

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN FEBRUARY 5, 2023

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families and Staff! In light of the incidents this past week, I want to take time to outline and clarify our practice when a potential threat of violence or concern is made against our school, students, and/or staff. Threats of potential violence or concern reported during or outside of the school day are handled in similar ways. Obviously, reports received during the school day, while students and staff are in session, may lead to a lockdown due to an emergency or imminently dangerous situation. A potential threat of violence or concern reported during the school day is typically reported by a student or staff member. To our students, staff, or staff members, we continue to emphasize the importance of "See or hear something, say something!" Outside of the school day, a threat of potential violence or concern can be reported via the [OK2SAY](#) student safety program, Monroe County Sheriff's Dispatch Center, and/or communicated directly to a Whiteford staff member or school administration.

Upon receiving the report, our School Resource Officer and school administration are notified with the critical information to determine the urgency and necessity of a possible move to lockdown. Our first response is to make sure that our students and staff are safe. Once the threat is identified, isolated, and removed, an investigation is started and more information is gathered, organized, and analyzed from statements from suspect(s) and witness(s) involving students, staff, parents, and others related to the case.

In Monroe County, we have a Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) protocol that was developed by our Monroe County Intermediate School District Mental Health Team. It is a collaborative problem solving team process that integrates with other interventions. Our School Resource Officer, social worker/counselor, and administration facilitate the BTAM process. The central question with the BTAM is whether a student poses a threat, not whether the student has made a threat. It addresses if the student will need additional interventions and ongoing support and engagement for a period of time to mitigate risk, decrease stressors, and build protective factors. It is an intervention process, but it is not a disciplinary process. Disciplinary decisions are enforced through the Student Code of Conduct or school policies.

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. Parents/guardians need to maintain an understanding of the types of social media accounts and postings children are using. At school this week, we are planning some additional learning and conversation in ms/hs seminar classes around our cell phone policy, communicating clearly that violent behavior is not acceptable, how/when to report concerning behavior, and discussion around possible consequences for making threats of violence. We are better together - We are Whiteford!

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](#).

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

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 Colors 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

NEXT WEEK

February 13	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
February 13-17	Winterfest Week
February 13	MS Girls Basketball at Adrian Madison 5pm
February 13	Varsity Girls Basketball at Washtenaw Christian 5pm
February 14	MS Girls Basketball at Ann Arbor Greenhills 5pm
February 15	MS Girls Basketball vs Summerfield 4:30pm
February 16	Varsity/JV Girls Basketball at Britton Deerfield 5:30pm
February 17	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
February 17	Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm
February 17	Varsity/JV Boys Basketball vs Summerfield 5:30pm

February 17 Varsity Competitive Cheer at Adrian Madison 6pm MHSAA Districts
February 17 Hall of Fame Honorees/Winter Homecoming (Half-Time) approx. 7:30pm
February 18 Miss Whiteford Winter Homecoming Dance 7pm High School Gymnasium

UPCOMING

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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