



WINTHROP SCHOOL

FAMILY UPDATE 2021-2022

NOVEMBER 8, 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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Transfer Buses:

While there were some minor bumps in the road, the transition back to Transfer Buses went well today. A Winthrop Staff member went to Cutler and Buker to ensure that Winthrop students got on and off the correct transfer bus. They will do the same on Tuesday to be sure everyone knows the routine.

Friends of Winthrop are looking for Volunteers:

Co-Chairs/Shadow Opportunities

We are presently looking for many Chair & Co-Chair Shadows. As we ask for a 2 year commitment; the pandemic school year has left us with a spot or spots in nearly every role!! Please reach out if you'd like to use your talents to help!

Chair and Shadow Positions:

Cultural Enrichment Chair * Pre-K Coordinator - 2021/2022 * Web Admin * Grant Writer * Winthrop Classic * Yearbook * Apparel * Kids Night Out * Spring Social * Book Fair * Halloween Happenings * Room Parent Coordinator * Movie Night * Back to School Social *

Holiday Boutique Positions:

Children's Room * Wrap Room * Cookie Walk * Communications * Decorations * Santa * 5th Grade Elves * Vendors * Silent Auction *

Veteran's Day Cards

Winthrop students wrote heartfelt cards and letters thanking Veterans for their service that will be delivered to the VA Hospital in Bedford. Take a moment on Thursday, November 11th to acknowledge Veterans who have served our country, preserving our freedoms, and keeping us safe.

Group Instrumental Lessons for Gr. 4 & 5:

Group instrumental lessons begin on Monday, Nov. 15. If your child is going to register, information can be found [HERE](#).

Picture Retakes Nov. 17

For picture retakes, please return the envelope of pictures to the photographer on retake day. You may keep the group picture.

Food Services/Cafeteria Positions Available

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, November 11

No School - Holiday

Friday, November 12

No School - Teacher Workshop

Tuesday, November 16

Winthrop School Council Meeting
3:30-4:30 - Winthrop Library

Wednesday, November 17

Picture Retakes

PreK Open House 2-3pm

Registration information [HERE](#).

Portrait of a Graduate Meeting #3
6-9pm

Wednesday, November 24

Early Dismissal

K-5 @ 11:15am PreK @ 10:45

Thursday, November 25 &

Friday, November 26

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, December 4

Holiday Boutique 9am-3pm

Wednesday, December 9

Portrait of a Graduate Meeting #4
6-9pm

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!

HW Cafeterias (including Winthrop's) need help! If you or anyone you know might be interested in working **(OR VOLUNTEERING)** in the Hamilton-Wenham Cafeterias (including Winthrop's) please contact Food Services Director Wendy Ng w.ng@hwschools.net.

Halloween Candy Collection

The FOW is collecting your leftover Halloween candy. Please bring your candy donations to the school to be used at the upcoming Holiday Boutique

Afterschool Enrichment Program:

Kestrel Educational Adventures, an outdoor wildlife science and naturalist non profit that has been serving Eastern Essex County schools and families for 20 years. Kestrel is offering a new winter afterschool program for kids ages 8-13 onsite at the Patton Homestead. It's a club for learning and practicing self-reliant outdoor skills such as firecraft, wayfinding, etc. See the [flyer](#) for information and registration link.

Vaccines for 5-11 year-olds

As you are aware, the Pfizer COVID vaccine has been approved for use in children ages 5-11. At this time there is no plan to vaccinate 5-11 year-old students at school. If you plan to get your children vaccinated, you can start with your child's pediatrician's office.

Please take a moment to check out our [Nurse's November Health Update](#) with additional information about COVID testing and vaccines.

Mask Mandates in School

Please fill the parent survey below to share your feedback

At each school committee meeting, there is a discussion related to the current masking policy. As you may know, the HWRSD follows the [Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Masking requirement guidelines](#) in all of our school buildings. Included in these guidelines: "If a school building demonstrates a vaccination rate of 80 percent or more of all students and staff in the school through an attestation form submitted to DESE, then vaccinated individuals in that school would no longer be subject to the state mask requirement. Whether or not a school or district avails themselves of the 80 percent vaccination off-ramp is a local decision to be made by school and district leaders in consultation with local health officials." We have begun the process of gathering information related to the possibility of unmasking vaccinated individuals at the HS because they currently exceed the 80% threshold for vaccination. Certainly, there are a number of other factors that come into play including health statistics, guidance and information from local health departments, and information gathered from various constituents. We would really like to have parent feedback on the issue so please take a moment to fill out **this parent survey**. As of now, no change has been made to the mask policy in the HWRSD.

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

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

Friday, June 17

Last Day of School - 1 Snow Day

about COVID/Pool testing, reach out to nurse Jess Baker
j.baker@hwschools.net.

Lost and Found is Growing

Please have your child check the lost and found table in the cafeteria as we have many sweatshirts, light coats, etc.