

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent of Schools



**SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN**  
**MAY 17, 2023**

### **GREETING**

Hey, Bobcat Families! I hope everyone is getting a chance to enjoy this beautiful weather! The change in weather could not have come at a better time as our students and athletes take part in many outdoor events in the last month of school. Many of these events will leave lasting memories for our students, and we are grateful for everyone that plays just a small part in making sure these events take place. Our strategic plan outlines the importance of community, and how members of our community can promote, cultivate, and celebrate student and district success. Without the support of our community, we could not provide the level of learning and programming that is needed in preparing a child for the world today. Thank you for all you do in supporting the Whiteford Agricultural School District students and staff! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

### **22-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR AMENDMENT**

At Monday (5/8) night's Board of Education Meeting, the 2022-2023 School Calendar was amended to reflect the addition of an Early Release on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. On Tuesday (5/23), Whiteford is hosting the Tri-County Conference Track & Field Championships that involves seven teams. Competition buses will arrive between 2-2:15pm. Spectators will begin arriving about 2:15pm with the field events starting at 2:45pm. With our current dismissal times, we would have some major traffic and parking issues leading to safety concerns for our students and staff. Our goal is to free up much-needed parking spaces for spectators. MS/HS will be following an assembly schedule, and students will dismiss at 1:39pm. Elementary students will dismiss at 1:54pm. Bus transportation for our students will still be provided home.

### **APRIL STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to middle/high school building sub, Sheila Smiddy, on being selected as the April Staff Member of the Month. Mrs. Smiddy was nominated by Deb Iott and Kim DeSilvis for her professional, kind, helpful, and positive attitude each and every day. Mrs. Smiddy goes above and beyond each day as she serves the students and staff at Whiteford. Mrs. Smiddy was awarded with a \$100 gift card compliments of Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at the Board of Education Meeting on May 8. Congratulations to Mrs. Smiddy!

### **DISTRICT SAFETY DRILL**

Whiteford Agricultural Schools conducted a School Safety drill on Monday, May 15 at 1:15pm that lasted for about 30 minutes. Our students and staff practiced an evacuation, but we did not leave our school campus. The drill was in cooperation with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office personnel as they conducted a school safety audit. The information collected will be shared with Whiteford Agricultural Schools administrative team and staff to strengthen the safety preparedness of our school. A letter was sent on Friday (5/12) via Infinite Campus Messenger outlining some details of the safety drill. Should you have any questions regarding this drill or the ALICE protocol, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy Brandon Benes at 734-856-1443 Ext. 232 or Scott Huard at 734-856-1443 Ext. 101.

### **WHITEFORD STONECO PARK EVENT**

On May 20, 2023, the Whiteford Township Fall Festival Committee will hold the "Walk in the Park" event at the Whiteford StoneCo Community Park. This event is a huge opportunity for everyone in our community to come together for the purpose of raising funds for building a much-needed community playground which will be inclusive and serve children of varying needs. This fun and exciting dog-walking fundraiser (don't forget a leash!) will feature vendors, food trucks, contests/prizes for your adorable dogs, and much more! The cost is \$10 per family. There will be many great prize baskets from generous sponsors: Fuller & Sons Insurance Agency, Family Farm & Home in Monroe, the Whiteford Greenhouse in Toledo, Hunter's Healthy Treats, and Blaisdell Veterinary Services. Please click this first link for event information <https://linktr.ee/whitefordfallfestival>

## MEAL MAGIC ACCOUNTS

As the school year winds down, we ask all parents to watch the balance in their student's Meal Magic account. If the account is in the negative, please make a deposit to cover the negative balance and any other purchases that may be made through the end of the school year. For parents of a senior, any balance remaining on your senior student's account at the end of the school year will be transferred to a younger sibling's account (if applicable). If there are no other siblings in the district, any balance in excess of \$10.00 will be refunded to the family if a request is made in writing by the parent and a mailing address is provided. These requests should be made to the Business Office (acctg@whiteford.k12.mi.us) by June 16, 2023.

## FFA GREENHOUSE

Whiteford's FFA program opened its greenhouse for business on Thursday, May 4. We have annuals in hanging baskets, patio planters, hanging bags, student built pallet planters, 4" pots, and 48 count flats. We also have a very nice selection of vegetables, as well as perennials in gallon sized 4" pots. The student-built greenhouse is open through Sunday June 4th from 3-7pm M-F and 10-5pm S-S.

## MAY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETINGS

On May 24, the Board of Education will meet to consider and adopt a resolution for the nomination of two six-year terms for the MCISD Board of Education. The Board of Education will meet at 6pm in the Bobcat Den for special meeting #1 to consider the resolution. The 2nd special meeting will take place immediately following the adjournment of the 1st meeting, and the Board of Education will adopt the resolution. There may be other Board actions taken pending further agenda items. The Board of Education agenda will be posted no later than Monday (5/22).

## JUNE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is June 12, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the Bobcat Den located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education agenda is typically posted the Friday preceding a meeting and can be found here: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

## SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We are currently in need of substitutes for our Administrative Assistants and Paraprofessionals/Aides positions in both our elementary and middle/high school buildings. If you are looking for a fun way to get involved in our amazing school community, please consider filling in as a substitute in one of our main offices or helping our incredible students and teachers as a classroom paraprofessional/aide. Interested applicants must apply through Applitrack by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting the school website and clicking on the "Job Postings" button on the homepage.

## STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS OF SUCCESS

### Whiteford Strategic Plan 2022-2027

→ **ENGAGED** in purposeful learning.

→ **EMPOWERED** for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.

→ **ENCOURAGED** by our community.

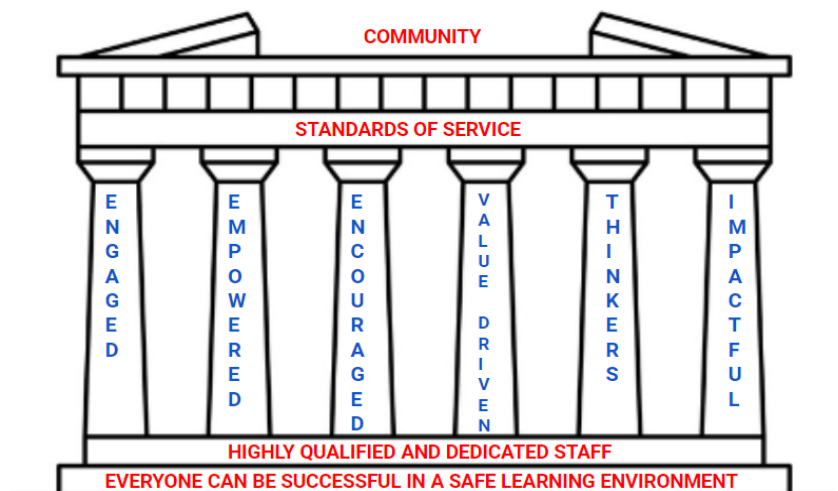
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ Critical **THINKERS**.

→ **IMPACTFUL** in their community.

→ **STANDARDS OF SERVICE** We will treat all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians, community members) with respect, kindness, and professionalism at all times.

→ **COMMUNITY** promotes, cultivates, and celebrates student and district success.



## **BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS**

<https://whiteford.nutrislice.com/menu>

## **SCHOOL CALENDARS**

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

## **ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR**

<https://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us/athletics/>

### **THIS WEEK**

April 10-May 19 M-STEP Grades 3-8 & 11 Window  
May 19 Elementary Field Day 8:30-2:30pm

### **NEXT WEEK**

May 21 Senior Sunday 3pm High School Gymnasium  
May 22 HS Spring Concert & Awards (Band/Choir) 7pm High School Gymnasium  
May 23 Early Release MS/HS 1:39pm, Elementary 1:54pm  
May 24 5th Grade Sauder Village Field Trip  
May 24 HS Awards Ceremony 1:30 HS Gym  
May 24 Board of Education Special Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den  
May 25 Baccalaureate Service 6pm New Life Church  
May 25-26 Senior Exams  
May 26 Senior Last Day

### **UPCOMING**

May 29 No School-Memorial Day  
May 30 MS Awards Ceremony 1:30pm HS Gym  
May 30 MS Spring Concert (Band/Choir) 7pm High School Gymnasium  
May 31 Senior Breakfast 8am High School Cafeteria  
May 31 Senior Graduation Rehearsal 9am Crossroads Community Church  
May 31 Senior Parade/Sunset 6:10pm  
June 1 Commencement 7pm Crossroads Community Church  
June 7 KG Celebration 1:45pm  
June 8 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am  
June 9 End of 4th Marking Period  
June 9 Last Day of School  
June 9 5th Grade Celebration 9:30am  
June 9 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am  
June 12 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den  
June 18 Father's Day  
June 19-23 Camp Invention (Grades 5-6) 8:30-3pm Elementary

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