



WINTHROP SCHOOL

FAMILY UPDATE 2021-2022

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021



Safe Arrival Line/Dismissal Changes

Please call the safe arrival line @ 978-468-5344 to report your child absent or tardy.

Please call the front office @ 978-468-5340 for dismissal changes.

Follow us on Twitter: Winthrop School @WinthropEagles, Principal Shediac @ShediacC

Winthrop Curriculum Night - Tuesday September 21st:

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/guardians to Winthrop Curriculum Night on Tuesday. **Please note: this is a parent/guardian event, no children.** To minimize the potentially large groups of people congregating in the cafeteria, we are modifying our format this year.

PreK-2 - Front Doors will open at 5:55. Parents/Guardians will report directly to their child's classroom for 6:00. At 6:30 when the classroom presentations are over, please proceed out to the grassy area near the parking lot for a Principal Greeting. The Friends of Winthrop and EdFund representatives will be available to answer questions. Doors will open again at 6:55 for **Gr 3-5** Parents/Guardians to report to their children's classrooms. Please remember that this is not the time to speak with the teacher about concerns about your child. If you have concerns that can't wait until Parent Teacher conferences at the end of October, send an email and the teacher will arrange a time to speak with you.

FOW Back to School Social:

We had a great turnout at the Winthrop Back to School Social, sponsored by the Friends of Winthrop! Students and families enjoyed ice cream from Cherry Farm Creamery, Italian Ice and pizza. Thank you to all who made this such a fun evening.



COVID SAFETY Checks:

Last Tuesday, we completed the first round of COVID Safety Checks with approximately 200 staff and students participating. It was quick and easy, and we are happy to report that all pools came back negative. If you haven't already done so, please consider signing your student(s) up using this [consent form](#) (one for each child). If you have any questions about COVID testing, reach out to nurse Jess Baker j.baker@hwschools.net.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, September 21

Winthrop Curriculum Night

6:00-6:30 - Gr PreK-2

6:30-7:00 - Principal Greeting
Outside near side Parking Lot

7:00-7:30 - Gr 3-5

Friday, September 24

School Picture Day

Monday, September 27

Winthrop School Council Meeting

3:30-4:30pm

Monday, September 27

Friends of Winthrop Meeting

7:30pm - ZOOM

Friday, October 1

Principal Coffee and Conversation

9-10am under the Overhang

Monday, October 11

No School - Holiday

Tuesday, October 26

Early Release 11:15am

Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 27

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 28

Halloween Happenings 5-7pm

Tuesday, November 2

School Picture Retakes 9-11am

Early Release 11:15am

Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 3

Parent Teacher Conferences

Elementary Directory Preschool-Grade 5:

Each year the Friends of Buker, Cutler and Winthrop compile a school directory for your convenience. This is optional, and if you wish to be included, please complete [this form](#) by Monday, 9/27. Questions? Please contact Allie Moffett at 908-797-0826.

School Picture Day:

O'Connor Studios will be here on Friday, Sept. 24, to take school portraits. O'Connor studios emailed online ordering information to all families. You will also receive a paper order form sent home in your child's backpack. Retakes are Nov. 2.

Get Involved with the Friends of Winthrop (FOW):

The first FOW meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 27, at 7:30pm. This meeting will be on zoom. A link will be sent out next week. Join the FOW at www.friendsofwinthrop.com and download their app by searching for Membership Toolkit to receive notifications. They are currently planning upcoming activities such as Halloween Happenings and the Holiday Boutique. It's a great way to support the school as well as meet other Winthrop families!

From the Superintendent's Update sent on Friday, September 17: Lend Your Voice to Building a District Vision

DEI Advisory Council

In June 2021, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee approved four district goals for the 21-22 school year. Understand and respond to district challenges related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) is one of these goals.

As part of this work, our district will be examining our practices, policies, and understandings of DEI in our schools and community. To support this endeavor, we are inviting you to consider participating on the DEI Advisory Committee. Please access this [survey](#) for further information and to indicate your interest. For more information about this District goal, please [click here](#).

Portrait of a Graduate Design Team

HWRSD is launching our **Portrait of a Graduate** work in October by actively engaging diverse perspectives from our staff, students, and the broader community. Portrait of a Graduate is a collective vision that articulates our shared aspirations for **every** student. What skills and mindsets do our students need for success in this rapidly changing and complex world? Over the next two weeks, we will be sending more information about the Portrait of a Graduate process, including an opportunity to sign up to be a part of the district design team. Read more here: <https://www.hwschools.net/page.cfm?p=2441>

Thursday, November 11

No School - Holiday

Friday, November 12

No School - Teacher Workshop

Wednesday, November 24

Early Release 11:15am

Thursday, November 25 &

Friday, November 26

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, December 4

Holiday Boutique 9am-3pm

Wednesday, December 22

Early Release 11:15am

Thursday, December 23 -

Friday, December 31

No School - Winter Recess

Monday, January 3

Back to School!

Monday, January 17

No School - Holiday

Monday, February 21 -

Friday, February 25

No School - February Break

Monday, March 14

No School - Teacher Workshop

Monday, April 18-Friday, April 22

No School - April Break

Monday, May 30

No School - Holiday

Thursday, June 16

Last Day of School - No Snow Day