# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Office of the Superintendent of Schools



# SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN MARCH 12, 2023

#### **GREETING**

Hey, Bobcat Families! Last week, I briefly shared about how our new Strategic Plan 2022-2027 was approved by the Board of Education on May 9, 2022, and that we continue to take steps to develop and implement objectives towards meeting our Strategic Plan goals. One such goal is to "Develop and maintain a rigorous and relevant curriculum among all disciplines that is vertically aligned K-12." This work is beginning in the content area of English Language Arts (ELA) for grades KG-8th. Within the last couple of weeks, we have developed two ELA Curriculum Study committees for K-5 and 6-8 that will be meeting over the course of the next 3 months to research, field test, and complete a vetting process to help determine what ELA core curriculum will be best for our K-8 students. We are seeking community volunteers to help in this selection process by completing some research. If you are interested in learning more about the commitment involved in this process, please email me with your interest no later than Thursday (3/16).

We currently have a MS/HS Administrative Assistant position posted due to Mrs. Angel Webb's decision to accept an opportunity with another organization. We are thankful for her dedication to the district, and we wish her well in her new opportunity. The posting expires on Tuesday (3/12) with interviews taking place on Monday (3/20) from 12:15-4:30pm for Round 1, and Wednesday (3/22) from 3:15-5:45pm for Round 2. If you are interested in joining the interview selection committee for either date, please email me your interest with the date(s) you are available. We understand that community support is valuable in promoting student and district success! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

### **PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE**

Once completed, the Whiteford Agricultural School District's Portrait of a Graduate will represent our school district's vision for the 21st century skills, character traits, and/or social-emotional competencies that students need to succeed in college, career, and life.

- What are the hopes, dreams, and aspirations that our community has for its students?
- What are the skills and mindsets our children need for success in this rapidly changing, complex world?
- What are the implications for the design of the learning experiences—and equitable access to those experiences—we provide in our school system?

We are seeking stakeholder feedback as we create our Portrait of a Graduate. Please provide your thoughtful input by completing the following survey: <u>Portrait of a Graduate Survey</u>. The survey should take 2-4 minutes to complete.

The survey questions ask you to select ten (10) key competencies/terms that best reflect the skills, characteristics, and traits the Whiteford Agricultural School District should strive for in a high school graduate. The questions also allow you to share two (2) new competencies you feel were not included on the provided list. Once completed, this survey data will be used to help guide our next steps in prioritizing competencies and drafting a visual representation of our Portrait of a Graduate. This survey is completely confidential and answers cannot be tracked back to the participants. Thank you for your help!

#### SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We are currently in need of substitutes for our Administrative Assistants and Paraprofessionals/Aides positions in both our elementary and middle/high school buildings. If you are looking for a fun way to get involved in our amazing school community, please consider filling in as a substitute in one of our main offices or helping our incredible students and teachers as a classroom paraprofessional/aide. Interested applicants must apply through Applitrack by clicking HERE or

visiting the school website and clicking on the "Job Postings" button on the homepage. Come join our Bobcat family, and encourage your friends to do the same!

# **SCHOOL THREATS ARE NO JOKE**

Now, more than ever, we need to maintain a partnership with parents/guardians to convey a consistent message to our students that regardless of intentions, a joke, prank, or any other intention, it is not okay to talk with friends or post on social media platforms about violence towards individuals, groups, or the school community. We are asking parents/guardians to clearly communicate with their student(s) that violent threats and behaviors are not acceptable. A discussion around possible consequences such as school suspension or expulsion, or prosecution by the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office for making threats of violence would also be appropriate. We ask that parents/guardians continue to stress the importance of how/when to report concerning behavior by utilizing the OK2SAY student safety program, Monroe County Sheriff's Dispatch Center, and/or communicating directly to a Whiteford staff member or school administration. Together, we can be vigilant in identifying possible threats of violence!

# MARCH BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is March 13, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the Bobcat Den located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education Agendas & Minutes are typically posted the Friday preceding a meeting and can be found here: BOE Agenda & Minutes.

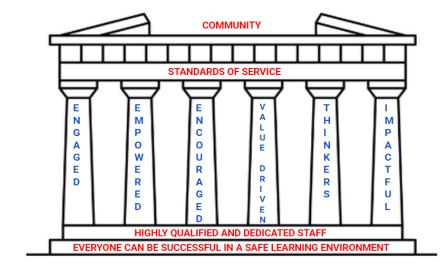
#### WIZARD OF OZ SPRING MUSICAL

Our 21st Musical Production, *The Wizard of Oz*, will run March 17-19th. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30pm and Sunday's performance is at 2:30pm in the high school gymnasium. The running time of the show is 2 hours and 15 minutes including intermission. Tickets for *The Wizard of Oz* are available online at: <u>The Wizard of Oz</u>. Pricing as follows: Bleacher Seating: \$10.00, Floor Seating: \$15.00, OZ Reserved: \$20.00 and Emerald City: \$25.00.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS OF SUCCESS

Whiteford Strategic Plan 2022-2027

- → **ENGAGED** in purposeful learning.
- → **EMPOWERED** for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.
- $\rightarrow$  **ENCOURAGED** by our community.
- → VALUE DRIVEN leaders.
- → Critical **THINKERS**.
- → **IMPACTFUL** in their community.



- → **STANDARDS OF SERVICE** We will treat all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians, community members) with respect, kindness, and professionalism at all times.
- → **COMMUNITY** promotes, cultivates, and celebrates student and district success.

# **BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS**

https://whiteford.nutrislice.com/menu

# **SCHOOL CALENDARS**

2022-2023 School Calendar 2023-2024 School Calendar **THIS WEEK** 

March 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 13 Spring Sports Practices Begin

March 13 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den

March 15-16 4th Grade Wax Museum

March 16 Elementary Reptile Road Show March 16 Spring Sports Media/Photo Day

March 17 8th/10th Grades Holocaust Museum Field Trip

March 17-18 Spring Musical-The Wizard of Oz 7:30pm High School Gymnasium March 18 Varsity Softball Scrimmage vs Rossford at Total Sports 12pm

**NEXT WEEK** 

March 19 Spring Musical-The Wizard of Oz 2:30pm High School Gymnasium

March 20 Elementary Author Visit-Katie Maskey

March 21 MSVMA District 12 Choral Festival 9-2pm Clarenceville High School

March 21 1st/3rd/4th Grades Croswell Field Trip
March 21 Track Scrap Metal Fundraiser Begins

March 21 Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Cafeteria

March 23 KF/2nd/5th Grades Croswell Field Trip
March 23 JV Baseball at Blissfield (DH) 4:30pm
March 23 Varsity Baseball at Blissfield 4:30pm

March 23 Varsity Softball vs St. Mary Catholic Central 4:30pm

March 24 End of 3rd Quarter

March 24 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am

**UPCOMING** 

March 27-31 No School-Spring Break April 7 No School-Good Friday

April 9 Easter

April 10 No School-Easter Break
April 12 State Testing Day
April 13-14 Kindergarten Round-Up

April 17 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den

April 18 Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Cafeteria

April 26 6th/7th/8th Grades Toledo Mud Hens Field Trip
April 29 Junior/Senior Prom 7-10pm Old Mill Museum
April 30 Junior/Senior Post Prom 11-5am High School

May 1-5 Staff Appreciation Week

May 1-12 NWEA Benchmarking Assessment Spring Window May 8 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den

May 10 5th Grade Toledo Zoo Field Trip

May 14 Mother's Day

May 16 Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Cafeteria

May 21 Senior Sunday 3pm High School Gymnasium

May 22 HS Spring Concert & Awards (Band/Choir) 7pm High School Gymnasium

May 24 5th Grade Sauder Village Field Trip

May 25-26 Senior Exams
May 26 Senior Last Day

May 26 Senior Parade/Sunset 6:10pm May 29 No School-Memorial Day

May 30 MS Spring Concert (Band/Choir) 7pm High School Gymnasium

May 31 Senior Breakfast 8am High School Cafeteria

May 31 Senior Graduation Rehearsal 9am Crossroads Community Church

June 1 Commencement 7pm Crossroads Community Church

June 8	Half-Day	/ Early	Release MS	/HS 11am	, Elementary	/ 11:10am
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June 9 End of 4th Marking Period

June 9 Last Day of School

June 9 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am

June 12 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den

June 18 Father's Day

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