



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE 2021-2022

### NOVEMBER 29, 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 last-minute dismissal changes.

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#### Scholastic Book Fair ([Flyer](#))

The Scholastic book fair is back this year from December 2-4, 2021! Your child will have the opportunity to visit the Scholastic Book Fair with their class on either Thursday (12/2/21) or Friday (12/3/21). You can choose to send in money (cash or check made out to Friends of Winthrop) with your child for them to pick out a book, or set up an eWallet account.

eWallet is back! You simply set up an account for each child with a pre-authorized amount your child may spend. At the end of the fair, all remaining authorizations will be released back to your account. We will have the Scholastic list with each child's name that has an eWallet account set up to use for the classroom visits.

#### Visit:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/winthropelementaryschool2021> to set up an eWallet account, shop online and learn more!

During the Holiday Boutique the teachers will have a box with books they have selected for their classrooms. This is a great and easy way to purchase gifts for them!

Shop the Scholastic Store from 12/2/21-12/15/21 and earn rewards for Winthrop Elementary with every purchase when you click the "shop now" button on the page. All items will be shipped directly to your home.

Please contact Emily Zechman if you have any questions or wish to volunteer during your child's classroom visit. We would love to have some volunteers for each class. [emilyzechman@gmail.com](mailto:emilyzechman@gmail.com)

**THURSDAY:** 9am 2-Germain; 10am 5-Sheckells; 10:30am 1-Anderson; 11am 3-Smith; 12pm K-Kropilak; 1pm 1-Andrichak; 1:30pm K-Wright (Mattera); 2:05pm 3-Caccivio

**FRIDAY:** 9am 4-Clark; 9:30am 2-Ubaldo; 10am 2-Sahagian; 10:30am 1-Ryu; 11am 4-O'Brien; 1pm 5-Williams

If your family is in need of financial assistance, please contact Mrs. Lanigan.

**Friday Principal Coffee and Conversation December 10th**

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, December 2 -  
Saturday, December 4**  
[Scholastic Book Fair](#)

**Saturday, December 4**  
[Holiday Boutique 9am-3pm](#)  
See [Flyer](#) for Details

**Wednesday, December 9**  
[Portrait of a Graduate Meeting #4](#)  
6-9pm

**Friday, December 10**  
[Friday Principal Coffee and  
Conversation 9:00-9:45am](#)

**Friday, December 17**  
[Reports Cards available in Aspen](#)

**Wednesday, December 22**  
**Early Dismissal**  
**K-5 @ 11:15am PreK @ 10:45**  
**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](#)

**FOW Holiday Boutique Information - Sat. Dec. 4th 9am-3pm**

**[HB Flyer](#) with details. [Link to Volunteer Sign Up](#). [Link to Book Fair](#)**

The Holiday Boutique is the biggest FOW fundraiser of the year and we need all Adult Hands on Deck to make the event successful! For one day, each year, we turn Winthrop School into a Holiday Shopping Destination! With over 50 vendors, a Children's Shopping Room, Scholastic Book Fair, Silent Auction, Food Truck, and visit from Santa. It's a "Shop for Everyone" event that supports the Friends of Winthrop Investment in Cultural Enrichment for our students.

**Parent Volunteer Opportunities at Winthrop**

Winthrop's Curriculum Coach, Brigid O'Donnell is looking for a volunteer to help prepare and organize literacy materials for classrooms and the literacy intervention team. If you are interested, please reach out to Brigid directly. [b.odonnell@hwschools.net](mailto:b.odonnell@hwschools.net)

**From DESE/DPH FAQ for the week of October 25th**

**As holidays approach, can schools require a negative COVID-19 test prior to a student's return to school?**

No. Testing cannot be required for a student's return to school after holidays or vacations. Individuals are encouraged to follow the [recommended travel guidelines set by the CDC](#).

**Bus Reminder for Kindergarten Parents**

An adult caregiver must meet the bus at the curb **before** Kindergarten students will be allowed to get off the bus. Buses are often having to wait for an adult to come out to meet the bus, causing delays for the rest of the bus route. Thank you for your cooperation with helping us keep the buses running on time.

**Holiday Help**

The holidays can be a stressful time for families who may be experiencing financial challenges during these difficult times. Through a generous donation from the **Institute for Savings**, FOW was able to purchase gift cards to help Winthrop families in need during the holiday season. Please reach out to the Winthrop Counselors, Jeanne Attaya and Debi Lanigan, if your family would benefit from a gift card to help lighten your burden this holiday season. The counselors will keep all communications about financial need in confidence.

**COVID SAFETY Checks:**

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/Pool testing, reach out to nurse Jess Baker [j.baker@hwschools.net](mailto:j.baker@hwschools.net).

**Monday, May 30**

*No School - Holiday*

**Friday, June 17**

*Last Day of School - 1 Snow Day*