

June 2020



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Days after Wayland High School closed in mid-March, a colleague shared with me an article about the closure of major theaters in the country due to the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to commenting on the lamentable fact that people wouldn't be able to enjoy live theater to help them through the challenging times, the article also drew from history to present an inspiring tidbit relevant to our lives. Apparently, during the plague outbreaks of the 16th and 17th centuries, the ensuing theater closures were a time of inspiration for one particular playwright: Shakespeare wrote some of his most celebrated poems and plays -- including *King Lear* and *Macbeth* -- during the plague waves of 1593 and 1606. Not only did the isolation and abundance of time create opportunity for sustained writing, but also the struggle and fear provided thematic inspiration.

When I read this article for the first time, I had little idea that we would be engaged in remote learning for the rest of the school year. Throughout the last 11 weeks, we have collectively -- staff, students, and families -- transformed teaching and learning to a model that accommodates the priority of being at home and staying healthy during a global pandemic. I know that these past few months have brought immeasurable heartbreak and loss to many members of our community. It is a time of immense challenges and uncertainty. And, like many bleak moments, this unprecedented school closure has also been a time of self-reflection, growth, and inspiration among many of our students and especially our staff.

To be clear, this is not how we want to do things. We miss our students and are painfully aware that the heart of our work lies in the face-to-face, daily interactions and relationships we form with them. We miss having the time and regular, personal connection that can lead to deep exploration of ideas and concepts. We miss our community, where students gather with friends in the Library Media Center or the commons and colleagues collaborate in quick bursts of creative energy. We miss live sports, clubs, theater, and art shows.

And yet, out of dire necessity and the pressing responsibility to deliver a meaningful education to our students, our staff is discovering approaches and ideas that may transcend this moment. Using podcasts, learning pathways, wireless drawing tablets, and homemade videos have become the norm. Beyond the challenge of content delivery, teachers are redesigning curricula into engaging, bite-sized units for students. They are rethinking the process of skills-

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Mark Pollack-Pelzner, D. "Shakespeare Wrote His Best Works During a Plague." *The Atlantic*. 14 March 2020.



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building for all learners and the optimal sequence of lessons for self-pacing. They are finding new ways for students to create art, theater, and music, and to develop routines for staying healthy and physically active. Counselors and support staff are deepening their connection to learners and families in this remote environment. While these new approaches may not be preferred in a normal educational context, we are stumbling on some unexpected and inspired practices that will broaden our repertoire and may serve students well in the long run. Indeed, these challenging circumstances have provided an opportunity to rethink and reimagine the learning process, and for students and staff to create a new body of work.

As we turn our attention to fall planning, we will use what we have learned from the last three months to craft a meaningful educational path forward. Our students, who have shown such grace and dedication to their learning, recently gave us feedback in a survey that will be immensely helpful as we move ahead with our planning. Your input via the districtwide survey and your individual outreach will also guide our work.

I would like to thank our families for your support and encouragement, not only as we have shifted our practices so dramatically in the last few months, but throughout the school year. Your support and partnership, and the engagement of your amazing children, fuels our best work. I wish you a restful, healthy summer season ahead.

I would also like to include a particular note of gratitude to our students and families of the Class of 2020. Your resilience, spirit, and good cheer despite the unprecedented challenges this spring have been a true inspiration. I look forward to celebrating Graduation with you all on July 25 and 26. Congratulations, seniors!

*Allyson Mizoguchi*  
Principal

*With the end of the year fast approaching I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support of the WHS PTO, through your donations to Gift Your Child and time volunteering! I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated 2019-2020 WHS PTO Board and Advisory team.*

*Thank you to :*

- **Nancy Funkhouser**, Vice President, for never hesitating to step up to help - she made sure our appeal letters reached your mailboxes and coordinated the Wayland High School Alumni Award.
- **Pam Gerne**, Treasurer, for keeping track of our dollars and cents, and processing reimbursements quickly and with good cheer.
- **Sarah Orlov**, Secretary, for recording meticulous minutes, managing the mini-grant program, and being a wonderful WHS PTO mentor.
- **Elisa Scola**, Assistant Secretary, for managing the wish list program and keeping our mission in focus at all times.
- **Tracy Scheidemantel**, Newsletter Editor, for keeping us all informed and up to date.
- **Jennifer Dennis**, Facebook Admin, for bringing us into 21st century communications.
- **Amy Frankel-Nau, Cathy Davies, and Nan Li**, Faculty Appreciation, for their amazing dedication and creativity honoring our teachers and staff; from coordinating dinner before Back to School Night and running monthly appreciation events, to ending this year strong with virtual tributes to our retiring staff.
- **Missy Davis**, Beautification, for caring for the plants displaced from their true home around the WHS sign, and for staying on to put them all back in place.
- **Cathy Scholz**, for putting the 'T' back in WHS PTO, engaging with our teacher rep. to bring our teacher and parent communities closer together.
- **Joanne Schmidt**, for supporting our WHS PTO meetings, as primary teacher rep. and facilitating communications between the PTO and our teachers and staff.

## BROUGHT TO YOU BY...

This newsletter is brought to you by the Wayland High School Parent Teacher Organization. WHS PTO is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the support of Wayland High School students, teachers, parents, and administrative staff and to the promotion of Wayland High School activities.

I am pleased to announce the incoming **2020-2021 WHS PTO Board**.

President and Townwide Rep	Alexia Obar
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It has been an honor to serve as President of the WHS PTO for the past two years. I wish you and your families a very relaxing summer, and I hope to see you in the fall!

Stephanie A. Leong, WHS PTO President

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*The Wayland High School PTO would like to extend a very special thank you to the following individuals for their dedication and hard work with the students, faculty and families of Wayland High School.*

*We wish you well in your retirement!*

**Star Herstine, Teaching Assistant, Special Education Department**



Star's commitment to WHS was evident in her connection to her students and her ability to provide strong academic and organizational support to help students reach their full potential. An integral member of the WHS faculty, Star loved supporting her WHS colleagues by offering water aerobics classes in her spare time and enjoyed engaging in lively discussions with the other members of the WHS faculty book club.

**Judie Pickett, Special Educator**



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Judie possesses a unique combination of qualities that define an effective special educator. Her passion, patience, organizational ability, adaptability, creativity and sense of humor have helped to meet the learning and social/emotional needs of many WHS graduates. Judie's students always knew where to find a sweet treat, such as a brownie. Who else would have a griddle in their classroom to make pancakes?

**Amy Schoeff, School Nurse**



As the school's dedicated nurse, Amy has been nurturing the physical, mental and emotional needs of WHS students since 2008. Amy's calm, caring, sympathetic and patient presence has aided many students in navigating the tumultuous teenage years, and she has provided parents with much-needed encouragement and advice.





**Congratulations to **Ken Rideout** who has been awarded this year's 2020 Wayland High School Alumni Award!**

This award is given annually by the WHS PTO to recognize a current Wayland High School faculty or staff member who inspires Wayland High School students and graduates to make important life, career, and school choices after high school. This award is well deserved, and a true testament to the commitment Ken demonstrates on a daily basis to the students at WHS.

Each nomination was submitted with a heartfelt note about the impact their nominee had on their lives. Nominees this year spoke highly about Ken, and it is clear that he is well regarded by students for the good advice he provides to others, and for being someone who can always be counted on to provide a sage, balanced perspective, in a great, lively manner. Ken's desire for every student to find success that is meaningful for them is applauded. He is considered to be someone who works to ensure that all of his students enjoy a rigorous experience learning science and develop lifelong skills that will help them think, question, and analyze. Ken is attuned to students who may not naturally have a voice or think they have a voice. And, as these students attest, all of their learning begins and ends with a strong, trusting relationship with Ken. Following are just some of the comments we received in support of Ken's nomination:

- He served as a teacher, mentor, and most importantly, a best friend. If you ever had a problem or something you wanted to talk about, Ken Rideout's wisdom was always something I could rely on. He has taught me many life lessons and helped me grow during my junior and senior years.
- He inspired everyone in his classes to think critically, not just about the schoolwork but about every aspect of life. He showed us how to look at things with a different perspective.

It is WHS PTO's pleasure to present this award to Mr. Rideout. Thanks to all current students that participated in support of our outstanding WHS staff and faculty!!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Please continue to support the WHS PTO over the summer! No doubt you're still social distancing and ordering more online. AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price. Register here for [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) and choose "Wayland Public Schools Parent Teacher Organization, Inc." as your designated charity. Your Prime still works!

Then, shop at [Smile.Amazon.Com](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) where you will find the exact same shopping experience as on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Thanks for your support, stay well and enjoy the summer!

**YEARBOOK**

**2020 REFLECTOR: BOOKS ARE IN PUBLICATION NOW, AND SHOULD ARRIVE BY THE SECOND WEEK OF JUNE! WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR DELIVERY/PICK UP DETAILS. OUR STAFF AND SALES REPRESENTATIVE HAVE WORKED EXCEPTIONALLY HARD TO BRING YOU A BOOK THAT MEMORIALIZES THIS UNIQUE YEAR, AND WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO SEE IT!**

**KRISTIN COWELL**  
**WHS REFLECTOR ADVISER**

# Class News

**Class of  
2020**

Advisor: Mr. Krasnoo

## Class of 2020 News

It is hard to believe that we are already here at the end of Senior Year! This is not the way we had always hoped and expected things would finish for this great group of students! We have already made arrangements for some opportunities to properly honor the Class, and several of these are listed below. While our plans continue to evolve and are still contingent upon health conditions, two things remain constant and certain: we continue to be extremely proud of this group, and we will find a way to appropriately celebrate them! Please join us in wishing for blue skies, good weather, and safe conditions for our tentative mini-Graduations during the weekend of July 25/26! Important information about these graduations and other senior events is listed below and may also be found in a mailing sent to you by Principal Mizoguchi. More details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. Please be on the lookout for these!

Please encourage your student to take part in all of the exciting events to celebrate the Class. I also hope that you will view our Senior Award Ceremony that will be available online in Mid-June. It is a nice chance for us to recognize the many achievements of our students. In addition, the Executive Board is planning to hold some kind of social event in the future for the graduates. This will be an opportunity for the group to come together and commemorate their time together at Wayland High. As the plans continue to develop for this event, we will get the details out to the Class.

While we head into this final stretch for our seniors, we realize that for too many of our parents, this will be their last child to complete the journey through the Wayland Schools. Along with their kids, these parents will be greatly missed. As they finish up, let's encourage our students to take it all in, and join them in savoring every moment!

As I write this letter, I am reminded that this will also be my last WHSPO communication to you as the Advisor to the Class of 2020. With this in mind, I would like to express my gratitude to a number of people. Thank you to the administration and faculty for the tremendous support they have given to our Class. I also offer my sincere thanks to the students on our Executive Board, and our officers in particular, for their excellent leadership. I'd like to extend a big thank you to all parent volunteers, especially the parents of our Executive Board members. Our students could not have done even half of the things we have done without your assistance and support. Finally, I would like to give a personal thanks to all of the parents of our seniors. Thank you very much for sharing your kids with me over these last four years!

**Congratulations to all Seniors and their families. Go 2020!**

Mr. Krasnoo

## Important Information about Senior Events- 2020

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| *June 1-3   | Senior sign-out time- most of the students will be given a time on June 1&2 to drop off textbooks, computers, etc. at the high school. There will be a materials pick-up in Roxbury on June 3 for our students who reside in Boston.        |
| *June 7     | Wayland Parade for Graduates!-Begins at 2 PM- Details forthcoming!  |
| *Mid-June   | SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY- This will be done virtually and will come online during this time. Details forthcoming!   |
| *Mid-June   | Yearbooks will be distributed at this time. Details forthcoming!  |
| *July 25/26 | Graduation at WHS—There will be a series of mini-graduations in the new Wayland High School Stadium on campus. Details to come! (*Note-this format is tentative and dependent on favorable health conditions and State and Local mandates.) |

# Class News

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**Class of  
2021**

**Advisors:**

Mrs. Mary Barber, Mrs. Jessica Imbornone & Dr. Heidi Friedlander

## Class of 2021

**RISING SENIORS:** It is time to start planning for your senior yearbook submissions. The attached letter below titled "Rising Seniors" contains details about deadlines, photographers in the area, and the expectations for senior submissions. We plan to make this book just as memorable and special as it is every year, and we will need your help to get us materials in a timely fashion. Our website will be updated in a few weeks to reflect parent ad and contact information for the 2020-2021 school year.

Kristin Cowell

WHS Reflector Adviser

[Rising Seniors Letter](#)

**Class of  
2022**

**Advisors: Scott Parseghian and Jennifer Reed**

## Class of 2022

Hello!

We hope everyone is well during this unprecedented time. Despite having to transition to online meetings, e-board has still continued to meet to plan events surrounding the class of 2022. We had to cancel our main mattress fundraiser due to the school closure; however, there is still a way to support the students! Please be on the lookout for information about our spring sheet fundraiser in your emails. The students have decided to donate 15% of their profits to the Wayland Covid-19 Relief Fund. This relief fund provides food and grocery support to Wayland Families that need financial assistance during these tough times.

These sales will help to fund the Junior Prom next year, which e-board has been planning. More information about this in the fall!

Be safe everyone and have a wonderful summer!

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**Class of  
2023**

**Advisors: Aimee Lima and Kate Gamwell**

## Class of 2023

The Class of 2023 continues to plan its Sophomore Semi with a lot of flexibility in mind for when and what this event will look like. The E-Board also hosted a successful virtual Kahoot Trivia night for members of the class in May and hopes to host another fun virtual event in June.

**Kate Gamwell**, School Psychologist, Room B214 (in the LRT suite) across from the Library Media Center, [kate\\_gamwell@wayland.k12.ma.us](mailto:kate_gamwell@wayland.k12.ma.us)

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# Health Office News



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## FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

From the Health Room

I want to let you all know that this will be my final newsletter post as I decided last November that it was time for me to retire.

For 37+ years I've held a variety of nursing jobs and I have to say, without a doubt, this has been my most rewarding and enjoyable position.

Before I took this job, I thought long and hard about whether I wanted to spend all day everyday with teenagers. Turns out, the answer is a resounding yes!

The thousands of kids who have walked through my office door for everything from physical, emotional, social needs, a cup of tea, eye glass repair, clothing mishaps, or just a quiet place to decompress have, without question, helped me to become a better person and a better nurse than I was 12 years ago. I will miss those relationships very very much.

I've also had the pleasure of getting to know some wonderful parents, HS staff, and other Wayland school nurses. This school community is truly special and I'm deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to be an active participant.

And so, a quick recap of my recurrent subjects: don't forget to use bug spray and sunscreen, check often for ticks, get your flu shot (!), send in physicals and immunization records early, keep your kids (and you) home when ill, and finally, wear a mask when you're out and about.

In short, please, take good care of your kids, yourselves, and each other. We are surely all in this together.

With much respect and fondness,

Amy

# Department and Faculty News

## Guidance Department



Marybeth Sacramone, Department Head

WHSPD Guidance News

January and February 2020

Visit us at our [Guidance Website](#)

Follow us on Twitter [@WaylandGuidance](#)

COMMUNICATION TO FAMILIES HAVE BEEN ONGOING WEEKLY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL CLOSURE. PLEASE FIND THEM AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[Guidance Communications During COVID19 Closure](#)

# Community News



**In light of all the changes created by the Covid-19 crisis...**

We will be accepting **ONLY DIGITAL** High School Community Service Award applications. These may be emailed to [dkahn@wayland.ma.us](mailto:dkahn@wayland.ma.us) along with your service photo or self- portrait. If you mailed one in or dropped one off at the school or at the town building, please submit a digital copy as well since all buildings are closed.

The deadline for all applications remains **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**, with all community service completed between April 1 2019 and April 1 2020. If you do not have supervisor signatures, please include a digital note from them verifying your community service hours, along with their contact number and email.

With the school schedule so up in the air, we have decided to **CANCEL** the actual Community Service Awards Ceremony that was scheduled for June 10, 2020. We would still like to recognize everyone for their hard work and inspired gifts to community. We hope that you will continue to email in your applications so that we can still send awards and congratulations electronically.

Applications can be found at <https://www.wayland.ma.us/wayland-youth-family-services/pages/community-service>



# Community News

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## **News from the Creative Arts Parent Association (CAPA)**

Please join us to help support all the arts at Wayland High School!

### **Our last meeting this Year is:**

**Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 PM**—write “[contact@whsarts.org](mailto:contact@whsarts.org)” for zoom link

- Help finalize budget draft for 2020-2021
- Thanks and recognition for current officers and volunteers
- All those interested in volunteering invited--seeking new members and officers!

### **News/Thanks**

- Thanks to all who made the **February A CAPPELLA FUNDRAISING CONCERT** a success!
- **CAPA Bottle and Can Drive Postponed to Fall 2021**. Look for an announcement of the date in next semester's WHS E-news, and thank you for your continued support of CAPA.
- CAPA is seeking volunteers for the next school year. Come and help support your student's activities or use your talents to support CAPA! Some examples of volunteer openings: help A Cappella concert committee, grant committee, attend monthly meetings, PR coordinator, photography, liaison with teachers, help with Fine Arts Night, Bottle & Can Drive, Windows Dance ensemble, Theater concessions and Kisses for the Cast, etc. Join us!

### **Fine Arts Jackets**

- CAPA congratulates all students who earned Fine Arts jackets this year by demonstrating exceptional achievement and dedication in the Arts.
- Students earning Fine Arts jackets or patches this year are Grace Stephenson, Mabel Xu, Chase Dallin, Ashley Zhu, Jakob Simmons, Joseph Dunkelberg, Angela Liu, Thomas Creavin, Rosemary Terren, and Dravin Nagalingam. Service bars are awarded to Kaiyang Zhang, June Kim, Hannah Han, Samantha Baron, Cecelia Murphy, Megan Chau, Nina Lei, Kristen Bestavaros, Lucas Alvarado, Mingle Li, Megan Sin, Joshua Zhang, Lily Yu and Angela Yan.

**CAPA is Green--Online Donations Only!** We hope you will consider giving online to support ALL the arts at WHS. For more information, go to <http://whsarts.com/help/donate> - Thanks!

### **The 2019-20 CAPA Board:**

Brenda Ross, Deborah Baron, Vicky Sin, Marci Alvarado, Liz Brouillard,  
Kathryn Welter, Fiona Stephenson

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