WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN NOVEMBER 21, 2022

GREETING

Hey, Bobcats! The Thanksgiving holiday is fast approaching, and 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 the generous food drive 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 are loving 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 Whiteford staff, I wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

OCTOBER STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Julia Evans, 2nd Grade Teacher, as the October Staff Member of the Month. Julia was nominated by Andrea Young. Julia was awarded with a \$100 gift card compliments of Leski Wittman Insurance Agency.

FOOTBALL MHSAA STATE FINALS

Whiteford Football beat Clarkston Everest Collegiate on Saturday (11/19) 44-6 in the MHSAA State Semifinals! Whiteford (13-0) will play Ubly (13-0) on Friday (11/25) at Ford Field at 10am in the MHSAA State Finals. Tickets can be purchased here. It is a Maize Out for all attending!

FOOTBALL TEAM SEND-OFF AND WELCOME HOME RALLY

The football team will be leaving from the main parking lot at 6:45am Friday (11/25), and we plan on a cheerful send-off just prior to them leaving. There will be a welcome home rally at 2:30pm in the Whiteford High School Gymnasium on Friday (11/25). Everyone is invited to attend. We hope our fans can join by making this a special moment for our football players and staff.

2022 DETROIT LIONS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Congratulations to Head Football Coach, Todd Thieken, on his nomination for the 2022 Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year Award! The winner of the annual Coach of the Year award will be determined by vote from five media panelists, as well as one vote from the general public. The coach with the most online votes from the general public will receive one vote to go along with the five media panelist votes to determine a winner. The Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year receives a \$3,000 donation to his school's football program in addition to being the Detroit Lions nomination for the Don Shula NFL High School Football Coach of the Year. We encourage faculty, students, student-athletes, and community members participate Sunday, the voting process beginning November 20 www.detroitlions.com/coachoftheyear to vote for Todd Thieken! Voting ends Saturday, Nov. 26 at 11:59 p.m.

GO FAN DIGITAL TICKETING

Since 2020, the MHSAA has gone solely to a cashless entry process through Go Fan for all tournament games/contests. At Whiteford, we have been able to utilize this process with the success of our sports programs over the past few years. Beginning this winter sports season, Whiteford will be utilizing this process for all levels of winter sports for regular season games. Spectators and fans will be required to purchase a game/contest ticket through the Go Fan App using the Whiteford QR Code supplied on our district website or ticket gate location, or by using a debit/credit card reader at the ticket gate. We will no longer be accepting cash payments. Many schools across the state and area have switched to this digital system without much of an issue, and we believe that our fan base is ready for this move to a cashless system. We will still honor individual and family passes, and ticket prices remain the same for the winter season.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is December 12, 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

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 <u>letter</u>. 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

November 23	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
November 24	No School-Thanksgiving Break
November 25	No School-Thanksgiving Break
November 25	Varsity Football Send-Off 6:45am Main Parking Lot
November 25	Varsity Football vs Ubly (MHSAA State Final) 10am Ford Field (Detroit)
November 25	Varsity Football Welcome Home Rally 2:30pm High School Gymnasium

NEXT WEEK

November 28-Dec. 2	Elementary Santa's Workshop
November 28	MS Boys Basketball at Morenci 5:15pm
November 29	Varsity/JV Girls Basketball vs Blissfield 5:30pm
December 2	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
December 2	Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm
December 2	Varsity/JV Girls Basketball at Jefferson 5:30pm
December 3	MSVMA Region C Honors Choir

UPCOMING

December 5-16	NWEA Benchmarking Assessment Window
December 6	Whiteford Rec Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
December 12	Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm Bobcat Den
December 15	KG-2nd Grade Winter Musical 6pm High School Gym

December 15	3rd-5th Grade Winter Musical 7:15pm High School Gym
December 18	HS Winter Band/Choir Concert 3pm High School Gym
December 19	MS Winter Band/Choir Concert 7pm High School Gym
December 20	Whiteford Parent Association Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
December 22	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
December 23-Jan. 2	No School-Winter Break
January 3	Whiteford Rec Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
January 16	No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 19	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
January 20	K-5th Grades Assembly Jim "Basketball" Jones 8:30am High School Gymnasium
January 20	6-8th Grades Assembly Jim "Basketball" Jones 9:30am High School Gymnasium
January 20	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
January 20	End of 2nd Quarter
February 8	Count Day
February 17	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
February 17	Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm

February 20 No School-Presidents Day

February 21 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am

February 21 Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm

February 21 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm

We are better together - We are Whiteford!

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