



Winter 2025-2026 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 21st century.

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COPY REQUESTS



WHS alumni!

You can now obtain your high school transcripts online at www.winthrop.k12.ma.us. Select Winthrop High School and go to the Guidance tab.

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

In this newsletter you will find snapshots of activities and events during the winter, depicting a multitude of accomplishments reflecting the academic, community and extracurricular successes of our students and staff.

Forty-seven students were inducted in the National Honor Society, joining the twenty-eight second year members. The WHS Drama Society returned to Prince Pizzeria for another outstanding dinner theater performance. WHS Drama Society also performed “Yellow” at the METG Festival. WMS Drama Society put on an outstanding performance of “Beatlejuice, Jr.

Winter Sports was exciting as usual! Boys’ Hockey made the Final Four for the 3rd year in a row! WHS gymnasts Zoey Rey and Macy Werstak both qualified for States!

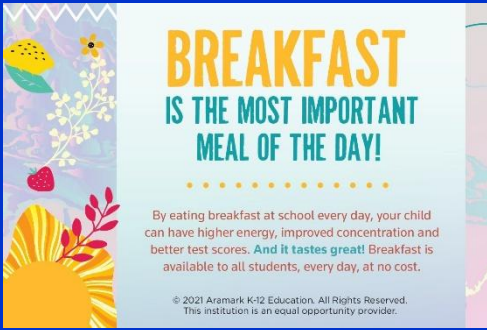
The WMS Quiz Bowl Team took home the win at the competition at Malden Catholic High School. They were also the only public school competing among the nine schools.

I continue to be amazed at the talent and positive spirit of students and the never-ending support of our families, staff and community. I hope you enjoy our winter newsletter!

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Howard

Superintendent of Schools



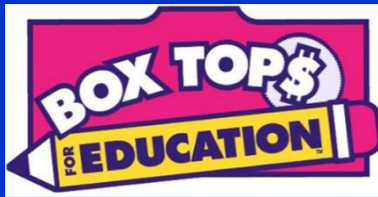
BREAKFAST
IS THE MOST IMPORTANT
MEAL OF THE DAY!

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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Breakfast & Lunch is free for all students!

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Pare at mpare@winthrop.k12.ma.us or call 617-846-5505 x7210



Got Box Tops? Every clip counts. You can drop off Box Tops at 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



December Athletes of the Month




POLIXENI TSIOTOS - BASKETBALL

RILEY TOWSE - HOCKEY

NOAH BAYERSDOFER - BASKETBALL

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



January Athletes of the Month




ZOE REY - GYMNASTICS

CARMEN DIPRISCO - INDOOR TRACK

PAUL FERRARA - HOCKEY

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



2025-2026 School Committee Meetings

July 14, 28

August 11, 25

September 08, 22, 29

October 06, 20

November 03, 17

December 01, 15

January 12, 26

February 09, 23

March 04, 09, 18, 23

April 06, 27

May 11

June 01, 15, 29

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

2025-2026 School Committee

**Layne Petrie, Chair
Gus Martucci, Vice Chair
Jim Letterie, Town Council President
Kaitlin Burroughs
Leslie Darcy
Shannon Kubik
Zachary Purinton**

2025-2026 Winthrop Teacher's Association

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

Building Representatives

**Donna Moore, Gorman Fort Banks
Jennifer Shatford, Gorman Fort Banks**

**Michael DeFelice, Arthur T. Cummings
Meghan Ball, Arthur T. Cummings**

**Gina Massa, Winthrop Middle School
Alex Brown, Winthrop Middle School**

**Mark Dixon, Winthrop High School
Coni Moore, Winthrop High School**

winthropteachersassn@gmail.com



William P. Gorman Fort Banks

PTO
September 24
October 22
December 03
January 21
February 25
March 25
May 13

Meetings are held in the GFB 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
Shannon Kubik, Co-President
Ann Nucci, Co-Vice President
Kristina Pizzicannella-Murphy, Co-Vice President
Cassie Witthaus, Secretary
Lesley Sturm-Darcy, Treasurer
Lydsey Hmura, Social Media

Arthur T. Cummings PTO

Jenn Reeves, Co-President
Cathy Aufiero, Co-President
Maria Aiello, Vice President
Chrissy Phillips, Secretary
Jenn Reeves, Co-Treasurer
Cathy Aufiero, Co-Treasurer
Shannon Kubik, Social Media
Stephanie Pettee, Social Media

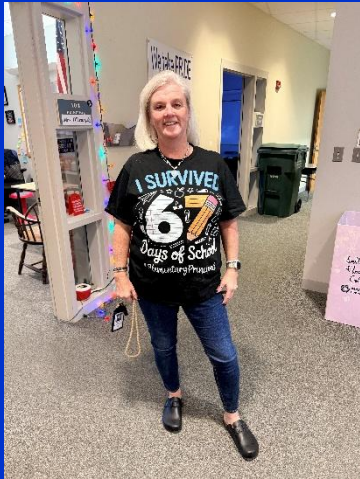
Middle School Parent Teachers Club

Atiyeh Cassidy, Board Member
Andrea Baez, Board Member
Jennifer Reth, Board Member
Rita Mansfield, Board Member

High School Parent Teachers Club

Karen Perrin, Board Member/Treasurer
Jessica Briggs, Board Member
Kristen Buonopane, Board Member





Winthrop Lodge of Elks Students of the Month November



- Grade 6 Tigers – Eli Aguirre & Amy Alvarez
- Grade 7 Falcons – Autumn Bracy
- Grade 7 Wolves – Ibtissam Bourkiche
- Grade 8 Ravens – Richard Vivolo
- Grade 8 Eagles – Isabella Ramirez Aguilar

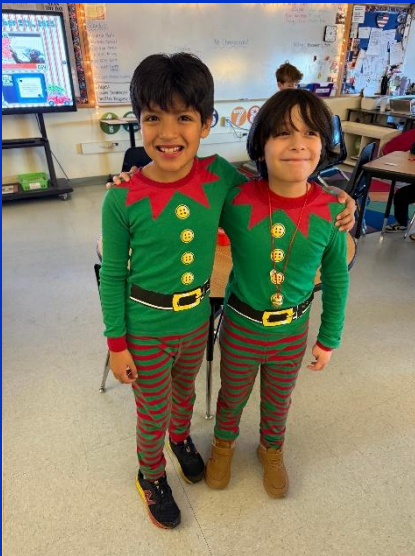


WMS Winter Fair

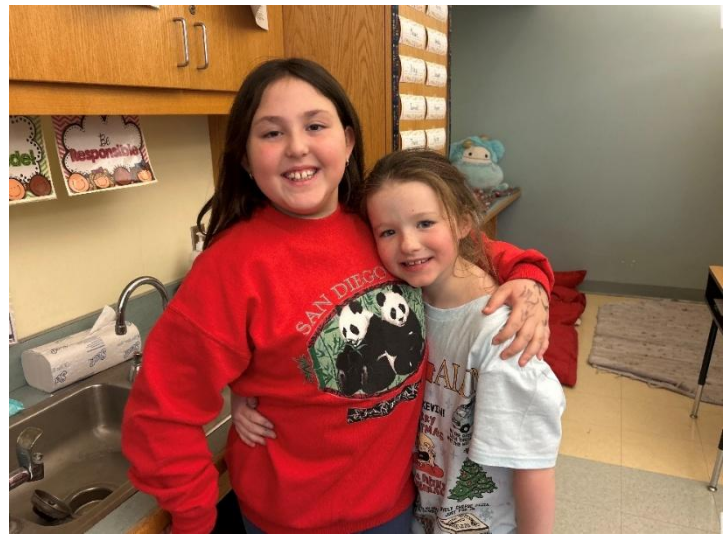
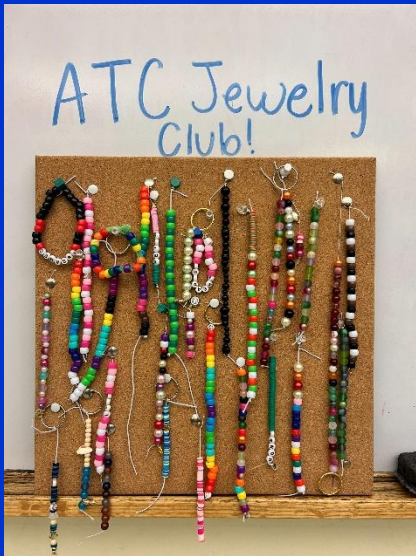




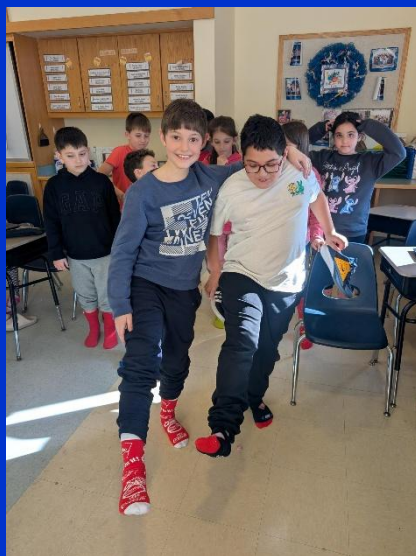
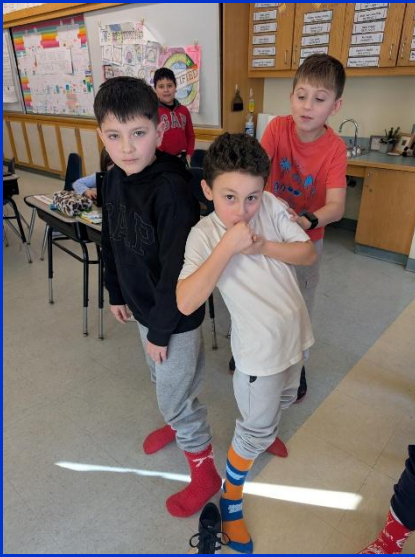
ATC Winter Fair



ATC Jewelry Club



ATC Cozy Socks Day



WHS Students of the Term First Quarter



Pearse Solorzano (Algebra 2), Ream Bouanani (ELA 1), Michael Buckley (ELA 4), Audrey Carroll (Italian 1, Acc Algebra, ELA 1, Exploration in Drama, Lilah Whitney (Geometry), Zoey Rey (Spanish 4), Maria Kosenchuk (Geometry, ESL 2), Layla Paci (Intro to Psych), Thomas D'Amico (AP Language & Comp), Tate Montgomery (AP Chemistry), Lydia Louali (Early US History), Ella Fillippi (ELA 1), Xaveria Figueroa (Modern US History), Zaineab Fawzi (AP Lit & Comp), Gabe Grover (Algebra 2), Jacki Antonelli-Janey (ELA 3), Raine Sena (Comp Intro to Art), Ethan Harty (Spanish 1), Max Konopaska (AP Biology), Samuel Orozco Florez (STEAM), Sophia Souza (PE 10/11), Aundrea DiNicola (Algebra 1), Sandra Hayes (Modern US History), Anabelle Giardino (AP Statistics), Edward Leal (Digital Media 2), Camilla Akchatat (Modern World History), Shaun Hayes (Biology), Tegan Pereira (Environmental Science), Olivia Scorzella (Psychology)

Throw Back



Highland School



Highland School
1956
Grade 1



Highland School
1956
Grade 3

Winthrop School Committee

On December 15, 2025, the School Committee recognized Chair Jennife Powell, Vice Chair Julie Barry, and Suzanne Leonard, for their dedication, and unwavering commitment serving our students, families and community.



We welcome our new members, who were sworn in on January 6, 2026: Kaitlin Burroughs, Leslie Darcy, and Shannon Kubik



Congratulations to Jessica Gobel and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Emma, born on January 12th!



Congratulations to Adam Crombie and his wife on the birth of their 3rd child, Jack William, born on February 12th!



Shout Out to Ms. Adreani's Class at the Gorman Fort Banks School and Mrs. Brenner's Class at the Arthur T. Cummings School. The students put together 166 winter kits containing a warm hat, gloves, snack and a drink for patients at Boston Medical Center and Boston Healthcare for the homeless.





Congratulations!

All Conference

Girls' Hockey

Reese Ferrara

Riley Towse

Boys' Hockey

Joe Pumphret,

All Stars

Track

Hailey DeMarco

Owen Harty

Gymnastics

Zoe Rey

Girls' Hockey

Avalina Coffey

Tegan Pereira

Boys' Hockey

Paul Ferrara

Domenic Spinale

Girls' Basketball

Amina Barry

Bailey Ferguson

Polixeni Tsiotis

Boys' Basketball

Noah Bayersdorfer

Lucas Dos Santos



Winthrop Lodge of Elks Students of the Month December



Grade 6 Jaguars – Angelina Andasol

Grade 6 Jaguars – Jaxson Duff

Grade 7 Falcons – Rihab Jnibu

Grade 7 Wolves – Elaina D'Ambrosio

Grade 8 Ravens – Claire Chapman

Grade 8 Eagles – Lilah Logan

Winthrop High School's Pullin Poynte Chapter of the National Honor Society



2025 Inductees

Safiatou Barry
Noal Berisha
Juliet Bettano
Julien Boudrot
Diora Bytyqi
Emma Calla
Talia Capasso
Christopher Cirelli
Maggie Conley
Michael D'Ambrosio
Ariana D'Amelio
Thomas D'Amico
Jackson Faber
Kai Faber
Eloise Farnsworth
Sofia Gonzalez
Mary Healy
Francesca Indrisano
Leila Jurovich
Kiara Kajo
Mariia Kosenchuk
Edward Leal
Luke Lovasco
Marissa MacMullen
Grace McCurdy
Tate Montgomery
Amira Moussaif
Patrick O'Mara Gomis
Layla Paci
Jeremy Pena
Isabella Pereira
Richard Petrucelli
Nathan Previte
Grant Raddi
Danika Ripley
Regan Ripley
Alexandra Ross
Sophia Sarnaglia
Grace Scorzella
Olivia Scorzella
Stefanie Senavsky
Majra Shehu
Ella Spagnoli
Michael Tracy
Nour Yassine
Sara Yepes
Charlotte Zarba

Second Year Members

Adrianna Baez
Aminata Barry
Christopher Beshere
Jillian Buonopane
Steven Calla
Arianna Cappuccio
Amaury Cardona
Avalina Coffey
Nicolas Correa
Joseph Disney
Sean Dolen
Frances Fabiano
Zaineb Fawzi
Bailey Ferguson
Elaina Freeman
Becky Gao
Anabelle Giardino
Bryan Guerra Duarte
Jenna Hincman
Bertram Kline
Chelsea Long
Mackenzie Lynch
Owen Munson
Liam Natareno
Nicole Pinheiro
Zoe Rey
Seth Sacco
Matthew Wall

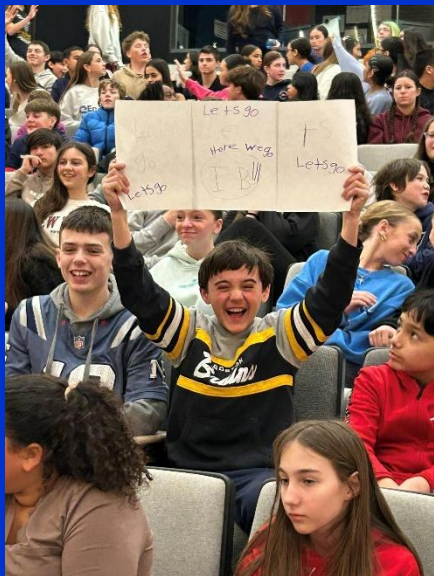
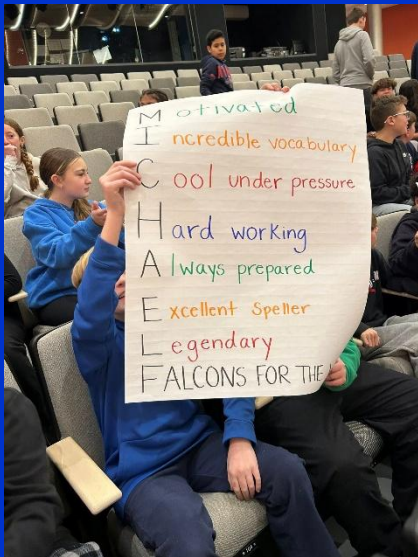




Winthrop Parent Network International Night



WMS Spelling Bee



**Congratulations to the finalists: Avery from the Jaguars, Daniela from the Tigers, Michael from the Falcons, IB from the Wolves, James from the Eagles, and Charlie from the Ravens!
Congratulations to the champion, IB Bourkiche!**

DINNER THEATRE 2026



BEETLEJUICE JR.

WMS Drama Presents Beetlejuice Jr



Project 351

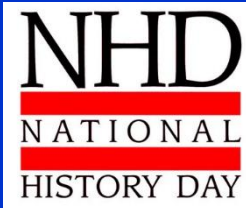
Project 351 is a non-profit organization that empowers a youth-led movement for change, powered by an 8th grade student representing every city and town in Massachusetts.

On Saturday, January 17, 2026, Celine Louali was honored by Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll as Winthrop Middle School's Project 351 Ambassador at Project 351's Annual Launch & Serve Day in Boston.

The 16th Annual Launch Day included a morning celebration at Faneuil Hall, afternoon of transformational service, and a service celebration at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum. More than 27,000 neighbors served in the partnership with 14 non-profit organizations including La Colaborativa, Cradles to Crayons, Hope & Comfort, Home Base, Give n' Glow, and the Wonderfund.



Celine Louali, 8th grade student from the Ravens Team, has been selected as Winthrop Middle School's 2026 Project 351 Ambassador



26 Winthrop Middle School Students from Ms. McGann and Dr. Beckvold's class competed at the regional National History Day competition at Stoneham High School



Winthrop Lodge of Elks Students of the Month January



- Grade 6 Jaguars – Finnegan Newman**
- Grade 6 Tigers – Sophia Pettee**
- Grade 7 Falcons – Michael Frazier**
- Grade 7 Wolves – Victoria Connolly**
- Grade 8 Ravens – Sam Yoyo**
- Grade 8 Eagles – Simon Cardona**



WHS Student Council raised \$5,108.00 for Special Olympics at the Polar Plunge at Yirrell Beach. The students were also recognized as a top contributor at the Student Council State Conference in Hyannis



We made it!
100
Days of School



Little Vikings Preschool students celebrated the 100th day of school by counting 100 books and walking 100 steps to Principal Crombie's office!

Congratulations to the
Recipients of the 34th
Annual Winthrop Chamber
of Commerce &
Community Awards to be
held on April 9th



Winthrop Lodge of Elks Students of the Month February

**34th ANNUAL
WINTHROP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& COMMUNITY AWARDS**

Student Leadership Award
Safiatou Barry

April 9th
6PM - 8PM
Cottage Park Yacht Club

Tickets \$45

scan here for tickets



**34th ANNUAL
WINTHROP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& COMMUNITY AWARDS**

Student Leadership Award
Nathan Previte

April 9th
6PM - 8PM
Cottage Park Yacht Club

Tickets \$45

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**34th ANNUAL
WINTHROP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& COMMUNITY AWARDS**

Educational Excellence Award
Alex Brown

April 9th
6PM - 8PM
Cottage Park Yacht Club

Tickets \$45

scan here for tickets



Grade 6 Jaguars – Daniela Mejia Lazo
Grade 6 Tigers – Jacob Oliver
Grade 7 Falcons – Jeronimo Munibe
Grade 7 Wolves – Aine Turner
Grade 8 Ravens – Neveah McClure
Grade 8 Eagles – James Smith

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK!

The Little Vikings Full Day Program celebrated Read Across American with special guest readers including Sargent Joel Johnson, US Army; Anna Maria Spiriti, WHS Guidance Counselor; and Ms. Andrea's husband Dave!



WPS Kindergarten Screening 2026-27

Please complete this form by Friday, April 24, 2026 to sign up your child for a screening appointment for Kindergarten in the Winthrop Public Schools. All children must be residents of Winthrop, MA and be 5 years old before September 1, 2026 in order to be eligible.



After completing the form, you will also need to complete the online pre-registration using the code at left. You will be contacted by the school to schedule an appointment for Kindergarten screening. Screenings will be held May 4-8, 2026.



Please contact the William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School at 617-846-5509 with any questions.

Rising Tide COMMUNITY YOUTH AWARDS

Join us as we celebrate the incredible youth, supportive adults, and community partners who help strengthen and uplift our community. The Rising Tide Youth Awards recognize individuals and organizations who inspire positive change and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

SAVE THE DATE

- Thursday, May 14, 2026
- Doors open at 7pm
- Winthrop Elks
191 Washington Ave.
Winthrop, MA 02152

NOMINATE SOMEONE

<https://forms.gle/9w9nDnWofmhu8tmg9L8>



SCAN THE QR CODE TO NOMINATE

Nominations may also be submitted by email or handwritten and sent to: Amy Epstein, aepstein@winthropcasa.org OR CASA, 45 Pauline St., Winthrop, MA 02152

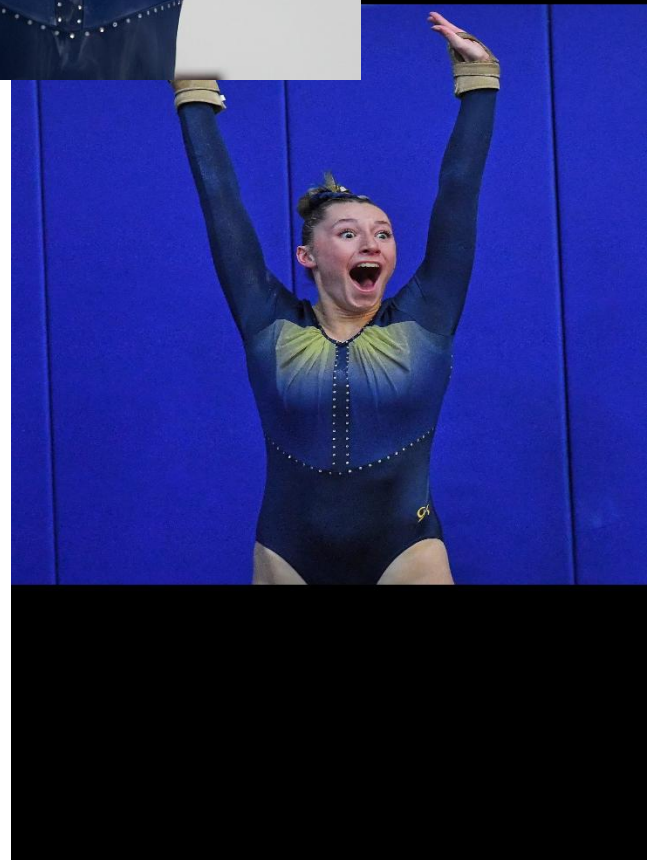


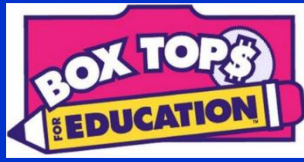
Amazing Hero Art Show



Grade 1 students had a special visit from the Amazing Hero Art Show, where they watched Mr. Surette paint important historical figures such as Martin Luther King, Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, and Jane Goodall.

Congratulations to WHS gymnasts Zoey Rey and Macy Werstek who qualified for States!





**Sending in
Box Tops is a
great way to
support our
schools!**



Earn 4 Bonus Box Tops on Mott's, Nutter's Butter, and Old El Paso
when you buy any 2 participating products in a single transaction between 03/01/26 - 03/31/26.
Must submit your receipt by purchase date.



Earn 4 Bonus Box Tops on Chex, Chex Mix & Bugles
when you buy any 2 participating Chex, Chex Mix or Bugles products in a single transaction between 03/01/26 - 03/31/26.
Earn 4 Bonus Box Tops on Pillsbury
when you buy any 2 participating Pillsbury products in a single transaction between 03/01/26 - 03/31/26.

WHS Boys' Hockey made it to the Final Four for the 3rd Year in a Row!



February Athletes of the Month



DOMENIC SPINALE - HOCKEY

BAILEY FERGUSON - BASKETBALL

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

GFB SPRING SOCIAL
APRIL 10, 2026
6:00-7:30PM

REGISTER BY APRIL 7th!
\$5.00 / TICKET
TICKET INCLUDES:
1 CHILD & 1 ADULT ADMISSION
REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

for kids only
GRAFTS TABLE
MUSIC DJ
DANCING & GAMES
pizza, snacks & water will be available for CASH purchase at the event.

WMS Full Court Frenzy



Youth Art Show





WMS Quiz Bowl Champions



**Congrats to team members:
Veronica Howington
Bochra Bouazza
Helen McGloin
Ib Bourkiche
Orlaith Joyce
Riihab Jhibi**

**Shout out to Coach Farnsworth and
Coach Foley!**

Contact Us

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WCAT's April Production Workshop

Hands-on Training with studio cameras, location shooting, audio and more.

Studio production: Directing, pre-production, set design, post-production, microphones, etc.

Editing with Adobe Premiere Pro

Become a WCAT Producer and create your own TV shows for WCAT channel 9, YouTube, and more.

**Students (ages 11-17): Week of April 20 - 24 (Mon. - Fri.)
2 PM - 4 PM**

Free membership for students (11-17).

You must complete a full workshop to become a certified WCAT producer.

Slots are limited, call now to reserve yours: 617.846.3400 or email staff@wcat-tv.org

WCAT is located at 165 Winthrop Street, Winthrop.

***Other student classes, and adult classes available throughout the year by appointment.
Please call for more information.*

Don't just watch TV, make it!



2026-2027 Winthrop Public Schools Calendar

AUG/SEPTEMBER 2026 (19 days)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
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DECEMBER 2026 (17 days)

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MARCH 2027 (23 days)

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28	29	30	31			

JUNE 2027 (12 days)

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OCTOBER 2026 (21 days)

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JANUARY 2027 (19 days)

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APRIL 2027 (17 days)

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NOVEMBER 2026 (17 days)

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29	30					

FEBRUARY 2027 (15 days)

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28						

MAY 2027 (20 days)

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Early Release Dates	First Day of School-
Elementary Half Day - Conferences 10/21, 10/28, 11/04, 03/17, 03/24	Teachers: August 31st ESPs & Nurses: September 1st Students: September 2nd
WMS Half Day - Conferences 10/21	Last Day for Students (1/2 Day): June 16th
District-Wide Early Closing- 11/25, 12/23	
No School for Students - Full Day Teacher PD: November 3rd	
District Half Days PD: 10/07, 01/27, 03/31, 05,12	

New Teacher Orientation:

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

Labor Day - September 7th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 18th
Columbus Day - October 12th	President's Day/Winter Vactaion - February 15th - 19th
Veteran's Day - November 11th	Patriot's Day/Spring Vacation - April 19th -23rd
Thanksgiving Day - November 26th & November 27th	Memorial Day - May 31st
Holiday Vacation - December 24th-January 3rd	Juneteenth - June 19th

Important School Events

WMS Curriculum Night	Thursday, September 10th
WHS Curriculum Night	Wednesday, September 16th
GFB Curriculum Night	Thursday, September 17th
ATC Curriculum Night	Thursday, September 24th
WHS Mid Terms	Wednesday, January 20th
WHS Mid Terms	Thursday, January 21st
WHS Mid Terms	Friday, January 22nd
WHS Finals	Monday, June 14th
WHS Finals	Tuesday, June 15th
WHS Finals	Wednesday, June 16th
WHS Graduation	TBD
Last Day of School No Snow Days	Wednesday, June 16th
Last Day of School with 5 Snow Days	Thursday, June 24th