

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN

April 28, 2024

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! As the weather continues to improve each week, I get excited for all that occurs during the last quarter of school. Our elementary students have opportunities for field trips that allow them to experience learning in a real-world setting. Grade-level field trips planned for this spring are Ritter Astrophysical Research Center, Toledo Zoo, Sylvania Historical Village, Toledo Zoo, Wildwood Preserve, Sauder Village, and Ann Arbor Hands On Museum. These field trips will not only offer an educational experience, but they will also provide students with unforgettable memories. Our MS/HS FFA students will be providing our elementary students a FFA Ag Awareness Day on May 6, and our elementary students love the activities!

Our secondary students will participate in MSVMA State Choral Festivals, FFA Awards Banquet, MS/HS Awards Banquets, Mud Hens game, and other special class activities. Our middle and high school athletic sports teams are off to a great start in softball, baseball, track, and golf. We expect several accomplishments by the season's end. The final weeks for our seniors are always special with celebrations and special events such as Senior Sunday, Senior Parade, Senior Sunset, Senior Breakfast, Baccalaureate, and Commencement on May 30.

As a family or community member, I challenge you to help support these spring experiences by volunteering to chaperone a field trip or by attending one of these special academic or athletic events. Our students continue to work hard in the classroom and sports fields, and we are seeing great accomplishments from their efforts. You can find important events by visiting our district website and calendar on the main or athletic pages. We are better together - We are Whiteford!

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott L. Huard".

Scott L. Huard, ED.S.
Superintendent

MARCH STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to secondary school teacher, Mrs. Lisa Childers, on being selected as the March Staff Member of the Month. Mrs. Childers was nominated by Jeff Thomas and Todd Schreiber for her dedication to Whiteford Schools for over 30 years. In those 30 years, she has shared her passion for art in a positive and creative learning environment. She provides individual attention to her students to make them feel important. Mrs. Childers was awarded with a \$100 gift card compliments of Leski Wittman Insurance Agency. Congratulations to Mrs. Childers!

FFA GREENHOUSE

Whiteford's FFA Greenhouse will open for business on Friday, May 3. We have annuals in hanging baskets, patio planters, hanging bags, 4" pots, and 48 count flats. We also have a very nice selection of vegetables, as well as perennials in gallon sized 4" pots. The student-built greenhouse is open through Sunday, June 2nd from 9am-6pm M-F and 10-4pm S-S. It is closed Memorial Day. We are priced to sell this year, and we will NOT be offering an end-of-year sale. Proceeds go to Whiteford FFA to help pay for student contests, conventions, program equipment, and improvements.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you missed Kindergarten Round-Up on March 14, please contact Marcy Anderson at: anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us to register your kindergartener.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

Based upon survey data collected from families in December/January and other considerations, we are moving forward with a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classroom for the 2024-2025 school year. The program is designed for students who will turn 5 between May 1, 2024-December 1, 2024. Students who turn 5 before May 1, 2024 will also be considered based on screening results. Parents who were unable to attend Kindergarten Round-Up with their student will need to contact the Elementary Principal, Ms. Anderson, at anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us or 734-856-1443 Ext.104 to set up a screening time for their child. We will begin contacting parents of students who meet the criteria for Transitional Kindergarten after May 1 to seek interest in enrolling in the Transitional Kindergarten program.

BUS SERVICE

We are currently short a bus driver, and we have limited substitute drivers that are covering this shortage. We have instituted a rolling cancellation of AM and PM routes to ensure equity with our bus service. We apologize to our families that utilize our bus service daily, and we are actively looking for permanent and substitute bus drivers. If you are interested in learning more about filling either position, please contact Charlie Butz at: cbutz@whiteford.k12.mi.us.

MAY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is May 13, 2024. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the board room located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education agenda is posted the Friday preceding a meeting: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

SCHOOL OF CHOICE WINDOW NOW OPEN

To provide a quality education for all students in Monroe County, the Monroe County Schools of Choice Program is offered by the Monroe County Intermediate School District in cooperation with its constituent districts. This program allows parents and students the choice to attend any public school in Monroe County, regardless of where they live. The Monroe County Schools of Choice application window will be open April 1, 2024 - June 28, 2024. Applications are available on our website www.whiteford.k12.mi.us located [here](#), or you can access a hardcopy application at the Superintendent's Office. Remember, a student must be released by his/her resident district. Here is the School of Choice Process:

- Student and parent(s) complete the application and file it with the RESIDENT district.
- Application is reviewed to determine if the student meets guidelines to participate in the program.
- Students who do not qualify are notified by the RESIDENT district and the process ends.
- For students who do qualify, the RESIDENT district signs the application and forwards it to the CHOICE district.
- The CHOICE district informs applicant whether or not space is available at the district. This communication is copied and sent to the RESIDENT district, so all parties know who has been accepted by the CHOICE district.
- If space is not available, the family is notified and is placed on a waitlist, or the process ends.
- For students accepted by the CHOICE district, parents/guardians MUST formally enroll the student.

STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS OF SUCCESS

[Whiteford Strategic Plan 2022-2027](#)

→ **ENGAGED** in purposeful learning.

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

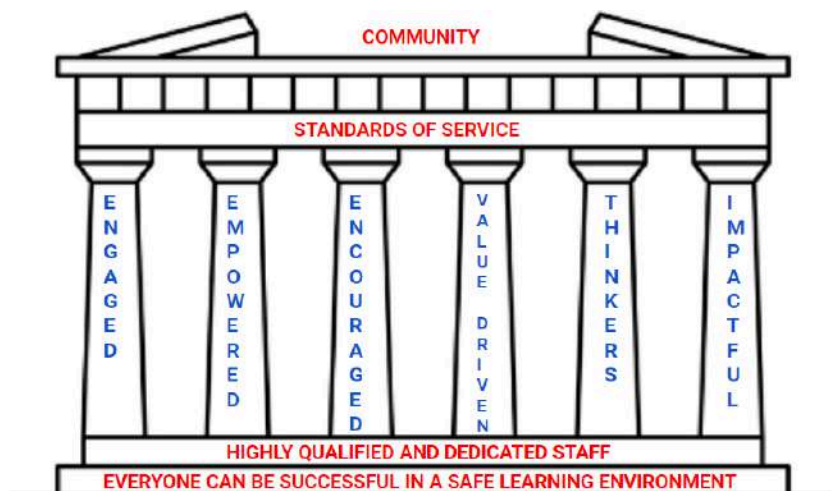
→ **ENCOURAGED** by our community.

→ **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.



→ **COMMUNITY** promotes, cultivates, and celebrates student and district success.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

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

SCHOOL CALENDARS

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR

<https://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us/athletics/>

THIS WEEK

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| April 28-May 1 | FFA Field Trip: Leadership Camp |
| April 30 | 1st Grade Field Trip: Ritter Astrophysical Research 9:30-1pm |
| May 1 | HS Concert Choir and Chorale State 8:30-2:45pm Leslie High School |
| May 1 | MS Concert Choir and 10-3:45pm Leslie High School |
| May 2 | 5th Grade Field Trip: Toledo Zoo 9:30-2:30pm |
| May 2 | Track & Field Youth Camp 3-4:30pm |
| May 3-June 2 | FFA Greenhouse Open |

UPCOMING

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| May 6 | FFA Ag Awareness Day 8-3pm |
| May 6-10 | Staff Appreciation Week |
| May 7 | Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center |
| May 8 | MS Field Trip: Mud Hens Game 9-2pm |
| May 9 | KG Field Trip: Wildwood Preserve Metropark 9-12:30pm |
| May 9 | 4th Grade Flower Sale Pick Up 8-6:00pm |
| May 10 | 2nd Grade Field Trip: Toledo Zoo 9:30-2pm |
| May 13 | Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Rm |
| May 14 | FFA Banquet MS Gym 6pm |
| May 14 | 5th Grade Field Trip: Sauder Village 8:15-2:45pm |
| May 15 | Athletic Signing Day |
| May 17 | Elementary Field Day/Carnival Day |
| May 19 | Senior Sunday 5pm HS Gym |
| May 20-24 | Senior Exams |
| May 20 | HS Spring Concert 7pm |
| May 21 | WPA Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria |
| May 21 | 4th Grade Field Trip: Ann Arbor Hands on Museum |
| May 22 | HS Academic Award Assembly 2-3pm HS Gym |
| May 23 | Baccalaureate Service 6pm New Life Church |
| May 24 | Seniors Last Day |
| May 24 | 5th Grade Shark Tank Presentations 8:30-10:15am Elementary Cafeteria |
| May 27 | No School: Memorial Day |
| May 28 | MS Academic Assembly 2-3pm MS Gym |
| May 28 | MS Spring Concert 7-9:00pm |
| May 29 | Senior Breakfast 8am MS/ HS Cafeteria |
| May 29 | Senior Rehearsal 9am Crossroads Community Church |
| May 29 | Senior Parade 6-7:30pm |
| May 29 | Senior Sunset 7:30pm HS Gym |
| May 30 | 1st Grade Field Trip: Ritter Planetarium |
| May 30 | Commencement 7pm Crossroads Community Church |
| May 31 | Elementary Field Day/Carnival Day Rain Date |

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| June 4 | Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center |
| June 4 | Kindergarten Graduation 1:30-2:45pm Elementary Cafeteria |
| June 5 | Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am |
| June 6 | 5th Grade Graduation 9-10:30am Elementary Cafeteria |
| June 6 | End of 4th Marking Period |
| June 6 | Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am |
| June 10-June 14 | Camp Invention (Incoming KG-6th Grade) |