



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE #9 2020-2021

### NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 4

#### Resumption of Hybrid Learning Model

We are excited to welcome our students back to school on Monday in the Hybrid model. We know that the past week was a disruption to many family's schedules and appreciate your cooperation in helping to educate your child over the past week. A survey was sent to Hybrid families on Friday afternoon to get your feedback. Please take a moment to fill it out.

#### New Dates For School Picture Day:

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

#### Massachusetts Flu Vaccine Reminder:

Please remember that all PreK-12 students (including remote students) are required to get a [flu vaccine](#) by December 31 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.

#### Thank You From ACORD Food Pantry:

ACORD Food Pantry sends a big "thank you" to Winthrop families who donated their Halloween Happenings funds to the pantry, as well as those who donated crackers during our food drive. Your generosity is appreciated during these challenging times.

#### HW Girls' Basketball Community Scavenger Hunt

The high school girls' basketball team has organized a community-wide Holiday Scavenger Hunt. More info on this fundraiser [here](#).

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

Two years ago the high school students started a charitable giving campaign #HWgivesback to promote awareness of challenges impacting families in our communities and to raise money to support various causes. Starting Monday, Dec. 7, Winthrop School will be participating in a [coat drive](#) with #HWgivesback, collecting gently used/new coats for kids through adults.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, December 7**

*Coat drive begins*

**Friday, December 18**

*Gr. 1-5 Report Cards open in Aspen*

**Wednesday, December 23**

*Specialist zooms end at 11:15 for early holiday dismissal*

**Monday, January 4**

*End of holiday break; school resumes*

**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*

**Important COVID links and travel information:**

[Massachusetts Travel Orders](#)  
[Stop the Spread Testing Sites](#)

**Follow Winthrop & Mrs. Shediak on Twitter**

@WinthropEagles @ShediakC

**Important Resources:**

School Counselor, Debi Lanigan, has compiled a list of local resources to assist families in need. Please reach out to her with any questions at [d.lanigan@hwschools.net](mailto:d.lanigan@hwschools.net) or 978-468-8484.

**The Hamilton Foundation** (Hamilton residents)

The Hamilton Foundation (THF) was created to help meet unexpected, urgent, and short-term needs of Hamilton residents due to job loss, death, divorce, or catastrophic illness. It also maintains a directory of over 60 regional social service agencies and refers people to those programs when appropriate.

Call (978)233-1816 and leave a message and someone will return your call or email Jill Evers at [jillevers@me.com](mailto:jillevers@me.com).

**WISSH** (Wenham residents)

WISSH assists Wenham residents in need of temporary financial or social service assistance. The mission of WISSH is to identify the social service needs of Wenham residents and to coordinate and implement appropriate immediate unmet financial assistance to those in need.

Call WISSH at a confidentially maintained phone number – (978) 468-5520 Ext. 9 or email [Traceyhutchinson@churchillprop.com](mailto:Traceyhutchinson@churchillprop.com) .

**Beverly Bootstraps** – 135 Park Street (98 Rantoul St) Beverly MA  
Beverly Bootstraps provides critical resources to families and individuals so that they may achieve self-sufficiency. They offer emergency and long-term assistance including access to food, housing stability, adult and youth education, counseling and advocacy. Office (978)927-1561 Thrift Shop (978)921-4710 Mon-Fri 10a-4p, Sat. 10a-2p

**ACORD Food Pantry** - 69 Willow Street, Hamilton

ACORD distributes food weekly to the residents of Essex, Hamilton, Ipswich, Manchester, Topsfield, and Wenham. (978)468-7424

**Wellspring House** - 302 Essex Ave, Gloucester (978)281-5588

Wellspring assists over 1,000 families each year. Through active case management, advocacy, referrals and one-time cash grants, families are assisted in homelessness prevention, emergency shelter placement, and securing long-term housing.

**Updating Aspen and reviewing Handbook**

Many families still need to review their child's medical and contact information in Aspen. This is done in the Tasks section under *Initiate*. We also ask all families to review the [Winthrop Handbook](#) containing COVID additions for this school year.

**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.