

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN NOVEMBER 19, 2023

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! 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 and 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 millage 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!

MHSAA FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Our football team will be playing in the MHSAA Football State Championship Game on Saturday, November 25 beginning 10am at Ford Field in Detroit. Tickets can be purchased in advance [here](#). Tickets can be purchased via cash or credit at the Ford Field box office upon arrival for \$20, but expect long lines. To skip the line, purchase a digital ticket via Ticketmaster before the game and walk straight to the gate. Including fees, the final price is approximately \$19.95 per ticket. Let's pack our sideline stands as we cheer on our football team in our attempt to be Back-to-Back D8 State Football Champions!

OCTOBER STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to middle/high school special education teacher, Ben Avis, on being selected as the October Staff Member of the Month. Mr. Avis was nominated by Mr. Jim DeSilvis for Ben's passion for his students as he goes above and beyond to make sure they are successful. Mr. Avis was awarded with a \$100 gift card compliments of Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at the Board of Education Meeting. Congratulations to Mr. Avis!

WHITEFORD SCHOOLS SPIRIT/CHRISTMAS WEAR SHOP

For those families looking for Spirit Wear or maybe a Christmas gift, we have partnered with The Letterman to provide a store. The on-line store is open from November 18-27. All orders will be processed after the store closes with delivery of items 2-2.5 weeks from the store closing date, which will make it available before Christmas. If it is a Christmas gift, please make sure you choose a shipping option to pick up at The Letterman Store located at 8122 Secor Rd. For MS/HS orders, you can put your child's seminar teacher instead of a homeroom teacher as they do not have a homeroom teacher. The profits the school may receive from this fundraiser will be split among our three student council groups: Elementary, MS, and HS. You can access the store at: <https://whitefordxmas.itemorder.com/shop/home/>. Please contact jenn@lettermanclub.com with questions.

DECEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is December 11, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the board room 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](#).

VOLUNTEER FORM

Whiteford Agricultural School District appreciates your willingness to serve as a volunteer in our district and become a substantial and vital part of our school programs! You can access the form [here](#) or from any school office. Please complete both sides of the form and return it to your student's building office, teacher, or coach. Background checks will be done on an annual basis. The background check process is time consuming; therefore, appropriate lead time must be given to ensure background checks are completed prior to volunteer service at the school or for any function conducted by the school.

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.

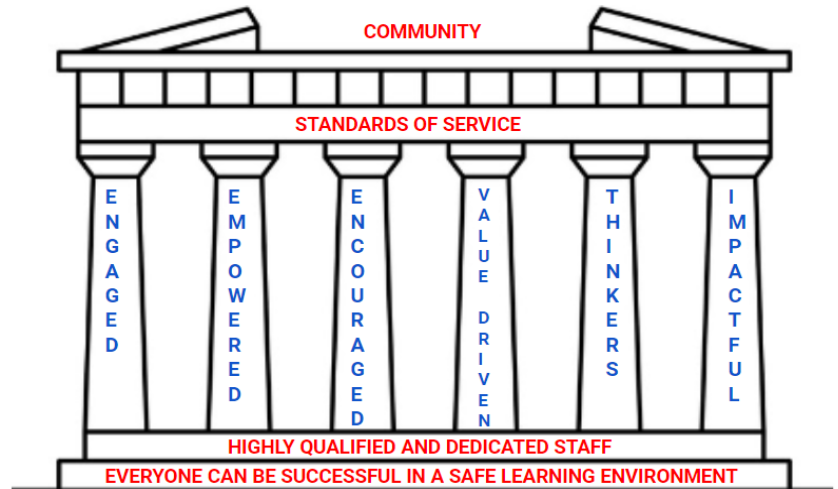
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ 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

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR

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

THIS WEEK

- November 20 American Red Cross Blood Drive 8-3pm Auxiliary Gym
- November 21 Whiteford Parent Association Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
- November 22 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
- November 23 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- November 24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- November 25 MHSAA Football State Championship Game 10am Ford Field (Detroit)

UPCOMING

- Nov. 27-Dec. 1 Elementary Santa's Workshop
- November 28 Robotics Parent Mtg 5:30pm MS/HS Media Center
- December 4-15 NWEA Benchmarking Window
- December 5 Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
- December 6 MS Field Trip: Walleye Hockey Game 10:30am
- December 6 Ensemble Performance: Agora Chorale 7:30pm MCC
- December 8 Ensemble Performance: Hope for the Holidays 11:30am Door St.

December 10 Ensemble Performance: Gift of Lights 6pm Indian Creek Zoo
December 10 Ensemble Performance: Christmas Cantata 6:30pm Shelton Park Church of God
December 14 Elementary Christmas Concert 6pm MS Gym
December 16 Ensemble Performance: Matthes Tree Farm 12pm Ida, MI
December 17 HS Christmas Concert 3pm MS Gym
December 18 MS Christmas Concert 7pm MS Gym
December 20 Ensemble Performance: Toledo Zoo 5pm
December 22 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 Winter Break
January 2 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
January 6 Robotics Kickoff 10am MS/HS Media Center
January 8 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Room
January 15 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 18 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
January 19 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
January 19 End of 2nd Marking Period
January 24 FFA Leadership Contests (Districts) 3:30pm Dundee High School
January 27 WPA Family Fun Night 6pm MS Gym

My best,



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