

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN NOVEMBER 6, 2022

GREETING

Hey, Bobcats! On Thursday (11/10), we will be offering parent teacher conferences from 12-3pm and 4-7pm at both buildings. For the elementary, please look for a message from your child's teacher for a link to sign up using Sign-Up Genius, and for the middle/high school, conferences will be held in classrooms on a first come, first served basis that will last from 5-10 minutes. Since conferences are limited in length, it is important that as a parent/guardian you come prepared to address a couple of items of importance. In general, the goal of conferences for a parent/guardian is to gain some insight into how their child's school day is going with regards to academic work and social interactions with peers. For the teacher, it might be helpful for them to gain insight with how things are going at home. Overall, a partnership between the teacher(s) and parent(s)/guardian(s) is imperative in the future success of the child. Our time is short for an in person meeting, but please know that our teaching staff is willing to communicate further by email, phone, or in person as needed to ensure everyone has a good understanding of their child's academic and social progress. We value the home and school partnership. We are Better Together - We are Whiteford!

CTE PROGRAM EXPO

Whiteford is part of a local consortium that allows students to attend other Monroe County schools for CTE programming. A CTE Expo will be held November 15 from 5-7pm at the Monroe County FairGrounds First Merchants Bank Expo Center. The Expo is designed for parents and students to learn about exciting career pathways and preview career and technical programs in Monroe County. Families will meet with the program instructors, see program highlights, and find out about what courses are being offered in Monroe County.

FOOTBALL

The football team beat Riverview Gabriel Richard 56-19 on Friday night in the District Finals of the MHSAA Football Playoffs. We host White Pigeon on Friday (11/11) in the Regional Final at 7pm. Tickets will be sold using the GoFan App. Please see the district website or social media for the QR code.

Congratulations to Head Coach Todd Theiken and our varsity football team as they clinched our fifth TCC Football Championship in the last seven years. Whiteford has six TCC Champions in school history with the first being won in 1994 under head coach Jack Luettker. The following Bobcats were recognized with honors by the TCC football coaches:

<u>First Team Offense</u>	<u>First Team Defense</u>	<u>HM Offense</u>	<u>Sportsmanship</u>
Kyle Gray (C)	Aidan Cousino (DL)	Shane Suchora (G)	Mason McLaughlin
Brayden Luse (G)	Seamus Waterford (DE)		
Owen Knaggs (T)	Jake Iott (ILB)		
Kolby Masserant (WR)	Stepan Masserant (OLB)		
Shea Ruddy (QB)	Ryin Ruddy (DB)		
Hunter DeBarr (RB)			
Drew Knaggs (RB)			

CROSS COUNTRY

Keegan Masters, Elliott Rodgers, and Zach Kahn competed in the MHSAA Cross Country Finals this past Saturday (11/5). Keegan finished 19th, Elliott 75th, and Zach 142nd out of 259 runners. With Keegan's Top 30 finish, it earned him 1st Team All-State Honors.

The boys cross country team finished third at the TCC Championships with Keegan Masters and Elliott Rodgers earning first team All-TCC. The girls cross country team finished second at the TCC Championships with Emily Rasor receiving

All-TCC honors. Thank you to our seniors Elliott Rodgers, Dylan Anderson, Luke Razor, TJ French, Madelyn Thomas, and Ali Bauman.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team lost in the MHSAA District Volleyball Tournament to Blissfield on Tuesday (11/1). The team finished 2nd in TCC league play. A great season led by our seniors Alaina Andrews, Ava Hillard, Jessica Ulery, Mackenzie Ulery, Alyssa Ulery, Aly VanBrandt, and Allison Spradling. Post season honors meetings will be taking place this week, so I hope to have more to share in the next bulletin.

STUDENT DISMISSAL - MAIN PARKING LOT

We have been studying our current student dismissal process and pick-up procedures. We recognize that we have limited parking spaces in the main parking lot for those parents picking up their child(ren) from the MS/HS or elementary. We will be increasing parking lot spaces with our bond project work in July 2023, but until that time, we need everyone's support and patience for the coming months. We will also be adding new signage, directional arrows, and no parking areas to our parking lot soon. Please remember that our parking lot staff (Mr. Groch & Deputy Benes) are there to ensure safety and support traffic flow. If they request that you move your vehicle, please understand that they are doing it for safety or traffic flow concerns, and it is not personal. We ask for your cooperation as they are there to support the most effective and safe process.

Main parking lot **GENERAL** reminders:

- Parking along the curb near the greenhouse is **permitted** - do your part to eliminate big gaps or spaces between vehicles so we can fit as many cars along the curb as possible
- Parking along the chain link fence near the construction zone is **prohibited** - this restricts traffic flow
- Please drive slowly in the parking lot as we have many students walking to their car or to the elementary
- As you exit the parking lot, we ask that you exit the northernmost entrance/exit, with a **RIGHT TURN ONLY!**

If you are picking up a **MS/HS STUDENT ONLY** in the main parking lot:

- Dismissal is at 2:55pm (11:00am ½ day).

If you are picking up an **ELEMENTARY ONLY** in the main parking lot:

- Dismissal is at 3:10pm (11:10am ½ day)
- **Please do not arrive to pick-up your child until after 3pm.** This will allow our MS/HS traffic and HS student drivers time to exit the parking lot.

Note: If you are picking your MS/HS student up in the **front of the building**, please do NOT allow your child to enter your vehicle on Consear Road. This is extremely dangerous during a busy time of traffic. The pick-up process can go fairly quickly if everyone pulls alongside the curb and exits immediately after your child enters the vehicle.

TOLEDO BUILDING SUPPLY - STUDENT WORKERS

Our 3rd party custodial company is looking to hire a few student workers that are willing to work 2-3 hours after school. The work usually involves cleaning classrooms by emptying trash, washing desks, and sweeping floors. If your high school student is looking for an opportunity to earn some extra income, please contact Linda Driscoll at: ldriscoll@toledobuildingservices.com.

INFINITE CAMPUS

This summer, we have worked hard to develop ways to make the beginning-of-year completion of forms easier and less time consuming for our families. Many of the forms and agreements that were mailed in the past have now been "digitized" and can be accessed through our website or Infinite Campus. **This process will be replacing Registration Day Packets for 6-12th grades and the Emergency Cards for K-12th grades.** Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the information outlined in this [letter](#). We hope that you will find it helpful as we start a new school year. The **ACTION STEPS** for each family are outlined in the letter.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

THIS WEEK

November 6	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 7	MS Boys Basketball at Madison 5pm
November 10	Elementary Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pick-Up 12-6pm Elementary Cafeteria
November 10	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
November 10	Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-3pm & 4-7pm
November 12	MS Boys Basketball at Sand Creek TBD

NEXT WEEK

November 14	MS Boys Basketball at Sand Creek 5pm
November 14	Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm Bobcat Den
November 15	CTE Parent/Student Information Night 5-7pm First Merchants Bank Expo Center
November 15	Whiteford Parent Association Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
November 16	MS Boys Basketball vs Britton Deerfield 4:30pm

UPCOMING

November 21	American Red Cross Blood Drive 9:30-4:30pm MS Gym
November 23	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
November 24	No School-Thanksgiving Break
November 25	No School-Thanksgiving Break
November 28-Dec. 2	Elementary Santa's Workshop
December 2	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
December 2	Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm
December 3	MSVMA Region C Honors Choir
December 5-16	NWEA Benchmarking Assessment Window
December 6	Whiteford Rec Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
December 12	Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm Bobcat Den
December 15	Elementary Winter Musical 6pm High School Gym
December 18	HS Winter Band/Choir Concert 3pm High School Gym
December 19	MS Winter Band/Choir Concert 7pm High School Gym
December 20	Whiteford Parent Association Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
December 22	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
December 23-Jan. 2	No School-Winter Break

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