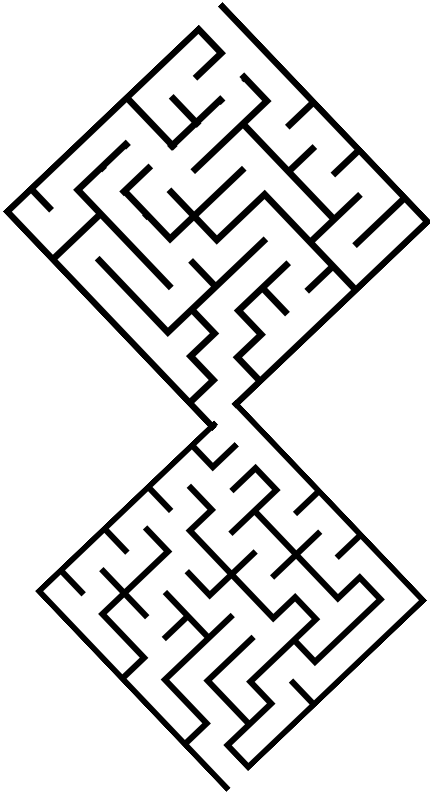


## Maze of the Month:



## Present Adventures:

The Middle School Student Council held a winter themed party on December 15 called the Cookie Boogie. The entry cost for the party was \$5 and it took place in the middle school gym. Mrs. Diesing took over student council after not having a group for several years. Mrs. Diesing suggested sweaters for the party but the student council voted for formal clothing and a formal dance. Sixth Grader Max Pendygraft wore his dad’s suit to the dance and was surprised it fit. The dance entertainment was provided by Mr. Music DJ & Photo Booth. Pendygraft said, “I understood all but two songs because it was music I listened to before. My favorite part was the music.” One hundred and thirty two students attended the dance.

## Alternate Activities: STEM

The Middle School 8th Grade STEM class is a very important part of the Whiteford education system. In STEM the students work on many different projects throughout the year with December making Christmas cards that light up. STEM encourages the 8th graders to dive more into a project with other people. In STEM they learn about a lot of math, science and problem solving. Jameson Babcock said, “We are currently learning about the laws of motion. We get to talk to our friends when working on projects.” STEM gives students an outlet for creativity, a chance for initiative, and working out real-world problems. Brielle White said, “We made a machine that picked up trash. I learned about simple machines with levers and wheels which was all new to me.” The STEM room has two rooms which are brand new because they were built as part of the bond improvement.

## Teacher Talk:

“You do not need to always be perfect, but you should always do the best that you can.”

-Mrs. Diesing



## Student of the Month: November

### Newspaper Made By:

Editor: Indiana Mock

Copy Editor: Aubrey Johnson

Play Back Moments: Norah Thomson, Jaxton Krueger and Grant Rasor

Bio Box: Blair Lake

Alternate Activities: Grant Rasor

Side Bars:

Student of the Month: Norah Thomson

Thomson

Present Adventures: Jaxton Krueger



**Brayden Hawkins (30)**



**Seth Bolicki (29)**



**Brooklyn Rodriguez (28)**

These students were student of the month for **Resilience**.

Resilience is the ability to move through and grow from difficult times.



## Playback Moments

### MS Boys Basketball

Chemistry was the best way to describe this year's middle school basketball team. Just like 8th Grade Coach Masserant said, "Our season was great, we found our chemistry and we worked well as a team in practice and games." Masserant is a former Bobcat and who also played basketball. He said, "I started coaching because I still feel a love for the game of basketball and I want to show kids my passion for the game and help them develop their own." The 8th grade team is 14-0. Quinten Cossins said, "Our strongest asset was teamwork." The 7th grade team, coached by Isaiah Joerin, has a final record of 9-4. Point Guard, Xavier Abalos said about their season, "We ran our plays well and our press was unstoppable!"



### MS Competitive Cheer

The Whiteford Middle School Competitive Cheer Team started their cheer season on November 27th. This is the second year Whiteford has had competitive cheer. Brandy Crawford is their coach. They have their practices on Mondays and Tuesdays with the varsity team in the auxiliary gym. Autumn Swearingen said, "They are working on stunts and tumbling. I focus on tumbling because that is my role during a competition." The girls also go to In10sity gym on Monday nights at 5:30 right after practice for tumbling practice. The team is working on a lot of new skills like their round two and cradle reloads at practice to get ready for their first competition at Clinton High School on January 27. The girls have their second competition at Woodhaven in February. The girls have 3 competitions for the whole 2024 season.

## Bio Box: Natalie Kulhanek


One of the sixth graders, Natalie Kulhanek serves others who are down on their luck. She regularly goes with her mom and her aunt to help in the food pantry at Lower Light Church in Petersburg. She really enjoys doing this. Natalie said, "I enjoy going because you never know what someone is going through until you're in their shoes." Her family donates clothes, blankets, food, and pillows to the homeless. Natalie said, "We mostly go to places in Bedford that help the needy." She started helping a couple years ago. "My favorite part of helping is letting the people know they are not alone," said Natalie. They help around Thanksgiving and Christmas time. They wanted to start helping because they had been in the same situation. Natalie's mom had a house fire when she was little and received help from Lower Light Church during that time. When they got back on their feet, Natalie's grandfather began helping others. and her mom carried on that tradition with Natalie. Natalie said, "Well this happened to us and it happens to other people. They are not alone." Giving is the best part of Christmas season, but anyone can give any time of the year because there is always a need.

## Predict It

Will there be snow on Christmas morning?

42% said there will be snow  
Christmas morning  
68% said there will not be  
snow Christmas morning

## December Birthdays! Students

- Jordan Cole 01 
- Ava Butz 02
- Autumn Swearingen 03
- Grant Rasor 07
- Carter Pawson 08
- Alivia Oloshove 08
- Lillian Couture 09
- Nathan McCullough 14
- Colton Sager 15
- Mason Luzier 16
- Nathan Massingill 20
- Brody Billau 20
- Jackson Cousino 21
- Tony Virost 22
- Natalie Cross 22
- Macy Ovall 22
- Brandyn Palmer 31

### Teachers

- Mrs. Duval 15
- Mr. Fielder 24
- Mrs. Laughlin 24

We are really SORRY Mrs. Diesing. Happy Belated Birthday!!!!

Do you prefer a real or fake Christmas tree?

### He Said:

"I like real trees because we pick one out as a family and that is a fun tradition."  
- Jacob Saylor

### She Said:

"Probably a fake tree because they aren't as messy."  
-Carley Schlachter