

# 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](http://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us) February 2024

## “Take a Book, Leave a Book” (Whiteford Elementary’s Little Free Library)



The Little Free Library movement helps children, as well as adults, find new books to enjoy without having to make numerous trips to the library. Its motto is simple: “Take a Book, Leave a Book” and “Always a Gift, Never for Sale”. Unlike traditional libraries, these typically small structures aren’t buildings where people check out books from a librarian. It is a box full of books that, when you find one, you can take a book home with you. Or if you have a book to share, you can leave it for someone else to read. Book swaps can be a great way to share your love of reading and discover exciting new books, and also give children the opportunity to choose a book for themselves that excite them and start to build a lifelong love of reading. They are also a great way to support and improve literacy levels in the community.

Last February the Elementary Student Council held a fundraiser, “Kiss the Pig”, to raise money for the Little Free Library. This fall, thanks to Tara Pawson and Shelly DeVantier for getting the ball rolling, Linda Groch for the AMAZING paintings, and everyone else that volunteered or donated, this little library became a thing!



Located off of Sylvania-Petersburg Road in front of the Elementary Playground.



Have a seat, relax, and browse through the selection of books.





From the superintendent's office...

## Superintendent's Message

Hello, Bobcat Families,

Over the past four months, we had several meetings that provided stakeholders the opportunity to share feedback related to our enrollment stabilization plan to control growth, lower class sizes, and address athletic upgrades. Through these meetings and feedback, we have established that we have a great opportunity in front of us as we prepare for the future. I wanted to personally thank the nearly 200 individuals that gave of their time to attend a meeting and offer suggestions and comments, so we can make difficult decisions moving forward. For those of you unable to attend any of these stakeholder meetings, I suggest that you access our district website at: [whiteford.k12.mi.us](http://whiteford.k12.mi.us). Once there, you will want to click on "Our District" from the top menu bar, and choose "Strategic Plan". On the Strategic Plan page, you will have access to the "State of the District - Year 1 Progress" and "Strategic Plan Enrollment Vision Follow-Up" presentations, videos, documents, and feedback information. Everything is there for you to see. Our intentions are to be transparent throughout this entire process as we want everyone to be able to gather the factual information and pass it along to other stakeholders in the community. Before making any decisions about what you may be hearing from others, I ask that you please take the time to peruse the information available on our website. We have a shared belief at Whiteford Schools, "We believe community support is valuable in promoting student success." We can't be successful without the support of our community! We are better Together - We are Whiteford!.

My Best,

*Scott L. Huard*

Scott L. Huard,  
Superintendent

The Strategic Plan 2022-2027, which was created by a very broad and diverse group of 32 stakeholders and the survey results of over 400 people, was Board approved at the May 9, 2022 meeting. 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

Superintendent of Schools  
Scott L. Huard

### Board of Education

President  
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Mike Iott

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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  
June 10

MS/HS Bobcat Den

District Mission / Vision

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

We are Whiteford!



## CONGRATULATIONS to the CAST of ...

## DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ... ON STAGE!



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

Elem. Counselor  
Lauren Ehman  
Ext. 309

MS/HS Counselor  
Jennifer Head  
ext. 216

Director of Transportation, 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

### THE JOCKS

#### TROY BOLTON

Dane DuVall

#### CHAD DANFORTH

Liam Waterford

#### ZEKE BAYLOR

Aiden Ghamlouché

#### COACH BOLTON

Jakub Diesing

#### JASON

Cooper Diesing

#### CHEER SQUAD

Lana Consear  
Carolyn Mohler  
Samantha Perry  
Kyleigh Pitney  
Ava Smith  
Amaya Torres

#### OTHER JOCKS

Mallory Bahls  
Austin Bauman  
Brek Ruddy

### THE THESPIANS

#### SHARPAY EVANS

Avery Ellis

#### RYAN EVANS

Chase Lee

#### KELSI NEILSON

Emily Turvey

#### MS. DARBUS

Annabelle Gapp

#### JAMES

Gabe Zink

#### SUSAN

Hailey Stoops

#### CATHY

Lana Consear

#### ALAN

Colton McCormack

#### CYNDRA

Carolyn Mohler

#### PERFORMANCE

##### ARTS KIDS

Ava Burkey  
Anna Huard  
Emmalyn Kendel  
Brielle White

### THE BRAINIACS

#### GABRIELLA MONTEZ

Jackie Schaeffer

#### TAYLOR MCKESSIE

Kenzie Gray

#### MARTHA COX

Maysen Podgorski

#### KRATNOFF

TBA

#### OTHER BRAINIACS

Brenna Allen  
Quinn Benoit  
Maddox Diesing  
AJ Ellis  
Stefani Perez

### THE SKATER

#### DUDES

#### RIPPER

Logan Sanjur

#### MONGO

Noah Sanjur

#### OTHER SKATERS

Emma Douse  
Eva Suchora  
Ellie Biswas  
Kendra Lehberger

#### JACK SCOTT

Allen Raker

#### KARAOKE M.C.

TBA

#### MS. TENNY

TBA

#### MODERATOR

TBA

**Presenting The Whiteford Music Boosters and  
Whiteford Musical Theatre Department's Production of**



**Book by David Simpatico**

**Original Songs by Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil;**

**Ray Cham, Greg Cham and Andrew Seeley;**

**Randy Petersen and Kevin Quinn; Andy Dodd and Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle;**

**David N. Lawrence and Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston**

**Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by Bryan Louiselle**

**Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by Peter Barsocchini**

**March 15 & 16, 2024 @ 7:30 pm**

**March 17, 2024 @ 2:30 pm**

**Whiteford Agricultural School**

**6655 Consear Road**

**Ottawa Lake, MI 49267**

**Ticket Information:**

[our.show/whiteford-highschoolmusical](https://our.show/whiteford-highschoolmusical)

Scan QR code to go directly to our Ticket site



*From the athletic director...*

## Athletics

We would like to welcome to the Whiteford Athletic Hall of Fame our newest members; Unity Nelson (Softball), Jake Iott (Football and Track & Field), Jack Iott (Football), Ryn Ruddy (Football and Track & Field), Annabelle Gapp (Track & Field), Aubrie Simmons (Track & Field), Keegan Masters (Cross Country and Track & Field), Kolby Masserant (Football and Track & Field), Stepan Masserant (Track & Field), Hunter DeBarr (Football), Logan Tammerine (Baseball), Drew Knaggs (Football), Kaydence Sheldon (Softball), and Cooper Bieber (Track & Field).

The 2023-2024 athletic season just keeps moving along! We are entering the second half of the winter season with our men's and women's basketball teams looking to make noise in the post season. The women's basketball districts will be played at Erie Mason while the men's basketball district games will be played at Blissfield. Specific dates, times, and opponents will be listed when they become available.

### SPRING SPORT TICKET ADMISSION

**We will be charging for tickets this spring** (track meets, baseball and softball games). I know for years we have not charged and for numerous reasons we followed this policy. However, in my two years as AD, sports officiating costs and transportation fuel have risen significantly. We needed to offset these expenses to be fiscally responsible. The good news - senior passes and family passes **WILL STILL BE HONORED** at all home events. If you do not have a senior pass or family pass, you still have time to purchase.

Jeremy Simmons

Whiteford Agricultural Schools

Middle & High School Assistant Principal / Athletic Director

### Competitive Cheer



**Congratulations to Coach DeSilvis** and our competitive cheer squad! They competed at the Clinton Invite on 1/27/24 and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> behind traditional power Ida. There has been great improvement in the second year of the program and these girls are amazing to watch.

### Track & Field Regional Coach of the Year



**Congratulations to Coach Jay Yockey** for being named regional coach of the year and nominated for state coach of the year!



## Elementary

### Who Will Win The Big Game !!!



The Elementary Student Council's annual Ohio State vs. University of Michigan big game fundraiser collected over 1,000 lbs. of food that was donated to Zion Lutheran Church's food pantry. The students counted and boxed all the food. The donated items will go a long way in supporting those families in need in Whiteford Township and surrounding communities!



### Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop was another huge success this year thanks to the WPA and all of the volunteers that made this week possible by helping the children shop and wrap the thousands of presents that went home. The students were so proud to be able to shop for their loved ones. There were a lot of beaming smiles from students while carrying their shopping bags back to class. If you would like to donate leftover wrapping paper, etc. for next year, please drop off to the elementary office.



## Robotics

The robotics season is upon us once again! *FIRST*® CRESCENDO<sup>SM</sup> is the name of the game this year, in which the robot uses "notes" (Orange Rings) to score and earn points. Our team is starting the season strong with building, programming, and communications all in one location.



One improvement this year is that we now have a dedicated school space—our Whiteford Robotics room! This allows our separate sub teams (build, programming, and communications) to work in separate spaces and then come together in our dedicated robotics room.

This year presents unique challenges and opportunities for each sub team. Our **build team** is busy designing and prototyping for this year's game. We are designing a robot to score notes in the amp or speaker, the game scoring areas. We can collect notes via our intake, which our team is currently designing. At the end of the game, the robot can climb for additional points. Our team is busy brainstorming, designing, and prototyping a climber for our bot.

The **programming team** is currently focused on perfecting our swerve drive and autonomous systems. We recently acquired a new Limelight vision system, which will allow the robot to better identify game pieces during autonomous mode, in turn allowing for more accurate play. During the human-controlled portion of the match, Limelight allows the robot to lock on to game pieces and goals, which takes some of the pressure off of the driver and automates certain tasks.

The **communications team** is responsible for designing spirit wear and communicating with our community and sponsors, working hard behind the scenes to ensure this year's robotic season runs smoothly. We are all eager to tackle these challenges, both as sub teams and cooperatively as Whiteford Robotics.

As competition approaches, we look towards our long-term, overarching goals. As with any year, we want to make it into competition as far as possible. This year, however, we have an especially good chance of qualifying for the state competition. The last time our team made it that far was in 2019, but unfortunately, we could not partake that year. With the support of our superb community and gracious sponsors, we can make this year of robotics a historic one.

Both of our competitions take place in early March. Our Week 1 competition occurs from March 1st to 3rd (Friday to Sunday) at the Jackson District Event. Our Week 2 competition occurs March 7th to 9th (Thursday to Saturday) in Belleville. We appreciate the attendance of those who can attend these events, but for those who cannot, First hosts a livestream of the games on Twitch. More information regarding that stream will be publicized by First as the competition approaches.

To stay updated on our season, competition, and spirit wear, visit our website <https://whs6570.com/> for updates.

### Athletic Boosters

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](http://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 Recreation Club

K-6th Grade Sports (WRC)

Whiteford Recreation Boys 3-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball was a success! Thanks to our supportive parent volunteers, nearly 60 boys engaged in Basketball this season. Whiteford Recreations' second half of the winter season begins our Kindergarten, 1 & 2 grade co-ed, and Girls season. The kindergarten clinic introduced the game of basketball this winter to nearly 30 youth and we are excited to watch our 76 Co-ed 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders engaged in their weekly practices and Saturday morning tournaments. Please also be sure to wish our nearly 60 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6th-grade girls' basketball players good luck as they travel to nearby schools to compete.

**IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR SPRING!** Sign-ups for Spring Whiteford Recreation Sports are in FEBRUARY. Forms have been sent home in your children's backpacks or skip the paper and sign up online.

*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>.

Join us each month in the High School Media Room on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7pm. We have several positions on the Whiteford Recreation Board open; come get involved and Join the Team!

## Whiteford Parents' Association (WPA) News

This has been an amazing year for the WPA: we've had so many new faces at our meetings and new ideas for fundraising and enriching our kids. Our Otis Spunkmyer sale included the 6th graders this year and raised a record amount. We've also had great success with our new fundraiser, Dine and Donate. It's so much fun to walk into these restaurants and see them filled with other Whiteford families! We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in these events in any way: all our volunteers who helped distribute cookies, parents who sold them, everyone who purchased them, the ladies who have recruited businesses to participate in our Dine and Donate events and created the flyers, and everyone who has come out and enjoyed them. And of course, we want to thank the owner of **Sidelines** and of **Quimby's** and **Forestview**, for participating in this fundraiser with us. We are so thankful to have so much parent AND community support for what we do! With these funds, we're able to continue our amazing yearly events, as well as fill smaller needs that come up throughout the school year.

Additional thanks to all the volunteers who helped with Family Fun Night and Santa's Workshop-we appreciate each and every one of you more than we can express, because we would not have been able to pull off these events without you!

Key dates to put on your calendar now:

- 3/01-4/01/2024.....Elementary Read-a-thon for March Reading Month
- 4/20/2024 .....Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 5/06/2024 .....Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/17/2024 .....Carnival/Track and Field Day

We meet at 6pm 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!

## Kindergarten Round Up Information

Mark your calendars. Whiteford's incoming class of 2024-2025 registration day is March 14, 2024, from 1pm–7pm in the elementary building. Please secure your time by signing up through the "SignUpGenius" link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAFA62CA7FE3-47538703-kindergarten>. This link is also located on our website: [www.whiteford.k12.mi.us](http://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us) (New Student Registration).

Michigan State Law requires that children entering kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year must be 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the upcoming school year – September 1, 2024. The older and more mature your child is when he or she enters school, the greater the chances for success.

For your child to enter kindergarten in the fall, the following items **must** be completed at registration time.

- **Certified Copy of the Child's Birth Certificate (MUST be presented to register)**
- **Registration forms completed (available on-site and online)**
- **Bi-lingual information completed**
- **Medical information form MUST be turned in before the start of school**
- **Proof of residency (3 types)**
  1. Driver's License with correct Whiteford School District address
  2. Paperwork from home purchase or rental agreement/lease
  3. A current utility bill, (Gas, electric or land line phone bill --- a cell phone bill will not be accepted)
- **Bus Transportation Form must be filled out if your child will use Whiteford Transportation next year**

**NOTE:** A new kindergarten entry requirement takes effect in the 2024-2025 school year. Children will now be required to have a dental assessment **PRIOR** to starting kindergarten.

## Schools of Choice

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.

**Remember, a student must be released by his/her resident district.**

### Schools of Choice Process

- Student applicant and parents complete application and file it with the **RESIDENT** district.
- Application is reviewed to determine if student meets guidelines to participate in the program.
- Students who do not qualify are notified by the RESIDENT district and the process ends.
- For the student who does 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 the process ends.
- For students accepted by the CHOICE district, parents/guardians **MUST** formally enroll the student.

The Monroe County Schools of Choice application window will open **April 1st**. Applications will be available on our website [www.whiteford.k12.mi.us](http://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us) (New Student Registration Tab).



## Middle School/High School

### Wreaths Across America

Libby Simmons, Bailey Vance, and Aubrie Simmons, HS Student Council Members, attended Wreaths Across America on 12/16/23 at The Toledo Memorial Park. Whiteford sponsored 10 wreaths this year! We at Whiteford wish to deeply thank all who have fallen and all who have served and continue to serve our



### Angel Tree

The HS Student Council collected toys, gift cards, and other donations for families that they sponsored through their angel tree. Thanks to the generous donations and community support, they were able to make a wonderful Christmas for families in our community.



### High School Ensemble

Our High School Ensemble spread Christmas cheer this December with their performances at The Agora Chorale at MCCC, Caroling at The Toledo Club for their tree lighting ceremony, Shelton Park Church of God for the annual Christmas Cantata, and the Toledo Zoo.

### The Cookie Boogie

On December 15th, the MS Student Council hosted the Cookie Boogie, the first formal middle school dance in many years. The turnout was great with over 140 students attending the dance. The DJ was awesome, and students' requested all the songs they enjoyed—even a couple of slow songs! It was a fun night, especially seeing the MS students have something special of their own to look forward to and seeing them have fun with their friends. The students are already looking forward to next year's dance!



The 2023 Regional Awards honor regional productions, touring shows, and more which had their first performance between October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This year the BroadwayWorld Regional Awards were bigger and better than ever, including over 100 cities across America, Canada, Central and South America, Europe, and Asia!

**Best Music Direction & Orchestra Performance**  
**Todd Schreiber** - *JEKYLL & HYDE* - The Crowell Opera House ! Congratulations Todd!

### MSVMA TTBB State Honors Choir

**Dane DuVall** and **Liam Waterford** represented Whiteford High School as members of the MSVMA TTBB State Honors Choir at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids, MI January 25-27. This honor is proudly a long-standing choral tradition at WHS. Dane and Liam, along with 60 other tenor and bass voices from around the state, performed 6 challenging pieces as part of the closing concert of the conference. It was truly a spectacular experience! **CONGRATS** to Dane and Liam on this high achievement!!!!



### Welcome, Sarah Cross!

Sarah Cross, who has been working as a substitute aide/administrative assistant in the district for the past two years, has joined our Whiteford bobcat family as a Title I Aide in the elementary building. Sarah has a positive attitude and genuinely cares for all students and staff. When in the classroom, she is a champion for all children.



### Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to the following Staff Members of the Month winners!

- September.....**Mark Truna** (MS/HS English Teacher)
- October.....**Ben Avis** (Special Education Teacher)
- November.....**Amanda Diesing** (MS Teacher)
- December.....**Linda Groch** (Elem. Interventionist)
- January.....**Jay Yockey** (HS Social Studies Teacher)

Each winner was presented with a \$100 gift card from Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at the monthly board meetings.

### Special Visitor



The Middle School and Elementary had a special visitor before Christmas; reindeer wannabe Bitsy! This made the students' day. Bitsy is a certified therapy horse who visits schools and nursing homes. A big shout out to Ms. Kwasniak for bringing her in.

### Whiteford Equestrian Club

Love Horses! Whiteford's Equestrian Club has room for you and your horse to join. For further information, please contact Laura Cruz-Hartland at: [laura.cruz-hartland@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:laura.cruz-hartland@whiteford.k12.mi.us).