



# Spring 2023 Newsletter

## Superintendent Lisa A. Howard

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***The mission of the Winthrop Public Schools is to promote and support student-learning PreK-12 by teaching students in a challenging yet nurturing learning environment. We will prepare our students to be productive citizens who will contribute to their community and to the global community of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.***

### TRANSCRIPT & STUDENT COPY REQUESTS



### ***WHS alumni!***

***You can now obtain your  
high school transcripts  
online at***

***[www.winthrop.k12.ma.us](http://www.winthrop.k12.ma.us).***

***Select Winthrop High  
School and go to the  
Guidance tab.***

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the Superintendent of the Winthrop Public Schools, I am once again filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude upon the completion of another successful school year. I would like to thank our students, staff, families and the community for your unwavering support and dedication to the Winthrop Public Schools.

Please take a few moments to review the Spring 2023 Superintendent Newsletter to see some of the highlights and accomplishments of our amazing students and staff including a special “shout out” to the graduating Class of 2023! On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we conferred 128 High School diplomas and over \$300,000 in scholarships and awards to this amazing group of talented students. The achievements of the class of 2023, both in and out of the classroom, have left an indelible mark on the fabric of our school community and we wish them the best of luck in the future.

Have a healthy, safe and fun filled summer!

Lisa A. Howard, Superintendent of Schools





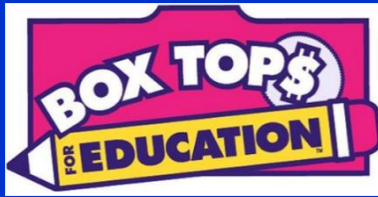
**BREAKFAST**  
IS THE MOST IMPORTANT  
MEAL OF THE DAY!

By eating breakfast at school every day, your child can have higher energy, improved concentration and better test scores. **And it tastes great!** Breakfast is available to all students, every day, at no cost.

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*If you have any questions,  
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or call  
1-800-832-5226*



**Got Box Tops?**  
**Every clip counts.**  
**You can drop off Box Tops**  
**to any school, or the**  
**Superintendent's Office at**  
**Town Hall**



**WHS is participating in the MBTA  
Student Pass Program.**  
**Registered high school students**  
**can obtain a student Charlie Card**  
**with a discounted rate. Students**  
**can go to the HS Guidance Office**  
**for more information**



## Winthrop Lodge of Elks Students of the Month for March



**Grade 6: Ryan O'Leary & Riya Koemdzhev**  
**Grade 7: David Ibarra Betancourt & Matias Alvarez**  
**Grade 8: Jack Antonelli & Stephany Velasquez**



## Winthrop Lodge of Elks Students of the Month for April



**Grade 6: Molly Titemore & Luca Braga**  
**Grade 7: Alexandra Montalban & Camilla Baptista Rosa**  
**Grade 8: Sofia Silk & Noel Berisha**





Educatius International encourages all families to apply to become a host family. Winthrop High School is inviting international students to join us for the 2018-2019 school year. This exciting initiative is part of the school district's efforts to expand its global education program. To make this program a success, we need host families for these students who can provide the following:

- *A supportive home environment in Winthrop*
- *Three meals a day*
- *A bedroom with a bed, dresser and study area*

Educatius International is providing the following resources:

- *Monthly stipend paid to all host families*
- *Orientation program for the international students and host families*
- *Host family and student support, available 24 hours a day*

We are very proud that Winthrop is a sought after school for international students. Our international students are:

- *Fully insured*
- *Between the ages of 14-18*
- *Have their own spending money*
- *Speak English*
- *Maintain a strong GPA*

If interested please contact Jodi at [jodi.delraza@educatius.org](mailto:jodi.delraza@educatius.org) or call 617-846-3300.



Wendy Millar-Page presented to students at the William P. Gorman Fort Banks School, the importance of recycling!



## 2022-2023 School Committee Meetings

July 11

August 8, 22

September 6, 19

October 3, 17

November 7, 21

December 5, 19

January 9, 23

February 6, 27

March 13, 27

April 10, 24

May 8, 22

June 5, 26

*Meetings are held in the Harvey  
Hearing Room, Town Hall, at  
6:00pm, unless otherwise noted.*



A big shoutout to our Project 351 Student Ambassador Grace McCurdy for her successful clothing drive (Cradles for Crayons) as part of her service-learning project







William P. Gorman Fort Banks PTO

September 15  
October 13  
November 17  
December 8  
January 12  
February 9  
March 9  
April 14  
May 11  
June 8

Meetings are held in the WPG Cafeteria  
and begin at 6:30pm

Arthur T. Cummings PTO

September 21  
October 5  
November 9  
December 7  
January 17  
February 16  
March 1  
April 5  
May 3  
June 7

Meetings are held in the cafetorium and  
begin at 6:30pm

WMS Parent Teacher Club

October 11  
November 1  
December 6  
January 10  
February 7  
March 7  
April 4  
May 2

Meetings are held in the MS Cafeteria  
and begin at 6:30pm

WHS Parent Teacher Club

November 14  
January 23  
March 13  
May 15

Meetings are held in the HS Cafeteria  
and begin at 6:30pm



## MWRA POSTER CONTEST



## Congrats to our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade winners & distinctions!

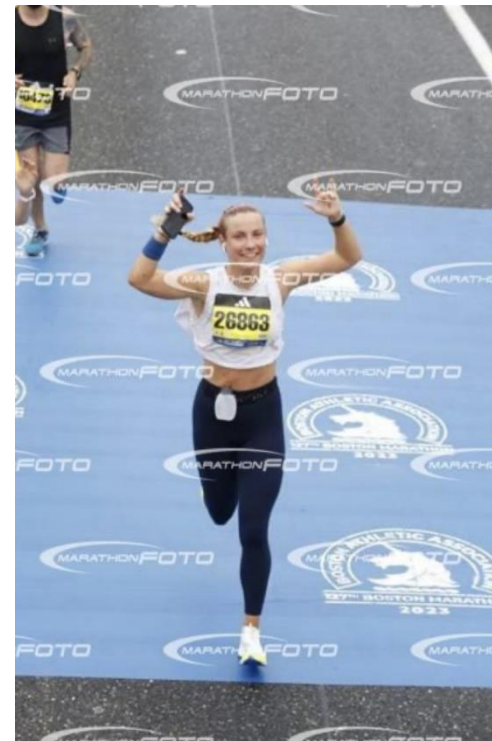
Jackson Stone, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Sofia Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Gianna Bianchino, Honorable Mention  
Quinn Howington, Finalist  
Gavin Guthro, Finalist  
Zakaria Elknesassi, Finalist  
Colin O'Brien, Finalist  
Giovanna Rivera, Finalist  
Hafsa Khatib, Finalist  
Rayhanna Khatib, Finalist



Congratulations to:

Nik Beshere  
*HR Generalist*  
Ali Jordan  
*Grade 7 Teacher*  
Jade Santangelo  
*Adjustment Counselor*  
Layne Petrie  
*School Committee*

for completing the  
Boston Marathon!





**BOSTON  
Herald**

Congratulations to  
Boston Herald All  
Scholastics in  
Hockey!

Emma Holmes  
Julia Holmes

*The Boston Globe*

Congratulations to  
Boston Globe All  
Scholastics in  
Hockey

Emma Holmes  
Peter Silverman

**HOCKEY**



## MIAA WOMEN IN SPORTS

### Congratulations to Mia Norris & Corinne Powell







# Family Game Night at The Fort







# Spring Social at the Fort

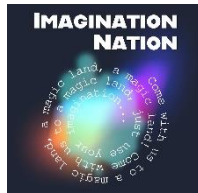




# WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL

**drama**  
Society

Bravo to the cast & crew of  
Imagination Nation!







**Congratulations to Elizabeth O'Brien on the birth of her daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, who arrived on April 30<sup>th</sup>**



**Congrats to Mia Norris!**

Mia earned the honor of All Academic Team for Girls' Lacrosse. Mia is considered one of the top 25 players to receive this award in the Eastern MA Girls' Lacrosse Conference Association

## ALL-ACADEMIC

### ALL-ACADEMIC DEFINITION:

A USA Lacrosse All-Academic Player who exhibits exemplary lacrosse skills, good sportsmanship on the field, represents high academic achievement standards in the classroom, and volunteers within their community.

### ALL-ACADEMIC CRITERIA/ELIGIBILITY:

- **Must** be a Junior or Senior on their varsity or approved scholastic club lacrosse team.
- **Must** have played in a majority of their team's games for the current season.
- **Must** be a starter or significant contributor to their team (plays over half a game on average).
- Has a minimum cumulative (freshman year through application deadline) grade point average of 3.7 out of a 4.0 academic scale. *If in doubt, please ask the school guidance counselor for assistance determining acceptable GPAs for a 5.0 scale or weighted GPA.*

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# WHS Drama at the Fort Banks School



WHS Drama students performed "Smart Planet" for the students at the Fort





# WELLNESS FAIR





# WMS Spirit Week







## NEC Lynch Division Champs!

Boys' Lacrosse &  
Boys' Tennis

## WHS Track Stars!

Nick Cappuccio finished  
3<sup>rd</sup> in the Division 6 State  
Meet for the 200m Event!

Congrats to our track  
athletes who competed in  
the MIAA Track States:

Arianna Cappuccio  
finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the Long  
Jump

Nick Cappuccio finished  
7<sup>th</sup> in 100m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in  
200m (qualified for States  
in 200m)

George Galuris finished  
9<sup>th</sup> in the Javelin and  
broke the school record!



## WHS April Athletes of the Month



## WHS May Athletes of the Month





## All Conference & All Stars

### Softball

All Conference Gabby Golden  
All Star Lily Tallent

### Baseball

All Conference Colin Kinsella  
All Stars  
Peter Silverman  
Zach Bogusz

### Boys' Tennis All Stars

Jack Osburn  
Bytyqi Orind  
Luke Owen

### Girls' Tennis All Stars

Mira Ivanis  
Alesia Collaku

### Boys' Lacrosse All Conference

Alex Daigneault  
Robert Rich

### All Stars

Jack Hayes  
Welvis Acosta  
Mike Holgersen

### Girls' Lacrosse All Conference

Emma Holmes

### All Stars

Abby Holmes  
Mia Norris

### Track All Conference

Nick Cappuccio

### All Stars

Shannon Abbott  
George Galuris



## NEC Scholar Athletes



**Benjamin Prew & Libby Carney**

## 100 Career Points Girls' Lacrosse



**Emma Holmes**

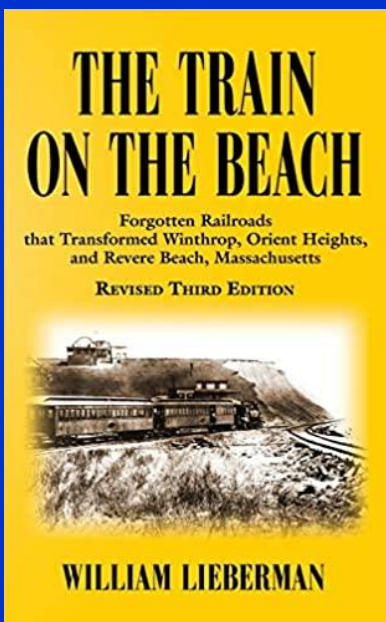


# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS VISIT WHS VIKING LONGSHIPS





# The Train on the Beach



WHS AP History students were lucky to enjoy a presentation by Bill Lieberman, detailing the history behind some of the old railroad remnants around town. Mr. Lieberman is a WHS Alumni 1963, and author of the book "The Train on the Beach: Forgotten Railroads that transformed Winthrop, Orient Heights, and Revere Beach, Massachusetts"



**1<sup>st</sup> Place for Haley Jones!**



**Youth in Grades K-12 throughout Massachusetts competed in a Pitch Challenge through MAP Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership & The Young Entrepreneur Institute. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student Haley Jones submitted a video for the "Space Bubble", an innovative product that allows a person to create a 6-foot space bubble around themselves to block out noise. Haley won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Grades 5-8 Division!**





North Shore Chamber of  
Commerce Honor  
Scholars Recognition  
Top 5%

**Hannah Essaouabi**  
**Corinne Powell**  
**Elizabeth Carney**  
**Benjamin Prew**  
**Michael Callanan**  
**Zoe Long**



## Book Awards

Western New England University  
**Rachel Flynn**

Saint Anselm College  
**Henry Kalemi**

Suffolk University  
**Kailey Sullivan**

St. Michael's College  
**Mira Ivanis &**  
**Edwin Santamaria Aguilar**

Columbia University  
**Samantha DiMento**

Harvard University  
**John Tracy**



## WHS Top 10% Awards

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Jameson Walker**  
**Arianna Cappuccio**  
**Adrianna Baez**  
**Seth Sacco**  
**Amaury Cardona**  
**Sheridan Daley**  
**Nicolas Correa**  
**Katheryn Alvarez Parada**  
**Bertram Kline**  
**Annabelle Giardino**  
**Sean Dolen**  
**Colin O'Leary**  
**Avalina Coffey**  
**Matthew Wall**  
**Aminata Barry**  
**Steven Calla**  
**Chelsea Long**  
**Jillian Buonopane**  
**Becky Gao**  
**Jenna Hincman**  
**Zoe Rey**  
**Giada Gergerian**

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Alesia Collaku**  
**Alessio Marcoccio**  
**Reese Brodin**  
**Carolina Gonzalez**  
**Eve Winters**  
**Evan Rockefeller**  
**Nadia Aldweib**  
**Rachel Flynn**  
**Henry Kalemi**  
**Kailey Sullivan**  
**Mira Ivanis**  
**Edwin Santamaria Aguilar**  
**Samantha DiMento**  
**John Tracy**

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Samuel Winters**  
**Izi Hain**  
**Esther Abide Tewoutchoyo**  
**Lylah Cassidy**  
**Anila Gjinovci**  
**Jake Ross**  
**Hannah Gorman**  
**Sophia d'Entremont**  
**Julia Hurley**  
**Lily Jarbeau**  
**Amir Mahmoud**  
**Jonah Clark**  
**Daniella Solorzano**  
**Owen Nargi**  
**Marwa Mimuoni**  
**Kaelyn Foley**

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Haven Pereira**  
**Christian Buonopane**  
**Christopher Raney**  
**Milla Pimenta**  
**Samantha Harrison**  
**Jennifer Delehanty**  
**Joseph Romano**  
**Michael Callanan**  
**Hanna Essaouabi**  
**Zoe Long**  
**Elizabeth Carney**  
**Corinne Powell**  
**Delia Parco**  
**Benjamin Prew**





## WHS Drama Society Presents Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse!







# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS

**Congratulations to Hannah Parker &  
Robert Rich, recipients of the Student  
Leadership Award**



**Rock Mastrangelo  
Educational  
Excellence**



**Gerry Gigliello  
Coach of the Year**







## Congrats & Best Wishes to our 2023 Retirees!

**Deborah Earl**  
24 years

**Ruth Govoni**  
25 years

**Maria Hodgkins**  
25 years

**Rosemary McCarthy**  
34 years

**Ilene Pearson**  
16 years

**Linda Young**  
23 years



## Winthrop Lodge of Elks Students of the Month for May



Grade 6: Ella Survillas & Jake Leneski  
Grade 7: Audrea Viera & Emma Sedov  
Grade 8: Brianna Pinzon Madrid & Grace McCurdy

## 2023 Retirees







**Hats off to the Class of 2023!**





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# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington, DC Trip





# William P. Gorman Fort Banks

## Field Day







## Girls' Lacrosse

# WHS Spring Athletics



## Boys' Lacrosse



## Sailing







## Girls' Tennis



## Boys' Tennis



## Softball





## Baseball



## Girls' Track



## Boys' Track





# 2023-2024 Winthrop Public Schools Calendar

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023 (21 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**OCTOBER 2023 (21 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**NOVEMBER 2023 (18 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**DECEMBER 2023 (16 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**JANUARY 2024 (21 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**FEBRUARY 2024 (16 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

**MARCH 2024 (21 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**APRIL 2024 (17 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**MAY 2024 (22 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**JUNE 2024 (7 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

## Early Release Dates

Elementary Half Day - Conferences

October 11/18/25 March 27 April 3/10

WMS Half Day - Conferences

Dec 15 (1/2 day) evening conferences Dec 14

District-Wide Early Closing - November 22

## First Day of School

- Teachers: August 28

- ESPs & Nurses: August 29

- Students: August 30

**Last Day for Students (1/2 Day):**

**June 11**

**No School for Students - Full Day Teacher PD: August 28, 29 & November 8**

**District-Wide Half Day - Teacher PD: October 4, December 13, January 31, March 6, May 8**

*New Teacher Orientation: August 24*

## No classes held due to Federal/State Holidays and School Recess

Labor Day - September 1 & September 4

Columbus Day - October 9

Veteran's Day (Observed) - November 10

Thanksgiving Day - November 23 & November 24

Holiday Vacation - December 23-January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 15

President's Day/Winter Vacation - February 19-23

Patriot's Day/Spring Vacation - April 15-19

Memorial Day - May 27

Juneteenth - June 19

Winthrop Public Schools serves children from many different religious and ethnic backgrounds. With that in mind, the School Committee recognizes the list below may not include all holidays observed by Winthrop families, but there has been an attempt to identify the major ones.

<b>2023-2024 Religious and Ethnic Observances</b>	
<b>WPS Classes Begin for Students</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 30, 2023</b>
Rosh Hashanah* (day 1)	Friday, September 15, 2023 – Sunday, September 17
Navratri	Sunday, October 15, 2023
Yom Kippur*	Monday, September 25, 2023
Dasera/ Dussehra	Monday, October 23, 2023
Sukkot*	Friday, September 29, 2023
Diwali	Sunday, November 12, 2023
Chanukah/ Hanukkah*	Thursday, December 7, 2023
Christmas Eve	Sunday, December 24, 2023
Christmas	Monday, December 25, 2023
Kwanzaa	Tuesday, December 26, 2023
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024
Orthodox Christmas	Sunday, January 7, 2024
Lunar New Year	Saturday, February 10, 2024
Maha Shivaratri	Friday, March 8, 2024
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Ramadan*(month long)	Sunday, March 10, 2024
Passover* (day 1)	Monday, April 22, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Sunday	Sunday, March 31, 2024
Orthodox Good Friday	Friday, May 3, 2024
Orthodox Easter Sunday	Sunday, May 5, 2024
Eid al-Fitr* (Sundown)	Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Shavu'ot* (Evening)	Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Juneteenth	Wednesday, June 19, 2024
<i>*Holidays begin at sundown the day before.</i>	

#### 2023-2024 Start/End Times

	Students Start	Students End	Early Release End	Teachers Start	Teachers End
PreK	8:15am	1:15pm	10:30am	7:30am	2:30pm
PreK AM	8:15am	10:45am	Split year for ½	7:30am	2:30pm
PreK PM	10:45am	1:15pm	Day Attendance	7:30am	2:30pm
Kindergarten	7:40am	1:40pm	10:40am	7:30am	2:30pm
Grades 1-2	7:50am	2:10pm	11:00am	7:30am	2:30pm
Grades 3-5	8:15am	2:35pm	11:25am	7:45am	2:45pm
Grades 6-8	8:00am	2:25pm	11:10am	7:45am	2:45pm
Grades 9-12	7:35am	2:00pm	10:45am	7:25am	2:25pm