

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent of Schools



**SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN**  
**JANUARY 29, 2023**

### **GREETING**

Hey, Bobcat Families and Staff! I hope you are having a great weekend! I am happy to share that our district website, <https://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us>, continues to receive on-going revisions and updates as we strive to regularly communicate with our stakeholders and provide a space for relevant information. We hope that all families will find the revisions and updates helpful as you seek information about our district. On our district homepage, you can find Upcoming Events on our calendar, District News & Announcements and quick button access to athletics, staff directory, job postings, registration, Schoology, and Infinite Campus. You will continue to see more updates in the coming weeks, so please check back for new information of importance. We are grateful to Natalie McCormack, owner of [Red Tail Photography](#), for partnering with us to provide high-quality photos of our students on our district home page. We are also excited to share student, staff, and academic/extracurricular achievements through our school district social media outlets: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you haven't been following us, please give us a follow and check out the amazing things students and staff have been accomplishing and celebrate them with us! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

### **2022/2023 DISTRICT/STATE HONORS CHOIR PARTICIPANTS RECOGNITION**

At half-time of Tuesday (1/31) night's boys varsity basketball game, the 2022/2023 District and State Honors Choir State participants will be recognized for their achievement. The recognition will take place at approximately 7:30pm. We hope you will consider joining us as we recognize our students and advisors!

### **WINTER HOMECOMING**

Winter Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, February 17 as the Varsity/JV Boys take on Summerfield. The JV game will start at 5:30pm with the Hall of Fame inductees being recognized prior to the varsity boys' game. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteford will also be crowned during this special evening. We hope that our community will attend as we celebrate our Winter Homecoming!

### **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 to be conscious of students or staff walking in the parking lots or crosswalks. Yielding to another vehicle or person is always appreciated in an effort to maintain the safety of all. For arrival, please plan on leaving the house a bit earlier to drop off your child at the 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 elementary student pick up, we are asking 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!

### **FEBRUARY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

The next Board of Education meeting is February 13, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the Bobcat Den located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education Agendas & Minutes can be found here: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

## COMMUNICATION OF CONCERNS

If a concern or problem arises, it is important that the proper lines of communication are followed. Concerns regarding your child and their educational or athletic experience should be expressed directly with the staff member or coach that it most closely involves and should occur at an appropriate time, place, and with a professional tone. For our older students and athletes, we encourage them to self-advocate with the appropriate staff member or coach. Self-advocacy allows our students and athletes to speak up for themselves, make their own decisions, problem-solve, and develop self-determination. If the student or athlete needs support from a parent/guardian after speaking with a staff member or coach, then the parent should contact the staff member or coach to set up a date, time, and location for a meeting with the student or athlete as appropriate. This provides a process whereby staff members and coaches closest to the situation have an opportunity to understand the student/parent concern, share information that might be helpful to the student/parent understanding, and collaboratively determine next steps towards a solution. In all situations, it is important to presume positive intentions and have an attitude of seeking to understand the situation from both sides. If this meeting does not produce a satisfactory resolution, then the principal or athletic director should be contacted to discuss the situation. If not resolved, then the superintendent can be contacted for further discussion and support. For student-athletes, the following brochure is helpful in understanding [How to Support Your Student-Athlete](#).

## 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 CALENDARS

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

## THIS WEEK

January 30-February 8	Elementary Student Council "Kiss a Pig" Fundraiser
January 30	MS Girls Basketball at Erie Mason 5pm
January 31	Varsity/JV Boys Basketball vs Adrian Madison 5:30pm
January 31	2022/2023 District/State Honors Choir Participants Recognition (Half-Time) approx. 7:30pm
January 31	Varsity/JV Girls Basketball at Dundee 5:30pm
January 31	Girl Scouts Informational Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
February 1	FFA District Leadership Contest 3:30pm MS/HS
February 1	MS Girls Basketball at Summerfield 5pm
February 2	Varsity/JV Girls Basketball vs Morenci 5:30pm
February 3	Varsity/JV Boys Basketball vs Britton Deerfield 5:30pm
February 4	Competitive Cheer at Grosse Ile 1pm
February 4	Ensemble Festival Performance 8pm

## NEXT WEEK

February 6-10	National School Counseling Week
February 6	Elementary Spirit-Superhero Day
February 6	MS Girls Basketball vs Adrian Madison 4:30pm
February 7	Elementary Spirit-Favorite Team Day
February 7	Varsity/JV Boys Basketball at Sand Creek 5:30pm
February 7	Varsity Girls Basketball vs Maumee Valley Country Day 7pm
February 7	Whiteford Recreation Club 7pm MS/HS Media Center
February 8	Elementary Spirit-Pajama Day
February 8	Count Day
February 8	MS Girls Basketball at Lenawee Christian 5:30pm

February 9	Elementary Spirit-Tie Dye or Tons of Color Day
February 9	Varsity/JV Girls Basketball vs Sand Creek 5:30pm
February 10	Elementary Spirit-Wacky Outfit Day
February 10	Competitive Cheer at Columbia Central 6pm
February 11	Varsity/JV Boys Basketball vs Blissfield 12pm

**UPCOMING**

February 13	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
February 13-17	Winterfest Week
February 17	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
February 17	Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm
February 17	Hall of Fame Honorees/Winter Homecoming (Half-Time) approx. 7:30pm
February 18	Miss Whiteford Winter Homecoming Dance 7pm High School Gymnasium
February 20	No School-Presidents Day
February 21	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
February 21	Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm
February 21	American Red Cross Blood Drive 2-7pm Elementary Cafeteria
February 21	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
February 21	Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) Mtg 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
February 24	2022 FFA Nationals/2023 FFA State Participants Recognition (Half-Time) approx. 7:30pm
March 2	District Band Festival TBD
March 2-4	Robotics Competition TBD
March 9	District Band Festival TBD
March 9-11	Robotics Competition TBD
March 12	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 13	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
March 17-18	Spring Musical-The Wizard of Oz 7:30pm High School Gymnasium
March 19	Spring Musical-The Wizard of Oz 2:30pm High School Gymnasium
March 20-22	District 12 Choral Festival
March 21	Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Gymnasium
March 24	End of 3rd Quarter
March 24	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
March 27-31	No School-Spring Break

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