

Welcome 2018-2019 School Year

Events are all on the shared Google Calendar whsviking400@gmail.com that both PTC and the Class Advisors update. Directions to view the calendar are on the PTC link of the Winthrop High School website.

WHS will be assisting with the Town Wide Clean-up on Sunday 9/23 sponsored by the 11 Foundation. Students who participate will be given two hours of community service. Areas have been assigned by grade and the clean-up is 9am -11am. They are to meet at the below locations.

Freshman - WHS on the front steps (Veterans Rd area)

Sophomores - Coughlin Park (Point Shirley/Yirrell Beach)

Juniors - Crest Ave. Playground (Highlands)

Seniors - The gazebo in Ingleside Park (Center area).

Class Updates:

Freshman Class Advisor Deb Chavis will continue to post on the page set-up last year for the WHS Class of 2022. The Facebook page is "Winthrop High School Class of 2022." Elections for Class Officer positions will be held this Friday. Teacher advisors are Ms. Lauren Costigan and Ms. Rachel DeSolio.

Sophomore class president Jenna Dorr announced Homecoming is to be held at the PPYC on Saturday 11/17 as part of spirit week. Donations have been collected to sell at the concession stand at this week's home football game for profit. The 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Dec. 1st.

Junior class update was given by class treasurer Sal Campo. The Flocking fundraiser brought in \$1160 and car wash \$450. The class is currently soliciting donations to sell at the concession stand at next weekend's home football game. The Annual Country Fair, the fundraiser that traditionally raises the most money for senior week will be held on 11/8 in the St. John's School Gym. Anyone that has donations or contacts that may be willing to contribute to this fall fair is asked to contact Jen Capone. Preparation for pep rally will begin shortly with poster decorating in Mr. Palen's room.

Senior Ava Bertino reported that their Viking Blanket fundraiser has sold approximately 60 blankets so far. Orders are going in this Friday and they are \$50 each. Their concession stand and car wash this weekend raised exactly \$2,000. Magnets with all important senior dates are being created and will be distributed as soon as possible. The Class of 2019 plans to host a Talent Show this March, date TBA. The deposit has been put down for the Prom which will be held on Tuesday 5/28 at the Danversport Yacht Club. The class will also be selling Spinelli's pies for Thanksgiving.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Crombie welcomed the group back by saying that the transition into the new school year went very smoothly. He addressed the new proactive approach security theory that the WPS is adopting called ALICE. Superintendent Howard has been working with the WPD and training is being done with the staff and students. There will be a meeting at WHS on 9/26 at 7pm to explain the specific protocol ALICE uses to parents. He also told parents in attendance that he plans to continue sending out weekly emails to enhance communication. This is not to take the responsibility off of the student and put it on the parents, it is just to ensure parents are aware of what is going on that week. The annual activities fair will be held October 1st & 2nd. Students who sign up for a club or activity are required to pay the \$125 activity fee which encompasses all activities. This fee is independent of the athletic user fee. Curriculum night is back at WHS, it will be held on 10/10 at 6pm. Parents will follow a Day 1 schedule and will get to see a glimpse of the day in the life of their student. Teachers will not be available to discuss

your individual child but will let you know a bit about the course, their expectation of your student, how to view grades and how to contact them with questions. Teachers will be held accountable to post assignment grades within a maximum two week timeframe this year. In the spring there will be an opportunity to make an appointment for parent conferences but parents are encouraged to reach out to teachers with concerns via email whenever necessary. On 10/18, 7pm WHS will host a College Fair. A representative from MEFA will be there prior to discuss financial aid at 6pm. Parents having trouble viewing Iparent should contact the guidance secretary; Marisa Indrisano - mindrisano@winthrop.k12.ma.us. Lastly parents were told that the wooden fence being installed around the tennis courts that has temporarily affected student parking, is for the safety of the students when exiting their cars and will be completed next week.

Guidance:

Mrs. D'Amico informed the group that the most recent GPA's have been run and are available on Istudent and Iparent. They are as of June 2018 (yearend). The new Freshman guidance counselor was introduced; Ms. Downy. She along with Mrs. D'Amico and Mrs. Spiriti have taken on teaching one session of the College Readiness course newly offered this year to seniors and some juniors. The course is helping students prepare by assisting with resumes, essays, common app and Naviance questions. They will also be bringing in guest speakers who took various career paths to speak with the students.

Students looking for their community service hours must get them from Ms. Indrisano in the guidance office; that is not something that can be viewed on-line.

PTC:

Parents were reminded that the PTC holds only one fundraiser a year and it is the October Calendar Raffle that is going on right now. The PTC provides the funds to sponsor 25 scholarships, Class Night, Staff Appreciation and the 10% Breakfast. The

money also assists with other WHS needs as they come up. CASA is no longer sponsoring the Senior Overnight party so the PTC is making donations there too. Please do your best to sell as many raffles as possible. Thank you to the families and businesses who sponsored squares. This allows the fundraiser to be 100% profit. The Parent Teacher Club annual membership dues are \$15 per family. Checks can be sent to the office with your student. We are currently accepting Paypal (whsviking440@gmail.com).

Tina Lawlor and Jodi Harris have volunteered to Chair the 10% Breakfast next May. Anyone interested in helping out please let a chair or PTC know. Also anyone interested in helping with Staff Appreciation please let us know. The Junior class advisor (Jen Capone) will be looking for a few volunteers to help with the Senior Breakfast as well as to set up, serve and clean up on Class Night. Senior parents will be asked to provide desserts. This year the PTC will also be looking for a few people to help with the Graduation Reception since all three board members have graduates this year. Lauren Sennott is planning to set up a clothing drive during the week of the November elections. She will provide a list of acceptable items once the dates are announced but please begin saving clothes, shoes, pocketbooks, linen, bedding etc. No leftover yard sale items please.

Our next PTC meeting will be held on November 20th at 6:30pm.

