



# Fall 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.***

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

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high school transcripts  
online at***

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

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, and Members of the Community,

It has been a very busy and successful Fall for Winthrop Public Schools as we had several school activities building up to the Thanksgiving Day break. In this newsletter you will find snapshots of activities that have occurred within the first three months of the school year depicting a multitude of accomplishments reflecting the academic, community and extra-curricular successes of our students and staff.

Thirty-eight high school students received the John & Abigail Adams scholarship. The WHS Drama Society performed a spectacular production of Freaky Friday. WHS Football and Boys' Soccer advanced to States. WHS Cheerleaders placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at NECs, Regionals, and advanced to States. JV Cheerleaders placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at NECs. The following athletes competed in the state tournament for their sports: Ryan Murphy, golf; April Ferguson, cross country; Thomas D'Amico, cross country and Liam Kenney, cross country. WHS Girls' Powderpuff had a victory over Revere with a score of 22-0, as well as our amazing Vikings on Thanksgiving Day, 22-0!

I continue to be amazed at the talent and positive spirit of students and the never-ending support of our families, staff and community. Please take the time to look at the attached pages that highlight the many Fall activities and accomplishments.

Sincerely,

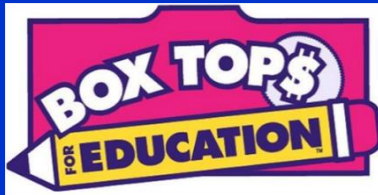
*Lisa A. Howard*

Superintendent of Schools



*Breakfast & Lunch is free for all students!*

*If you have any questions,  
please contact Laura McGrath at  
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or call  
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***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***



## September Athletes of the Month



**Ryan Murphy, Golf**



**Daniella Gomez  
Soccer**



**Jack Osburn  
Soccer**



## **2023-2024 School Committee Meetings**

July 10  
August 7, 28  
September 11, 25  
October 16, 30  
November 13, 27  
December 11  
January 3, 22  
February 5, 26  
March 11, 25  
April 8, 22  
May 6, 20  
June 3, 17

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

## **2023-2024 School Committee**

**Jennifer Powell, Chair**  
**Julie Barry, Vice-Chair**  
**Jim Letterie, Town Council President**  
**Suzanne Leonard**  
**Gus Martucci**  
**Layne Petrie**  
**Suzanne Swope**

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## **2023-2024 Winthrop Teacher's Association**

**Ray Leonardo, President**  
**Lauren Kostegan, Vice-President**  
**David Palen, Treasurer**  
**Ellen Baxter, Recording Secretary**  
**Brian Donnelly, Public Relations**

### **Building Representatives**

**Donna Moore, WPG**  
**Jennifer Shatford, WPG**

**Michael DeFelice, ATC**  
**Meghan Ball, ATC**

**Alex Brown, WMS**  
**Gina Massa, WMS**

**Mark Dixon, WHS**  
**Coni Moore, WHS**

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William P. Gorman Fort Banks PTO

September 13  
October 12  
November 16  
December 14  
January 11  
February 28  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9  
June 8

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

Arthur T. Cummings PTO

September 27  
November 8  
January 10  
March 6  
May 22

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

WMS Parent Teacher Club

January 4  
February 1  
March 7  
April 3  
May 1

Meetings are held via Zoom

WHS Parent Teacher Club

September 25  
November 27  
January 22  
March 25  
May 13

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



**William P. Gorman Fort Banks PTO**

**Rita Mansfield, Co-President**  
**Janine Santilli, Co-President**  
**Jacqueline Bagnera-Brandao, Co-Vice President**  
**Kristina Plizzicannella-Murphy, Co-Vice President**  
**Lara Van Lannen, Secretary**  
**Lesley Sturm-Darcy, Treasurer**  
**Kaitlin Burroughs, Communications**

**Arthur T. Cummings PTO**

**Christa Shea, President**  
**Maria Aiello, Co-Vice President**  
**Gladiola Kraja, Co-Vice President**  
**Chrissy Phillips, Secretary**  
**Jenn Reeves, Co-Treasurer**  
**Cathy Aufiero, Co-Treasurer**

**Middle School Parent Teachers Club**

**Atiyeh Cassidy, Board Member**  
**Crystal DeMayo, Board Member**  
**Jessica Briggs, Board Member**  
**Jessica Sabin, Board Member**

**High School Parent Teachers Club**

**Karen Perrin, Board Member/Treasurer**  
**Eileen Johnson, Board Member**  
**Maureen Blade, Board Member**  
**Kristen Buonopane, Board Member**





Congratulations to Ivy Horgan  
on the birth of her son, James  
Rudy, arriving on  
August 11th!

Congratulations to Kelsey  
Benson on the birth of her son,,  
Harry William, III, born on  
October 31<sup>st</sup>!



Congratulations to Jenna  
Shanahan on the birth of her  
daughter, Francis, born on  
August 16<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to Assia  
Remila, on the birth of her  
daughter, Lina, born on  
October 20<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to Mary  
Fitzgerald on the birth of her  
daughter, Grace Catherine,  
born on October 28<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to Stacey  
DeAngelis on the birth of her  
daughter, Juliana Paige, born  
on November 18<sup>th</sup>!

## Amy Gallagher Ticket Booth Dedication

**On September 8<sup>th</sup> the Ticket Booth at  
Miller Field was named after  
Amy Gallagher  
WHS Class of 1983**



## All Stars All Conference



All Star Football  
Vasili Tsiotis  
Phil Boncore

All Conference Football  
Robert Rich  
Ryan Harris  
Donovan Cassidy  
George Galuris  
Alessio Marcoccio  
Nick Cappuccio  
Matt Reardon

All Star Volleyball  
Lily Conway

All Star Boys' Soccer  
Juan Mendoza

All Conference Boys' Soccer  
Mateo Martinez

EMSCA Boys' HS All Star  
Mateo Martinez

All Star Girls' Soccer  
Talia Martucci

All Star Girls' Soccer  
Daniela Gomez

All Conference Golf  
Ryan Murphy



## Winthrop Lodge of Elks Students of the Month October



Grade 6 Jaguars - Bailey Beal & Giuliana Graygor  
Grade 7 Falcons - Reese Teixeira  
Grade 7 Wolves - Era Marra  
Grade 8 Ravens - Maria Aguirre  
Grade 8 Eagles - Emanuela Novak



**BOSTON  
Herald**

**The Boston Globe**

Shout out to football  
superstars

**George Galuris**  
and

**Nick Cappuccio**  
for being named 10  
Players of the Week  
by the Boston Herald  
and

**Nick Cappuccio**  
for being named  
Player of the Week  
by the Boston Globe



## October Athletes of the Month



Cross Country: April Ferguson

Volleyball: Lily Conway

## ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

April Ferguson, Cross Country  
Lily Conway, Volleyball

## JV Cheerleaders 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at NEC Competition











### John & Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients

Ava Abbott  
Nadia Aldweib  
Theodore Bailey  
Zineb Belghiti  
Glen Calla  
Donovan Cassidy  
Imogen Clancy  
Leo Correia  
Sarah Delehanty  
Nathaniel Derosier  
Matthew DeSaluniers  
Colin Dever  
Samantha DiMento  
Daniela Estrada  
April Ferguson  
Rachel Flynn  
Lily Giardino  
Daniela Gomez  
Carolina Gonzalez  
Mira Ivanis  
Henry Kalemi  
Dean Kowalczyk  
Alessio Marcoccio  
Astrid Moline  
Jack Osburn  
Hannah Parker  
Robert Rich  
Evan Rockefeller  
Edwin Santamaria Aguilar  
Andrew Strangle  
Jocelyn Stimpson  
Allison Sullivan  
Kailey Sullivan  
Joshua Taylor  
Tess Thompson  
John Tracy  
Vasilios Tsiotis  
Eve Winters

## WHS Cheerleaders 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at NEC Competition, Regionals and advanced to States!



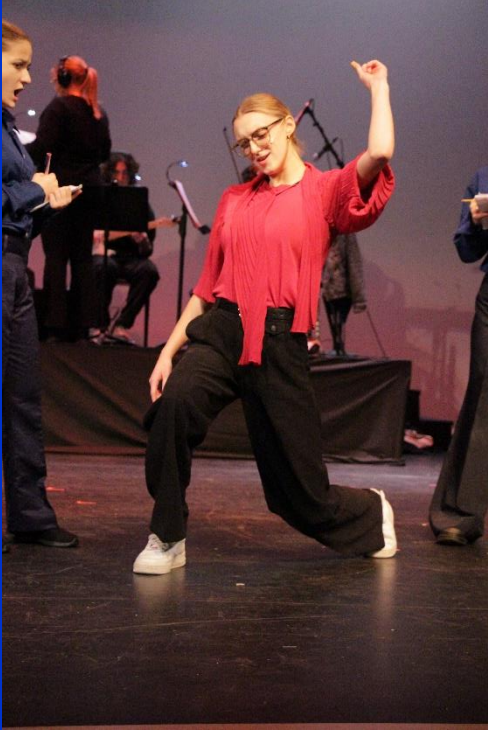


# Gorman Fort Banks & Arthur T. Cummings Trunk or Treat

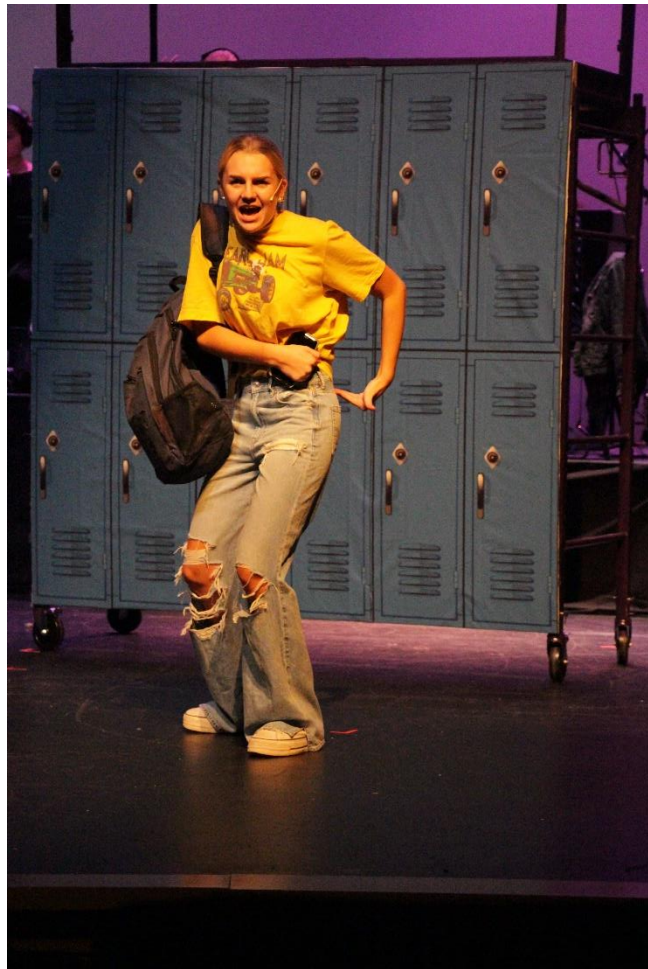




**FREAKY  
FRIDAY**  
A NEW MUSICAL

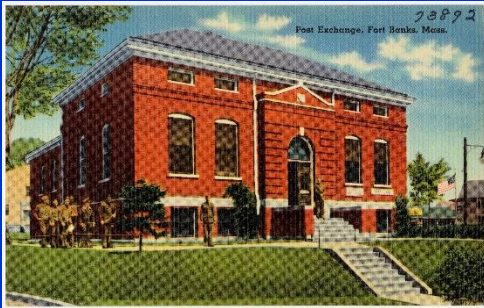


# WHS Drama Society Performs Freaky Friday





# Throw Back



**Post Exchange Fort Banks**



**Old Fort Banks Main Gate**

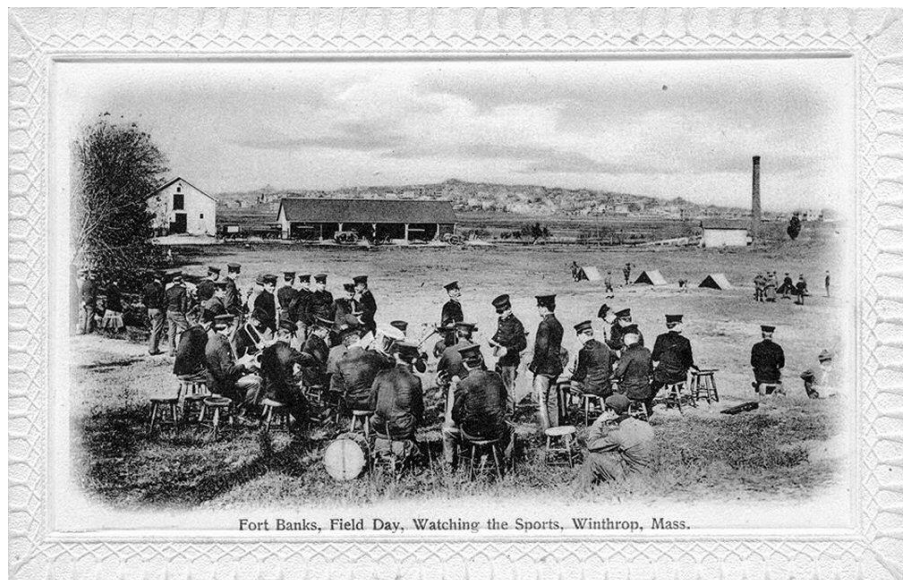


**Fort Banks Station Hospital**

## Veterans Day at the Fort



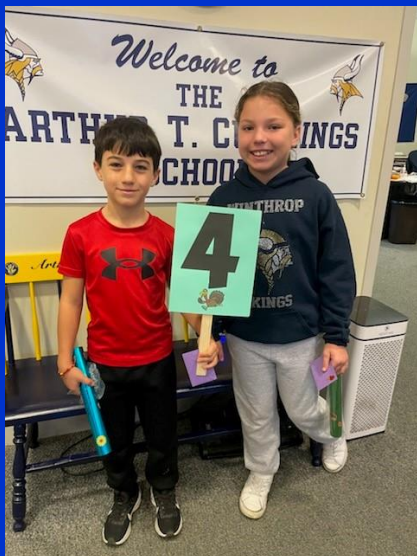
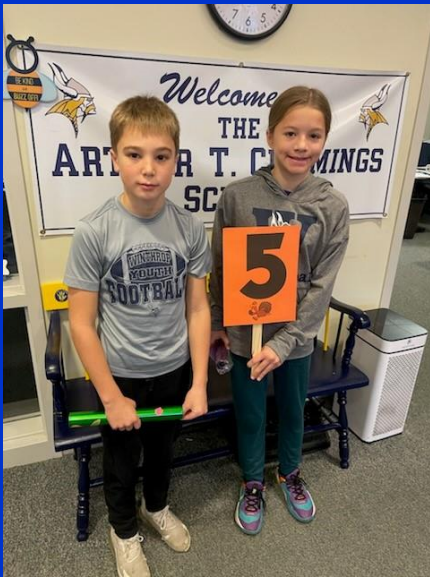
# Throw Back



**Fort Banks Field Day**



# ATC TURKEY TROT



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Emanoela Novak has been selected by Winthrop Middle School to be the Project 351 Student Ambassador







## *WHS Football*



## *WHS Cheerleaders*



## *WHS Football & Cheerleaders*







## *WHS Volleyball*



## *WHS Girls' Soccer*



## *WHS Boys' Soccer*







## *WHS Golf*



## *WHS Cross Country*



## 2023-2024 Winthrop Public Schools Calendar

AUG/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		First Day of School- Wed Aug 30th
<b>Elementary Half Day - Conferences</b>		- Teachers: August 28
Oct. 11/18/25 Mar. 27th & April 3/10		- ESPs & Nurses: August 29
<b>WMS Conferences</b>		- Students: August 30
Dec 14th (evening) Dec 15th 1/2 Day		<b>Last Day for Students (1/2 Day):</b>
<b>District-Wide Early Closing - November 22</b>		June 11
No School for Students - Full Day Teacher PD: August 28, 29 & November 7		
District-Wide Half Day - Teacher PD: October 4, December 13, January 31, March 6, May 8		
New Teacher Orientation: Thursday, August 24th		

### 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 25 - 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
Shavuot* (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	8:00am	1:00pm	10:30am	7:30am	2:30pm
PreK AM	8:00am	10:30am	Split year for ½	7:30am	2:30pm
PreK PM	10:30am	1:00pm	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



**THE CLASS OF 2024**

# SKATE WITH SANTA

**WITH A HOLIDAY BAKE SALE**

**DECEMBER 10  
2-3:30 PM  
LARSEN RINK  
WINTHROP**

**\$5 ENTRY PER SKATER  
NO SKATE RENTALS**