

# Bobcat Tales

Whiteford Agricultural Schools  
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Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

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Whiteford School District  
Ottawa Lake, MI 49267



## 2020 – 2021 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

Building	Starting Time	Ending Time	Early Dismissal Time
Elementary .....	7:55 AM	3:10 PM	11:10 AM
Middle/High School.....	7:55 AM	2:55 PM	11:00 AM

Sept. 2 ..... Student Orientation  
(Schedule by building)

Sept. 8 ..... First Day of School  
(students report at Noon)

Oct. 30 ..... NO SCHOOL

Nov. 12-13 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Nov. 25 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Nov. 26-27 ..... NO SCHOOL  
(Thanksgiving Break)

Dec. 22 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Dec. 23-  
Jan. 1 ..... NO SCHOOL  
(Christmas / Winter Break)

Jan. 13 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Jan. 18 ..... NO SCHOOL  
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 22 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Feb. 5 ..... NO SCHOOL

Mar. 17 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 1 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 2-9 ..... NO SCHOOL  
(Spring Break)

April 13 ..... STATE TESTING DAY  
..... NO SCHOOL K-7, 12

May 31 ..... NO SCHOOL  
(Memorial Day)

June 11\* ..... EARLY DISMISSAL  
(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  
10 AM—11 AM

#### Zion Lutheran Church

2nd/4th Tuesday of Month  
10 AM—12 PM

# 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)

August 2020

## THE SHOW MUST GO ON!



The Whiteford High School Musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, was abruptly cancelled the day before "Opening Night" due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, the cast and crew of the show wouldn't let a pandemic stop them from performing. Students and staff waited patiently for several months for the district to give them the green light to come back into the building for a special performance. That time came in late July when small groups of students met on the stage in the Whiteford High School gymnasium to perform for a limited audience. The scenes were filmed individually and professional pictures were taken throughout the show. Mr. Schreiber and the Assistant Directors did a fabulous job of following the Governor's executive orders, while still allowing our students an opportunity to perform the show on which they had worked so hard in the spring. Whiteford is very proud of our performers and we congratulate them on an exceptional performance despite the circumstances they were faced with. Way to go Bobcats!







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Upcoming  
Board of  
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6:00 PM

September 14

High School Library

District  
Mission / Vision

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

We are Whiteford!

SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE...

Dear Bobcat Family,

The year 2020 has been anything but typical as we continue to navigate the uncharted waters of COVID-19. While there are still so many unknowns in the world as we have known it, there is one thing that remains the same; the unrivaled strength and commitment of the Bobcat community. I am so grateful for the many people who volunteered to be on Whiteford's Return to Learn Task Force as well as the support of the Bobcat community in helping us find ways to bring our kids back. The collective commitment this community has shown our children is something I will never forget. I have always felt blessed to serve the families of Whiteford, but after leading through a pandemic, I feel more grateful than ever! Thank you.

On August 4th, Whiteford unveiled our plan to bring students back to the classroom in the fall. Whether parents choose to send their children to school or choose to educate them at home, I am confident we have a plan that will meet the unique needs of our students. The task force spent many hours preparing and planning for a safe return and I am proud of the work we have done. The buildings will be ready for students to return on September 8th, and our teachers and support staff are eager to welcome our students back. Frankly, we all cannot wait to see our students again!

For parents who are choosing to keep their kids at home, I respect and admire your decision. I know the decision was a very difficult one and my heart goes out to each of our families during this difficult time. As a mother, I understand the anguish of wanting my son to return to school, but also wanting to feel that he is safe during these crazy times. Whatever decision you made for your child is the right decision, because you have your child's best interest at heart. It was just as important to our task force that we developed a robust remote learning program for our families who choose the virtual option as it was to redesign our programming at school to accommodate the students who are returning. The remote platform for at-home learning is more rigorous than what students experienced in the spring and will help students stay on track with their learning even while learning from home.

The 2020-2021 school year will undoubtedly go down in the history books as one of the most unsettling times in our school's history. However, I know with all of my heart that whether students are learning from home or on our campus, they will be in good hands. We love our students and can't wait to help them establish some normalcy in their lives, even if school may look a little different in the fall. Take care everyone and see you on September 8th!

Sincerely,

Valerie Orr

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Superintendent



2020 MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

dates and times subject to change without notice

Varsity Football

Thurs.. 8/27.....	Blissfield.....	Home ...7:00 PM
Thurs... 9/03.....	Ida .....	Away... 7:00 PM
Fri..... 9/11.....	Erie Mason .....	Home ...7:00 PM
Fri..... 9/18.....	Madison .....	Away... 7:00 PM
Fri..... 9/25.....	Morenci (Homecoming).....	Home ...7:00 PM
Fri..... 10/2.....	Sand Creek .....	Away... 7:00 PM
Fri..... 10/09...	Pittsford.....	Home ...7:00 PM
Fri..... 10/16...	Britton-Deerfield.....	Away... 7:00 PM
Fri..... 10/23...	Summerfield.....	Away...7:00 PM

J.V. Football

Wed .. 8/26.....	Blissfield.....	Away... 6:00 PM
Wed... 9/02.....	Ida .....	Home ...7:00 PM
Thur.... 9/10.....	Erie Mason .....	Away... 6:00 PM
Thur.... 9/17.....	Madison .....	Home ...6:00 PM
Thur.... 9/24.....	Morenci .....	Away... 6:00 PM
Thur.... 10/1.....	Sand Creek .....	Home ...6:00 PM
Thur.... 10/08...	Pittsford .....	Away... 6:00 PM
Thur.... 10/15...	Britton-Deerfield.....	Home ...6:00 PM
Thur.... 10/22...	Summerfield.....	Home ...6:00 PM

Middle School Football

Wed... 9/16.....	Madison .....	Home ...6:00 PM
Wed .. 9/23.....	Morenci.....	Away... 6:00 PM
Wed... 9/30.....	Sand Creek.....	Home ...6:00 PM
Wed .. 10/07...	Pittsford.....	Away... 6:00 PM
Wed... 10/14...	Britton-Deerfield .....	Home ...6:00 PM
Wed... 10/21...	Summerfield .....	Home ...6:00 PM

Varsity Cross Country

Tues... 9/1.....	Nick Haynes Inv. ....	Home ....4:30 PM
Tues ... 9/8.....	Hudson .....	Away.....5:00 PM
Tues ... 9/15.....	Madison (TCC Jamboree) .....	Away.....5:00 PM
Tues ... 9/22.....	Blissfield Early Bird Invite .....	Away.....5:00 PM
Tues ... 9/29.....	Mason (TCC Jamboree).....	Away.....5:00 PM
Sat ..... 10/03...	Clinton (Rustic Glen) .....	Away.... 9:00 AM
Mon 10/05	Madison Invite .....	Away....4:30 PM
Sat ..... 10/10...	Hudson Booster Invite.....	Away.... 9:00 AM
Tues ... 10/20...	Summerfield.(TCC Champs) ..	Away.....5:00 PM
Mon... 10/26...	Sand Creek.....	Away....4:30 PM

J.V. / Varsity Volleyball

Fri.....8/21 .....	Adrian JV Invitational.....	Away....9:00 AM
Sat....8/29 .....	Summerfield Invite.....	Away....8:00 AM
Tues ... 9/1 .....	Blissfield (JV/V) .....	Home.... 5:00 PM
Tues... 9/08.....	Sand Creek (Varsity DH) .....	Home.... 5:00 PM
Tues ... 9/08 .....	Sand Creek (JV DH) .....	Away .... 5:00 PM
Tues ... 9/15.....	Erie Mason (JV/V).....	Home.... 5:00 PM
Sat.... 9/19 .....	Whitmore Lake Invite .....	Away....8:00 AM
Mon .. 9/21 .....	Cardinal Stritch (JV/V) .....	Away .... 5:00 PM
Tues ... 9/22.....	Morenci (JV/V) .....	Home.... 5:00 PM
Tues ... 9/29 .....	Madison (JV/V DH side by side)	.....
.....	.....	Away.... 5:00 PM

Thurs.. 10/01.....	Britton Deerfield (JV/V) .....	Away .... 5:00 PM
Sat ..... 10/03.....	Ida Invite .....	Away....8:00 AM
Tues... 10/13.....	Erie Mason .....	Away .... 5:00 PM
Sat ..... 10/17.....	Dundee Invite.....	Away....5:00 PM
Tues... 10/20.....	Morenci (JV/V).....	Away .... 5:00 PM
Thurs.. 10/22.....	Summerfield (JV/V) .....	Away .... 5:00 PM
Tues ... 10/27 .....	Britton Deerfield (JV/V).....	Home.... 5:00 PM

Middle School Volleyball

Wed .... 9/09.....	Erie Mason .....	Away .... 4:30 PM
Mon .... 9/14.....	Madison.....	Away .... 4:30 PM
Wed .... 9/16.....	Summerfield .....	Home.... 4:30 PM
Wed .... 9/23.....	Morenci .....	Home.... 4:30 PM
Mon .... 9/28.....	Britton Deerfield .....	Home.... 4:30 PM
Wed.... 09/30 ...	Morenci .....	Away .... 4:30 PM
Mon .... 10/5 ...	Sand Creek .....	Away .... 4:30 PM
Wed .... 10/07 ...	Summerfield.....	Away .... 4:30 PM
Mon .... 10/12 ...	Erie Mason .....	Home.... 4:30 PM
Wed .... 10/14 ...	Madison.....	Home.... 4:30 PM
Wed.... 10/21 ...	Britton Deerfield .....	Away .... 4:30 PM
Sat.....10/24...	Sand Creek Invite .....	Away....8:00 AM

Middle School Cross Country

Tues .... 9/15 .....	TCC Jamboree at Madison ...	Away .... 5:00 PM
Tues .... 9/29 .....	TCC Jamboree at Erie Mason	Away ... 5:00 PM
Sat ..... 10/3 .....	Clinton .....	Away .... 9:00 AM
Mon .... 10/05 ...	Madison Invite.....	Away .... 4:30 PM
Thurs ... 10/8 ...	Sand Creek Invite .....	Away .... 4:30 PM
Sat ..... 10/10 ...	Hudson Booster Invite .....	Away ....8:00 AM
Mon.....10/26.....	Sand Creek.....	Away....4:30 PM



## Whiteford Robotics Team 6570: Summer Mini-Camp



We are so excited to share with you that our Summer Social Distance Robotics 2020 Mini-Camp was a success. Almost 50% of the attendees were new students. Using a lot of hand sanitizer, screenings, social distance, and outside air, we grew in our expertise of what it takes for a successful robotics season.

Here's what the students said:

"I didn't really know what robotics was until my friends brought me to one of the practices. I really enjoyed the experience about learning how to code the robot, and build as well. I like hands-on activities and I learn faster off robotics because I can touch stuff." Luis, Sophomore



"I did not think there was a competition for robotics. I think that's exciting. I also think it will help with my wanting to be an engineer for the navy." Ethan, Freshman

"I was here when the team was 'created.' To be honest I had no interest in it. When I heard about the communications team - creating a website, telling people what we do, I was more interested...The robotics mini-camp showed me more about communications and they showed me that there is more to robotics than building." Annabelle, Freshman

"I am a Senior and this will be my 4th year on the robotics team. I've had experience with most things on the team. I've spent time on the build team, drive team, communications team, etc. I've moved from team to team to find things I've been interested in. I've learned some things about building and engineering, but I've also been able to expand my experience in media, communications, photo/video archiving and



graphic designing. There are many things that robotics can offer other than just engineering experience and that is what I like about robotics." Jaden, Senior

"I heard about robotics through my friends, so I decided to come to a practice and see what it was all about. My favorite part about robotics is the coding because I am interested in going into video game development. I really like the energy of the competitions." Sidney, Junior

This year we are looking forward to a great season using social distancing measures. Please consider investing in our students as they invest in their futures. Email us at [sponsorships@whs6570.com](mailto:sponsorships@whs6570.com) or visit us at our website at [whs6570.com](http://whs6570.com) for more information. Whiteford Robotics is charged up for the 20-21 season.



## 2019 Bond Program Update

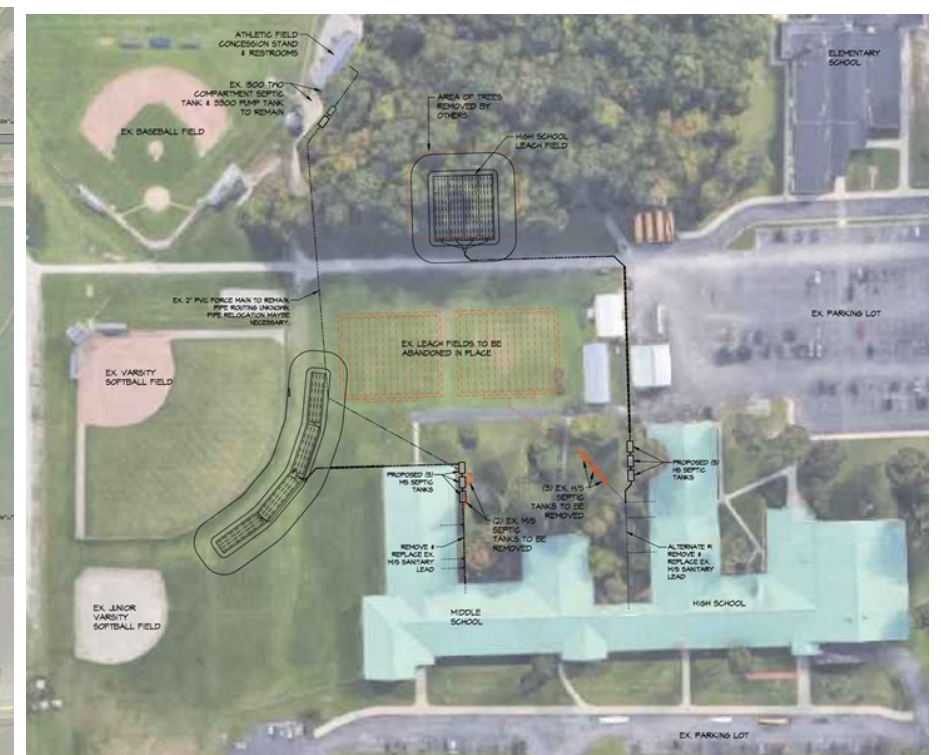
### Track & Field

- Design for the new 8-lane asphalt track, long jump, pole vault, discus, shotput and fencing were successfully completed by Foresite Design and issued for competitive bids in the spring.
- As awarded at the May Board meeting, Salenbien Trucking & Excavating based out of Dundee will be handling all site work, utilities and installation of the asphalt track and other track events, Goddard Coatings out of Pontiac will be installing the track surfacing, and Action Traffic Maintenance out of Flint will be installing the fencing.
- The Project is scheduled to break ground in early-April and complete in the fall.



### Septic System

- James S. Jacobs completed design for the new septic system in late-spring utilizing a split-field setup to best utilize the available area on the property while limiting the amount of disturbance to the surrounding areas.
- Drawings were issued for bid and awarded to Salenbien Trucking & Excavating out of Dundee at the June Board meeting.
- Currently the Project is awaiting permits with plans to commence this summer and complete in late-fall allow construction of the Music and Arts addition to begin next spring.





# New Faces At Whiteford Schools

The first day of school for Whiteford students is **Tuesday, September 8th** (school begins at noon for students) and we're excited to announce several new faces this year and some old faces in new positions:

Elementary:

- **Laura Dibert** - Title I Aide

Middle/High School:

- **Deidre LaVoy** - LRE Aide

Middle/High School—Contract Service Providers:

- **Jamie Hoffer** - The Nutrition Group Food Service Director
- **Eric Roberts** - Utec Technology Services Coordinator

These staff members have new positions within the district:

- **Deb Ioff** —Administrative Assistant to Superintendent & Maintenance / Transportation Director
- **Kim DeSilvis** - Varsity Head Cheerleading Coach
- **Jay Yockey** - Varsity Cross Country Coach
- **Sara Siler** - LRE Aide
- **Tara Pawson**—Elementary Technology Liaison

These positions are still unfilled as of the time of the Bobcat Tales printing:

- **TBD**—Virtual Education Teaching Assistant
- **TBD**—K-8 STEM Teacher
- **TBD**—Elementary Counselor

To those employees who have recently moved on from the district — **Kelli Tuller, Judy Wilson, Janet Weygand**—we thank you for your many years of service and wish you the best!



Hello Bobcats! I am Deidre LaVoy and I reside in Temperance with my husband, Brian, and daughters, Kaitlyn and Kailee. My daughter Kaitlyn will be a Sophomore at Bedford and my daughter Kailee will be in Seventh grade here at Whiteford. I love traveling to Northern Michigan with my family doing activities such as boating and snowmobiling. I have been a substitute for the office staff and also have been subbing as an LRE Aide for the last ten years here at Whiteford. I am excited to be a full time Bobcat this year as an LRE Aide at the MS/HS.



Hi, my name is Laura Dibert and I am so excited to be joining the wonderful staff at Whiteford Elementary as an Aide! I graduated from Adrian College in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and an associates in Psychology. Shortly after graduating, I moved into the Whiteford community to start a family with my husband, Paul. Together we have two daughters. Alexa will be entering the 2nd grade and Lyla will officially be joining the Bobcat family as a Kindergartener. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family, exploring the outdoors, being active, and helping on my family's farm. I look forward to getting into the classroom to help make this year great!

# Welcome Back Bobcats!

*Submitted by Michaele Shepherd, Elementary Principal*



A new school year welcomes you back!! Thank you for allowing us to educate your children; we are eager to begin teaching face-to-face or virtual. This school year holds infinite possibilities with the best possible outcomes. I know it is going to be one that is filled with faith, optimism, and excitement.

We hope that your summer provided some relaxation and fun-filled activities as you and your family stayed healthy and safe. Summer break allows us the opportunity to refuel so we return with fresh energy, a positive attitude, and eagerness to grow our students' minds.

We are poised for an excellent year and our staff is truly energized and ready to forge ahead with excitement as we educate all of our kids. We are ready to begin this journey and have a great year at Whiteford! Welcome back to school!



# Founders Day Support Needed

Dear Friend of the Bobcats:

The Whiteford Agricultural School District, in collaboration with the Whiteford Athletic Boosters, are hosting the third annual "Whiteford Founders Day" fundraising event. The event is being held in an effort to raise funds for Whiteford students. Proceeds raised at the event will be used to fund various student activities, clubs, and organizations, as well as assist with teacher requests, coach requests, and staff and student recognition programs. Each dollar raised will support the students and staff at Whiteford Schools.

Founders Day is also an event to honor the founding of our exceptional school district. Special memorabilia will be on display at the event. The event will be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 17, 2020 at Bennett's Orchard - 5647 Consear Rd, Ottawa Lake, MI. 49267 and will include dinner, raffles, silent auctions, and a live auction. In the unfortunate circumstance that we are unable to hold the event due to COVID-19, it will be postponed to a later date and you will be informed of that date.

## CASH DONATION: (Make checks payable to: Whiteford Schools)

Sponsors:	Bobcat Pride	\$500 with/ up to 8 tickets _____
	Blue	\$300 with/ up to 4 tickets _____
	Gold	\$125 with/ up to 2 tickets _____
	Friend of the Bobcats	\$50 with no ticket _____

How many tickets would you like for your sponsorship (please stay within ticket range listed above)? \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

**If you would like to purchase a sponsorship but will not be attending the dinner, please indicate that on your donation so we can keep an accurate count for dinner. Thank you!**

## MERCHANDISE/GOODS DONATION:

Merchandise/Goods/Certificate to be donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form with the donation/contribution to:  
Whiteford High School  
Attention: Superintendent (Founders Day)  
6655 Consear Rd.  
Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

**Tickets for the event: \$30 per person**  
(Tickets go on sale September 8th)

ANNUAL NOTICES

**AHERA—ASBESTOS:** As required by the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), this is inform you that the documentation for our District Asbestos Management Plan, the semiannual surveillance inspections (continued monitoring of remaining floor tile in our buildings) and the three-year reinspection are available for your review in the Superintendent’s Office. Information regarding response actions may also be found in the District Asbestos Management Plan.

All questions relating to the District Asbestos Management Plan should be directed to **Valerie Orr**, Superintendent, at **734.856.1443, ext. 101**.

**CONCEALED WEAPONS:** State law establishes a “Weapon-Free School Zone” that extends 1,000 feet from the boundary of any school property.

The term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, guns of any type, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

As a School District, we have policies prohibiting the possession of weapons on school property, inside school buildings, and at school events. Obviously, weapons are not appropriate in a school environment.

These restrictions shall not apply in the following circumstances to persons who are properly licensed to carry a concealed weapon:

- A. A parent or legal guardian of a student of the school may carry a concealed weapon while in a vehicle on school property if s/he is dropping off or picking up the student from the school, and any person may carry a concealed weapon solely in the parking lot.
- B. A county corrections officer, a member of a sheriff's posse, a police or sheriff's reserve or auxiliary officer, a State Department of Corrections parole or corrections officer, a private investigator, a Michigan State Police motor carrier officer or capitol security officer, a state court judge, a security officer required by the employer to carry a concealed weapon while on the premises, a court officer, a parole, probation, or corrections officer or absconder recovery unit member of the Department of Corrections if that individual has obtained a Michigan D of C weapons permit.
- C. Retirees of the abovementioned law officials with the same proper training and weapons permits with the exception of retired sheriff's posse or reserve auxiliary officers and retired security officer.

These are very limited exceptions and do not change the district policy that firearms, pistols, and other dangerous weapons are prohibited on school property. Parents and legal guardians are strongly discouraged from bringing concealed weapons on school property even while in a vehicle for pick-up or drop-off of their student. We urge those individuals authorized to carry a weapon to refrain from doing so while in a vehicle on school grounds or while attending a school sponsored event in respect for the safety of our students.

**PETS ON DISTRICT GROUNDS:** Students play and conduct class and athletic practices on district grounds on a regular basis. Please help us keep our grounds clean and clear of pet debris by not bringing your pet on the district's grounds. ALL animals (except service animals) are prohibited from being on school property unless approved by the administration.

**SCHOOL ZONES:** Parents, student drivers and district residents are reminded of the reduced speed (25 mph) in posted “School Zones” on Consear and Sylvania-Petersburg Roads. The reduced speed is in effect from 7:30 AM—8:30 AM and 2:30 PM—3:30 PM. Fines are DOUBLED in these designated areas. To ensure the safety of our children and those approaching the district buildings, please adhere to these speed limits.

**USE OF TOBACCO ON SCHOOL PREMISES:** In compliance with P.A. 140 of 1993, no person at anytime shall smoke, chew, or otherwise use tobacco products, of any kind, in any school building, at school sponsored events, on School District property, on property under the control of the School District, nor in School District vehicles. This policy is in effect twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year.

**WATER QUALITY COMPLIANCE SUMMARY:** Due to amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, K-12 schools and day care facilities that are non-transient, non-community water supplies are required to prepare and make available for inspection an annual water quality report from the previous calendar year.

A copy of the report is available for inspection in the Office of the Superintendent, Whiteford Schools, 6655 Consear Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. All questions relating to the water quality compliance report should be directed to **Valerie Orr**, Superintendent, at **734.856.1443, ext. 101**.

FOOD SERVICE FAQs

**Can my child(ren) eat breakfast at school?** YES; breakfast is offered daily for all students from 7:30 AM—8:00 AM in the elementary cafeteria and 7:30 AM—7:55 AM in the middle/high school cafeteria. Students wishing to eat breakfast should enter the café through the designated side entrances.

**Where can I find the monthly menus?** An interactive menu from our food service provider can be found under the Food Service tab on the district's website (*OUR DISTRICT / FOOD SERVICE / then scroll down to the MONTHLY MENUS heading*). The menus provide many details regarding the food items served in the district (i.e., nutritional information, allergens, etc.).

**How much does breakfast and/or lunch cost?** Prices for the 2020-2021 school year are:

Milk (grades K-12).....	\$0.50	Elementary Lunch .....	\$2.75 (\$\$.40 reduced)
Breakfast (grades K-12).....	\$1.10 (\$\$.30 reduced)	MS/HS Lunch .....	\$3.10 (\$\$.40 reduced)

**Where can I find an application for Free/Reduced Price Meals?** Families are encouraged to annually submit applications for free or reduced priced meals—this includes breakfast and lunch. If you have an Internet connection available, you may find it more convenient to complete the application online at [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com). A link to this site is available on the district's website (*OUR DISTRICT / FOOD SERVICE / then scroll down to the right under the IMPORTANT LINKS heading*). A paper copy of the application is also available by contacting your child's respective building office.

**What is the Meal Magic® Point of Sale System?** Whiteford Schools utilizes a computerized sale system for breakfast and lunch sales, which greatly benefits students, parents and staff alike. Each student has their own account and funds stay with the student until they graduate or leave the district. The most efficient use of the Meal Magic® POS system is to put money on your child's account on a regular basis to insure sufficient funds are available for all meal sales. Meal Magic deposit envelopes are available near each building office.

**What happens if my child has a negative balance on their account?** Students will be provided with an alternate meal that meets all established dietary requirements should they not have adequate funds to purchase a meal for the day; however, parents should note that they are responsible for the cost of any alternate meals provided to their child(ren). These balances must be paid in full as soon as possible.

**How do I know if my child is in the negative or has a low balance?** Automatic notifications are sent to the email address of the primary contact of the student twice weekly (Wednesday and Saturday evenings) for students whose balance falls below \$5.00. You can also view account balances 24/7 at [mealmagic.whiteford.k12.mi.us/mealmagic/mylunchaccount](http://mealmagic.whiteford.k12.mi.us/mealmagic/mylunchaccount). A link to this site is available on the district's website (*OUR DISTRICT / FOOD SERVICE / then scroll down to the right under the IMPORTANT LINKS heading*).

**Who do I contact if I have questions regarding my child's account?** Mrs. Diane Kaiser at 734.856.1443, ext. 106 or via email at [Diane.Kaiser@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:Diane.Kaiser@whiteford.k12.mi.us). She can also assist you with setting spending limits or restrictions on purchases for your child.

GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEALTHY START!

Mornings can be rushed, but it is important to make time for breakfast. Children can benefit from the School Breakfast Program! Studies show that school breakfast can improve test scores, make kids more alert in class, and improve classroom behavior. *Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal!*

**Breakfast is offered daily for all students from 7:30 AM — 8:00 AM in the elementary building and 7:30 AM—7:55 AM in the middle/high school building.**

Prices for the 2020-2021 school year are:	Milk (grades K-12).....	\$0.50
	Breakfast (grades K-12).....	\$1.10 (\$\$.30 reduced)

*If morning meals are difficult for your family, let the School Breakfast Program help you out!*

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/  
Interim MS/HS  
Principal**  
Valerie “Val” Orr  
ext. 401

**Elementary Principal**  
Michael Shepherd  
ext. 110

**Director of Student  
Advancement/AD**  
Jason Mensing  
ext. 109

**Elementary  
Counselor**  
TBD  
Ext. 309

**Dean of Student  
Services/Career  
Coach**  
Ken Groch  
ext. 122

**MS/HS Counselor**  
Jennifer Head  
ext. 102

**Director of Transportation,  
Buildings &  
Grounds**  
Charlie Butz  
ext. 401

**Chief Financial  
Officer**  
Michelle Strick  
ext. 106

OFFICE FAXES

**Elementary Office**  
734-856-4724

**MS/HS Office**  
734-856-2564

**Superintendent /  
Business Office**  
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2020-2021 COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Along with new faces in our classrooms, we also have some new faces in our coaching ranks this year and a few yet to be hired. Listed below are the coaches for the upcoming seasons:

FALL SPORTS

**Cheerleading:**  
HS ..... Kim DeSilvis  
MS ..... Adrienne Cook

**Cross Country:**  
Varsity..... Jay Yockey

**Football:**  
Varsity..... Jason Mensing (head)  
                  Tony DuPree (asst.)  
                  Kris Hoag (asst.)  
JV ..... Robert Ondrovick  
MS ..... TBD  
                  Rob Recker

**Volleyball:**  
Varsity..... Buffy Ruddy  
JV ..... Mackenzie Rozek  
MS ..... Chris Andrews  
                  Kalle Bauman

WINTER SPORTS

**Boys Basketball:**  
Varsity..... Nick Abalos  
JV ..... David DeVantier  
7th/8th..... John Rice

**Girls Basketball:**  
Varsity..... Les Manley  
JV ..... Aaron Williams  
8th ..... Troy Giesige  
7th ..... Chris Thomas

SPRING SPORTS

**Baseball:**  
Varsity ..... Terry Pant  
JV ..... RJ Rios

**Softball:**  
Varsity ..... Matt VanBrandt  
JV ..... Audra VanBrandt

**Track & Field:**  
Varsity ..... Mike Hughes (head)  
                  Jay Yockey (asst.)  
MS.....Chris Thomas  
                  Ben Avis (asst.)



CLASS OF 2020 FINALLY TAKES THE GRADUATION STAGE....



Congratulations to the Class of 2020!! We are so proud of you and your perseverance!



## ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

The Whiteford Athletic Boosters would like to thank everyone who supported our annual golf outing. It was a huge success and we raised a lot of money for Whiteford athletes. Please mark your calendars for our annual Founders Day on October 17, 2020. Information will be forthcoming.

### 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!

## Elementary Student Orientation Day

The traditional "Open House" has been cancelled due to COVID-19; however, the Elementary is hosting a Student Orientation Day on September 2nd. The Orientation Day is for **students only** to get them acclimated prior to the start of the school year. Parents and visitors will not be allowed in the building.

### September 2nd

K—2nd grade: 4:30—5:45 p.m.

3rd—5th grade: 6:00—7:15 p.m.

Students will meet their teachers and should enter the building through the classroom's exterior door. Children are required to wear masks until situated inside their classroom. Parents waiting outside and not in their vehicles are required to wear a mask and socially distance. Parents are encouraged to wait in their vehicles instead, or return at the end of their child's orientation time. Thank you for understanding that our priority lies with our students at this time. Parents who have questions can email their child's teacher. Questions can also be directed to Mrs. Shepherd at [shepherd@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:shepherd@whiteford.k12.mi.us).

## MS/HS Student Orientation Day

The traditional "Open House" has been cancelled due to COVID-19; however, the MS/HS is hosting a Student Orientation/Registration Day on September 2nd. Parents should complete all registration documents prior to Student Orientation Day. The documents will be collected by each student's Seminar or Core Applications teacher. The Orientation Day is for **students only** to get them acclimated prior to the start of the school year. Parents and visitors will not be allowed in the building. Parents can wait in their vehicles or return at the end of their child's orientation time to pick up their child. Thank you for understanding that our priority lies with our students at this time. Parents who have questions can email their child's Seminar teacher (or Core Apps teacher in the case of 6th grade). Questions can also be directed to Mrs. Orr at [val.orr@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:val.orr@whiteford.k12.mi.us).

At this time, we believe we will be able to get students pictures taken during orientation. It will depend on how many students attend orientation and if we can move them through the picture line quickly while also social distancing. Students should come prepared to have their pictures taken.

### September 2nd

6th—8th grade: 4:30—5:45 p.m.

9th—12th grade: 6:00—7:15 p.m.

Students will be meeting with their Seminar teacher and should enter the building through their Seminar teacher's exterior classroom door; 6th grade students will be meeting with their Core Applications teacher and should enter the building through their Core Applications teacher's exterior door.



Sports clubs and governing bodies across the country are responding to health and public safety recommendations regarding the coronavirus and team schedules. The Whiteford Recreation Club (WRC) is no different. We realize the importance that sports bring to our kids and the community, but we also want everyone to remain healthy and safe.

The Whiteford Youth Football League recently took over the football program. They will be communicating something soon regarding the upcoming season.

The next sport for the WRC will be basketball. We are going to do everything we can in order to have a season. As we get more clarity and details from the CDC and local experts, we will continue to monitor the coronavirus situation and communicate via Facebook. Continue to watch for updates in the weekly News Blast and follow <https://www.facebook.com/WhitefordRec>.

During these challenging times, the Whiteford Recreation Club is also looking to fill two positions on the Board of Trustees... secretary and trustee. Please contact Nick Puhl – President ([nickp3441@bex.net](mailto:nickp3441@bex.net)) or Ryan Dubendorfer – VP ([ryanduby@gmail.com](mailto:ryanduby@gmail.com)) if you are interested or would like more information. We only ask for an hour of your time each month. The WRC Board of Trustees meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. This is also an open forum and we welcome and encourage your attendance.

## WHITEFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION (WPA) NEWS

SUBMITTED BY JACLYN WARREN

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! And what a year it will be. I'm very thankful-as I'm sure many of you are-that our children will have the opportunity to get back to the classroom for learning, and I applaud Whiteford administration and staff for all the planning that has gone into making that happen.

This is usually where I would talk about our plans for the upcoming school year-all the fundraisers, carnivals, field trips, and events that the WPA contributes towards and always needs volunteers for. We don't know which of those things, if any, we'll be able to do this school year. But that doesn't mean the WPA will be taking the year off. What we do know is that this year, we will need your help now more than ever. Our students still need our support, now more than ever, and however we are able to give it.

The WPA meets monthly, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:05 AM. As of this writing, the WPA board has not yet held our summer planning meeting, as we needed to wait for the school to do their planning first. I can tell you that our meetings this year will be held via Zoom, and I hope that enables even more of you to participate than ever before. We welcome moms, dads, grandparents, and anyone else willing to donate some of their valuable time. Now, more than ever, we will need fresh eyes, new voices, and creative brains who can help us navigate the uncharted territories this school year. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

\*\*\*Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with all our latest news, events, meetings, and volunteer opportunities. Simply search for Whiteford Parents Association! You can also email us at [whiteford.parents@gmail.com](mailto:whiteford.parents@gmail.com). This year, it will be extra-important to stay connected with us via email or Facebook, so you can get the link to the Zoom meetings.

## Option 1:

### In Person Instruction

(MI Safe Start Plan Phase 4, 5, or 6)



Learning plan changes  
based on the current  
phase the state is in

### 100% Virtual Learning at Home

(MI Safe Start Plan Phase 1, 2, or 3)



- Students meet in-person for instruction at school Monday through Friday using guidance from State of Michigan Roadmap and the Michigan Dept. of Education.
- Strict health & safety protocols in place.
- K-5 students with assigned teacher in smaller cohorts.
- 6-12 students with traditional block schedule, electives, and limited extra-curricular activities.
- Staggered lunch & recess schedule, socially distancing as feasible.
- Focus on social-emotional learning and mental health supports.

**Preparing for virtual learning  
(if conditions change)**

- Students meet with assigned teachers and class virtually Monday through Friday.
- Teachers will use a virtual platform, proven effective for virtual environments (Calvert, Plato).
- Curriculum is aligned to state standards, keeps student on track to return to in-person learning.
- Curriculum is adjusted to meet each student's needs and addresses grade level concepts.
- Enrichment/Specials classes available.
- Devices will be available for all students K-12.
- Emphasis placed on maintaining connections and building relationships.

**Students on track to return to school  
(if conditions change)**

## Option 2:

### 100% Virtual Learning at Home

(For parents uncomfortable sending their child into the building)



- Students meet with Highly Qualified Teacher virtually Monday through Friday.
- K-5 students will use the Calvert Platform from Edmentum.
- 6-12 students will use the Plato platform from Edmentum.
- Both platforms are proven effective for learning in a remote environment.
- Curriculum is aligned to state standards, keeps student on track to return to in-person learning.
- Curriculum is adjusted to meet each student's needs and addresses grade level concepts.
- Enrichment/Specials classes available.
- Devices will be available for all students K-12.

### Is the virtual program the same program as we experienced in the Spring?

- No, districts were closed in the Spring with no time to prepare, develop a robust remote learning program, or train teachers.
- The Edmentum platforms are different than we used in the Spring. The platform is more organized and student/parent friendly. Assignments are organized on weekly calendars for parents to be able to easily track their child's progress on assignments.
- Students will be taught new skills and learning will move forward.
- The highly qualified teachers are trained in remote learning and have experience teaching virtually.
- A Zoom informational meeting will be scheduled for parents interested in the virtual option. The meeting is scheduled for August 19th at 7:30 p.m.
- Parents are asked to commit for a semester when enrolling their child in the virtual program.
- Parents should contact Jason Mensing to enroll in Whiteford's Virtual Program. His email is mensing@whiteford.k12.mi.us