

Bobcat Tales

Whiteford Agricultural Schools
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Ottawa Lake, MI 49267



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Ottawa Lake, MI 49267



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2023 – 2024 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

Building	Starting Time	Ending Time	Early Dismissal Time
Elementary	7:40 AM	2:55 PM	10:55 AM
Middle/High School	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	11:05 AM

August 30 Teacher PD Day

August 30..... EL & MS/HS Open House & 6th Grade Orientation

Sept. 5..... First Day of School
(students report at noon)

Nov. 1 NO SCHOOL
(Teacher PD Day)

Nov. 9 EARLY DISMISSAL
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Nov. 22..... EARLY DISMISSAL
(Start of Thanksgiving Break)

Nov. 23-24 NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Break)

Dec. 22 EARLY DISMISSAL
(Start of Christmas/Winter Break)

Dec. 25-
Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL
(Christmas / Winter Break)

Jan. 3 School Resumes

Jan. 15 NO SCHOOL
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 18-19 EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)

Feb. 16 NO SCHOOL
(Teacher PD Day)

Feb. 19 NO SCHOOL
(President's Day)

Feb. 20 EARLY DISMISSAL
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)

March 22 EARLY DISMISSAL
(Start of Spring/Easter Break)

March 25-
March 29 NO SCHOOL
(Spring/Easter Break)

April 1 NO SCHOOL
(Day After Easter)

April 2 School Resumes

April 10 STATE TESTING DAY
(No School Grades K-7, 12)

May 27 NO SCHOOL
(Memorial Day)

June 5 EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)

June 6* EARLY DISMISSAL
(Exams & Last Day of School)

**pending weather delays/closings; parents are reminded that additional days may be added to the school year should we exceed our state limitation on number of days/hours cancelled or delayed during the school year.*

Food Pantry Dates / Hours

Crossroads Church

1st Thursday of Month
4:30 PM—6:30 PM

St. Michael Lutheran Church

2nd Saturday of Month
9:30 AM—10:30 AM

Zion Lutheran Church

2nd/4th Tuesday of Month
10 AM—12 PM



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

*1st Tuesday: 4:00—6:00 Nova Faith
5105 Glendale Ave., Toledo, OH 43614

*1st Thursday: 4:30—6:30 Crossroads
6960 Sylvania-Petersburg Rd., Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

*2nd Tuesday: 3:00—5:00 St. Paul's Episcopal
798 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616

*3rd Thursday: 12:00—2:00 Lott Industries
3350 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43607

*4th Thursday: 4:00—6:00 Indiana Ave Missionary Baptist
640 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH 43604

*4th Friday: 2:00—4:00 Agape Community Center
225 S. Irwin Rd., Holland, OH 43528

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS Bobcat Tales

This newsletter is also available on the district's website: www.whiteford.k12.mi.us

November 2023

Ottawa Lake Whiteford Schools, Mrs. Kris Hubbard is the Newest Inductee into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame !



Congratulations to Ottawa Lake Whiteford Schools, and Mrs. Kris Hubbard, the Softball and Volleyball coach at your school, who will be one of the newest inductees into the NHSACA Hall of Fame. The selection and nomination for this award comes from your coach's sport association and through the Michigan High School Coaches Association. The NHSACA Hall of Fame selection of Mrs. Hubbard from Ottawa Lake Whiteford High School reflects positively upon Ottawa Lake Whiteford schools, and the Ottawa Lake Whiteford community.

The induction ceremony for Mrs. Hubbard will take place June 25, 2024, in Bismarck, North Dakota at the Bismarck Hotel and Convention Center during the NHSACA Annual Conference June 24th thru the 27th, in which over 500 coaches and athletic directors will participate.

Hall of Fame membership is based on the performance of their program over the years and/or their contribution to the sport, school, and community. These were some of the criteria to determine the selection. It is indeed an honor to have Coach Kris Hubbard from Ottawa Lake Whiteford Schools as an inductee for NHSACA Hall of Fame from the entire nation of honorees.

The NHSACA is a 59-year-old association with nearly 335,000 members serving as athletic administrators, high school, and junior high/middle coaches in numerous schools throughout the United States. Partnered with the Michigan High School Coaches Association, and National High School Athletic Coaches Association works to promote the educational value of interscholastic athletics, the role of athletic administrators and coaches. The NHSACA and MHSCA are very proud to spotlight Mrs. Kris Hubbard — a person whose work and values best mirror those of the association.



Whiteford Schools would like to extend our congratulations to Coach Hubbard for her dedication and devotion to the girls' athletic program for 50 years. Through her efforts she has brought great honor to Whiteford High School and our Community!



*Superintendent
of Schools*
Scott L. Huard

Board of Education

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Dave Dixon

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Mike Iott

Treasurer
Janelle Young

Trustees
Jeff Bunge
Kristi Mock
Jason Vida

Upcoming
Board of
Education Meetings
6:00 PM

December 11
January 8
February 12
March 11
April 8
May 13

MS/HS Bobcat Den

**District
Mission / Vision**

*Engaged ...
in our learning
Encouraged ...
by our community
Empowered ...
for our world*

We are Whiteford!



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE...

Dear Bobcat Family,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we have much to be thankful for at Whiteford Agricultural School District! First, we are blessed to have great students that come to school each day seeking to be fully engaged in their learning, encouraged by their community, and empowered for their future! Our students are kind and compassionate, and they genuinely care about the needs and feelings of others. Second, we have a highly qualified, professional staff that understands the importance of building positive student relationships that foster a safe learning environment. Our staff often give of their own resources and time to ensure our students do not go without or have the greatest opportunity for success! Third, we have amazing families that are super supportive of our students and school district. When there is a need, our families rise to the challenge of supporting our students and school as shown through past food drives and monetary donations. Finally, we have a great community of support. We are blessed to have a community that invested in our school district by passing the mileage for our bond project that has allowed us to provide additional learning spaces for our students. Our students and staff love the new spaces, and we look forward to providing more opportunities to our students with these spaces. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings. I am very thankful to be a part of the Whiteford Agricultural School District! On behalf of the Board of Education and Whiteford staff, I wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and holiday season ahead!

My Best,

Scott L. Huard

Scott L. Huard
Superintendent



The Strategic Plan 2022-2027 was Board approved at the May 9, 2022 meeting that was created by a very broad and diverse group of 32 stakeholders and the survey results of over 400 people. Throughout the planning process, the community expressed high expectations of Whiteford Schools becoming a world-class school district and having all students graduate from high school. Even though some of the goals are extremely high, they reflect the strong desire that has been expressed to embrace significant change and dramatically improve the school system for the next five years.

Mission

Whiteford Agricultural School District's mission is to engage in purposeful learning and empower all for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.

Vision

Whiteford Agricultural School District's vision is to develop value-driven leaders and critical thinkers who will positively impact their community.

Shared Belief Statements

We Believe...

- Everyone has the ability to be successful.
- In meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe.
- A highly qualified and dedicated staff.
- Community support is valuable in promoting student success.

Strategic Plan Goal Areas

**Academics &
Programs**

**Personnel &
Leadership**

**Culture &
Learning
Environment**

Facilities

WHITEFORD RECREATION CLUB

SUBMITTED BY KAZIA KRAMER
K-6TH GRADE SPORTS (WRC)

THANK YOU TO OUR FALL VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING THE FALL SEASON A BIG SUCCESS! Remember to sign up again for next year's football teams in May.

Sign-ups are closing for winter sports.

Boys 3-6th grade Basketball will go from October 23rd thru December 12th.
Kindergarten Clinic; Co-Ed 1 & 2 Grade and Girls 3rd thru 6th will begin after Christmas Break.

Do you want to stay up to date on schedules, sign-ups, and league rules?

Find all you need to know here on our website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/whitefordrecsignups/home>

or connect with us at <https://www.facebook.com/whitefordRec>

W.R.C. is looking for new volunteer leaders! If you are interested in **leading** our Whiteford Recreation Flag Football League next year, please contact Jake Ray for details @ 419-467-7629.

WHITEFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION (WPA) NEWS

SUBMITTED BY JACLYN WARREN

First quarter down already! The WPA has had our first two meetings of the year and could not be more excited about the level of attendance and participation we've had! With so many new (and many returning!) faces and ideas, it's looking like an amazing year ahead!

One of those new ideas is "Dine and Donate" a recurring monthly fundraiser that helps us raise money for the WPA while also supporting local restaurants. Our first Dine and Donate event, in October, was at Mayberry's Ice Cream and the November Event was held at A.J. Doolittle's. We'd like to give a HUGE thank you to those two establishments, and to everyone who showed up to support the WPA. Look for future months' events to be held at local restaurants like Sidelines, Forestview, Quimby's, and Charlie Mops.

Mother/Son Night was held in the old gym this year, and everyone had a blast! Thank you to those who stepped up to help—we couldn't do what we do without volunteers like you! We would also like to thank those of you helped our Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough delivery run smoothly, and all of you who supported the fundraiser.

Upcoming key dates to put on your calendar now:

- * January 2024-Family Fun Night (new this school year!)
- * 4/20/2024-Daddy/Daughter Dance
- * 5/17/2024-Carnival/Track and Field Day

***We will need volunteers for these events so if you plan to help, please be sure to have a volunteer form on file. You can find it on the school website at the bottom right of the home page, or pick it up in the office.

We meet at 6:00PM on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, in the elementary school cafeteria. This year, meeting attendees will be issued a "punch card" to be marked at each meeting; attend at least 6 of the 8 meetings and be entered into a prize drawing at the end of the school year! There will be no meeting in December; our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 16th.

Follow us on Facebook—simply search for Whiteford Parents' Association! Already following us? Please invite your Whiteford friends to like our WPA Facebook page too! We don't want anyone to miss news and updates regarding all our exciting events and opportunities for parents and grandparents to get involved!

HOW TO CONTACT US MAIN PHONE

734-856-1443

PHONE PROMPTS

- 4 Elementary Office
- 5 MS/HS Office Athletic Dept.
- 6 Transportation Superintendent/
Business Office/
Maintenance

ADMINISTRATION / SUPPORT SERVICES

Superintendent
Scott L. Huard
ext. 101 or 401

Elementary Principal
Marcy Anderson
ext. 104 or 110

MS/HS Principal
Jeremy Fielder
ext. 102 or 108

**Assistant Principal &
Athletic Director**
Jeremy Simmons
ext. 103 or 109

**Dean of Student
Services/Career
Coach**
Ken Groch
ext. 240

El. Counselor
Lauren Ehman
Ext. 309

MS/HS Counselor
Jennifer Head
ext. 216

**Director of Transpor-
tation, Buildings &
Grounds**
Charlie Butz
ext. 107 or 401

**Director of Finance
& Business Services**
Marisa Tebbe-Cousino
ext. 105

Accounting Assistant
Laura Cruz-Hartland
ext. 106

Director of HR
Cathy Machcinski
ext. 111

OFFICE FAXES

Elementary Office
734-856-4724

MS/HS Office
734-856-2564

**Superintendent /
Business Office**
734-854-6463

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES!



You may Recognize these two smiling faces but now they are in different places. Mrs. Thieman is the Administrative Assistant to the central office, and Mrs. Motyka-Iott is the Administrative Assistant in the elementary office . They continue to serve the staff and community with their positive attitude and enthusiasm and love for all things Bobcat!

MORE NEW FACES AT WHITEFORD SCHOOLS!



Hello, Bobcat Families! My name is **Erin Cousino** and I am excited to be the Elementary Special Education Teacher for grades 3, 4, and 5. This is my sixth year at Whiteford Elementary, having prior been an LRE Aide for four years and the Building Substitute last year. I grew up in Temperance, Michigan and graduated from Bedford Senior High School in 1997. I am also an alumni of Eastern Michigan University, where I soon will be enrolled once again to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education degree. My husband, Eric, and I have been married for 21 years, have five children; Madelyn, Jacob, Jackson, Joshua, and Jacen, and two dogs, Reno and Harley. When I am not at school I enjoy camping with my family, being my children's chauffeur and cheerleader, growing lots of vegetables my kids won't eat, and surprising my husband by starting projects in the name of "home improvement." I look forward to working with your student(s) and helping them achieve their academic goals this year.



Greetings Bobcats! My name is **Jared Leffel** and I am excited to be welcomed to the wonderful Whiteford community! I am the Technology Support Coordinator for Whiteford from Monroe County Intermediate School District. I have been in IT all of my professional career since before graduating from the University of Toledo in 2013 with my Bachelor's of Science in IT. One exciting thing about me is that I just got married back on 10/8/23 and my now wife and I couldn't be happier together. When I am not helping out with technology related issues, there are many things that I like to do in my free time that include hanging out with friends and family and my wife, playing video games, watching THE Ohio State University Buckeyes college football team and learning more about cars and motorcycles. Thank you to all the staff and administration here at Whiteford for welcoming me to the Whiteford family!



Hello, my name is **Monica Laughlin**. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Whiteford community. I am working as a co-teacher with 6th grade and in a Study Skills class for 7th graders. My family and I relocated from Tucson, Arizona in June 2023 where we rented in Sylvania, Ohio for the summer until we purchased our house in Lambertville on August 1st. I've been in education since 2000, but certified and teaching middle and high school in public education since 2007. I'm a mom to two boys (10 and 7), enjoy traveling and singing, especially with our church choir. I'm excited for the seasons and learning more about Michigan!

BOND PROJECT UPDATE

Three Month Schedule (Series 3 Work)
August '23

- **MS/HS - Phase 2 Multi-Purpose Gym Addition:** Following approval for occupancy at the space, the team continued punch list and closeout activities and the area is prepared for staff and student use.
- **Series 3:** The team continues discussions and planning and design of Series 3 scope and projects.

September '23

- **MS/HS - Phase 2 Multi-Purpose Gym Addition:** Project closeout activities continue while the space is ready for staff and student use.
- **Series 3:** The team will continue standing design meetings for Series 3 scope and projects in preparation for bidding later this year.

October '23

- **MS/HS - Phase 2 Multi-Purpose Gym Addition:** Project closeout activities will continue.
- **Series 3:** The team will continue standing design meetings for Series 3 scope and projects in preparation for bidding later this year and follow-up with the financial planning team in preparation for the Series 3 Bond sale in the spring of '24.

Critical Project Items

- The team continues to monitor program costs and the overall budget. There have been significant increases to construction costs and procurement times since the planning of the Bond Program.
- The team will continue to adjust for the remainder of the 2019 Bond Program as design for Series 3 develops in the ongoing design meetings.
- The Series 3 bond sale is scheduled for Spring of 2024 with program completion planned for late 2024.



Multi-Purpose Gym Vestibule



Multi-Purpose Gym Entry New Parking Lot



Multi-Purpose Gym

WHITEFORD ATHLETICS

Submitted By Jeremy Simmons, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

According to the Cambridge dictionary a **volunteer** is someone, “who does something, especially helping other people, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it.”

I have learned that in the athletic director's position you are reliant on so many **volunteers** to make just one event possible. I want to take the time to honor those who make athletic events a reality. Without these **volunteers** the games we see would never be possible, as these **volunteers** give of themselves for the benefit of our students and our community! I welcome those who would like to **volunteer** to sell tickets, help run the score-board (especially during the middle school basketball season) to please contact the athletic office.

Andy Schober: Varsity Football Tickets	Malinda Luzier: Football Ticket Taker
Tammy Rasor: Varsity Football Tickets	Jen Head: Football Ticket Taker
Doug Bulmer: Tailgate Parking Gate Officer	Jack Andrews: Chain Gang
Ken Groch: Game Manager	Matt Andrews: Chain Gang
Jen Head: Volleyball Ticket Taker	Mark Keeling: V/JV Football Scoreboard &Clock
KC Ruddy: Chain Gang	Adam Linkey: Volleyball Scoreboard & Clock
Luke Andrews: Chain Gang	Troy Giesige: MS Football Scoreboard & Clock
Mike Bauman: Chain Gang	Band Boosters: Football Concessions
Adam Linkey: Football Scoreboard and Clock	Kris Hubbard: MS, JV/V Volleyball Concessions
Adam Linkey: Mentor for new learners of new HS Scoreboard & Clock & Sound System	Brad Stevens: Volleyball Introductions
Matt VanBrandt: MS, JV/V Volleyball Concessions	Brad Stevens: Football Spotter
Jim DeSilvis: Varsity Football Announcer	Jenny Bauman: JV/V Volleyball Tickets
Brad Stevens: MS Football Scoreboard and Clock	Ellie Simmons: Varsity Football Tickets
Gina Spradling: JV/V Volleyball Tickets	Ali Schober: Varsity Football Tickets
Tim Henke: JV Football Announcer	Claire Huard: Varsity Football Tickets
Paige Thomas: Varsity Football Tickets	Mariann Hillard: XC Course
Scott Huard: Varsity Football Tickets	Jeff Thomas: MS Football Announcer
Jeff Thomas: XC Course	Jon Scheffer: XC Course
LeeAnn Thomas: XC Course	Alana Joerin: XC Course
Christy Schober: Varsity Football Tickets	Melanie Masters: MS Football Tickets
Shane Hillard: Tailgate Parking Gate Officer	Rachel Hill: Football Tickets

This is also a great time to remind our fans that we are a tobacco-free school zone which does include the prohibited use of vapes. There are no dogs or service animals allowed on school property as well. We thank you for following these guidelines.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

Athletic Booster meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the MS/HS Media Center. Come join the fun and help support Whiteford athletics!

Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are not currently supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, please take a few minutes to register today and help support Bobcat athletics. Go to www.kroger.com, log into your account and follow the links to the Community Rewards page. Select organization number **PV787** as the donation recipient. Remember, this is free money and will not affect your fuel points!

WHITEFORD MUSIC BOOSTERS

Submitted By Sharon Van Loocke

Tis the season for family, food & holidays! But guess what? It's almost **High School Musical** time!

Our 22nd annual Spring Musical will be performed March 15-17, 2024. We are extremely excited to watch our Whiteford Bobcats transform into East High Wildcats!

We'd like to get a jumpstart on planning for the many volunteer opportunities available for our wonderful community. Any assistance would be appreciated. The Production Team would love to have you. If you'd like to join our team and “Get' cha Head in the Game” please check out any of the possibilities noted below. The best part of being a Bobcat is marveling in how this community collectively gets things done!

Intermission Dept – Whiteford Musicals are home to our infamous, complimentary refreshment tables. If you could donate/bake/make goodies or simply donate monetarily, any help is welcome. Please contact our Dept. Chairs: Mike and Nichole Lee 419-466-7738

Hair & Makeup Dept – Calling all hairstylists and makeup artists!! Even if you aren't a professional, extra hands are always treasured! Contact Dept Chair: Cortney Schaefer 419-699-5961

Costume Dept- Many hands make light work and we need loads of assistance with what we expect to be a big cast! From sewing, hemming, ironing, sorting, labeling...the list could go on...you get the picture! Help!!! Contact our Costume Designer: Vikki Aitson 734-344-9088

Basket Raffle Chair – NEEDED!! We had such incredible donations last year; we wish to continue the raffle this next year. If you are interested in spearheading this, gathering donations and organizing the baskets, please contact Producer/Co-Director Sharon Van Loocke 517-404-7384 or one of our House Managers.

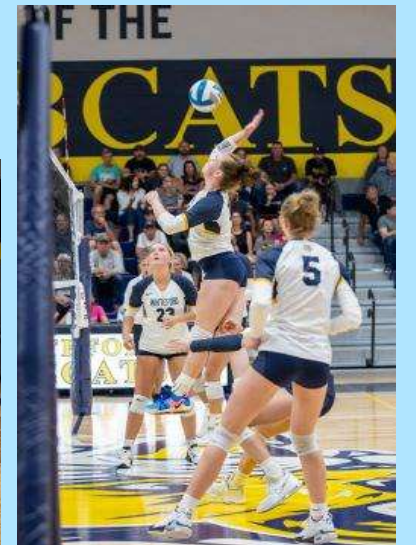
After Show Party Chair – NEEDED! Having someone head this task up would relieve a lot of stress during a tremendously busy time for us. Selecting a willing venue and menu for those cast & crew members wanting to relax after Friday & Saturday night's shows will be rewarding for everyone! If you dream of being a Party Planner, here's your chance! Please let Sharon, Pam or Julianne know if you'd like to fill this position!

Show Weekend Volunteers – From setting up on Friday after school, decorating the “lobby” and bathrooms (we like to give them a bit of love to match the theme of the show), taking tickets at the door, ushering our guests to their seats, selling t-shirts, flowers and water...there is job just waiting for YOU!! Please contact one of our House Managers: Pam Zink 616-745-5907 or Julianne Consear 419-490-8655 or at whitefordmusical@gmail.com

We are also continuing our Playbill Back Page Silent Auction!! The interest and success we had last year was astounding! If you or a business is interested in the coveted back page space of our playbill, please contact Julianne Consear, Playbill Ad Chair. Bidding starts at \$125.00. The highest bid will have their ad placed on the back cover. The 2nd highest bid will have their ad inside the back cover. Silent bids are due to Julianne by February 12, 2024. The top two bidders will be notified by February 16th. Payment must be received by February 23rd for placement in the playbill.

Ad prices for our playbill are: ¼ page \$40.00, ½ page \$75.00, Full page \$125.00
If you'd like to place an ad or simply send a message to our cast & crew, please forward any questions to Julianne.

From the entire Musical Production Team, Whiteford Theatre Department, Whiteford Music Boosters and the upcoming Cast of *High School Musical*, THANK YOU for your endless support over the last 21 years! Remember Bobcats, “We're All in This Together”. We look forward to seeing you at the show!



Homecoming 2023



SENIOR QUEEN CANDIDATE
RYLIE DESILVIS



SENIOR QUEEN CANDIDATE
AUBRIE SIMMONS



SENIOR QUEEN CANDIDATE
MADDIE BIEBER



JUNIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
JENNA SAYLOR



SOPHOMORE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
BAILEY SPRADLING



FRESHMAN CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
AUBRY SPOHN



2022 Homecoming Royalty, Queen Katie Butz and King Seamus Waterford, with Princess Allie Bunge and Prince Brady Adams

Homecoming 2023



FRONT ROW: AUBRY SPOHN, JENNA SAYLOR, BAILEY SPRADLING. **SECOND ROW:** QUEEN CANDIDATES, RYLIE DESILVIS, AUBRIE SIMMONS, MADDIE BIEBER. **THIRD ROW:** AIDEN GHAMLOUCHE, CORBIN BEIGAJSKI, JAMES HOLLIGER. **FOURTH ROW:** NOAH STEVENS, KEEGAN MASTERS, KOLBY MASSERANT.



QUEEN AND KING
AUBRIE SIMMONS AND KEEGAN MASTERS



FRESHMAN FLOAT (WINNER)



JUNIOR FLOAT



SOPHOMORE FLOAT



SENIOR FLOAT