

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 12, 2023

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families and Staff! I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful, sunny Sunday! This past Wednesday and Thursday during ms/hs seminar, teachers took time to present a slidedeck of information to our 6-12th grade students. If for some reason your ms/hs student(s) missed out on this information, it can be viewed on our district website under "Safety" or [here](#). The information covered our cell phone and wireless device policy, disciplinary action for device misuse, gun-free and threat-free schools, consequences of making threats, reporting threats of violence, and the importance of inclusion and connectedness of our fellow classmates. For the inclusion and connectedness learning, students were shown a video from a tv segment from [On the Road with Steve Hartman](#). The video outlines how one high school in Florida created a student club that ensures no student eats alone. At Whiteford, our students are good about making sure no one eats alone, but we challenged our students to consider those students not connected in our classes, especially those students who are new to our district. Sometimes, it is very hard for new students to find their group in a new school, so we are asking our students to step out of their comfort zones and make sure to connect with new students. A daily reminder in the golden rule of "treating others the way you want to be treated" is always good for our students to hear whether that rule applies to in-person or technology driven conversations. We are also asking our students to please report concerns to school staff, the internal "Let Us Know - Whiteford MS/HS" survey found in the students' Schoology account, or the OK2SAY confidential hotline. We are better together - We are Whiteford!

JANUARY STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to 5th grade teacher, Peyton Shepherd, on being selected as the January Staff Member of the Month. Mrs. Shepherd was nominated by Erin Cousino, Tara Pawson, Elaine Thieman, and Mariann Hillard for her hardworking and fun demeanor that makes learning enjoyable for all students. Peyton will be awarded with a \$100 gift card compliments of Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at Monday night's Board of Education Meeting.

FEBRUARY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is February 13, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the Bobcat Den located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education Agendas & Minutes can be found here: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

WINTER HOMECOMING

Winter Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, February 17 as the Varsity/JV Boys take on Summerfield. The JV game will start at 5:30pm with the Hall of Fame inductees being recognized prior to the varsity boys' game. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteford will also be crowned during this special evening. We hope that our community will attend as we celebrate our Winter Homecoming on Friday evening! The Winter Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, February 18 from 7-10pm in the high school gym.

STUDENT ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL SAFETY

As you may be aware, part of our Bond Series work addresses student and staff arrival and dismissal as we create a new bus loop for dropping off and picking up students. This loop will help alleviate some of our current arrival and dismissal safety concerns with congestion and traffic patterns. Until that work is completed, we are asking families for some help in providing a safer arrival/dismissal process. First, we ask all adults and student drivers to please show kindness, patience, and to be conscious of students or staff walking in the parking lots or crosswalks. Yielding to another vehicle or person is always appreciated in an effort to maintain the safety of all. For arrival, please plan on leaving the house a bit earlier to drop off your child at the school between 7:45-7:55am. At dismissal, our middle/high school students dismiss at 2:55pm, and our student drivers and adults picking up a child are typically leaving the parking lot by 3:00pm. **For elementary student pick up, we are asking parents/guardians to please arrive after 3:00pm and closer to 3:10pm to pick up your child.** Elementary dismissal is 3:10pm, and having those parents/guardians arrive after 3:00pm will alleviate

congestion in an already limited parking lot. Thank you for helping to be the change and provide a safe environment for our learning community!

SCHOOL DELAYS / CLOSINGS

School closing or delay announcements will be sent via the Infinite Campus Messenger systems and announced on the following television stations: Channel 11 (CBS) and Channel 13 (ABC). Announcements should occur no later than 7am. Parents and students are asked NOT to call the school or school officials. When school is delayed due to fog/snow/ice or other emergency conditions, it will be delayed for a minimum of two (2) hours.

STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS OF SUCCESS

→ **ENGAGED** in purposeful learning.

→ **EMPOWERED** for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.

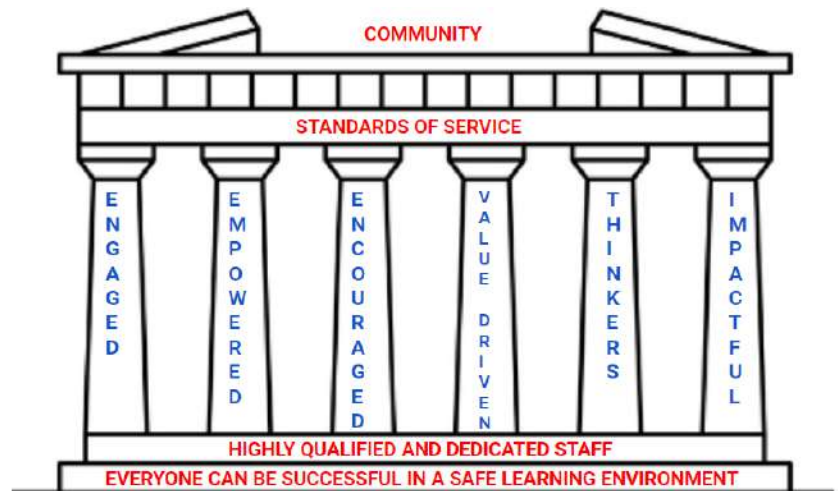
→ **ENCOURAGED** by our community.

→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ Critical **THINKERS**.

→ **IMPACTFUL** in their community.

→ **STANDARDS OF SERVICE** We will treat all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians, community members) with respect, kindness, and professionalism at all times.



BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

<https://whiteford.nutrislice.com/menu>

SCHOOL CALENDARS

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

THIS WEEK

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| February 13-17 | Winterfest Week |
| February 13 | MS/HS Spirit-Pajama Day |
| February 13 | Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den |
| February 13 | MS Girls Basketball at Adrian Madison 5pm |
| February 13 | Varsity Girls Basketball at Washtenaw Christian 5pm |
| February 14 | MS/HS Spirit-Meme Day |
| February 14 | MS Girls Basketball at Ann Arbor Greenhills 5pm |
| February 15 | MS/HS Spirit-Adam Sandler Day |
| February 15 | MS Girls Basketball vs Summerfield 4:30pm |
| February 16 | MS/HS Spirit-Famous Duo Day |
| February 16 | Varsity/JV Girls Basketball at Britton Deerfield 5:30pm |
| February 17 | MS/HS Spirit-Blue & Gold Day |
| February 17 | Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am |
| February 17 | Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm |
| February 17 | Varsity/JV Boys Basketball vs Summerfield 5:30pm |
| February 17 | Varsity Competitive Cheer at Adrian Madison 6pm MHSAA Districts |
| February 17 | Hall of Fame Honorees/Winter Homecoming (Half-Time) approx. 7pm |
| February 18 | Miss Whiteford Winter Homecoming Dance 7pm High School Gymnasium |

NEXT WEEK

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| February 20 | No School-Presidents Day |
| February 21 | Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am |
| February 21 | Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm |
| February 21 | American Red Cross Blood Drive 2-7pm Elementary Cafeteria |
| February 21 | Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm |
| February 21 | Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) Mtg 6pm Elementary Cafeteria |
| February 24 | Elementary Spring Pictures |
| February 24 | 2022 FFA Nationals/2023 FFA State Participants Recognition (Half-Time) approx. 7:30pm |

UPCOMING

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| March 2 | District Band Festival TBD |
| March 2-4 | Robotics Competition at Spring Arbor University |
| March 9 | District Band Festival TBD |
| March 9-11 | Robotics Competition at Mason High School (Lansing) |
| March 12 | Daylight Savings Time Begins |
| March 13 | Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den |
| March 17-18 | Spring Musical-The Wizard of Oz 7:30pm High School Gymnasium |
| March 19 | Spring Musical-The Wizard of Oz 2:30pm High School Gymnasium |
| March 20-22 | District 12 Choral Festival |
| March 21 | Track Scrap Metal Fundraiser Begins |
| March 21 | Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Gymnasium |
| March 24 | End of 3rd Quarter |
| March 24 | Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am |
| March 27-31 | No School-Spring Break |
| April 7 | No School-Good Friday |
| April 9 | Easter |
| April 10 | No School-Easter Break |
| April 12 | State Testing Day |
| April 13-14 | Kindergarten Round-Up |

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