

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN
OCTOBER 9, 2022

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families and Staff! We have just surpassed the mid-way point of the 1st quarter, and we have much to celebrate after the first month of school. Our band, choir, and ensemble performed at the Whiteford Fall Festival on Saturday (10/8). Please plan to attend the Band/Choir Fall Concert on November 1 at 7:30pm in the high school gymnasium. Our fall sports programs are competing at a high level. Our girls and boys cross country teams continue to show individual and team improvement with their race times as they prepare themselves for the MHSAA Cross Country Regionals on October 29. Our volleyball team has just two losses in the TCC and plays an important match this Tuesday (10/11) at home vs Adrian Madison. It is a PINK OUT with the varsity game beginning about 6:30pm. Let's pack the gym and support our girls! Their MHSAA District game is November 1 at 5pm vs Blissfield at Sand Creek. The football team is undefeated and ranked 2nd in Division 8. They have just 2 more regular season games left before the start of the MHSAA Football Tournament. District assignments will be announced on Selection Sunday, October 23. Our cheerleaders continue to cheer at each football game but are excited about the opportunity to compete this winter as a competitive cheer team sponsored by the MHSAA. Our FFA program is currently raising chickens again this fall for the annual Chicken Broil. They are also preparing to attend the National FFA Convention October 25-28 in Indianapolis, Indiana. You might recall that back in March, our FFA AG Issues Team were State Champions at the state convention held at the Wharton Center on the campus of MSU. They then presented at the State Capital! Please take some time to follow and visit our district [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) social media platforms or the district [website](#) for on-going updates of our student and staff achievements! We are better together - We are Whiteford!



STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER

Congratulations to Chris Andrews as the September Staff Member of the Month. Chris was nominated by Deb Motyka-lott and Matt VanBrandt. Chris will be awarded with a \$100 gift card compliments of Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at the October regular Board of Education meeting tomorrow night.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

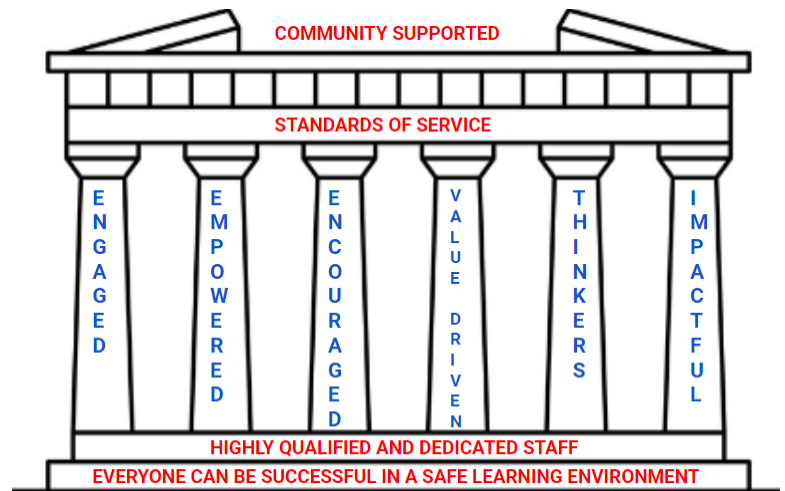
The next Board of Education meeting is October 10, 2022. The Regular meeting will begin at 6:15pm in the MS/HS Bobcat Den. The Board of Education Agendas & Minutes can be found here: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

At the Board of Education meeting on Monday (10/10), I will be asking the Board of Education to approve the purchase of 150 HG Chromebooks and 10 Smart Interactive Displays at a total cost of \$78,150. The purchase of 150 HG Chromebooks will allow us to decommission Chromebooks that are 5 years and older currently in our fleet that are no longer supported by Chrome updates. Students that are using these devices are regularly returning them for repair due to charging/battery failures and operating system issues. The 10 Smart Interactive Displays will replace older and outdated SmartBoard technology boards that have been in the district for several years. The purchase will be covered by our Tech Millage General Fund. For those of you not familiar with the Monroe County Technology Enhancement Millage, it was first passed by voters in 1997. It has been renewed 5 times since, and it provides roughly \$288 per student for students in Monroe County Public School Districts. Whiteford currently has a healthy Tech Millage Fund Balance of nearly \$180,000, so the purchase will bring that down to around \$100,000. Millage collected for the 2022-2023 school year will arrive in January 2023, which will help to replace technology devices as part of our 5-Year Technology Plan. If you want to learn more about the most recent Tech Millage Renewal in 2021, please see the following [article](#) from *The Monroe News* on May 3, 2021. You should have access to a few free articles as a non-subscriber.

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

The [Strategic Plan 22-27](#) was Board approved at the May 9 meeting. It 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 for Whiteford Schools to become a world class school district and have 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. [Whiteford Strategic Plan 2022-2027 Quick Reference](#)



CELEBRATE WHITEFORD CARD

We want to celebrate the commitment and outstanding acts of kindness and charity of our school family by recognizing individuals who positively make a difference. This is a way to make the invisible - visible! As a parent or community member, you can also join in the attitude of gratitude by completing a card for any staff member. Celebrate Whiteford Cards can be obtained in either school office or the Superintendent's office. Just complete it, and leave it with the administrative assistant.

FREE & REDUCED APPLICATIONS

The nationwide waiver of the Seamless Summer Option that permitted all children to be served free/no cost meals ended. We still need your household to complete the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. The Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications can be completed electronically using [familyportal.cloud](#). Search for Whiteford School District, then click on "Apply for Benefits." If families would prefer to print a paper copy of the application for free and reduced meals, they can do so by clicking on this [link](#). You may also pick up a copy in either school office. Please complete the paper application and return to either school office. If a student qualified for a free or reduced-price meal at the end of the last school year, they will automatically receive a free or reduced-price meal for the **first 30 operating days** of the school year. An application **must be completed** for each family wishing to receive free/reduced-price meals.

INFINITE CAMPUS

This summer, we have worked hard to develop ways to make the beginning-of-year completion of forms easier and less time consuming for our families. Many of the forms and agreements that were mailed in the past have now been “digitized” and can be accessed through our website or Infinite Campus. **This process will be replacing Registration Day Packets for 6-12th grades and the Emergency Cards for K-12th grades.** Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the information outlined in this [letter](#). We hope that you will find it helpful as we start a new school year. The **ACTION STEPS** for each family are outlined in the letter.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

THIS WEEK

October 10-14	5th Grade Michindoh Camp
October 10	OtisSpunkmeyer WPA Fall Fundraiser Order Forms/Money Due
October 10	MS Volleyball at Morenci 5:15pm
October 10	JV Football vs Dundee 6pm
October 10	Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm Bobcat Den
October 11	Varsity/MS Cross Country at Adrian Madison 5pm
October 11	Varsity/JVG Volleyball vs Adrian Madison 5pm
October 12	MS Volleyball vs Sand Creek 4:30pm
October 12	MS Football at Summerfield 5pm (7th Grade)
October 12	MS Football at Erie Mason 5pm (8th Grade)
October 13	MS/HS Picture Day
October 13	Varsity/JVB at Morenci 5pm
October 13	JVG Volleyball vs Dundee 5:30pm
October 14	Dollar Hat Day - MS Yearbook Fundraiser
October 14	JR Bobcats Volleyball 3pm
October 14	Varsity Football vs Erie Mason 7pm
October 15	Eastern Michigan Band Day

NEXT WEEK

October 17	MS Volleyball at Britton Deerfield 5:15pm
October 17	JVB Volleyball at Emmanuel Baptist Christian 5:30pm
October 17	JV Football at Erie Mason 6pm
October 18	Varsity/MS Cross Country at Hudson (TCC Jamboree) 4:30pm
October 18	Varsity/JVG Volleyball at Summerfield 5pm
October 18	MS Football at North Central 6pm (8th Grade)
October 18	Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
October 19	MS Football vs Erie Mason 4:30pm
October 20	Varsity/JVB Volleyball vs Britton Deerfield 5pm
October 21	Dollar Hat Day - MS Yearbook Fundraiser
October 21	JR Bobcats Volleyball 3pm
October 21	Varsity Football vs North Central 7pm
October 22	TCC Flag Football at Whiteford
October 22	Varsity Volleyball at Hudson 8am
October 22	MS Volleyball at Sand Creek TBD

UPCOMING

October 24	Hearing & Vision Screening (MS/HS)
October 24-25	Hearing & Vision Screening (Elementary)
October 28	Dollar Hat Day - MS Yearbook Fundraiser

October 31	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
October 31	Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm
November 1	HS Band/Choir Concert 7pm High School Gymnasium
November 4	End of 1st Marking Period
November 6	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 10	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
November 10	Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-3pm & 4-7pm

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