of them!

Lizzie Camlin-Irving, Bret Casey, Jonathan Mott, Will McCarthy, Terry Chen, Greg Russian

**From the PFA Co-President Caren Connelly, [caren.connelly@gmail.com](mailto:caren.connelly@gmail.com)**

March is always a time of amazement for me; I am astonished at how quickly the year has flown by and dismayed that it is still winter. Perhaps this year will be the exception and March will not bring us storms. The pace of life also seems to accelerate as spring draws near although our student leaders have had a busy winter. The group S.U.R.F, Student Union for Receptive Fellowship, continues to meet regularly and in January hosted a violence prevention summit with students from Newton North High School. The summit touched on issues ranging from cyber bullying to social relationships. This month students will be going to Milton to participate in a seminar on teen age substance abuse. The core mission of S.U.R.F. continues to be creating a cohesive environment at WHS, breaking down artificial barriers between students. Listening to the students you can hear that real change is taking place.

**The next PFA meeting is March 4<sup>th</sup> in the school library at 7:30 pm. Please join us!**

### WHS PFA Direct Appeal / 2008-2009

It's not too late to give as we are still short of our budget for the year! If you have already given to this year's WHS PFA Direct Appeal – thank you! If you haven't yet contributed, please consider doing so now, if you are able, to help us balance our budget for the year. Your generous contributions are used to continue to cover the cost of many important programs and supplies for WHS students and teachers not included in the WHS budget, by providing grants to academic departments and the school library, and to support many extracurricular, enrichment, and support programs for students.

Although a contribution of any amount is truly appreciated, the PFA asks that each family consider making a one-time donation for this school year of \$75.00 or more.

As always, you can contribute by mailing a check made payable to WHS PFA to Joanne O'Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890.

For additional information, please contact Joanne O'Donnell at [pfodonnell@verizon.net](mailto:pfodonnell@verizon.net). Thank you!

**Name of WHS Student(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

*Amount of Contribution* \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the WHS PFA and send to **Joanne O'Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890.**

**Thank you!**

## The Guide



### A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department March 2009

#### 2008-2009 Winchester Scholarship Foundation Application Available

The Winchester Scholarship Foundation (WSF) annually awards grants to students residing in Winchester who need financial assistance in order to attend a post-secondary institution. The WSF will award aid even if a student is receiving scholarships from several other sources, as long as it appears that there is a gap between what the parent can fairly be expected to contribute and the yearly costs of the school or college the student will be attending. WSF scholarships are often used to reduce inordinate amounts of loan or campus work. WHS seniors who are graduating in June are eligible to apply for WSF aid. The new 2009-2010 applications are now available in the Guidance Office. Deadline for submission of the WSF application with required tax documents is May 5, 2009. The WSF maintains a policy of strict confidentiality in regard to all information submitted by applicants.

#### How to Spot a Scholarship Scam

A recent article on collegeboard.com highlighted tell-tale signs that a scholarship service is a scam. According to the College Board, "...nearly all available financial aid comes from the federal government or from individual colleges." In Winchester, a significant source of assistance is provided by the WSF (see above) and there are often private scholarships for very specific applicants with particular career interests, or memberships in certain churches or other social organizations. Collegeboard.com lists the following lines as a sign that you may be getting duped:

- The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.
- You can't get this information anywhere else.
- I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship.
- We'll do all the work.
- The scholarship will cost money.
- "You've been selected by a national foundation" to receive a scholarship or "You're a finalist" in a contest you never entered.

Scholarship Scams from FinAid.org provides advice on how to identify scams, how to distinguish between legitimate and fraudulent organizations, how to protect yourself from scholarship scams, and what to do if you are scammed. The basic rule to follow—"Free money shouldn't cost a thing."

#### Colleges of the Fenway

The Colleges of the Fenway (COF) gives students the benefits of a university—access to a wider range of social and academic experiences and opportunities—while maintaining the personal touch of a small college. COF is a consortium that brings together the resources of six colleges in Boston's famed Fenway Cultural District, to offer more classes, more clubs (225 clubs on the six campuses), and more social activities, just by attending one of the six COF colleges: Emmanuel College, Massachusetts College of Art, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Simmons College, Wentworth Institute of Technology, and Wheelock College. COF's joint initiatives, including cross registration and student programs, aim to improve the quality of education and enrich student experiences while ensuring each college maintains its individual identity. Together, COF represents more than 11,000 undergraduate students—16 percent of the total Boston population of undergraduates attending four-year colleges, and more than 2500 course offerings. To learn more about the Colleges of the Fenway, go to [www.colleges.fenway.org](http://www.colleges.fenway.org).

#### Advice to students who will be attending a Spring College Fair

College Fairs can be crowded thus it is not easy to obtain a one on one meeting of substance with at this type of meeting. Suggestion; students design a brief profile and leave it at the table of the college one wishes to receive either information or a personal contact. The profile can be a card with the students name, address, telephone number, email address – the name of the high school the student is attending with a graduation date -- in one word descriptions of areas of interest -- that the student would like to meet personally with the college representative should that person be in the area. If the student can visit the college during the summer, this might be the time in which to request an interview during a summer visit. Should a parent accompany a student to a College Fair? Suggestion: the student and parent divide the table hopping task and each deliver profile cards. While delivering profile cards pick up the college representatives card for future reference. It is helpful to have a specific name ( reference) when requesting information/ interview.

#### From College Impressions, March 2009.

University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA is offering a program which offers an opportunity to college applicants. Directions for Student Potential (DSP) is a free six-week summer program that upon completion of the program, students enroll into the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Mathematics. Call the UMASS Boston Admissions Office at (617) 287-6000

**SENIORS :** As you receive decision letters from colleges, please inform your guidance counselor of your status at schools to which you applied.

## **Connect & Commit Service Club Meets Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the WHS Library**

You can sign up for the opportunities listed below at the weekly meetings or in the Connect and Commit office. If you have questions about Connect and Commit, visit Kristen Ritchie, Program Director, in the Connect and Commit Office, or contact Kristen via email [kritchie@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:kritchie@winchester.k12.ma.us) or via phone 781-721-7020 x1999.

### **One Time Opportunities**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Belle of the Ball- Winchester High School**

Connect & Commit will be holding a collection for prom dresses to benefit the Belle of the Ball program through Anton's Cleaners. These dresses will be collected for area junior and senior high school girls within the community who otherwise would not be able to participate in their school's prom activities. Dresses can be any size but should be in good shape and only gently worn. Dresses should be no more than 3-4 years old so that they are still trendy and in style. In addition to donating a dress, opportunities to volunteer with the Belle of the Ball program will also be available through the Connect & Commit office.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Pennies for Patients- Winchester High School**

Help to raise money for the Lukemia and Lymphoma Society by participating in the Pennies for Patients campaign. There will be donation boxes throughout the school as well as bake sales, and other opportunities to donate at lunchtime, sports games and other events.

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-12pm**

**Red Cross Food Pantry, 1033 Mass Ave. Boston (entrance at proctor street)**

**(5-8 slots)**

Help the Red Cross Food Pantry sort and process food donations. The Food Pantry benefits roughly 4,000 people each month and its clients receive a three day supply of food every month. Their clients include senior citizens,

immigrants, single parents, families in transition, low-income families, homeless individuals, and those living with HIV.

**Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm**

**Cradles to Crayons, 82 Myrtle St. Quincy  
(10 slots)**

Cradles to Crayons seeks to provide, free of charge, low-income and homeless children from birth to pre-teen the basic essentials they need to be safe, warm, ready to learn, and valued. Help by volunteering in their giving factory by inspecting books, packing clothing, sorting through toys, stuffing backpacks, or filling orders for local boys and girls. Please fill out permission slips for both Connect & Commit and Cradles to Crayons.

**Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> 9-11am**

**Lowell Wish Project, 49 Marshall Rd. Lowell  
(10 Slots)**

The Lowell Wish Project helps agencies all over Massachusetts and parts of New Hampshire supply their clients with essential household items as well as childcare essentials. Help the Wish Project sort and prepare their donations for dispersal.

**Jenks Auction 6:30-10pm**

Help the Jenks with the auction that they are holding. There will be both a silent and live auction and Kiss 108's Billy Costa will be on-hand to help host the evening. Student volunteers are needed to help serve food and assist with the auction.

### **Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities:**

#### **Assistant Coach & Sports Mentor**

##### **Muraco School**

Assist Ms. Ferullo in her after school sports program at the Muraco School. It runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30-4pm with about 20 students each day. If you love sports this is a great opportunity to volunteer doing something you really enjoy.

#### **Volunteer at the Chamber of Commerce**

The Winchester Chamber of Commerce supports and encourages business in Winchester. The Executive Director, Cathy Alexander is looking for assistance in the office after school for an hour or two each week. Most of the work would be helping to support their web communication efforts. They are looking for someone who would be able to make a commitment to work with them for the remainder of the school year. This is a tremendous opportunity to practice communication skills and to build valuable work experience.

## **Winchester Youth Center, 458R Main Street, 781-721-0906 [www.winyc.com](http://www.winyc.com)**

### **SUPPORT THE WYC PEER LEADERS' APRIL VACATION HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TRIP**

During April vacation 20 of the WYC Peer Leaders will be participating in our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Habitat for Humanity trip. We will be traveling to the Eastern Shore of Virginia to complete a week-long service-learning experience of building homes for families in need.

We are currently working toward fundraising 100% of the expenses for our trip including a \$2300 donation to the Habitat affiliate and Habitat for Humanity International.

Please contact us if you would like to make a donation toward this amazing service-learning experience.

Proceeds from all of the following fundraising efforts will benefit our trip:

#### **Raffle tickets**

Buy your \$15 tickets for the chance to win:

- iPod Touch
- GPS Navigation System
- \$100 iTunes Gift Card

The drawing will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Contact the WYC for more information

### **Dump Runs**

Let us take care of your trash on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
We are currently selling \$10 dump run vouchers  
Contact the WYC for more information

### **LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

#### **Join SSA, the WYC's Peer Education group!**

We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00. In March we will meet on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We are currently focusing our attention on the issues of driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, sexual health, body image, and hunger. Come to a meeting to learn more and find out how you can help spread awareness about these important issues.

### **ROCK FOR YOUTH**

Round 2 of the Battle of the Bands

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00-11:00pm

Winchester Town Hall Auditorium

Doors open at 6:45

Admission is \$8

The bands are:

And Architecture, Atlantic City Madness, Follow the Martyr, Fountains of Dwayne, Hoboken Philharmonic Jazz Quartet, The Milky Merlin Project, Policeman Fox, Set in Stone, and The Whistles Go Woo  
Proceeds from the Rock for Youth benefit the WYC's Youth Service Award Scholarships

\*All audience members should be aware of the following rules and regulations:

- All audience members must pay the admission at the door
- The doors will open at 6:45 pm
- No one under the influence or in possession of alcohol or other drugs will be permitted into the auditorium
- Students are not allowed to leave and re-enter
- No smoking is allowed inside or outside the auditorium
- Student audience members are required to stay on the main floor of the auditorium

### **TOWN-WIDE**

#### **SCAVENGER HUNT**

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Sign-up your team of 3-5 people @ the WYC

Teams must have a team name, costumes, and a digital camera

Prizes will be awarded

Contact the WYC for more info

## **SCHOOL RELATED NEWS AND EVENTS**

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC** Friends of Music will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 pm in Room A205 in the Social Studies Dept. (note, room change). We will be discussing our spring fundraisers as well as the remaining music department events this year. If you have any questions, please contact Melodie Wing at [Szabo-wing@comcast.net](mailto:Szabo-wing@comcast.net). We hope to see you on the 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**\*\*\*PARENT CONVERSATIONS\*\*\* MONDAY, MARCH 16 9AM CONFERENCE ROOM, MAIN OFFICE**  
WHS WHAT'S THE BUZZ??? CELL PHONES: CONVENIENCE OR CATASTROPHE??? COFFEE AND CONVERSATION SERVED. SEE YOU THERE!

### **WHY STAY STILL? COME TO THE PARTY!**

Please join the Winchester Friends of Art on March 28, 2009 for the annual PARTY FOR THE ARTS! The PARTY celebrates and supports the visual arts program in the Winchester Public Schools, grades K-12, and all proceeds benefit the art programs in our schools. This year's theme, UN STILL LIFE, has inspired our students to create a wide variety of exciting art work, which will be on display at the STUDENT RECEPTION and PARTY. The party (21+) will also feature the live music of Rich Greenblatt, dancing, refreshments and a silent auction of art work done by local artists, some of the students, and a variety of items and services.

For more information about the Winchester Friends of Art, please contact [winchesterfoa@hotmail.com](mailto:winchesterfoa@hotmail.com)

A PARTY FOR THE ARTS! MARCH 28, 2009 SANBORN HOUSE, 15 HIGH STREET 8:00pm-11:00pm (21+) \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door Tickets are available at Book Ends, or contact [winchesterfoa@hotmail.com](mailto:winchesterfoa@hotmail.com) STUDENT RECEPTION 2:00pm-4:00pm, free - everyone is welcome!

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC EVENTS**

Please check our website weekly for new events!

<http://www.winchesterspedpac.org/calendar.html>

### **Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library are co-sponsoring a series of book group**

discussions focused on a wide range of parenting issues. Join us on March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room for a discussion focused on *Season of Life*, by Pulitzer Prize winner Jeffrey Marx. This memoir is a powerful and poignant exploration about a man finding his boyhood football-playing hero and learning about what it means to be a man of substance and impact. While reviewers have noted that the book should be required reading for high school students and coaches, we feel that parents of children of all ages will also be deeply moved and inspired. The book will be available at the Library (at the Circulation Desk), and at Book Ends, with a 20% discount if you mention the book group. There will be no pre-registration for the discussions. We do not expect that all in attendance will have read all of the book; our goal is to offer an opportunity to informally discuss the parenting issues that are raised. For more information, contact Parent to Parent at [parenttoparentwinchester.org](mailto:parenttoparentwinchester.org).

### **WINCHESTER FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL KICKOFF GALA**

The Frattaroli Family in honor and memory of their beloved son and brother Mark Frattaroli have graciously offered to host the Winchester Field Development Council's Kick Off Gala on March 8, 2009 at 6:30pm. The Gala will be held at Ristorante Lucia, located at 13 Mt. Vernon Street Winchester.

The event will include an exquisite Italian meal and wine. The menu for the evening has been personally selected by Mr. Frattaroli with special focus toward a variety of Abruzzi specialties.

The Gala will feature a live auction, highlighted by a week long stay at the Frattaroli's private villa in Sulmona, Italy. This beautifully renovated villa named Cuoco d'Oro sleeps up to 19 and will allow you and many close friends to relax and enjoy this historic region of Italy. To learn more about this auction item go to [www.parkervillas.com/cuoco](http://www.parkervillas.com/cuoco). Also up for auction will be a 2009 New England Patriot Fan Experience Package and a Boston Bruins Fan Experience Package. The Patriot Package includes 4 luxury box seats to a 2009 game, VIP parking pass and special field access for the pre-game action. The Bruins Package includes game tickets and a zamboni ride between periods.

Tickets to this event are \$25.00 per person and may be purchased on the Winchester Field Developments website at [www.WFDC.net](http://www.WFDC.net) or by contacting Ann McCarthy at 781-721-6660.

Tickets are limited. All proceeds from this event will go toward the renovation project at Manchester Field. To learn more about this project go to [www.wfdc.net](http://www.wfdc.net)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS**

**The Winchester Multicultural Network** invites you to their upcoming Community Workshop on Friday evening, March 27 from 7-9:00 p.m. continuing Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The workshop is free and open to anyone who lives or works in Winchester. Participants will learn a common language/vocabulary for talking about multicultural issues, a framework for understanding, and more. For more information or to register, email [office@wmcn.org](mailto:office@wmcn.org) or call Gloria Legvold at 781-729-8247.

### ***Who Does She Think She Is?* Sunday, March 29 at 6:00 PM at the Next Door Theater, 40 Cross**

**Street** Celebrate Women's History Month by joining us for the screening of Winchester resident Pamela Boll's latest film, *Who Does She Think She Is?* This powerful documentary focuses on the lives of five women artists of varied backgrounds—an actor, two sculptors, a painter and a printmaker - who are also mothers. Each of them experiences the competing and often conflicting demands of pursuing their art, making a living, and parenting. The film also highlights the sexism that still exists in the art world. After the screening, a panel of women artists will discuss the film and take questions from the audience. The panel will include filmmaker Pamela Boll, singer/actress Angela Williams, and professional quilt artist Ruth McDowell. For more information about the screening, please contact the Winchester Multicultural Network at 781-729-7100, or email [office@wmcn.org](mailto:office@wmcn.org).

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### **Studio Art Classes in Painting and Drawing for High School Students**

Small group studio classes in drawing and painting in Winchester are being offered by former Winchester High School art teacher and Director of Art, David Ardito. The Spring term of art classes at the Sanborn Cultural Center on High Street in Winchester will start in March and will run through May, 2009. There will be a total of 10 class meetings in each term and classes are held on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Class size will be limited to 6 students. Instruction will include drawing and painting from the live model with an emphasis on the development of observational drawing and painting skills and also on expressive drawing and painting techniques. There will also be opportunities for students to develop their creative portfolios for college admission and instruction will include portfolio assessment and counseling. Classes are offered on a first come, first serve basis and juniors and seniors will receive priority over underclassmen. David Ardito is an artist with thirty-five years art teaching experience at the secondary level, most recently for nineteen years at Winchester High School. He was the K-12 Director of Art for Winchester Public Schools for nineteen years and is currently a Visiting Associate Professor in the Art Education Department at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston. For David Ardito's resume, a registration form and for more information about fees and curriculum please email David at [vdpa@yaho.com](mailto:vdpa@yaho.com) or [david.ardito@massart.edu](mailto:david.ardito@massart.edu) or call 781 910 7119.

### **SACHEM YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL - 2009 SPRING REGISTRATION**

The snow is melting and the Boston Red Sox are reporting this month to spring training in Florida. Baseball and softball season is not far away. Registration is now open for baseball (ages 6 – 15) and softball (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) for the 2009 spring season. Registrations **must be completed by March 15, 2009** in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. Please visit the SYBS website ([www.sybs.org](http://www.sybs.org)) and click on "Registration." The entire process takes only a few minutes. Players who register after March 15, 2009 will be assigned to a team only on a space available basis.