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2021 - 2022 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

(Spring Break)

(Memorial Day)

(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

Food Pantry Dates / Hours

Crossroads Church

1st Thursday of Month

4:30 PM—6:30 PM

St. Michael Lutheran Church

2nd Saturday of Month

9:30 AM—10:30AM

Zion Lutheran Church

2nd/4th Tuesday of Month

10 AM—12 PM

<u>Building</u>	Starting Time	Ending Time	Early Dismissal Time
Elementary	7:55 AM	3:10 PM	11:10 AM
Middle/High School			

Apr. 1EARLY DISMISSAL

April 13STATE TESTING DAY

.....NO SCHOOL K-7, 12

Apr. 4-8.....NO SCHOOL

May 30NO SCHOOL

June 9.....EARLY DISMISSAL

June 10*.....EARLY DISMISSAL

year.

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. 11-12 EARLY DISMISSAL		
Nov. 24EARLY DISMISSAL		
Nov. 25-26NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)		
Dec. 22EARLY DISMISSAL		
Dec. 23- Jan. 3NO SCHOOL (Christmas / Winter Break)		
Jan. 12EARLY DISMISSAL (Spring Break)		
Jan. 17NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)		
Jan. 20-21 EARLY DISMISSAL		

Feb. 21NO SCHOOL

Mar. 16.....EARLY DISMISSAL

(President's Day)

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

- *1st Tuesday: 4:00—6:00 Nova Faith 5105 Glendale Ave., Toledo, OH 43614
- *1st Thursday: 4:30—6:30 Crossroads MI 49267
- *2nd Thursday: 4:00—6:00 SSFAC (Social Services for the Arab Community 3110 Tremainsville, Toledo, OH 43613
- *2nd Friday: 10:00—12:00 <u>5 Points @ Augs-</u> burg Lutheran 1342 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH 43612
- *4th Tuesday: 2:00—4:00 BGSU Health & Human Services Building Bowling Green.
- *4th Thursday: 4:00—6:00 Indiana Ave Missionary Baptist 640 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH 43604
- *4th Friday: 2:00—4:00 <u>Agape Com-</u>

- 6960 Sylvania-Petersburg Rd., Ottawa Lake,
- *2nd Tuesday: 3:00—5:00 St. Paul's Episco-<u>pal</u> 798 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616

- *3rd Thursday: 10:00—12:00 Lott Industries 3350 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43607
- *3rd Friday: 2:00—4:00 Winterfield Academy 305 Wenz Rd., Toledo, OH 43607
- OH 43403 *BGSU Spring and Fall Only
- munity Center 225 S. Irwin Rd., Holland, OH 43528

HITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS

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MR. SCHREIBER & TALENTED STUDENTS GIVE US SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT!







A HUGE SHOUT-OUT TO OUR VERY OWN MR. TODD SCHRIEBER who, in his 34th year at Whiteford, was awarded the distinct honor of conducting the TTBB (Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass 1, Bass 2) State Honors Choir! Directors are generally University or Collegiate choir directors or hail from Michigan's big city schools. Furthermore, in past years, State Honors Choir directors were nominated and voted on by all the secondary choir directors in Michigan, but in recent days, an appointed committee selects the directors based on the quality of their high school choir programs and festival ratings. It is extremely rare for a Class C/D director to be granted this unique opportunity, let alone a K-12 teacher; but for those of us who are familiar with the exemplary musical program Mr. Schreiber has spent a lifetime building here at Whiteford, it will come as no surprise that he was chosen for such an extraordinary and prestigious honor! Congratulations, Mr. Schreiber!! We may never understand the how or the why, we just know how very fortunate we are that you chose to stay in our humble little town and bless countless numbers of Bobcats with your remarkable gifts and talents!!

Further congratulations go out to seniors Olivia Cossins and Rylyn Wing for representing Whiteford High School and its choral program this year at the highest level. Last fall, both auditioned for and were accepted into the MSVMA (Michigan Schools Vocal Music Association) Region "C" Honors Choir. On the day of the Region "C" rehearsal and performance in December at Monroe HS, each auditioned for one of 3 State Honors Choirs...SSAA, TTBB and SATB - the letters representing the voicing of the choir by Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. Their high audition scores, which included singing from memory sections of 4 challenging choral pieces and also sight reading, earned them a place in the state-level choirs. Olivia was

chosen as a member of the SSAA State Honors Choir and Rylyn was chosen for the SATB State Honors Choir. Whiteford has been blessed to be consistently represented at this level for the past 20 years. Keep in mind, unlike other school events, these auditions include ALL the high schools in Michigan...Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Traverse City, etc. There is no division by school size. The State Honors Choirs performed on Saturday, January 29th at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids. Mr. Schreiber, Olivia, and Rylyn were all very proud to represent Whiteford in each of the 3 State Choirs! All of the performances were magnificent, and Whiteford alumnus, Jaylon Sims, played percussion for one of the TTBB pieces!



AND....there's more!!! A 3rd tier exists in the Honors Choir Program. Based on the December auditions for the State Choirs, the top 20 scores of each vocal part are chosen to participate in the MSVMA All-State Choir, creating a choir of truly the best singers in Michigan. Rylyn Wing made the cut and will be part of this prestigious choir this coming May at Central Michigan University. Congratulations, Rylyn!

We are all so very proud of the longstanding choral traditions at Whiteford! Mr. Schreiber and his talented singers will soon be moving into the new addition where they will continue building upon their outstanding musical legacy for many years to come!



Superintendent of Schools Scott L. Huard

Board of Education

President Christine Bischoff

Vice President Dave Dixon

> Secretary Mike Iott

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Upcoming Board of **Education Meetings** 6:15 PM

> May 9 June 13 July 11 August 8 September 12 October 10 November 14 December 12

District Mission / Vision

Engaged . in our learning

Encouraged . by our community

Empowered for our world

We are Whiteford!

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE...

Dear Bobcat Family,

April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States since 1983, and it is also Autism Awareness Month. The Child Advocacy Network (CAN) of Monroe County is a non--profit organization of concerned citizens, professionals, and agencies for programs to prevent child abuse and neglect. CAN is inviting all of Monroe County to "Light It Up Blue" for the month of April by displaying blue lights for Autism and a pinwheel, representing innocence as a national symbol for child abuse prevention. As we display pinwheels and blue lights this month, let it serve as a reminder of the bright future all children deserve!

April is also our Testing Month! I like to compare testing to that of making a visit to the doctor for a "well visit" check-up. As children grow, doctors weigh our children and measure their height. The doctors chart their growth and compare it to other children of the same age. They use these charts to understand how children are growing to intervene as soon as possible when needed. We all know how important it is for our children to "grow" academically. In fact, successful learning at an early age is probably one of the most important factors in a child's development, both inside and outside of school. In order to ensure a child's continued success in school, our district gives regular screeners to all K-11th grade students in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. We also administer state and national assessments to help create a data "narrative" or "story" as we seek several data points in determining growth and achievement. Just as doctors use children's weight and height as "well checks" to measure healthy growth and development, we use these screeners and assessments as "well checks" to measure growth of academic skills. Our teachers will use the "well checks" to help plan instruction, interventions, and monitor student progress over time. As your children begin taking assessments this month, please encourage them to give their best effort as we use the data "narrative" or "story" to determine how to best serve our students' well-being! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

Sincerely,

Scott L. Huard

Scott L. Huard Superintendent

Counseling Corner SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER HEAD & LAUREN EHMAN

TIPS FOR STANDARDIZED TESTING

- · Read all instructions thoroughly including passage introductions. They give you a better understanding of the context of the passage.
- · Read questions thoroughly. Many students have the tendency to skip over important details because they are going too quickly.
- * Answer the easiest questions first, then come back. This helps you move through the test faster and not remain stuck on one question for too long.
- Eliminate the obviously wrong choices to narrow down your options.
- · Pace yourself.
- · Get a good night's rest the night before the test.
- * Eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test.
- · Leave your nerves at the door and just do your very best!

Let's Spellabrate!!!!



5th Grade Spelling Bee Champ, Ella Dietz, with 5th Grade Teachers from left to right: Ms. Foster, Mrs. Hillard, and Mrs. Biddle





On March 16th, 2022, Whiteford Elementary held its Annual 5th Grade Spelling Bee. In keeping with tradition, the winner will move on to compete in the county spelling bee competition held this year on May 10th at the Monroe County ISD. Pictured below are the top 10 finishers: Back row from left to right Drew Dubendorfer (runner-up), Ella Dietz (winner), Eliott Thompson, Wyatt Peterlin, Addyson Hill, and Lauren Taylor. Front row from left to right Ellie Rasor, Colton Sager, Gabe Zink, and Grant Rasor. Congratulations to all our magnificent spellers—you're the bees' knees,



ELLA DIETZ, SPELLING BEE WINNER!



BOBCAT ATHLETES EARN POST-SEASON NATIONAL HONORS

On Wednesday, March 9th, nearly 800 were in attendance at the Toledo Seagate Center where the Toledo Wistert Chapter of the National Football Foundation recognized Bobcat football coach Jason Mensing and Whiteford scholar athletes Jack Andrews, Noah Bauman, and Cole Giesige. The Ohio State Buckeyes Head Coach, Ryan Day, was the guest speaker at this exclusive event where only 40 athletes from Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio were chosen based on outstanding football performance, academic achievement, and community and school leadership. Whiteford's own Jack Luettke, who is one of the area organizers of the event, reached out to all the recipients with a phone call and congratulatory words, expressing what a truly special honor it was to have been chosen for this distinguished award.

Furthermore, Ty Ruddy was named BCSN's Unsung Hero and received the MHSAA Farm Bureau Scholar Athlete Scholarship for the 2021 season. It was the first time in Whiteford history that one of our own was awarded this prestigious honor. It's no surprise Ty was chosen consider-



ing he carries a 4.0 grade point average, was one of the captains of the football team, is student council treasurer, senior class president, and a member of the National Honor Society.

After graduation, Jack Andrews will attend University of Toledo to pursue a career in Education and continue on in a Master's of Divinity program to become a Youth Pastor. Noah Bauman will continue his football career as a Laker at Grand Valley State University where he will study Mechanical Engineering. Cole Giesige will be a Pre-Med student and play baseball for the Britons of Albion College this fall. Finally, Ty Ruddy will be burning the midnight oil at Hillsdale College where he'll be majoring in Applied Mathematics and Political Economy. With such outstanding accomplishments and aspirations, the sky's the limit for these brilliant Bobcats!

Whiteford Elementary School Kindergarten Round Up By Appointment Only



Elementary Cafeteria Wed., April 13, 4:00 - 7:00 pm Thurs., April 14, 8:30 - 11:00 am

Please check Whiteford's website (whiteford.k12.mi.us) or our Facebook page for more details, or call the Elementary Office with questions: 734-856-1443 ext. 110

A VISIT TO THE CAPITAL

SUBMITTED BY MS/HS PRINCIPAL JEREMY FIELDER

A group of Whiteford Agricultural School students performed their "Agricultural Issues" project at the highest level Tuesday, visiting Lansing to inform State Senator Kevin Daley about the multi-faceted issue of Foreign Investment in Michigan Farm Lands.

Ava Hillard, Alaina Andrews, Ali Bauman, Shea Ruddy, Madelyn Thomas, Allison Spradling, and Isaiah Joerin performed a mock Senate Committee Session in which each participant represented a specific stakeholder with interest either for or against foreign investment/purchase of Michigan lands. The presentation took

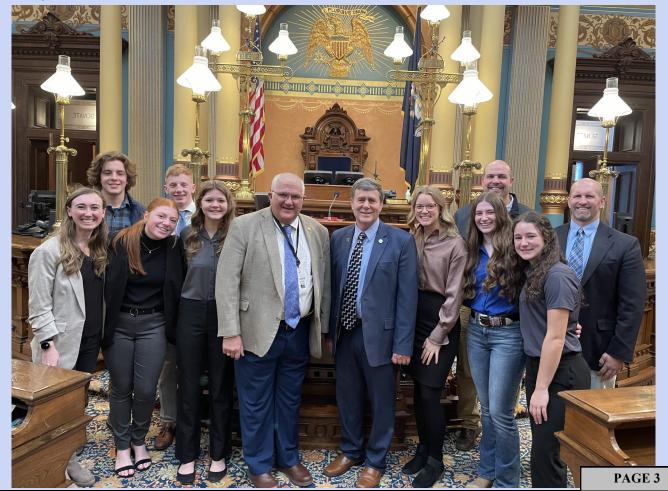


place in a conference room in the Senate office building across the street from the Capital. Following the presentation, Senator Daley asked key questions to help him guide the Agriculture Committee's work as it explores possible legislation tied to the issue. Senator Daley is a farmer from Lapeer, and is a former FFA member.

State Senator Dale Zorn greeted the students following the presentation and accompanied them to the Senate Floor prior to the Senate's session. Zorn introduced the students to the Senate during the open session, and students received a tour of the Capitol building.

The trip was arranged by Jake Gust, the Agriculture Program teacher at Whiteford, and Caitlin Luck, his student teacher who was able to arrange the trip through a few connections in Lansing. Gust, Luck, and MS/HS Principal Jeremy Fielder accompanied the students.

The students placed first in both district and regional competitions, and went on to perform in Lansing at the 94th Annual Michigan FFA State Convention where they clinched a state championship title and will now be performing in the fall at the national level!



MICHIGAN FFA STATE CHAMPS!!!

SUBMITTED BY FFA REPORTER ALAINA ANDREWS AND MR. JAKE GUST



The Whiteford FFA Chapter had the opportunity to attend the 94th Annual Michigan FFA State Convention held at Michigan State University from March 9th-11th. These students represented the Whiteford FFA Chapter while competing in leadership and public speaking contests against chapters from around the state, while others received their State or Outstanding Junior FFA Degrees, or Academic Excellence Awards. The trip was also a great opportunity for Whiteford FFA members to network with members from other chapters, attend a career exploration event with MSU's Plant and Soil Science program, tour the MSU Natural Museum, and participate in other fun chapter events like ice skating at Munn Ice Arena.

In leadership and public speaking contests, Whiteford's Ag Issues team consisting of Alaina Andrews, Ava Hillard, Ali Bauman, Allison Spradling, Madelyn Thomas, Isaiah Joerin, Shea Ruddy, and Noah Bauman were the 2022 State Champions and received a Gold Award! This team was Whiteford's first ever state champion team in an FFA leadership contest and will move on to compete at the National FFA Convention in October. They presented their ag issue on the pros and cons of foreign investment in American farmland.

The following teams or individuals have also spent the last few months working extremely hard and perfecting their performances to prepare for the 2022 State Convention. Below are their results:

Braelynn Chiotti competed in the Junior High Public Speaking contest and received 5th place in the state, earning a Silver Award with her speech on African Swine Fever.

The Junior High Conduct of Meetings team consisting of Cooper Diesing, Nate Andrews, James Holliger, Caden Schroyer, Tyler Welker, Brody Hillard, and Gabe Speweik placed 8th in the state and received a Silver Award. They performed a mock meeting with FFA opening and closing ceremonies while using parliamentary abilities.

The Demonstration team of Grace Brown, Abigail Johnson, and Lexie Tammerine received a Silver Award and placed 11th in the state with their demonstration on "How to Prepare your Horse for a Hunt Show".

Savanna Brown competed in the Prepared Public Speaking contest and earned 12th place and a Silver Award with her speech on Equine Joint Injections.

Other members receiving awards were Alaina Andrews, Ali Bauman, Jake Giesige, Ava Hillard, Erica Holup, Allison Spradling, and Madelyn Thomas who all received their Outstanding Junior Degrees.

Jack Andrews, Noah Bauman, McKenna DeBarr, Mason Fielding, Levi Hillard, Mackinzie Kohler, Ellie Simmons, Karis Thomas, and Adrianna (Anna) VanBrandt received their State Degrees, the highest degree the Michigan FFA has to offer.

We are beyond proud of the hard work and dedication put in by our Whiteford FFA members and the huge accomplishments they made as a result!



SUBMITTED BY KAZIA KRAMER

Whiteford Recreational Club is thrilled to announce that the 2022 Baseball/Softball season is on. We are still looking for volunteers to help us make the season run smoothly. Want to volunteer? Reach out to us on social media or in person. Practices begin in April after spring ADMINISTRATION / break, coaches will be reaching out to parents at that time.

The next WRC meeting will be held on May 3rd at 7:00pm in the high school library. All are encouraged to attend. Follow us at Whiteford Recreation Club for our latest updates.





ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

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 Ext. 309 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

WHITEFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION (WPA) NEWS

SUBMITTED BY JACLYN WARREN

Welcome, spring! It made a brief early appearance on March 5th, just in time to give us ext. 107 or 401 great weather for the Daddy/Daughter luau! This was the first Daddy/Daughter dance in three years due to Covid, and everyone made up for lost time! Check out the WPA Face- Officer book page for some pictures. THANK YOU 100 times over to all the moms and dads who Michelle Strick contributed to the dance, whether by donating snacks or time. Some of the moms (and grandmas!) working behind the scenes put in dozens of hours in the weeks leading up to the Asst. Dir. Of Finance dance, making plans and decorations, and you are so appreciated! The mothers and sons get their turn for fun next with an outing to Indian Creek at the end of April. We will once again be looking for some people who can spare a few hours to volunteer at the zoo that night; watch our Facebook page and the News Blast for opportunities to sign up!

We hope everyone is enjoying your Little Caesars' pizza and owe another thanks to every- ext. 106 one who sold, purchased, and helped distribute orders. The fundraiser was a huge success, OFFICE FAXES and the WPA is one step closer to being able to purchase a much-needed storage shed.

We only have two meetings left for the year! Our new regular meeting time is 6:00PM, and meetings will still be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the elementary cafeteria. We would love to see some new faces at our last meetings of the year!

***Follow us on Facebook-simply search for Whiteford Parents' Association! You can also email us at whiteford.parents@amail.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 and other school year fun!

How to **CONTACT US** MAIN PHONE

734.856.1443

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Athletic Dept. 6 Transportation Superintendent/ Business Office/ Maintenance

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Lauren Ehman

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ACADEMICS REPORT

SUBMITTED BY JASON MENSING, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ADVANCEMENT

When we return from spring break, we will be starting our spring state testing. This testing is required by the state and is for all students. Many are concerned about identifying the results due to the challenge of the pandemic. While we certainly respect that, our view is that the data we will receive from this testing will be utilized to identify the areas of focus for our instruction moving forward. There is no question that the impact of the pandemic has affected all of our students at differing levels, and through this data we will be able to more specifically identify gaps and weaknesses so that we can target built-in interventions. Reminders on key testing dates...

Tuesday, April 12th: start of M-Step for students in 3rd-5th grades

Wednesday, April 13th: PSAT/SAT for 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders; there will be no school for any other students

Thursday, April 14th: WorkKeys for 11th grade

Tuesday, April 19th: start of M-Step for 8th and 11th grade students

Thursday, April 21st: start of M-Step for 7th grade students

Tuesday, May 3rd: start of M-Step for 6th grade students

NWEA testing windows will be formulated during periods when students are not taking state required assessments.

ATHLETICS REPORT

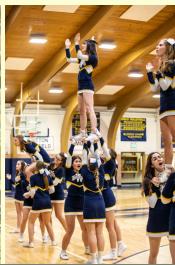
SUBMITTED BY JASON MENSING, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

We had a very successful winter sports season; our Varsity Girls Basketball Team was able to win 9 of their last 11 games to finish their season and our Boys Varsity Basketball Team is 14-7, runner up in the Tri County Conference, and playing for the District Championship. This spring is especially exciting for us as we are hosting the Middle School TCC Track Championships, The Bobcat Legacy Relays, and the MHSAA Regional Track and Field Championships at our new track and field facility. We are extremely thankful to our community and the support of the bond issue to allow for this opportunity for our students. Mike Hughes will return as our head track and field coach, while Chris Thomas will be working with our middle school track athletes. Terry Pant returns as our head varsity baseball coach; he has had a great run as our coach including being the first coach to win 4 consecutive Tri County Conference championships. R.J. Rios will be serving as his assistant and head JV baseball coach. Finally, Matt VanBrandt returns as head softball coach; he will be assisted by Peyton Foster. We are extremely optimistic for a great spring sport season. Our teams were very competitive at both the league and state levels last year and with a great group of returning athletes in addition to stability in our coaching ranks, we anticipate this being another great spring sport season for Whiteford athletics.

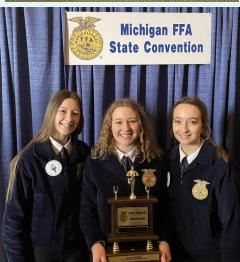






















Winterfest 2022





Anna VanBrandt with parents Audra and Matt VanBrandt



Mr. Whiteford, Ty Ruddy with Queen Anna



Ms. Whiteford Candidate, Zoe Bauman with parents Jen and Mike Bauman



Ms. Whiteford Candidate, Hannah Webb with parents Angel and Derek



Ms. Whiteford Candidate, Rylyn Wing with mom Rebekah Wing



Ms. Whiteford Candidate, Olivia Cossins with big brother PAGE 6 Micah Cossins



Mr. Whiteford Candidate, TJ Murray Mr. Whiteford Candidate, Clay Speweik with parents Melissa and Nick Roth



with parents Aimee and Tim Speweik



Our team this year has 19 students. At competition they are divided into specific roles: drive team, pit crew, strategy/scouting, safety captain and spokesperson. Our team's core values of **creativity**, **persistence**, **excellence** and **teamwork** were clearly evident as they worked together during the entire build season to develop the robot we brought to competition and then as they continued to display these values as they tirelessly supported and encouraged each other, and other teams, during the long competition days. We were able to assist some other teams with their robots in the pit and our drive team was given a sportsmanship award from one of the other teams because of their encouragement on the field. We have a young team that is already looking forward to the 2023 season and anticipating what the new game

challenge will be. We are excited about the future of Robotics at Whiteford! We will miss our three seniors and wish them the best of luck as they pursue their college plans.

Thank you to everybody in the Whiteford community, and beyond, that has supported us. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the involvement and generosity of our incredible community and sponsors. We appreciate you!

Quotes from Team 6570....

Kyle Gray - 3rd Year - Build Team

"It's one heck of a club, I love it. Practice is fun and competition is even better. We are definitely playoff bound this year!"

Jaedon Diesing - 1st Year - Build Team

"I love it. It's a reprieve from stress at home. It helps me improve my ability to use tools and whatnot. I think our design is playoff material... If you want to get hands-on experience with mechanics or programming, here is definitely the place."

Connor Porter - 1st Year - Build Team

"I am enjoying it so much. It's a very welcoming and nice group of people. I'm very excited to see our bot on the field and hopefully beat all of the other bots. Join robotics, because you will LOVE it!"

Luke Murphy - 4th Year - Programming Team

"I love it. I really love doing this, it's so much fun every year. Having a game and having people come up with all these different ideas is really cool. Do it, especially if you're thinking about engineering. It looks great on college apps."

Sidney Miller - 4th Year - Programming Team

"I enjoy robotics. I enjoy the team atmosphere and being able to create something. I would say that robotics is very welcoming and it isn't a huge individual burden like some extracurriculars can become."

Seth Rodgers - 2nd Year - Build Team

"I think it's fun and you learn a lot. I learned how to work around problems and it really helped in some of my classes. Please join, because you will learn a lot of stuff you might have never known before."

Anson Bahls - 1st Year - Programming Team

"I think it's an opportunity to learn new skills and work with people (which I don't normally do). The thought of going to a competition is really nice. It's not as scary as you might think it is. The team is very helpful."

Mr. Welling - Coach - Programming Team

"I'm excited for the opportunity to compete in person again. I'm also excited for this year's game; I think we have a good strategy. I'm excited for the amount of programmers and for veteran programmers. It's the largest year yet, and we are definitely going to miss the seniors."

Mr. Bulmer - Mentor for 4 Years - Build Team

"I think it's coming along well; the kids are coming up with good ideas. I think we're going to do well to win the tournament. My favorite thing about mentoring robotics is watching the kids come up with ideas. They're go-**PAGE 11** ing to be building everything we have in the future."



WHITEFORD ROBOTICS TEAM ENJOYS BEST SEASON YET

SUBMITTED BY CHERYL MURPHY



Saturday, January 8th was the FIRST Robotics 2022 Season kickoff. The Whiteford Robotics Team 6570 was able to login to the livestream of this international event and watch the reveal for the 2022 Competition Season challenge from our Media Center at the High School. The competition this year is **RAPID REACT**SM presented by The Boeing Company. The game uses red or blue game pieces called cargo, which resemble giant tennis balls. Our robot must collect the correct color cargo and deliver it to one of two goals. Each goal has a different point value and there is an exciting multi-tier climbing challenge as well. We participated in week 2 and 4 of the competition schedule in March.

The **Rapid React** competition is broken into three skills challenges.

- 1. <u>An Autonomous Mode</u>: the robot will need to operate independently and execute a pre-programmed task.
- 2. <u>Cargo Delivery</u>: the robot will need to collect and deliver color appropriate balls into the HUB for points, either to a low goal or a high goal.
- 3. <u>Climb</u>: in the Hanger section of the arena there is an obstacle with 4 rungs of various heights. The robot will need to hang and climb to the highest rung it can. The higher the rung, the more points awarded.

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Every year, our team strives to create a robot using the methodology of being **specialized**, **standardized**, and **simple**. Our area of specialization for this year was to focus on the climbing challenge. We worked diligently to design and build a two stage climbing mechanism with a combination of fixed and telescoping hooks that allow us to navigate the hanger bars all the way to the highest, 4th (traversal) rung to achieve the maximum points for that stage of the game. We were able to demonstrate nearly a 100% completion rate for this task during our first competition, during week 2, at Milford HS. Be-

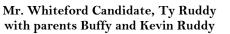
cause of this consistency of performance in the qualifying matches, our team was selected by the 8th seeded team to join their alliance for the play-offs. Even though our alliance was eliminated in the quarterfinals, our team was extremely excited by the overall performance of our robot and our entire team.

Our second district event was held during week 4 of competition at Saline High School. During the two weeks between our first and second competitions we focused on speeding up our climber. We were able to nearly cut our climbing time in half, so that we could spend more time on the field scoring points from shooting the cargo balls into the goal. This strategy paid off immensely. At the end of the qualifying matches we were ranked 9th overall, our highest ranking ever, and during alliance selection we were promoted to captain of the 6th seeded alliance. Our team was also awarded the FIRST Quality Award which "celebrates machine robustness in concept and fabrication." We were chosen for this award because of the consistency of our climber. Earning this award is a testament to the focus and dedication the team had to our initial goal we set back in January to build a robot that was a specialized climber.



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Mr. Whiteford Candidate, Cole Giesige Mr. Whiteford Candidate, Noah Bauman with parents Kim and Troy Giesige with parents Holly and Phil Bauman



King Ty receiving a congratulatory handshake from fellow candidate Cole Giesige...now that's the Bobcat spirit!



Mixing old Bobcat Royalty with the new...from left to right, Mr. Whiteford 2021 Jacob Kahn, Mr. Whiteford 2020 Luke Andrews, Mr. and Ms. Whiteford 2022 Ty Ruddy and Anna VanBrandt, Ms. Whiteford 2020 Ellie DuVall, and Ms. Whiteford 2021Paige Thomas





Whiteford Varsity Cheerleaders cheered the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team on to a 71-53 victory over the Morenci Bulldogs. GO BOBCATS!!



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Whiteford High Takes Us "Into the Woods"!



In the Spring of 2003, we closed our eyes and drew back the curtain on the very first musical production under the direction of Mr. Todd Schreiber. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat certainly was a dream come true. Here we are, 20 shows later, successfully completing a musical journey of Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's Into the Woods.

We made a wish and it definitely came true. The gym was filled with beautiful music, intricate lyrics, emotional tears and raucous laughter. The audiences were welcoming, reactive, and simply captivated by the talent from our student cast.

As the lyrics say, "Into the woods each time you go, there's more to learn of what you know." After 20 years,

we are still learning and growing. This cast is proof that there are no limits to what can be accomplished here at White-ford. Athletes CAN sing and perform on stage! Our talented music students CAN be pushed to their limits with overlapping festivals and the musical yet still perform flawlessly! Just remember, "Anything can happen in the woods, any moment big or small is a moment, after all".

Thank you to everyone who helped with the show in any way. We certainly could not do it without the support of those involved. Until next year, "happy now and happy hence and happy ever after"!! ~Sharon VanLoocke































