

Bobcat Tales

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2021 – 2022 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

August 30MS/HS Registration Day

Sept. 1EL & MS/HS Open House
& 6th Grade Orientation

Sept. 7First Day of School
(students report at Noon)

Oct. 29EARLY DISMISSAL

Nov. 11-12EARLY DISMISSAL

Nov. 24.....EARLY DISMISSAL

Nov. 25-26NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Break)

Dec. 22EARLY DISMISSAL

Dec. 23-
Jan. 3.....NO SCHOOL
(Christmas / Winter Break)

Jan. 12EARLY DISMISSAL

Jan. 17NO SCHOOL
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 20-21EARLY DISMISSAL

Feb. 21NO SCHOOL
(President's Day)

Mar. 16EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 1EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 4-8.....NO SCHOOL
(Spring Break)

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

May 30NO SCHOOL
(Memorial Day)

June 9.....EARLY DISMISSAL

June 10*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

August 2021

CAMP WHITEFORD - A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!



Our Summer Learning Program, Camp Whiteford, was developed as a means to close the learning gap and address the issue of interrupted learning caused by the pandemic. Although the programs were designed to academically stimulate and challenge the students, you would have never known it based on all the smiles and laughter seen and heard in and around the school! The kids had a ball engaging in a variety of educationally thought-provoking programs, but more importantly, they were able to forge new friendships, deepen relationships with their teachers and support staff, and bolster their social-emotional well-being. Please enjoy viewing additional pictures and learning more about our incredible Summer Learning Program from Marcy Anderson, Director of Camp Whiteford, within these pages of the Bobcat Tales. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Anderson, all the teachers and support staff, the custodial staff, and to the participating students and their families—you all had a big hand in making Camp Whiteford such an enormous success!



*Superintendent
of Schools*
Scott L. Huard

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Upcoming
Board of
Education Meetings
7:00 PM

September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

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 Bobcats,

Greetings!

As the new superintendent of the Whiteford Agricultural School District, it is my sincere pleasure and honor to join this amazing community, and I am excited about partnering with students, staff, families, and community to ensure that we fulfill the district's mission, vision, and strategic plan.

I have been dedicated to serving children, staff, and families for 26 years in public education as a teacher, athletic coach, special education supervisor, building principal, and Director of Elementary Education. I am committed to seeing the strong legacy that has been created at Whiteford Agricultural School District continue for many years to come.

The Whiteford Agricultural School District has a mission and vision that strives to be **Engaged** in our learning, **Encouraged** by our community, and **Empowered** for our world. We are Whiteford!

In order to **Engage** all students, families, and community members in academic and non-academic experiences, we need to continue to grow and extend our innovative, creative, and collaborative approaches to programming and processes.

To be **Encouraged** by our community, we have the responsibility to make sure that everyone feels a sense of belonging and are an important part of something greater than themselves. Every member of our community has a voice and is valued and welcomed.

Being **Empowered** for our world requires all of us to be of good character, serve and lead others, always be positive, and show appreciation. It equips us with autonomy to think, make decisions, plan, and take action toward career goals and life aspirations.

Ensuring our students reach their highest potential by acquiring life skills, it is imperative that we foster positive, long-lasting relationships with and among all stakeholders as well as create a safe, fun, and challenging learning environment through a whole-student approach.

As we start a new school year, I challenge each member of our community to get involved in any aspect of our mission and vision as we seek to Engage, Encourage, and Empower our community - We are Whiteford!

Sincerely,

Scott L. Huard

Scott L. Huard
Superintendent



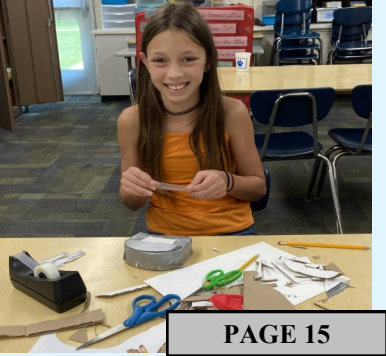
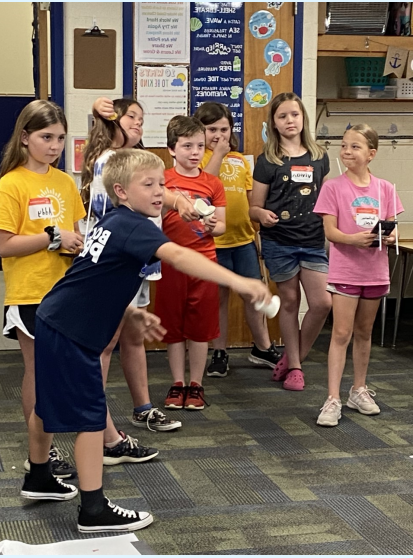
CAMP WHITEFORD

SUBMITTED BY MARCY ANDERSON, INSTRUCTIONAL COACH AND DIRECTOR OF CAMP WHITEFORD



Summer is usually a quiet time in our school buildings, but not this summer. This summer the halls were filled with giggles, scampering little feet, scissors cutting, singing, reading (in English and Spanish), measuring and drawing on the blacktop, scavenger hunts, investigations, and so much more. Our eight-week Camp Whiteford program was in full swing, and we couldn't have been happier. The sessions offered were two or three weeks in length and covered a variety of topics. Elementary students were engaging their brains through fun activities in word exploration, creative writing, math challenges, book clubs, Spanish, art, and a let's get moving class. Middle school students were in the shop building birdhouses and other creations – but more importantly, learning how to use the tools safely and correctly. They were challenged with math puzzles, games, and brain teasers, played a Spanish version of survivor, learned about Vikings, had a mock trial, and participated in a book club. The camp began on June 21 and ran through August 12, three days a week. There was a two-hour session in the morning, lunch/recess time, and

then a two-hour session in the afternoon ending at 1:45pm. One of my favorite times of the day was watching all the students, kindergarten through 8th grade, interact together at lunch. There were new friendships forged and positive role models being displayed for our younger children. The enthusiasm, energy, and excitement in the building from students and teachers was a wonderful thing to see during these usually quiet summer months!



Elementary School Honor Roll (Spring 2021 4th Quarter)

4th Grade All A's

Dietz, Ella
Dubendorfer, Drew
Gillette, Mason
Hill, Addison
Iott, Clara
Johnson, Aubrey
Masters, Kate
Orr, Brady
Ovall, Macy
Pawson, Carter
Puhl, Aiden
Rasor, Grant
Razor, Kaia
Sanjur, Logan
Sanjur, Noah
Scott, Raelynn
Zink, Gabriel

4th Grade All A's and B's

Brecht, Henry
Donbrosky, Amelia

4th Grade All A's and B's

Ellis, Austin Judah
Hill, Oliver
Jimenez, Ethan
Krueger, Jaxton
Mahnke, Alianna
May, Makylee
McCullough, Nathan
Meinert, Grayson
Murnen, Xavier
Perez, Stafani
Peterlin, Wyatt
Saylor, Jacob
Thompson, Elliott
Wood, Cody
Zink, Samuel

5th Grade All A's

Biswas, Ellie
Butz, Ava
Griffith, Allison
Hamid, Saida
Jurgenson, Harlow

5th Grade All A's

Keller, Lane
Krieger, Jacob
Luzier, Mason
Masters, Brody
Meinert, Gavin
Menard, Blake
Mock, Indi
Olrich, Jade
Payne, Eliza
Perry, Jeter
Podgorski, Brady
Raker, Allen
Shingleton, Kallie
Speweik, Glory
Vida, Molly
Vida, Rory
Ward, Ethan
Wing, Breslin

5th Grade All A's and B's

Anthony, Tori
Ballert, Logan
Benoit, Quinn
Cole, Kiera
Diesing, Maddox
Ellis, Camden
Hall, Juliana
Hunt, Manny
Ingram, Rilee
Kendel, Emmalyn
Marsh, Ian
Milot, Emery
Morgan, Lillie
Pitney, Casey
Schumacher, Nathan
Thompson, George
White, Brielle



Middle School Honor Roll (Spring 2021 4th Quarter)

6th Grade All A's

Alcock, Brayden
Billau, Austin
Brace, Isabella
Call, Cooper
Chiotti, Braelynn
DeBarr, Sierra
Eitnhear, Tre
Kahn, Sophia
Lestock, Kate
Luse, Kayla
Masters, Marissa
Messerschmidt, Kloe
Prange, Amber
Ruddy, Brek
Stevens, Anna
Stevens, Ava
Valasek, James
Wood, Avy
Wright, Leah

7th Grade All A's

Bahls, Mallory
Bauman, Nina
Brown, Nolan
Burke, Grace
Brown, Nolan
Burke, Grace
Cousino, Addeson
Diesing, Cooper

7th Grade All A's cont'd

French, Samuel
Frye, Jenna
Griffith, Cole
Hamid, Sarah
LaVoy, Kailee
Ruddy, Drew
Schalmo, Garrett
Schroyer, Caden
Shingleton, Rory
Speweik, Gabriel
Spradling, Bailey
Turvey, Alison
VanHove, Addyson
Wing, Briar

8th Grade All A's

Biswas, Emmy
Call, Dawson
Consear, Layla
Delmotte, Logan
Henry, Brooke
Hill, Emily
Joerin, Rylan
Lehsten, Isabell
Linkey, Adam
Lorenzen, Mariah
Luse, Haley
Masters, Brendon
McClain, Alaina
Mills, Brooklyn

8th Grade All A's cont'd

Rasor, Emily
Saylor, Jenna
Swan, Clara
Vance, Bailey
Williams, Sophia
**6th Grade
All A's and B's**
Bauman, Austin
Brecht, Isaac
DuRocher, Delaney
Hinojosa, Alexia
Joerin, Theodore
Krajcar, Piper
Light, Noelle
McCormack, Mason
McCullough, Jason
Mills, Conner



7th Grade All A's and B's

Andrews, Nate
Billau, Koralyynn
Brecht, Mason
Chung, Iza
DeBarr, Mason
Mills, Blake
Pawson, Allison
Ross, Grace
Russell, Tess
Scott, Jake
Smith-Emerson, Samantha
Vore, Troy
Welker, Tyler
Zimmerman, Brayden

8th Grade All A's and B's

Billau, Lily
Cousino, Avery
Fielder, Ava
Houttekier, Phoebe
Lievens, Owen
Murray, Kristian
Olrich, Jack
Perez, Cristal
Porter, Connor
Simmons, Liberty



High School Honor Roll (Spring 2021 4th Quarter)

9th Grade All A's

Aguado, Miasofia
Andrews, Makayla
Bahls, Carleton
Brecht, Olivia
Conard, Karlei
DeSilvis, Rylie
Dickinson, MaKayla
Gorney, Ava
Gray, Kenzie
Lay, Joslyn
Masters, Keegan
Minkowski, Sofie
Olrich, Trent
Podgorski, Maysen
Ruddy, Ryin
Simmons, Aubrie
Stevens, Noah
Tammerine, Lexie
Thomas, Margo
Turvey, Emily
Vida, Luke
Webb, Jillian
Wing, Reagan

10th Grade All A's

Andrews, Alaina
Bauman, Ali
Blanchard, Morgan
DeBruyne, Lexi
Donnelly, Addison
French, Thomas
Hillard, Ava
Holup, Erica
Luse, Brayden
McLaughlin, Mason
Mensing, Case
Norman, Halle
Rasor, Luke
Raymond, Emily
Ruddy, Shea
Russell, Kennedy
Spradling, Allison
Thomas, Madelyn
Ulery, Alyssa
Ulery, Jessica
Ulery, Mackenzie
VanBrandt, Alyssa

11th Grade All A's

Bauman, Zoe
Giesige, Cole
Kohler, Mackenzie
Kolmar, Kyr
Miller, Sidney
Murray, Timothy
Simmons, Ellie
VanBrandt, Adrianna
Webb, Hannah
Yavorsky, Makaila



12th Grade All A's

Borowicz, Kyleigh
Brown, Jordan
Daniels, Alexa
Donnelly, Leah
Lee, Macie
Lee, Madison
Oberle, Sarah
Olrich, Emma
Olrich, Morgan
Overmann, Alena
Pello, Angelina
Schober, Alison
Smith, Jaden
Sonnenberg, Josie
Spradling, Emma
Thomas, Paige
Urrutia, Jasah
Walton, Caleb
Williams, Payton

9th Grade All A's and B's

Alexander, Shaylin
Brace, Victoria
Briem, Savannah
Crook, Jayden
DuVall, Dane
Ellis, Avery
Gapp, Annabelle
Griffith, Keira
Henry, Jacob
Hill, Joshua
Iott, Jackson
Iott, Jacob
Joerin, Lincoln
Kahn, Zachary
Masserant, Kolby
Nelson, Unity
Parker, Evan
Perry, Samantha
Schober, Anna
Sheldon, Kaydence
Stevens, Karley
VanBrandt, Mason

10th Grade All A's and B's

Anderson, Dylan
Butz, Kaitlyn
Giesige, Jake
Gorney, Braden
Guilliam, Emily
Kolmar, Cameron
McCollum, Kennedy
Riffle, Hailey
Turvey, Sarah



11th Grade All A's and B's

Andrews, Jack
Billau, Ambrelle
Creque, Jami
DeBarr, McKenna
Fielding, Mason
Hillard, Levi
Holliger, Rachel
Holup, Stephen
Joerin, Isaiah
Keller, Berlynn
McLaughlin, Maximus
Oberle, Nicholas
Oberle, Ryan
Perarnau San Felipe, Esther
Ruddy, Ty
Ruehle, Carter
Ruehle, Cooper
Thomas, Karis
Turvey, Keira
Willis, Caleb
Wing, Rylyn
Wright, Emily



New Faces At Whiteford Schools

The first day of school at Whiteford is **Tuesday, September 7th** (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:

- **Erika Miller** – 5th Grade Teacher

Middle/High School:

- **Jeremy Fielder**- MS/HS Principal
- **Pamela Vincent** - MS/HS Math & Science Teacher
- **Ashley Zeiler** - 6th Grade Teacher
- **Janie Bunge** - MS/HS Special Education Teacher/Varsity Volleyball Coach
- **Alyssa McKenzie** - Athletic Trainer

District Positions:

- **Scott L. Huard** - Superintendent of Schools
- **Bree Kareha** - Speech and Language Pathologist
- **Courtney Rudolf** - MCISD Social Worker
- **Marisa Tebbe-Cousino** - Asst. Director of Finance & Business Svcs.

Contract Service Providers:

- **Mason Spino** - Technology Support Specialist
- **Causby Arviso** - Custodial Staff

These current staff members have new positions within the district this year:

- **Angela Madalinski** - Elementary LRE Aide
- **Amie Hanselman** - 4th Grade Teacher
- **Shelly DeVantier** - Reading Specialist

To those employees who have recently moved on from the district — **Tonia Irmén and Terri Lykowski** —we thank you for your many years of exemplary service to the district and wish you all the very best! Don't forget, once a Bobcat, always a Bobcat!!!



Hello Bobcat family! My name is Erika Miller and I will be joining the Whiteford Elementary staff this year as a fifth grade teacher! I graduated from Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in Communications before moving to North Carolina to pursue my Master's in Education! I am recently engaged and looking forward to marrying my incredible fiancé in February of 2022! I love camping and spending time outdoors, animals (especially my sweet pup, Luna), and I really enjoy cozying up with a good book. I have a passion for education at all levels and I could not be more excited to continue to pursue that at such an incredible school!



Hello, my name is Angela Madalinski and I'm excited to start working at Whiteford. I graduated from Whiteford and have lived in this community since 2nd grade. I'm married and have 2 kids attending Whiteford Elementary. They love it here! Everyone I've met so far has been so nice and welcoming. I can't wait to join the Whiteford Staff and look forward to meeting you all. Go Bobcats!



Hi! My name is Janie Bunge. I am a proud Whiteford Alumni. I am so excited to be a Bobcat again, not only as a teacher, but a coach as well. I graduated from Concordia University Ann Arbor in January, 2021 with a special education degree! I was lucky enough to get a great education and play volleyball at Concordia. I love that I get to combine my passions of volleyball and teaching. My big family is very important to me and I spend most of my free time with my 7 nieces and nephews! I'm ready to start my career at the best school.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

SUBMITTED BY PRINCIPAL SHEPHERD

We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone as we head back to school this fall! We are so excited to see everyone as we embark on this exciting new year!

We hope you had a blast this summer, and it provided relaxation, fun-filled activities, and memorable events as you and your family stayed healthy and safe.

We are excited to be back in school and are gearing up for an amazing year! The staff is filled with enthusiasm as we educate all of our kids, and we are ready to begin this journey and have a great year at Whiteford!



Welcome, welcome, we're glad you're here,
We're going to have a wonderful year!
We'll draw, we'll write, we'll sing, and we'll play,
We'll learn new things each and every day!
There's lots to learn and fun things to do,
It will be awesome for Bobcat kids like YOU!!



Whiteford Athletics

SUBMITTED BY JASON MENSING, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

As we enter the fall of 2021 we are excited for the kickoff of fall sports. Although we are grateful that our student athletes were able to participate and compete through all the challenges we faced last year, it will be nice to see our community filling the stands with our tremendous marching band playing and our cheer team leading a rambunctious crowd. The experiences that bring communities together on our fields and in our gyms is a huge part of the education that our students benefit from when they are participating in school sports.

For the fall of 2021, we welcome new Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, Janie Bunge, a Whiteford alumna who comes to us from Concordia University where she has helped coach in recent years. Coach Bunge has immense pride in Whiteford Schools and a love for volleyball. Kim DeSilvis returns as our skilled Varsity Cheer Coach and Jay Yockey will be entering his second season as our Boys and Girls Cross Country Coach. Our Boys Cross Country Team had an outstanding season last year. With most of their runners returning, they have been training hard this summer so we will be excited to follow their successes this year. I will be entering my 10th year as Head Football Coach, and I'm excited about working with a group of young men with high moral character who have a desire to represent their community well. With capacity limits removed thus far, we welcome all our community back to support our next generation and enjoy another exciting season of Whiteford sports.



Whiteford Academics

SUBMITTED BY JASON MENSING, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ADVANCEMENT

As we work through scheduling students for the 2021-22 school year, I have the opportunity to work with and get to know the new students who are moving into our school district. With my two sons being new to the district a few years ago, I have a unique perspective as I work with families because it wasn't long ago that I sat on the other side of the desk with similar thoughts, hopes, and concerns that naturally come when your children are making a large transition.

I have concluded that one of the greatest aspects of our school district is how welcoming our students are to others. When new students enroll, they are generally paired up with a "Bobcat Buddy" for a day or two to help support their transition to new routines. However, it typically does not take long and suddenly there will be other students reaching out to help, learn about, and welcome the new students. Whiteford is a unique and special place because of the accepting culture that exists here in our halls. Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of activities within academics, the arts, and athletics. They are not stigmatized if they have a strong passion in one particular area; instead, they are celebrated.

Soon, as we start the new school year, we will see some new faces that will become part of our Bobcat family. I look forward to meeting and welcoming these students and their families and to learn about their talents and passions they will soon be sharing with us.



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 **Scott L. Huard**, 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 **Scott Huard**, Superintendent, at **734.856.1443, ext. 101**.

FOOD SERVICE FAQs

Whiteford Agricultural Schools will be participating in the Seamless Summer Option as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2021-2022 school year. **THE GREAT NEWS IS that all students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch each day at NO CHARGE to your household. We still need your household to complete the Free and Reduced-Priced Meal Application . It is easiest to complete the application via LUNCHAPP.COM which can be accessed from the district's website on the Food Service page. If unable to submit via LUNCHAPP.COM, please complete the paper application and return it to the school district as soon as possible.**

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. Complete the application online at 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 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). 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. 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? Marisa Tebbe-Cousino at 734.856.1443, ext. 106 or via email at marisa.tebbe-cousino@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 2021-2022 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

Scott L. Huard
ext. 101 or 401

Elementary Principal

Michael Shepherd
ext. 104 or 110

MS/HS Principal

Jeremy Fielder
ext. 102 or 108

Director of Student

Advancement/AD

Jason Mensing
ext. 103 or 109

Dean of Student

Services/Career

Coach

Ken Groch
ext. 240

El. Counselor

Lauren Ehman
Ext. 309

MS/HS Counselor

Jennifer Head
ext. 111

Director of Transpor-

tation, Buildings &

Grounds

Charlie Butz
ext. 107 or 401

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Officer

Michelle Strick
ext. 105

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Business Services

Marisa-Tebbe-Cousino
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Elementary Office

734-856-4724

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734-856-2564

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Business Office

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2021-2022 COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

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

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading:
HS Kim DeSilvis
MS Brandy Crawford

Cross Country:
Varsity..... Jay Yockey

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

Volleyball:
Varsity..... Janie Bunge
JV Jaycie Harris
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 Peyton Foster

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

Thank You
By new MS/HS Principal, Jeremy Fielder

Thank you so much for welcoming me into the district with open arms! Here's a little about me:

- My amazing wife, Julie, and I have three children: Bowen (10), Bronson (8), and Breese (5).
- Most recently, I served as Assistant Principal K-8 and Head Football Coach at Clinton Community Schools. Previously, I was a high-school **English** teacher/assistant football coach at Clinton.
- I played football for Adrian College and finished my undergraduate degree there. I have a master's in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Toledo, and finished the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principal's "Path to Leadership" program to obtain my Administrative Certificate.
- I cannot wait for September 7th!



Hobbies: Camping and spending time with family, working out, reading
Favorite food: Hamburgers
Favorite candy: Sour Patch Kids
Favorite Vacation Spot: Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, TN
Favorite TV Show: "The Office"



- Fun Facts**
- Competed against Whiteford as a student-athlete at Deerfield/Britton-Deerfield
 - Graduated with a "big" class of 36 from Deerfield in 2001 (before it combined with Britton to form BD)
 - Mr. Mensing's father, Henry, was a position coach at Adrian College
 - Participated in the Toledo Celtics Rugby Club for the first time in the Spring of 2021
 - Older brother, Jason, works as a sports reporter for WNEM Channel 5 in Saginaw

ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

The Whiteford Athletic Boosters would like to thank everyone who supported our annual golf outing. In spite of the weather, it was a massive success and we raised a lot of money for Whiteford athletes. The Boosters would also like to express their sincere condolences to the Hutchinson family as well as extend immense gratitude for their donations to the Athletic Boosters in honor of John "Hutch" Hutchinson.

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, log into your account

**Whiteford VolleyTots
2021**

Dates:

Wed 9/15	3, 4, & 5 year olds	5:30-6:30pm
Fri 9/24		
Wed 9/29	K-2nd graders	6:45-8:00pm
Wed 10/6		
Wed 10/13		

***Tuesday Oct. 19th - Demonstration During the Varsity Match**

Cost \$35 each, includes a T-Shirt
(Please register ASAP so we can order the T-shirts)

To register and for more information please contact:
Holly Bunge at 419-304-4368
Cash accepted or make check out to "Whiteford Volleyball"



***Coming soon: information regarding Junior Bobcats Volleyball League (3rd-6th grade)**



Baseball and softball seasons wrapped up at the end of June. Thank you to all the coaches, umpires, and sponsors that made this another fun and successful year.

Flag football is right around the corner. The Whiteford Youth Football League (WYFL) season will kick off in September. If you have a child that wants to play but has not yet signed up, please send your child's name, parent's name, contact information, and the grade your child is going into to mindyovall@hotmail.com.

Please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/WhitefordRec>.



WHITEFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION (WPA) NEWS

SUBMITTED BY JACLYN WARREN

Welcome back, Bobcats! The first day of the new school year is almost here, and the WPA has some exciting news: as of right now, we will be back to holding in-person meetings this school year! Meetings will be in the elementary cafeteria on the 3rd Tuesday of every month and are moving back to 8:00 AM so parents can drop off their kids and come right to the meeting.

The WPA is also cautiously optimistic about the return of some long-standing traditions that had to be shelved this past school year; plans are in the works for Santa's Workshop and the Spring Carnival, among other things. And as many of you know, the first month of school also means the Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough sale! Please join us at our first meeting to learn how you can help the WPA give our kids one of their best years yet!

***Follow us on Facebook-simply search for Whiteford Parents' Association! You can also email us at whiteford.parents@gmail.com. Already following us? Please invite your Whiteford friends to like our WPA Facebook page, too! Keep a close eye on the page for meeting info, contests, and other school-year fun!



WHITEFORD MS/HS BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

REGISTRATION DAY

Monday, August 30th, Grades 6-12

This is a one-stop opportunity to receive student schedules, complete all "back to school" documents, and have School pictures taken.

Registration Day Times:

8:30 - 11:30 - Last names A-J

12:00 - 3:30 - Last names K-Z

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 5:00-6:30 PM

CELEBRATE THE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY MEETING TEACHERS, MEETING THE NEW PRINCIPAL, AND EXPLORING OUR LEARNING SPACES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

6TH GRADE ORIENTATION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 6:15 PM

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPEN HOUSE, 6TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL MEET THEIR TEACHERS AND LEARN THE INS-AND-OUTS OF TRANSITIONING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM



REGISTRATION DAY PROCEDURES

Students and guests are asked to use the doors by the HS office.

Stations will be set up throughout the main hallway.

Student registration packets will be mailed at the beginning of August, with materials to be completed and returned on registration day.

GUIDELINES

All parents and students are welcome to attend the Open House

Please be mindful of personal space, distancing, and the number of people entering each of the classrooms.

HOSTS

Jeremy Fielder, Principal

Whiteford MS/HS

Teachers and Staff

Visit

www.whiteford.k12.mi.us
for more information

WHITEFORD ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

WHEN

**September 1st, 2021
5:00-6:30 pm**



WHERE

Whiteford Elementary Building

6655 Consear Road Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

K-2 CLASSROOM TEACHERS • Mrs. Bowen • Mrs. Oval • Mrs. Tabbert • Mrs. Cisek • Mrs. Prajzner • Mrs. Best • Mrs. Vogel

3-5 CLASSROOM TEACHERS • Mrs. Brunt • Mrs. Groch • Ms. Hanselman • Mrs. Rodgers • Mrs. Hillard • Ms. Foster • Ms. Miller

K-5 SPECIALS TEACHERS • Mrs. Seiser; Art • Mr. Hubbard; PE • Mr. Schreiber; Music • Ms. Kwasinak; Spanish • Mrs. Evans; STEM • Mrs. Mills; Tech/Library • Mr. Welling; 5th Grade Band

WWW.WHITEFORD.K12.MI.US

ALL K-5 BOBCAT STUDENTS MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR!

PROCEDURES FOR CLASSROOM VISIT

Students and guests are asked to use the outside classroom doors to enter and exit their new classroom.

Teachers will meet and greet their new students and their family members

Teacher Welcome letters will be mailed to students on Monday, August 23. Please look for these to know which classroom to visit!

GUIDELINES

All parents and children are welcome to attend the Open House

Please be mindful of personal space, distancing, and the number of people entering each of the classrooms.

HOSTS

Mrs. Shepherd; Principal

Whiteford Elementary

Teachers and Staff