



# Spring 2025 Newsletter

## Superintendent Lisa A. Howard

June 12, 2025

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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, Guardians, Staff, and Members of the Community,

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. Please take a few moments to review the Spring 2025 Superintendent Newsletter to see some of the highlights and accomplishments of our amazing students and staff.

Spring Sports was very successful. WHS Boys' Lacrosse are the NEC Conference Champions. Gymnast Isabella Rice competed for Team Massachusetts in the Senior Showcase Invitational in Fort Myers, Florida, coming in 1<sup>st</sup> Place. Timmy Vargus pitched a no-hitter on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Track superstar Nick Cappuccio is the NEC 200 Meter Dash Champion. He also advanced to States, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 and 200, and placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the 100 at the Meet of Champions, which is all Divisions in the State!

WMS Drama and WHS Drama continue to amaze with outstanding performances. High School Junior James Stangle earned a spot in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual G. Lee Humphrey Lyric First Page Playwriting Festival for his piece "It's About Time".

A very special "shout out" to the graduating Class of 2025! On May 30<sup>th</sup>, we conferred 151 High School diplomas and over \$500,000 in scholarships and awards to this amazing group of talented students. The generosity of our community is one of the many things that makes our town so special and unique.

Have a healthy, safe and fun filled summer!





*Breakfast & Lunch is free for all students!*

*If you have any questions, please contact Laura McGrath at [lmcgrath@winthrop.k12.ma.us](mailto:lmcgrath@winthrop.k12.ma.us) or call 617-846-5505 x7210*



**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 March



**Grade 6 Tigers: Yadiel Cabrera & Teresa Schirripa**  
**Grade 7 Falcons: Eli Tennen**  
**Grade 7 Wolves: Lilah Logan (missing from photo)**  
**Grade 8 Ravens: Raine Sena**  
**Grade 8 Eagles: Jonvienne Hanlon**



## **2024-2025 School Committee Meetings**

July 8, 22  
August 5, 19  
September 9, 23  
October 7, 21  
November 4, 18  
\*December 02  
\*\*December 09  
December 16  
January 6, 15, 27  
February 10, 24  
March 3, 17, 31  
\*\*\*April 1  
April 14, 28  
May 5, 19  
\*\*\*\*May 15  
June 9, 30

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

*\*Gathering Room, Town Hall  
\*\* HS Auditorium*

*\*\*\*Robert DeLeo Senior Center  
\*\*\*\*Superintendent's Office*

## **2024-2025 School Committee**

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

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## **2024-2025 Winthrop Teacher's Association**

**Brian Donnelly, President  
John Cross, Vice-President  
David Palen, Treasurer  
Lauren Kostegan, Public Relations  
Ellen Baxter, Secretary  
Jessica Leslie, Corresponding Secretary/Social  
Media Liaison**

### **Building Representatives**

**Donna Moore, Gorman Fort Banks  
Jennifer Shatford, Gorman Fort Banks  
  
Michael DeFelice, Arthur T. Cummings  
Anna Marie Miles, Arthur T. Cummings  
  
Alex Brown, Winthrop Middle School  
Jaclyn Sernavsky, Winthrop Middle School  
  
Pam Lund, Winthrop High School  
Coni Moore, Winthrop High School**

***winthropteachersassn@gmail.com***





William P. Gorman Fort Banks PTO

September 25  
October 23  
December 11  
January 22  
February 26  
March 26  
April 9  
May 28

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

Arthur T. Cummings PTO

September 18  
November 20  
January 22  
March 19  
May 21

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

WMS Parent Teacher Club

October 1  
November 6  
December 3

Meetings are held via Zoom

WHS Parent Teacher Club

September 30  
November 25  
January 27  
March 31  
May 19

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 Pizzicannella-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  
Jessica Briggs, Board Member  
Andrea Baez, Board Member  
Jennifer Reth, Board Member

High School Parent Teachers Club

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







## Book Awards

Harvard University  
**Giada Gergerian**

Columbia University  
**Becky Gao**

St. Michael's College  
**Zoey Rey &  
Jenna Hincman**

Suffolk University  
**Zaineb Fawzi**

Saint Anselm College  
**Jillian Buonopane**



## North Shore Chamber of Commerce Top 5%

**Kaelyn Foley  
Owen Nargi  
Daniella Solorzano  
Jona Clark  
Marwa Mimouni  
Amir Mahmoud  
Anila Gjinovci  
Julia Hurley**



## WHS Top 10% Awards

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

**Lydia Louali  
Kelsey Tallent  
Lucas Rey  
Addison Howell  
David Ibarra Betancourt  
Eli Lawton  
Clark McHugh  
Helena Gajica  
Kaitlyn Hung  
Isabel Fontes  
Max Konopaska  
Holly Nimblett  
Alexandra Montalban  
Kammila Fuentes  
Brianna Connolly  
Lyla McCarey  
Emma Fontes  
Macy Werstak  
Jason Cobb**

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

**Giada Gergerian  
Becky Gao  
Zoe Rey  
Jenna Hincman  
Zaineb Fawzi  
Jillian Buonopane  
Chelsea Long  
Aminata Barry  
Matthew Wall  
Steven Calla  
Bertram Kline  
Katheryn Alvarez Parada  
Annabelle Giardino  
Bailey Ferguson**

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

**Michael Tracy  
Tate Montgomery  
Safiatou Barry  
Charlotte Zarba  
Olivia Scorzella  
Ella Spagnoli  
Emma Calla  
Sophia Sarnaglia  
Grace Scorzella  
Regan Ripley  
Danika Ripley  
Layla Paci  
Amira Moussaif  
Jeremy Pena  
Julien Boudrot  
Isabella Pereira**

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

**Kaelyn Foley  
Owen Nargi  
Daniella Solorzano  
Jonah Clark  
Marwa Mimouni  
Amir Mahmoud  
Anila Gjinovci  
Julia Hurley  
Lily Jarbeau  
Sophia d'Entremont  
Hannah Gorman  
Jake Ross  
Gabrielle Buonopane  
Lylah Cassidy  
Caterina Fabiano**



**Congratulations to Brianne Coronel on the birth of her daughter, Maisie Kay, arriving May 8<sup>th</sup>!**



**Shout out to WMS students Ryan Choukri and Devyn DeBartolo, finishing the Stride Along the Tide 5K, along with Ms. Powers, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Crombie, Ms. Samantha, and Mr. Brown. Great job!**



## Preschool Community Garden



**Preschool students at the Gorman Fort Banks School are working on a community garden!**

## **Hannah Castano-Muneton Receives Best Project in Social History**

### The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum

#### **Outstanding Project in Social History Junior Division**

*From My Heart to Your Eyes: A Youth  
Documentary on Immigrants' Rights and  
Responsibilities*

Hannah  
Castano-Muneton

Winthrop Middle  
School



**2025 Massachusetts State Contest**

**April 12, 2025**





**AUTISM**  
awareness





**WMS Students from  
Statistics Unit in Mr.  
Brown & Mr. Crombie's  
Math Class**



## **Matthew Temple Receives the Shannon Grant Youth Award**



Matthew Temple was selected out of 24,000 students across the State. Matthew was nominated by the Winthrop Police Department for his commitment to the Friday Night Open Rec Program.



# Gorman Fort Banks Spring Fling







## Miller Field Public Access Begins June 2, 2025

Monday-Friday  
6:00am-8:00am  
Additional Summer Hours will be added after June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Residents using the track must adhere to all posted rules and regulations



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## MWRA Poster/Writing Contest Winners



Second Place: Amira E., Grade 2  
Honorable Mention: Charlotte R., Grade 2  
Honorable Mention: Juan G., Grade 2



## WHS April Athletes of the Month







## All Conference & All Stars!

Baseball All Star  
**Timmy Vargus**

Softball All Star  
**Deanna Nee**

Girls' Lacrosse All  
Conference  
**Talia Martucci**

Girls' Lacrosse All Stars  
**Gabby Buonopane**  
**Izzy Rice**

Boys' Lacrosse All  
Conference  
**Mike Holgersen**  
**Seth Sacco**

Boys' Lacrosse All Stars  
**Chase Cifuni**  
**Sean Dolen**  
**Nick Romano**

Girls' Tennis All Star  
**Yudi Arbaiza**

Boys' Tennis All Stars  
**Joe Disney**  
**Jackson Faber**

Track All Conference  
**Nick Cappuccio**

Track All Stars  
**Thomas D'Amico**  
**Haley DeMarco**



**Doug Flutie Jr.**  
**Foundation for Autism**



**The Winthrop Police Department participates in the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism patch fundraiser every year. WMS student Danielly Pinto has been making keychains for the last four years. She raised \$700.00 this year.**



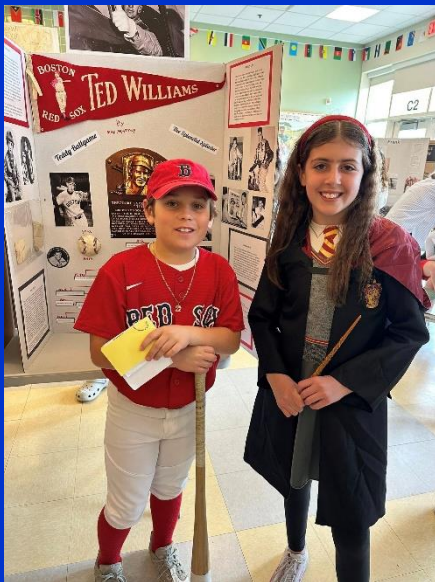


# WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL





# ATC Grade 5 Wax Museum





## Student Leadership Awards



**Jillian Buonopane**



**Bertram Kline**

## Youth Coach of the Year



**Kevin Adamson**

## 33rd Winthrop Chamber & Community Awards



## Educational Excellence Award Warren MacPhail



## High School Coach of the Year Dale Dunbar





WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**drama  
society**

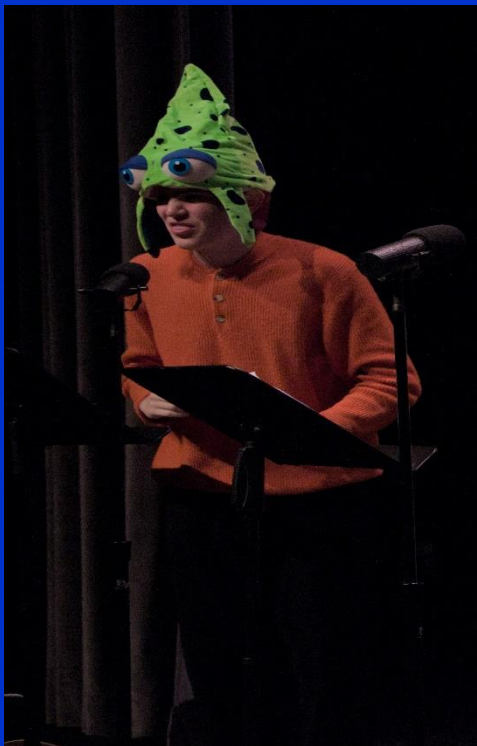
**WMS Drama Society Performs  
“The Absolutely Insidious & Utterly  
Terrifying Truth About Cat Hair”**





WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL  
**DRAMA**  
**SOCIETY**

## WHS Drama Presents "Radio Play Disaster"







**Scholar Athletes  
Amelia Spencer &  
Matthew Reardon**



**MIAA Girls & Women  
Sports Day  
Izzy Rice &  
Talia Martucci**



## LACROSSE 100 CAREER POINTS

**Congratulations to Talia Martucci and  
Tegan Pereira**



**Thank You Viking Pride  
Foundation**



**The Viking Pride Foundation provided 150 Chic-Fil-A sandwiches to the Class of 2025. Thank you Vinny Crossman, and members of the Viking Pride Foundation, for your continued generosity, encouragement, and support!**



# ATC Kickball



## North Shore Chamber of Commerce Top 5%



Kaelyln Foley  
Owen Nargi  
Daniella Solorzano  
Jonah Clark  
Marwa Mimouni  
Amir Mahmoud  
Anila Gjnovci  
Julia Hurley





**Congratulations to  
WHS Junior James  
Stangle for his  
astounding  
playwriting that  
earned him a spot in  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual G. Lee  
Humphrey Lyric First  
Page Playwriting  
Festival! His piece,  
“It’s About Time” was  
a comedy with a  
sinister undertone.**



## **WHS May Athletes of the Month**



**Timmy Vargus  
Baseball**



**Tegan Pereira  
Lacrosse**



**Shout out to WMS students Mia Rossi, Devyn DeBartolo, and Joe Shea, finishing the Winthrop Little League 5K. Mr. Brown, Mr. Crombie, Mr. Kirby, and Ms. Samantha also raced!**



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



**Grade 6 Jaguars: Mari Vokey & Caroline Collins  
Grade 7 Falcons: Daniel Minnig Caceres  
Grade 7 Wolves: Madelyn Calla  
Grade 8 Ravens: Okianah Etienne (missing from photo)  
Grade 8 Eagles: Alexis Davoli**





## NEC Track Meet

**Nick Cappuccio**  
NEC Champion  
200 Meter Dash

**Aaron Armitstead**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
100 High Hurdles

**Thomas D'Amico**  
7<sup>th</sup> Place  
Triple Jump

**Ali Benchikhi**  
3-way Tie for 7<sup>th</sup> Spot  
Hig Jump

**Thomas D'Amico**  
**Liam Natareno**  
**Liam Kenny**  
**Owen Nargi**  
4<sup>th</sup> Place  
4x400 Relay



## 200 Meter Dash NEC Champion Nicholas Cappuccio



**Nick advanced to States, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 and 200. Nick also placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the 100 at the Meet of Champions, which is all Divisions in the State!**



## WHS Senior Class Night



Ellie Govoni volunteered her time for 30 years; preparing a special meal year after year, making Senior Class Night a memorable evening for the many students at Winthrop High School.

Her daughter Jill and Tish Sullivan continue this heart-felt service, working with the Parent Teacher Club. We thank you so much for continuing this wonderful tradition!



## Winthrop Lodge of Elks Students of the Month May



**Grade 6 Tigers: Mackenzie Evans & Matthew Barron**

**Grade 7 Falcons: Michael O'Mara-Gomis**

**Grade 7 Wolves: Tyler Smith**

**Grade 8 Ravens: Samantha Tabares Martinez**

**Grade 8 Eagles: Nicolas Briggs**





# WHS BOYS' LACROSSE NEC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS





## WMS Spring Cleaning



\*HAPPY\*  
*Retirement!*



**Congratulations and best wishes  
to our 2025 Retirees!**

**Brian Davis, 21 years  
Connie Grayson, 39 years  
Denise Lanza, 13 years  
Dawn Letterie, 38 years  
Warren MacPhail, 33 years  
Rock Mastrangelo, 31 years  
Mary McGunigle, 36 years  
Donna Moore, 24 years  
Paul Soares, 15 years  
Chris Summa, 36 years  
Theresa Visconti, 24 years**



**WHS Gymnast Izzy Rice**  
competed for Team  
Massachusetts in the  
Senior Showcase  
Invitational in Fort  
Myers, Florida. Seniors  
from around the country  
compete in their last high  
school competition. Team  
Massachusetts came in  
First Place! Izzy is one of  
only five Winthrop  
gymnasts to make the  
team since 2003!



# National Champion Isabella Rice





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





## Class Officers



**Amelia Spencer**  
**President**



**Talia Martucci**  
**Vice President**



**Gabrielle Buonopane**  
**Secretary**

## Hats Off to the Class of 2025!





## Class Officers



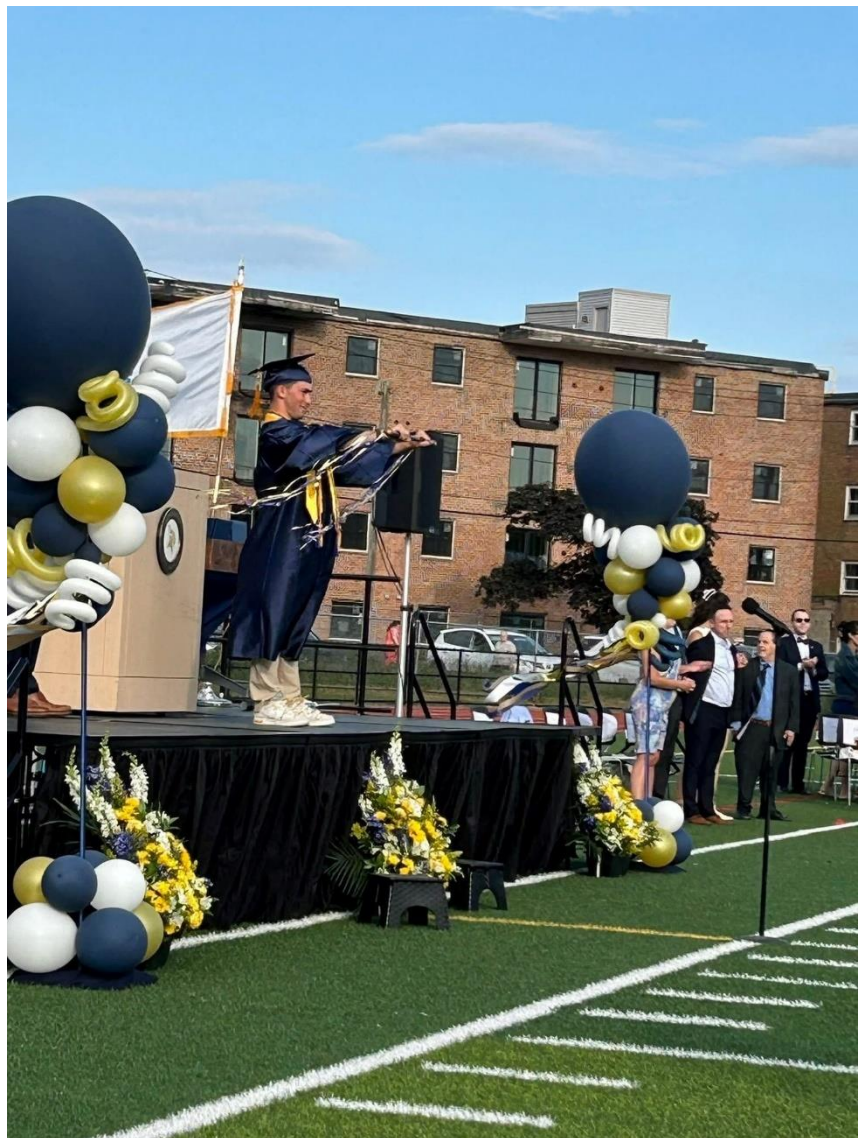
**Kate Brodin**  
Treasurer



**William Murphy**  
Class Marshall



**Matthew Reardon**  
Videographer





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# 2025-2026 Winthrop Public Schools Calendar

**AUG/SEPTEMBER 2025 (23 days)**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	25	26	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				

**DECEMBER 2025 ( 15 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			

**MARCH 2026 ( 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 2025 ( 11 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				

**OCTOBER 2025 ( 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	

**JANUARY 2026 ( 19 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 2026 ( 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		

**NOVEMBER 2025 ( 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						

**FEBRUARY 2026 ( 15 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

**MAY 2026 ( 20 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						

## Early Release Dates

### Elementary Half Day - Conferences

Oct.22nd & 29th Nov. 5th/Mar.18th & 25th

### WMS Half Day - Conferences

Oct. 9th Evening & Oct.10th 1/2 Day

District-Wide Early Closing-Nov 26/Dec19/Jun15

No School for Students - Full Day Teacher PD: August 25th, 26th & November 4th

District Half Days PD: Sept. 24th, Oct. 8th & 15th, Jan. 14th & 28th, Mar.11th, May 6th & 20th

**New Teacher Orientation: Thursday, August 21st**

## First Day of School- Wed Aug 27th

Teachers: August 25th & August 26th

ESPs & Nurses: August 26th

Students: August 27th

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

**June 15**

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

Labor Day - August 29th & September 1st

Columbus Day - October 13th

Veteran's Day - November 11th

Thanksgiving Day - November 27th & November 28th

Holiday Vacation - December 22nd - January 2nd

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 19th

President's Day/Winter Vacation - February 16th - 20th

Patriot's Day/Spring Vacation - April 20th - 24th

Memorial Day - May 25th

Juneteenth - June 19th



**WINTHROP VIKING FOOTBALL**

# Father's Day Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, June 15th

8am - 12pm

Winthrop High School Cafeteria

\$10