

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN JULY 28, 2024

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! Our students strive for excellence in the classroom, with performing arts, and competing in interscholastic sports and club competitions. Even though it is the summer, I wanted to highlight a few of the great things that make Whiteford Schools a great place for our kids:

- Highly-qualified, motivated, and dedicated staff and a school therapy dog
- One of the top performing schools in the county on state assessments
- March is Reading Month, Elementary AG Day, Elementary OSU vs Michigan "Big Game" food donations challenge
- D.A.R.E. program for 5th/7th graders to teach students about good decision-making skills that lead to healthy lives
- Career-Technical Education (CTE) and FFA program for MS/HS students - **Michigan FFA State Champions 2022!**
- KG-8th grade Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) programming
- Advance Placement (AP) classes offered in Calculus, Chemistry, & United States History
- Affiliation with Lourdes College, Monroe Community, and University of Toledo for Dual Enrollment/Direct College
- MS Concert Choir & HS Concert Choir/Chorale MSVMA District & State excellent ratings and yearly concerts
- Spring Musicals for 22 years - **Spring of 2025 will be Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory!**
- MS/HS Band District & State excellent ratings and yearly concerts
- Robotics Team 6570 qualification for **2024 State Tournament!** Team 6570 is 2nd largest team in Monroe County!
- Athletic Teams - Numerous Tri-County Conference Championships
- Athletic Teams District Champions - Football, Boys Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Baseball, Softball
- Athletic Teams Regional Champions/State Qualifiers - Football, Cross Country, Softball, Track/Field
- MS/HS Student field trips offered: NYC, Chicago, Washington DC, Toronto
- Partnerships with parents' association, recreation club, music boosters, athletic boosters, robotics boosters

Even with the hallways and sports facilities void of students achieving greatness, there are many great things happening at Whiteford Agricultural Schools in preparation for the new school year. We look forward to sharing important information in August about the upcoming school year, but for now, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with some of the items outlined in today's Superintendent Family Bulletin. I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful Michigan summer weather and taking advantage of opportunities to spend time with family and friends. We are better together - We are Whiteford!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

For the month of July, the elementary, middle/high school, and athletic offices are closed, and they will reopen August 5. If you need some assistance, please contact Elaine Thieman at 734-856-1443 Ext. 401 or elaine.thieman@whiteford.k12.mi.us.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Through a very thorough interview selection process that involved staff, parents, students, and administration, we have hired a new elementary principal. Mr. Samuel Marsh will begin his first day at Whiteford tomorrow (7/29), and he looks forward to meeting staff, students, and families in the coming weeks. He has 10 years of educational experience as a teacher at Dundee and most recently as the Dean of Students with Plymouth Canton Schools. He will be attending the Whiteford Parent Association Back to School Elementary Picnic on Wednesday, August 21 from 5-6:30pm. Families will be receiving more information soon, but please mark your calendars. Let's welcome Mr. Marsh to the Whiteford Community!

FALL ATHLETIC PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT

Our new athletic director, Marcus Luzier, will be holding a Fall Athletic Parent Orientation Night on Monday, August 19, 2024 beginning at 5:30pm in the high school gym. Parents will meet with Mr. Luzier for about 30-40 minutes, and then breakout sessions will be with fall sports teams' head coaches for further details. Please mark your calendars.

2024 CAPITAL BOND PROPOSALS

The Board of Education voted on May 13, 2024 to authorize placing a Whiteford Agricultural Schools Capital Bond Millage proposals on the August 6, 2024 ballot. Early voting begins July 27 and ends August 4. You can vote at the Whiteford Center Fire Station, 9244 Whiteford Center Road 8am to 4pm each day. You can find information regarding the Bond Proposals on our district website [here](#) as well as a Bond Millage Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document [here](#). Below is the major projects proposed for Proposal 1 and Proposal 2:

MAJOR PROPOSED PROJECTS

Proposal 1

Elementary School Upgrades

- ✓ Add 4 Classrooms
- ✓ Add 2 Single Stall Bathrooms
- ✓ Add Flex Space, Single Stall Bathrooms, Storage
- ✓ Replace Roof
- ✓ Upgrade Boiler/Pump

Athletic Upgrades

- ✓ Relocate Baseball/Softball Fields
- ✓ Replace field drainage tile, irrigation, playing surfaces with all natural grass and dirt field (NO SYNTHETIC TURF for any field)
- ✓ Replace Dugouts, Pressboxes, Fencing, Bleachers, Backstops
- ✓ Add Track Concession and Bathrooms Facility

Middle/High School Upgrades

- ✓ Add Front Parking Lot Extension (60 Spaces)

Proposal 2

Athletic Upgrades

- ✓ Add Softball Field Synthetic Turf
- ✓ Add Baseball Field (Infield Only) Synthetic Turf

STAFFING UPDATES

As we plan for the 24-25 school year, we are busy filling open positions. Here are some updates of where we stand with filled/open positions:

Filled Positions:

- Transitional Kindergarten Teacher - Lainey Hillard
- 5th Grade Teacher - Andrea Young
- MS/HS Spanish Teacher - Angie Moore
- MS/HS Social Studies Teacher - Jeremy Simmons
- Athletic Director - Marcus Luzier
- MS/HS Administrative Assistant to the Principal - Malinda Luzier
- HS Football Coach - Alex Lipka
- HS Football Coach - John Nagle
- MS Football Coach - Mike Lee
- MS/HS Administrative Assistant to Athletic Director - Ashley Van Camp
- MS Fall Sideline Cheer Coach - Leslie Lehberger
- HS JV Volleyball Coach - Madison Peek
- Elementary Principal - Samuel Marsh
- HS Head Sideline/Competitive Cheer Coach - Kaileah Sweet
- LRE Aide - Brooklyn Keene
- Bus Driver - Julie Harsh

Open Positions:

- 2nd Grade Teacher - Pending TK/KG Enrollment
- 4th Grade Teacher - Interview Selection Process In-Progress
- Elementary Guidance Counselor - Posting Until Filled
- MS/HS Science Teacher - Interview Selection Process In-Progress

- MS Winter Competitive Cheer Coach - Posting Deadline Until Filled
- Elem/MS/HS Part-Time Administrative Assistant - Interview Selection Process In-Progress

AUGUST BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is August 12, 2024. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the Elementary Cafeteria. The Board of Education agenda is typically posted the Friday preceding a meeting and can be found here: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

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.

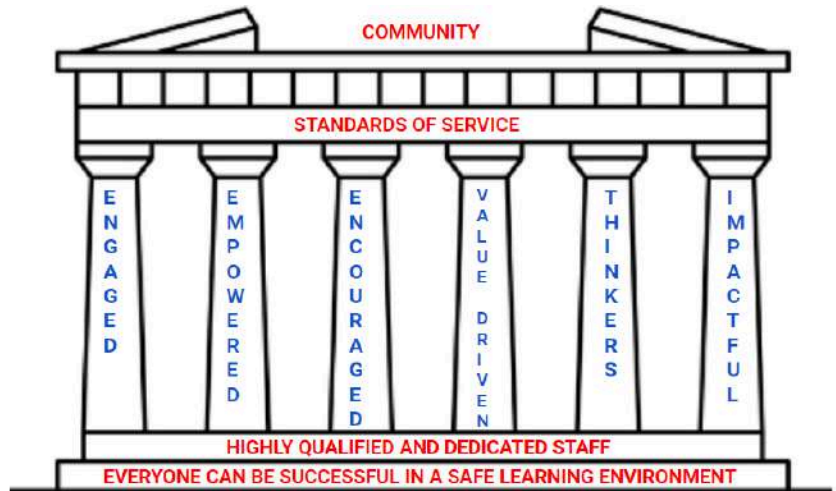
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ 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

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING

July 27-August 4	Early Voting - Whiteford Center Fire Station
July 28-August 3	Monroe County Fair
August 2-10	Senior Parking Lot Painting
August 6	Election Day!
August 12	Board of Education Meeting 6pm TBD
August 19	Fall Athletic Parent Orientation Night 5:30pm HS Gymnasium
August 21	Whiteford Parent Association Elementary Back to School Picnic 5-6:30pm
August 28	Staff Professional Development Day 8-3pm
August 28	1st-12th Grades Open House 5-6:30pm
August 29	TK/KG Open House 5-6:30pm
September 2	Labor Day
September 3	All Staff PD 8-12pm Elementary Cafeteria
September 3	1st Day of School 12-3pm
September 9	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Rm
September 17	Constitution Day