

THE STATIC

OCTOBER
2018

UPCOMING EVENTS:

By: Leah Donnelly

- October 19th: Early dismissal (11:00 am)
- October 31st: Early dismissal (11:00 am)
- November 2nd: End 1st marking period.
- November 3rd: WPA craft show (9:00 am -3:00 pm)
- November 7th: Early dismissal (11:00 am), Parent-Teacher conferences (4:00 pm—7:00 pm)
- November 8th: Early dismissal (11:00 am), Parent-Teacher conferences (12:00 pm—3:00 pm)
- November 16th: Class of 2019 blood drive (1:00 pm—6:00 pm)
- November 21st: Early dismissal (11:00 am)
- November 22rd-November 23rd: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Holiday)

HOMECOMING RECAP

By: Lainey Hillard

Homecoming Week 2018 was September 23-29. The week started with float building on Sunday and ended with the dance on Saturday. The overall theme of Homecoming was Disney Movies. On Monday, the Freshman class decorated their hallway based on their theme, *Monsters Inc.* Tuesday, the Sophomore class decorated for their theme of *Tangled*. The Junior class then had their turn on Wednesday, basing their hall on *Alice in Wonderland*. Ending the

week with the final hall decorating on Thursday was the Senior class with their theme of *Toy Story*. Freshman Ellie Simmons said, "It was chaotic, but fun, and I loved it!" Sophomore Emma Spradling commented, "My favorite part would be bringing the whole class together to make a float for the school to enjoy and for us

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to spend time together as a class." When asked about the greatest part of Homecoming, junior Natalia DiTerlizzi said, "Being together with all of my friends and Living Like Larry." Senior Hunter Lake explained, "The music at the dance was much better this year than in the past." Overall, everyone seemed to have a great time with Homecoming festivities this year.

FOUNDERS DAY

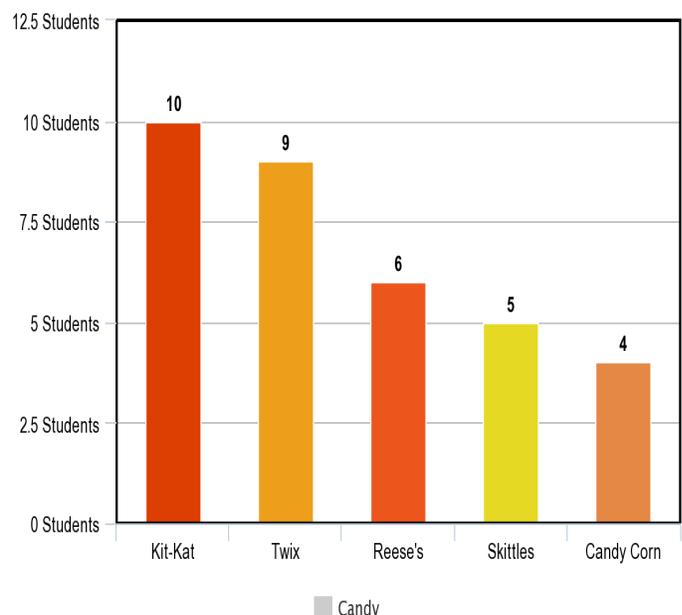
By: Julie Lewis

Many factors come with going back to school. One includes fundraisers! This year, Whiteford is trying a new approach to raising money through Founders Day.

Founders Day is a fundraiser that will be held on October 20th. This event will be put on by Whiteford Schools and Whiteford Athletic Boosters. It costs \$25 per person for admission, which includes dinner. Silent/live auctions and raffles will also be included. The school has been given over 100 items to auction off at this event. This includes: three \$25 gift cards to the Whiteford Greenhouse, an ocean front vacation in Garden City for 1 week, and a special parking pass for any Whiteford student to use for the school year.

"I hope to raise \$20,000 to support student activities, teacher support, student field trips and to assist some disadvantaged students in the school," said Superintendent Mrs. Orr. This will be a great fundraiser and an amazing way to support our school!

Top 5 Favorite Candy



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SCHOOL LUNCHES

By: Logan Murphy

School lunches have been a controversial topic ever since former President and First Lady Obama started the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Although school lunches have increased in portion size and variety since President Obama left office, our school is still not happy with our lunch program. After talking with students, we have come to the conclusion that our lunch portions should either increase or the lunch prices should decrease. Senior Hunter Lake said, "I don't buy lunch often, but when I do, I like to get filled up, and today I went up for a second helping of Bosco sticks and there were none left. I'm one hundred forty pounds and two Bosco sticks and two cup sides does not fill me up. I feel bad for the big guys who get the same amount of food."

Sophomore Devon Shaw's focus was more on the selection. He said, "School lunches are not what they could be when, in schools around us, the kids are allowed to leave school and get whatever they want. As a growing teenage boy, I feel I should have more of an option or more food." It's imperative that we make some changes to our lunch program.

TALENT OF THE MONTH

By: McKenzie Sybert

The October Talent of the Month is junior Taylor Yount. She has been figure skating since she was three years old. Her favorite part of figure skating is being able to express herself when she is doing a solo, or the teamwork aspect of doing a routine with a group. She skates at Garden City Figure Skating Club in Dearborn, MI. Taylor looks up to her coach, Tess Kuhne, the most, "She's been like a second mom to me; I'm proud to be her student," Taylor says. Taylor plans to continue skating after she graduates. "Skating is part of my life, I can't imagine not skating!"



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

By: Hunter Lake

Senior Milly Iott is a very involved and hardworking student at Whiteford. As president of NHS, she takes charge at monthly meetings and organizes fundraisers. Preparing for her future studying education at the University of Michigan, she shadows teachers throughout the school during a work-based learning class. She says, "Throughout my life, I have loved working with children, and I want to make an impact in their life through teaching." With her work-based learning, she can find out what it feels like to be around children in a classroom environment.



ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

By: Hunter Lake

Defensive tackle De'shaun Williams is holding up the middle of the defense for the reigning football State Champs. With 18 solo tackles and 37 total tackles, Williams is a tough matchup for opposing offenses. His biggest game came when he stacked up 10 total tackles and 3.5 tackles for loss against the Sand Creek Aggies. Although those stats are impressive, his most impressive play came when the Aggies punted into the back of one of their players. Williams snagged the ball out of the air and ran the ball back 27 yards as Whiteford fans roared. Williams said he felt surprised when the ball fell in his hands, but when he started running and coming closer to the goal line, he was extremely psyched.



FALL ACTIVITIES

By: Melanie Owen

Autumn flies by in a flash, so take advantage of the crisp weather and beautiful color change with this list of fun things to do this fall!

- ◆ Visit our local Gust Brothers Farm and buy some crowd-favorite cinnamon apple donuts fresh out of the oven. Gust Brothers also has fresh apples, pumpkins of all shapes and sizes, and a variety of flowers you can purchase. There are barns open for viewing all of the adorable cows, pigs and goats, and if you buy some fresh apples, you have the option of feeding the cows right in front of you.
- ◆ Feeling in the mood to have a fun adventure and maybe get lost? Come and visit Farmer J's Corn Maze, located at 16405 Pherdun Road in Dundee, MI.
- ◆ Ready to get your heart racing and get spooked? Visit a super-scary haunted barn located at 4309 W Albain Road in Monroe, MI.

Fall is a great time to go out and spend quality time with your family. Come and experience all the fun things in your local area!



RECIPE: TOASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS

By: Addie Hogdkins

Ingredients:

Seeds from one pumpkin
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and pepper

Recipe Preparation:

Scrape seeds and any attached fibers from pumpkin using a large metal spoon. Place seeds in a colander and rinse well to help separate seeds from fibers. Set seeds aside. Cook seeds in a medium saucepan of boiling, salted water until they begin to look translucent, about 5-7 minutes. Drain and transfer to a paper towel-lined baking sheet; pat well to dry.

Preheat oven to 425°. Spread seeds on a rimmed baking sheet, toss with olive oil, and season with salt and pepper. Roast until golden and crisp, about 12-15 minutes. Let cool completely.

After seasoning seeds with olive oil, salt, and pepper, toss with one of the following combinations:

1/2 tsp. each turmeric and chile powder

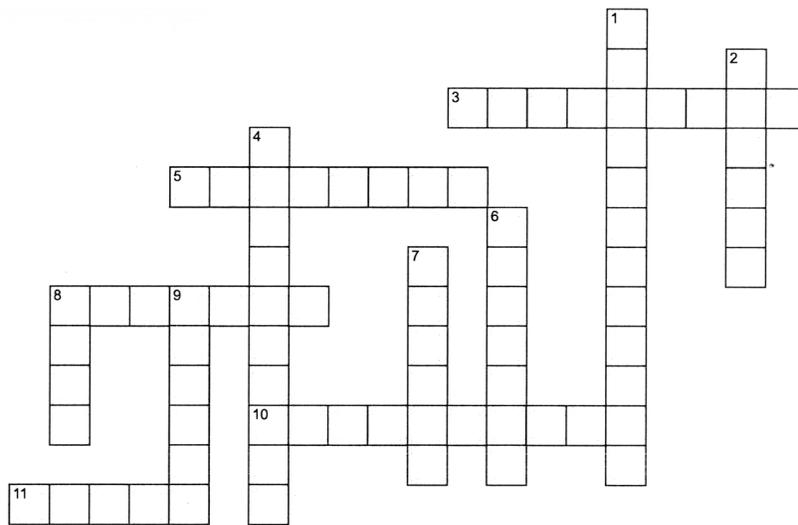
1 tsp. Za'atar and 1/2 tsp. finely grated lemon zest

1/2 tsp. Aleppo pepper, 1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1/2 tsp. ground Szechuan peppercorns

1 Tbsp. sugar and 1/4 tsp. cinnamon

FALL CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 3 The Holiday that occurs on the last day of October and is associated with candy.
- 5 Contact sport that is associated with the saying "Friday Night Lights"
- 8 Often worn on chilly days and are known for being very comfortable.
- 10 Yummy drink often sold at orchards, such as Gust Brothers Pumpkin Farm.
- 11 Nut that falls from oak trees.

DOWN

- 1 A sport in which teams and individuals run a race on open-air courses over natural terrain such as dirt or grass.
- 2 Falls from trees in colors of red, orange, brown and yellow.
- 4 "Set! Bump! Spike!" Sport.
- 6 Large, round and orange fruit. Great for carving.
- 7 Wakes you up and Mrs. Delmotte never goes a morning without it.
- 8 Hot meal that is good on cold nights, usually comes in a can. Also good with crackers.
- 9 Another word for Fall.

NEW BATHROOM POLICIES

By: Ellie DuVall

This year, a new bathroom policy has been put into effect. This new policy states that the bathrooms in the middle school hall are only to be used by K-8 students, whereas the high-schoolers are only to use the high school bathrooms. The problem is that K-8 students can still use the high school bathrooms. "High school girls are having a hard time because there are only five stalls working in the main bathroom. We have to wait in a line to use the bathroom, then are expected to be on time and not go during class." says junior Jessica Mercurio. Although the student body is aware of why this new rule has been put in place, it becomes a struggle when there are younger students holding up the line in the only bathroom the high schoolers can use.

MEME OF THE MONTH

By: Katlyn Taylor



NEW STAFF

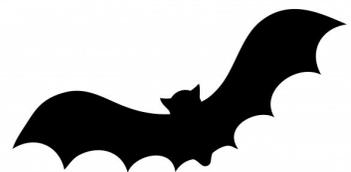
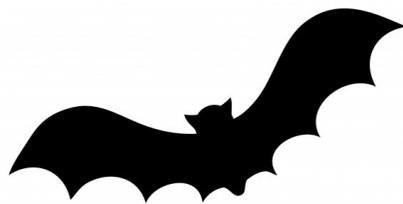
By: Olivia Murphy

New school years bring new people! This year, Whiteford added three new educators to the staff list. Mrs. Fleck, Miss Hays, and Mr. James are all new members of the Bobcat family this year.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Mrs. Fleck is our newest Spanish teacher. She teaches 3rd through 6th and 8th through 12th grade classes. She's still a student herself, currently enrolled in the University of Toledo while working toward her Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction. She thinks that teaching is a very powerful thing. "I feel that by being a teacher, you're shaping the future of America," she explains. As a lover of college football and educating, she fits in perfectly with our staff!

Teaching 7th grade Social Studies, 7th and 8th grade PLT, World History and Civics, Mr. James is another new addition to our faculty. He loves teaching because, "Every day is new, every day is exciting, and every day is a struggle. It's never the same." He's a fan of baseball, his kids, hunting, and fishing. He says that Mrs. Hubbard reminds him a lot of coaches or leaders he's encountered in the past, so he hopes to sit down and have a conversation with her one day. Welcome to Whiteford, Mr. James!

Miss Hays is our third new addition this year. She played volleyball in college at Malone University, which completely explains why she kicked butt during the volleyball game at the Homecoming pep assembly! While she has some insane volleyball skills, Math is her real forte. She teaches 8th grade Math, Freshman Algebra, and Algebra 2A. Her father was a teacher, so it was always what she's wanted to be. "I love math, so I thought teaching was definitely my calling," she explains. She's traveled all around the world, so we're incredibly grateful that she ended up at our school!



MID-SEASON SPORTS RECAP

By: Zach Bertz

Varsity Football:

Whiteford's varsity football team started the season right where they left off. The Bobcats currently stand 7-0 in the season and are looking just as promising as the previous year. They have outscored their opponents by an average of 53.5-4.3. Whiteford has clinched a playoff spot already and looks to make it back to Ford Field.

JV Football:

The JV football team had a nice kick off to the season, winning the first four games, becoming 4-0. They played a tough Madison game in rainy conditions. This ended the game early due to thunder with the final score of Madison 20, Whiteford 14. The following week, they beat Morenci by a score of 36-28, giving them their fifth win of the season. The Bobcats are looking to win out and finish the season 7-2.

Varsity Volleyball:

The Varsity volleyball team is doing exceedingly well this season. Their record sits at 15-6, putting them at 3rd place in the TCC. All losses have been good games, including the one against undefeated Madison where the Bobcats beat them in the first set and had three close sets afterward before they fell into Madison's favor. The girls look to continue winning to get them ready for the post season.

JV Volleyball:

The JV volleyball team has had a rough start. The Lady Bobcats had close games that have not ended in their favor, giving them the record of 1-11. The girls look to win their next couple of games to try to improve their record.

Cross Country:

The cross country team has run well this year in their meets. Multiple personal records have been set, including a PR from sophomore Jack Emenecker. The Bobcats plan to continue their steady season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

By: Caleb Walton

On October 6, No. 15 Michigan faced off against Maryland. Starting off slow, Michigan only scored a field goal in the first quarter. Luck quickly turned around in the second quarter with another field goal and a touchdown. Michigan quarterback Shea Patterson threw a whopping 282 yards and three touchdowns, setting a new season high. Michigan won with a final score of 42-21.

The University of Toledo had its Homecoming game on Saturday, October 6, against Bowling Green. Toledo won in the end, with a final score of 52-36. With this being their ninth consecutive victory over BG, it did not come easy. Students showed their support by creating floats for the annual Homecoming parade and marching around the streets of Old Orchard at 10:30 am. Overall, the students and alumni had a blast.



TRENDING

By: Jessica Gozdowski

Politics: Judge Brett Kavanaugh confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice on Saturday October 6 with a vote of 50-48 after being accused of sexual assaults. Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, sexual assault accuser, testified in a supplemental Senate Judiciary Committee hearing from September 4th-27th. A "limited" FBI investigation was said to be launched to further investigate sexual assault allegations against Kavanaugh. Protestors interrupted the confirmation, requiring the sergeant-at-arms to restore order within the court.

Pop Culture: The American Music Awards - (AMA's) aired live from the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, October 9th. Tracee Ellis Ross, who plays Rainbow Johnson in the breakout show *Black-ish*, hosted the award show. Taylor Swift won artist of the year, as well as breaking the record for most awarded artist in the AMA's history, previously held by famed singer, Whitney Houston. Performances included Panic! At the Disco, Carrie Underwood, Post Malone, Camilla Cabello, Dua Lipa, Jennifer Lopez, and more. Junior Mallory Simmons said, "Watching the AMA's this year was really exciting. I loved Taylor Swift's performance and the fact that she won Artist of the Year!"

App: Lion Studios recently created and released a new app titled *Hooked Inc: Fisher Tycoon*, which earned a 4.7/5-star rating. The app is taking Whiteford by storm, not only in the elementary, but in the high school as well. Junior Natalia DiTerlizzi said, "The app is so addicting, it really has me...Hooked."

BIRTHDAYS

By: Megan Wilson

Jack Andrews	10/17
Anthony Ausmus	10/5
Zach Bertz	10/13
Tabatha Butler	10/23
McKenna DeBar	10/17
Elizabeth DuVall	10/8
Mason Fielding	10/10
Betheny Gregg	10/9
Joshua Hagan	10/10
Megan Henry	10/7
Levi Hillard	10/6
Katelyn Kuebler	10/23
Kennedy Murray	10/10
Eric Parriett	10/31
Isaac Reed	10/22
Karis Thomas	10/7
Hannah Webb	10/29
Logan Wittman	10/27
Jonathan Wright	10/10
Taylor Yount	10/13

DIY HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

By: Milly Iott

Struggling to find the perfect Halloween Costume? Not wanting to spend your whole life's savings on a cheesy costume from some pop-up Halloween store? Then you have found the perfect place! I am happy to tell you that this article has plenty of perfect DIY costumes for you!

The Wicked Weiner:

Hot-dog Costume (1)
Witch Hat (1)

Bob Ross:

Brown Afro Wig (1)
Fake Beard (or real, if you have one) (1)
Button-down Shirt (1)
Jeans (1 pair)
Paint Brush (1)
Paint pallet (1)

Damian from Mean Girls:

Blue Hoodie (put it up and cinch it) (1)
Aviator sunglasses (1)

Sandy from Grease:

Black T-shirt (1)
Black Leather Pants (1 pair)
Red Heels (1 pair)

MOVIE REVIEW: VENOM

By: Mallory Simmons

Marvel's *Venom* was released to theaters on October 5th, 2018. The movie stars Oscar and Academy Award Nominee Tom Hardy as Eddie Brock and Michelle Williams as Anne Weying. The plot started off with Brock trying to expose Carlton Drake (Riz Ahmed), the scientist playing with aliens, but instead, mutating with an alien, Venom. Venom and Brock work as one to stop Drake and his plans to merge all parasites with humans. Besides action of course, there was a romantic story and humor throughout the film. I am a Marvel fan and I thought this Marvel movie had an exciting plot, breath-taking visual effects, and followed the comic well. Unfortunately, many critics do not agree. The Hollywood Reporter described *Venom* as, "a poor second cousin" to all the other Marvel movies. But our Whiteford movie critic, junior Van Morgan, agreed with me as well, saying, "The movie was really good and funny. I was most surprised by Venom taking up a new form to help someone."



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