

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent of Schools



**SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN**  
**MAY 29, 2023**

### **GREETING**

Hey, Bobcat Families! Whether you are traveling or staying home this weekend, I hope you are having a wonderful Memorial Day holiday. I wanted to take a moment to share my gratitude to our families and community. Over the past year, we have experienced bus driver shortages that have led to the cancelation of bus routes on a rotating basis from October through December and more recently, we have been canceling routes when substitutes are unavailable. We try to give families as much notice as possible, but sometimes we are alerted to shortages at the last minute. Thank you for your ongoing flexibility and patience as we deal with the shortage. Additionally, this past week, we had an early release to allow us to host the TCC Track & Field Championships, which we host once every six years. We are grateful for our community's willingness to adjust to this change of schedule. Our families and community are so supportive of the school district, and we are so grateful for your ongoing support, especially as we navigate some challenges.

Lastly, let's talk a bit about our spring sports programs. In the TCC Track & Field Championships, our men's track team finished 2nd, missing 1st by just 1.5 points. Our women's team finished 3rd. Both our track teams ended up winning the TCC League Titles with their sweeps of the regular season meets. On Saturday (5/27), our track teams participated in the MITCA State Track & Field Championships in Clare, MI. Our men's team finished 6th out of 16 teams, and our women's team was 11th out of 14 teams. We competed very well against some of the biggest division 3 schools in the state. We have a few track and field team members competing next Saturday (6/3) at the MHSAA Track & Field Championships. Our baseball team was a co-champion in the TCC, and they host baseball districts on June 3rd. In softball, our girls had a perfect 12-0 record in the TCC to claim another league title. The girls will begin districts this week with a pre-district game on May 30 vs Blissfield. The District Semi-Final and Final will be held on Saturday (6/3) at Whiteford.

### **CAMP INVENTION**

Whiteford Elementary School is once again offering Camp Invention for students in grades KG-5th grade. This year's theme is *Wonder*. Among many other fantastic science-based activities, students will build entrepreneurial skills and design a pop-up business, learn about physics, engineering, and art as they create ramps, bowls, and rails while building a mini skate park, and they will learn what a Mimicbot and an animatronic stuffie is! The camp is all day from June 19-23. If you are interested in learning more, please click [here](#). Please email camp organizer, Brianna Best, at: [brianna.best@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:brianna.best@whiteford.k12.mi.us) with questions. **Note: We will not be offering Camp Whiteford this summer as we do not have the necessary staffing.**

### **FFA GREENHOUSE SALE**

Whiteford FFA's Greenhouse is having a sale! Everything is 25% to 50% off Friday, May 26th through Sunday, June 4th. Check out the district's [Facebook](#) page for further information! We have annuals in hanging baskets, patio planters, hanging bags, student built pallet planters, 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 4th from 3-7pm M-F and 10-5pm S-S.

### **PERCEPTION SURVEYS**

Whiteford Agricultural School District is inviting all parents/guardians to participate in our PERCEPTION SURVEYS SPRING 2023 by Friday, May 26. Your participation is very important to us as we continuously strive to better meet the needs of our students. Each response is reviewed and used for future planning. We have separate surveys to help delineate and analyze the data, and it should take you just a few minutes to complete each survey.

If you have multiple children at different schools, please complete one survey for each school that your children attend. If you have multiple children at one school, only complete one survey for that school from the lens of your "Overall"

experience from the 22-23 school year. At the very end of the survey, you are able to share or elaborate upon any question(s) for further clarification of your response or feeling. We appreciate your time in completing the surveys and the feedback gained! To take the surveys, please click the appropriate link(s) below:

For the [DISTRICT Parent/Guardian Perception Survey Spring 2023](#), we are asking all parents/guardians to complete.

For the [ELEMENTARY Parent/Guardian Perception Survey Spring 2023](#), we are seeking feedback from those parents/guardians with a child at the elementary.

For the [MS/HS Parent/Guardian Perception Survey Spring 2023](#), we are seeking feedback from those parents/guardians with a child at the middle/high school.

## EXAM SCHEDULE

Exams are scheduled for June 6-9. Please make sure your children are aware that exams count as 20% of their semester grades, so encourage them to study hard and get plenty of sleep! The schedule can be found in the [Bobcat Blitz](#).

## 2023 WHITEFORD ATHLETIC BOOSTERS GOLF OUTING

The annual golf outing sponsored by the Whiteford Athletic Boosters will be held at the Legacy Golf Club on July 14, 2023. Details and Registration Forms can be found on the district's [Facebook](#) page as well as in the [Bobcat Blitz](#).

## MEAL MAGIC ACCOUNTS

As the school year winds down, we ask all parents to watch the balance in their student's Meal Magic account. If the account is in the negative, please make a deposit to cover the negative balance and any other purchases that may be made through the end of the school year. For parents of a senior, any balance remaining on your senior student's account at the end of the school year will be transferred to a younger sibling's account (if applicable). If there are no other siblings in the district, any balance in excess of \$10.00 will be refunded to the family if a request is made in writing by the parent and a mailing address is provided. These requests should be made to the Business Office ([acctg@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:acctg@whiteford.k12.mi.us)) by June 16, 2023.

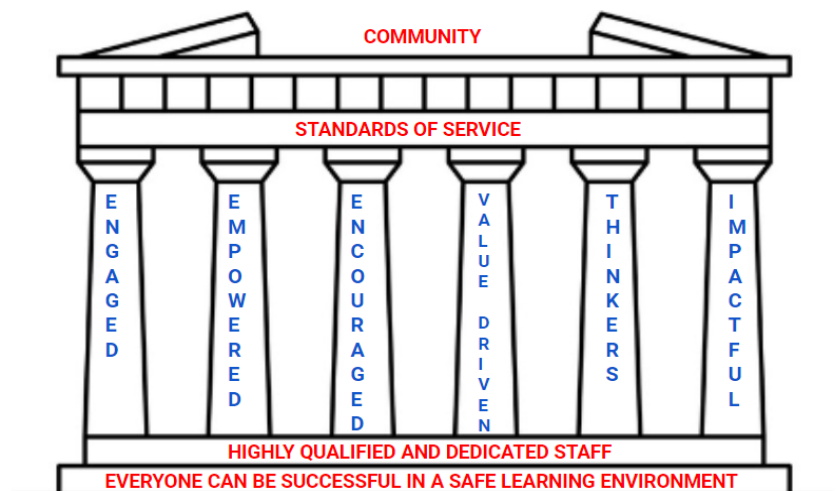
## JUNE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is June 12, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the Bobcat Den located in the MS/HS. 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.



## CALENDARS

[Breakfast/Lunch Menus](#)

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[Athletics Calendar](#)

### THIS WEEK

May 29 No School-Memorial Day  
May 30 MS Awards Ceremony 1:30pm HS Gym  
May 30 MS Spring Concert (Band/Choir) 7pm High School Gymnasium  
May 31 Senior Breakfast 8am High School Cafeteria  
May 31 Senior Graduation Rehearsal 9am Crossroads Community Church  
May 31 Senior Parade/Sunset 6:10pm  
June 1 Commencement 7pm Crossroads Community Church

### NEXT WEEK

June 7 KG Celebration 1:45pm  
June 8 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am  
June 9 5th Grade Celebration 9:30am  
June 9 End of 4th Marking Period  
June 9 Last Day of School  
June 9 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am

### UPCOMING

June 12 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den  
June 18 Father's Day  
June 19-23 Camp Invention 8:30-3pm Elementary  
June 21 Special Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm Bobcat Den  
July 10 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den  
July 14 Whiteford Athletic Boosters Golf Outing 9am Legacy Golf Club  
August 14 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den  
August 30 K-12 Open House 5-6:30pm  
September 4 Labor Day  
September 5 1st Day of School (12pm Start)