

## PFA NEWS

### FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

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As I write this, the summer-long heat-wave that has gripped the area seems to have finally broken. I'm not quite ready for fall, but the nights are cool and the days are getting shorter, which means fall is coming whether I'm ready or not! So, it's time to get organized.

This year, once again, we have a busy year ahead of us. Several town-wide initiatives, including the Focus on the Future development of a strategic plan for WHS and the Coalition for a Safer Community's Anti-bullying project, will directly impact Winchester High School. Reading the PFA newsletter and checking the website ([www.whspfa.org](http://www.whspfa.org)) is a great way to stay in touch with the school and keeping abreast of these issues. If you aren't currently receiving information from the PFA through email, it's easy to update our records. Please go to [www.whspfa.org](http://www.whspfa.org), scroll down to the "Join Our Mailing List" box, type in your email address and click on "Go."

Another easy way to stay in touch with the school is by attending monthly PFA meetings. Principal Tom Gwin always provides an update at our meeting about everything from curriculum to discipline to the town's budget. We will also have the opportunity to discuss the PFA budget and how we plan to spend the money we anticipate raising this year. And finally, each meeting will feature a particular program or speaker. At September's meeting, Principal Gwin, as chairman of the Focus on the Future Steering Committee, will discuss the development of a strategic plan for WHS. This initiative is looking ahead to what teaching and learning will look like in 2015 and is a great opportunity for us, as WHS parents, to provide input on the final plan. Karen Cosgrove is the PFA Vice President again this year and is setting up programs for future meetings. If you have any suggestions, please contact her at [whspfa@gmail.com](mailto:whspfa@gmail.com). You can also use that address to get in touch with us or other PFA Board Members.

Please enjoy the last few weeks of summer, and we look forward to seeing you at the first PFA meeting on **September 15th at 7:30pm in the WHS library**. The meeting will be preceded by Principal Gwin's drop in at 5:30pm. Future PFA meetings will be on the first Wednesday of each month, again at 7:30 in the WHS library.