

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



Superintendent Family Bulletin
February 27, 2022

GREETING

Winter sports are wrapping up soon, and Spring is just around the corner! We continue our work in creating a new five year Strategic Plan. The on-line and in-person stakeholder surveys are now completed and closed. Our next step in the Strategic Planning process is our Retreat. The Retreat is planned for this Saturday, March 5 from 8:30-4pm in the MS/HS Media Center. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. We are seeking representation from students (grades 6-12th), parents/guardians, community members, and staff. If you are interested in participating in the Retreat, please contact Scott Huard with your RSVP at: scott.huard@whiteford.k12.mi.us. We hope you will consider joining us in this important work this Saturday!

CDC TRANSPORTATION GUIDANCE

Effective February 25, 2022, CDC does not require wearing of masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs. Whiteford Agricultural School District will make mask wearing on buses optional effective Monday, February 28.

STAFFING UPDATES

MS/HS ELA Teacher: On Tuesday, February 8, Mr. Mark Truna joined the Whiteford teaching staff as he replaced long-time teacher, Tom Howard, who resigned back in September. Mr. Truna is a Dundee resident, and he graduated from Eastern Michigan University. He most recently taught at Milan Area Schools, where he taught multiple grade levels. At Milan High School, he prepared the entire junior class for the SAT, and he served as Assistant Director for the Drama Department. Welcome to Whiteford, Mr. Truna!

Accounting Assistant: Most of you are aware that Michelle Strick, our Director of Finance & Business, will be retiring at the end of June. Marisa Tebbe-Cousino was hired last Summer to begin training as an accounting assistant and then the next Director of Finance & Business beginning July 1, 2022. On Tuesday, February 15, Laura Cruz-Hartland started work as our accounting assistant to allow Mrs. Tebbe-Cousino further opportunities in her training. Mrs. Cruz-Hartland received her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Lourdes University in May of 2020.. Mrs. Cruz-Hartland is a district resident and children attend Whiteford, and we welcome her to the Whiteford staff family.

School Resource Officer: On Tuesday, February 22, Deputy Bomia had his last day as Whiteford's SRO due to a promotion with the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Mike Depew was identified as his replacement in January, and he has since had on-going training with Deputy Bomia leading up to starting on Tuesday (2/22). Deputy Depew comes to us with extensive field experience, and he is already DARE trained. Welcome to Whiteford, Deputy Depew!

Sixth Grade Teacher: On Friday, March 4, Mr. Les Manley will have his last day of teaching as he begins his retirement. Mr. Manley has taught at Whiteford for the last twenty-five years! Congratulations to Mr. Manley on his retirement, and we wish him well! Miss Samantha Good will be filling Mr. Manley's position for the remainder of the school year. You might recall that Miss Good has been filling the long-term vacancy for our MS/HS ELA teaching position left by Mr. Tom Howard's resignation. Miss Good will be shadowing Mr. Manley this week, and she will officially begin on Monday, March 7.

MARCH BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is March 21, 2022. The Regular meeting will begin at 6:15pm in the MS/HS Media Center.

SCHOOL DELAYS / CLOSINGS

School closing or delay announcements will be sent via the Infinite Campus Messenger systems and announced on the following television stations: Channel 11 (CBS) and Channel 13 (ABC). Announcements should occur no later than 7am. Parents and students are asked NOT to call the school or school officials. When school is delayed due to fog/snow/ice or other emergency conditions, it will be delayed for a minimum of two (2) hours.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

<https://whiteford.nutrislice.com/menu>

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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THIS WEEK

February 28	Varsity Girls Basketball at Adrian Madison vs Sand Creek 7pm (MHSAA District)
March 1-31	March is Reading Month!
March 1	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at Jefferson 5:30pm
March 1	Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
March 3	MSBOA Band Festival 5:30pm Woodhaven High School
March 4	JV/Varsity Boys Basketball vs Bedford 5:30pm (Senior Night)
March 5	Strategic Plan Retreat 8:30-4pm MS/HS Media Center
March 5	WPA Daddy/Daughter Dance 6pm HS Gymnasium
March 5-9	Washington DC Trip

UPCOMING

March 8-9	Elementary Field Trip: Croswell Opera House (Mr. Popper's Penguins)
March 9	Varsity Boys Basketball at Sand Creek vs TBD 7pm (MHSAA District)
March 10-12	Robotics Team District Competition TBD
March 13	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 15	Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
March 16	Half Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
March 16	Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm
March 18	Elementary Yearbook Orders Due
March 18-19	Spring Musical - Into the Woods 7:30pm HS Gymnasium
March 20	Spring Musical - Into the Woods 2:30pm HS Gymnasium
March 28-31	5th/6th Grade Camp Michindoh

We are better together - We are Whiteford!



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