



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE #12 2020-2021

### JANUARY 4-JANUARY 8

#### Good-bye 2020 Welcome 2021:

As we welcome this new year, we are hopeful that 2021 brings us closer to a return to some normalcy in our lives and our schools. Superintendent Mary Beth Banios will present plans to the School Committee, at the Wednesday, January 6th meeting, to bring all Kindergarten and First Grade students in four days per week, beginning Tuesday, January 19th. Details will be sent to families pending SC approval. [Agenda](#)

#### Holiday Travel Reminder:

If you traveled over the December vacation, you need to comply with the Governor's [travel order](#). Please share with your child(ren)'s school nurse documentation of a negative COVID-19 PCR test or information that you have been quarantined for 10 days upon your arrival back to MA. Children 10 years old and younger are not required to be tested, but all co-travelers over the age of 10 must have negative PCR tests to end quarantine. Students cannot return to school after traveling until documentation of test results is shared with nurse Jess Baker. Test results can be shared via email, fax, or uploaded into the [health portal](#). For instructions on how to upload to the health portal, see our [how-to video](#). For free COVID-19 PCR testing, visit a [Stop the Spread location](#). Another option for COVID-19 PCR testing at a cost is [Veritas Genetics](#). If you have any questions regarding this request, please reach out directly to Mrs. Baker. Thank you for all of your efforts to keep our school community safe!

#### New Dates For School Picture Day:

Tues., January 12 for Cohort A and APL Students  
Thurs., January 14 for Cohort B and APL Students

#### Staff Thank You to FOW!

Winthrop staff would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all the Winthrop families and the Friends of Winthrop for the generous gift cards and kind words of appreciation that we received on the Monday before break. The recognition of the hard work being put forth by teachers and staff this year was a wonderful boost to morale.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, January 4**  
*End of holiday break; school resumes*

**Wednesday, January 6**  
*School Committee Meeting 6pm*

**Friday, January 8**  
*Last day of coat drive*

**Tuesday, January 12**  
*Picture Day for Cohort A and APL Students*

**Thursday, January 14**  
*Picture Day for Cohort B and APL Students*

**Monday, January 18**  
*No School*

**Mon. Feb 15 - Fri. Feb 19**  
*Vacation Week*

**Monday, March 15**  
*No School - Teacher Workshop*

**Friday, April 2**  
*No School*

**Mon. Apr 19 - Fri. Apr 23**  
*Vacation Week*

**Monday, May 31**  
*No School*

**Monday, June 14th**  
*170th Day of School*

**Important COVID links and travel information:**  
[Massachusetts Travel Orders](#)

**Winter Gear:**

While the winter weather has us mostly eating lunch inside now, we still will go out for mask breaks and recess daily. We will eat snack/lunch outside as the weather allows. Thank you for making sure your child has appropriate boots, coats, mittens, and hats to be comfortable while we are outside multiple times each day. When there is snow on the ground, students must have boots and snow pants to be able to play in the snow. If your child has extra snow pants/boots, they can be left at school for convenience.

**Massachusetts Flu Vaccine Reminder:**

Please remember that all PreK-12 students (including remote students) are required to get a [flu vaccine](#) by February 28 unless exempt due to a religious or medical exemption. Nurse Jess Baker is tracking our compliance so be sure to submit your vaccine paperwork to the nurse's office.

**HW Gives Back Coat Drive Dec. 7 - Jan. 8:**

Winthrop School is a drop off location for the #HWgivesback [coat drive](#) collecting gently used/new coats for kids through adults.

[Stop the Spread Testing Sites](#)

**Safe Arrival Line/Dismissal Changes** In person days, 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.