

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent of Schools



**Superintendent Family Bulletin**  
**February 6, 2022**

### **GREETING**

We are finally getting a real taste of Winter as we had a week straight of below freezing temperatures followed up with three days of snow. I hope everyone is taking some time to enjoy the Winter season in Michigan! In Spite of our Winter weather, we were able to hold our Miss Whiteford Winter Homecoming Dance last evening. Our athletic teams are gearing up for the final stretch of the basketball and cheer season. Our Robotics team is working hard as they prep for competition in March. The Spring Musical performers and staff are practicing their parts, preparing wardrobes and sets for the performance March 18-19 of "Into the Woods".

Academically, we completed our mid-year NWEA benchmarking tests, and results were shared via report card envelope or mailed to the parent/guardian for students in KG-8th grade. Overall, we continue to see our students make growth progress at an expected or above expected rate; however, we have identified areas where we have grown a bit slower than anticipated. We will drill-down a bit deeper to identify the cause of these slowed rates, and continue to use our W.I.N. blocks to help remediate, extend, and enrich learning opportunities for our students. If you want to learn more about our NWEA benchmarking progress, please attend tomorrow night's Board of Education meeting to hear the short presentation or view the presentation later this week as it will be posted on the Superintendent's page of the website. We are better together - We are Whiteford!

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING STAKEHOLDER IN-PERSON LISTENING SESSIONS**

Our last Strategic Plan was developed in 2017, so it is time again to consider the future focus of the Whiteford Agricultural School District. We encourage all stakeholders to take part in our Stakeholder In-Person Listening Sessions that are scheduled for Thursday, February 24. All sessions will be held in the Whiteford MS/HS Media Center. We hope you will consider attending your designated meeting:

- Middle / High School Student Groups: 10:45-12:45pm (Lunch Blocks)
- High School Student Group: 12:45-1:30pm (Seminar Block)
- Support Staff: 1:30-2:15pm
- Certified Staff: 3-4pm
- Administration: 4-4:45pm
- Parents and Community: 5-7pm

If you are unable to attend the In-person Listening sessions, please complete the Stakeholder survey by February 23 at: [Whiteford Agricultural Schools 2022 Strategic Plan](#) Anonymous individual responses like yours will be combined with those from other stakeholders to provide important community input to the Board of Education and the strategic planning team as it seeks to identify the vision and the means by which to accomplish that vision.

### **STUDENT ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL SAFETY**

As you may be aware, part of our Bond Series work addresses student and staff arrival and dismissal as we create a new bus loop for dropping off and picking up students. This loop will help alleviate some of our current arrival and dismissal safety concerns with congestion and traffic patterns. Until that work is completed, we are asking families for some help in providing a safer arrival/dismissal process. First, we ask all adults and student drivers to please show kindness, patience, and be conscious of students or staff walking in the parking lots or cross-walks. Yielding to another vehicle or person would be appreciated to maintain the safety of all. For arrival, please plan on leaving the house a bit earlier to afford some time in dropping off your child to school between 7:45-7:55am. At dismissal, our middle/high school students dismiss at 2:55pm, and our student drivers and adults picking up a child are typically leaving the parking lot by 3:00pm. **For our elementary student pick up, we are asking our parents/guardians to please arrive after 3:00pm and**

**closer to 3:10pm to pick-up your child.** Elementary dismissal is 3:10pm, and having those parents/guardians arrive after 3:00pm will alleviate congestion in an already limited parking lot. Thank you for helping to be the change and provide a safe environment for our learning community!

### **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHITEFORD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL / FAN OF THE YEAR / WINTER HOMECOMING**

The women's basketball program will be celebrating 50 years of basketball 1972-2022. We invite all past, present, and future Lady Bobcats to be recognized for the past 50 years. Join us as we reminisce about the days gone by and celebrate the accomplishments of our Lady Bobcats. The celebration will take place on Thursday, February 17 during the JV and Varsity Half-Times. We will have a room set up for past players to mingle with light refreshments, enjoy a looping slideshow of team photos, action shots, and records.

On Wednesday, February 16, we will be recognizing Leonard Stovall as "Fan of the Year" for all of his years of dedication in basketball timekeeping at Whiteford.

Winter Homecoming has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 22 as the JV/Varsity Boys take on Morenci. The JV game will start at 5:30pm. We hope that our community will attend as we celebrate our Winter Homecoming!

### **COVID CDC/MDHHS NEW GUIDANCE**

As COVID positive or close contacts are reported, we continue to communicate with each family or staff member about the details of a safe return to school timeline. We continue to follow the CDC and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) guidance with COVID-19 positive and close contacts. You can access this information: [COVID CDC/MDHHS New Guidance 1/13/22](#)

### **SENIOR FAMILIES**

Please order your child's cap and gown online by March 1st. Please have your child check the Class of 2022 Schoology page for the ordering link. Please contact Mr. or Mrs. DeSilvis with questions you may have.

### **FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING**

The next Board of Education meeting is February 7, 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**

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

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### **THIS WEEK**

February 7	Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm MS/HS Media Center
February 8	JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball at Sand Creek 5:30pm
February 8	JV/Varsity Girls' Basketball vs Emmanuel Christian 5:30pm
February 9-10	Spring Student Count Days (State Educational Funding Measure)
February 10	JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball at Blissfield 5:30pm
February 10	JV/Varsity Girls' Basketball vs Sand Creek 5:30pm
February 11	Elementary Candy-Gram Deliveries
February 11	MS Valentine's Activity Night 3-5pm

## UPCOMING

February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) Meeting 8am Elementary Cafeteria
February 15	JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball at Addison 5:30pm
February 15	JV/Varsity Girls' Basketball vs Addison 5:30pm
February 16	JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball vs Britton Deerfield 5:30pm
February 16	Fan of the Year/Hall of Fame Recognition (Honors at Boys' Games)
February 17	JV/Varsity Girls' Basketball vs Britton Deerfield 5:30pm
February 17	50th Anniversary of Whiteford Women's Basketball (Honors at Girls' Games)
February 18	JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball at Summerfield 5:30pm
February 21	President's Day - No School
February 22	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
February 22	JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball vs Morenci 5:30pm
February 22	Winter Homecoming (Celebrated at Boys' Games)
February 22	American Red Cross Blood Drive 2-7pm Elementary Cafeteria
February 24	Strategic Plan Stakeholder In-Person Listening Sessions (See Details Above)
March 1	Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
March 5	Strategic Plan Retreat TBD
March 10-12	Robotics Team District Competition TBD
March 15	Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) Meeting TBD
March 15	Strategic Plan Implementation Workshop TBD
March 16	Half Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
March 16	Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm
March 18-19	Spring Musical - Into the Woods 7:30pm HS Gymnasium
March 20	Spring Musical - Into the Woods 2:30pm HS Gymnasium

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