

Bobcat Tales

Whiteford Agricultural Schools
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Ottawa Lake, MI 49267



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Ottawa Lake, MI 49267



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2022 – 2023 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

Building	Starting Time	Ending Time	Early Dismissal Time
Elementary	7:55 AM	3:10 PM	11:10 AM
Middle/High School	7:55 AM	2:55 PM	11:00 AM

August 29 Registration Day (Grades 6-12)

August 31 Teacher PD Day

August 31 EL & MS/HS Open House & 6th Grade Orientation

Sept. 6 First Day of School (students report at noon)

Oct. 31 EARLY DISMISSAL (Teacher PD Day)

Nov. 10 EARLY DISMISSAL (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Nov. 23 EARLY DISMISSAL (Start of Thanksgiving Break)

Nov. 24-25 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

Dec. 2 EARLY DISMISSAL (Teacher PD Day)

Dec. 22 EARLY DISMISSAL (Start of Christmas/Winter Break)

Dec. 23-
Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL (Christmas / Winter Break)

Jan. 16 NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 19-20 EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)

Feb. 17 EARLY DISMISSAL (Teacher PD Day)

Feb. 20 NO SCHOOL (President's Day)

Feb. 21 EARLY DISMISSAL (Teacher PD Day)

March 24 EARLY DISMISSAL (Start of Spring Break)

March 27-31 NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

April 7-10 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)

April 12 STATE TESTING DAY (NO SCHOOL K-7, 12)

May 29 NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)

June 8 EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)

June 9* EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams & Last Day of School)

*Pending weather delays/closings; Parents are reminded that additional days may be added to the school year should we exceed our state limitation on number of days/hours cancelled or delayed during the school year.

Food Pantry Dates / Hours

Crossroads Church
1st Thursday of Month
4:30 PM—6:30 PM

St. Michael Lutheran Church
2nd Saturday of Month
10 AM—11 AM

Zion Lutheran Church
2nd/4th Tuesday of Month
10 AM—12 PM



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

*1st Tuesday: 4:00—6:00 Nova Faith
5105 Glendale Ave., Toledo, OH 43614

*1st Thursday: 4:30—6:30 Crossroads
6960 Sylvania-Petersburg Rd., Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

*2nd Tuesday: 3:00—5:00 St. Paul's Episcopal
798 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616

*2nd Friday: 10:00—12:00 5 Points @ Augsburg Lutheran
1342 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH 43612

*3rd Thursday: 12:00—2:00 Lott Industries
3350 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43607

*4th Thursday: 4:00—6:00 Indiana Ave Missionary Baptist
640 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH 43604

*4th Friday: 2:00—4:00 Agape Community Center
225 S. Irwin Rd., Holland, OH 43528

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS

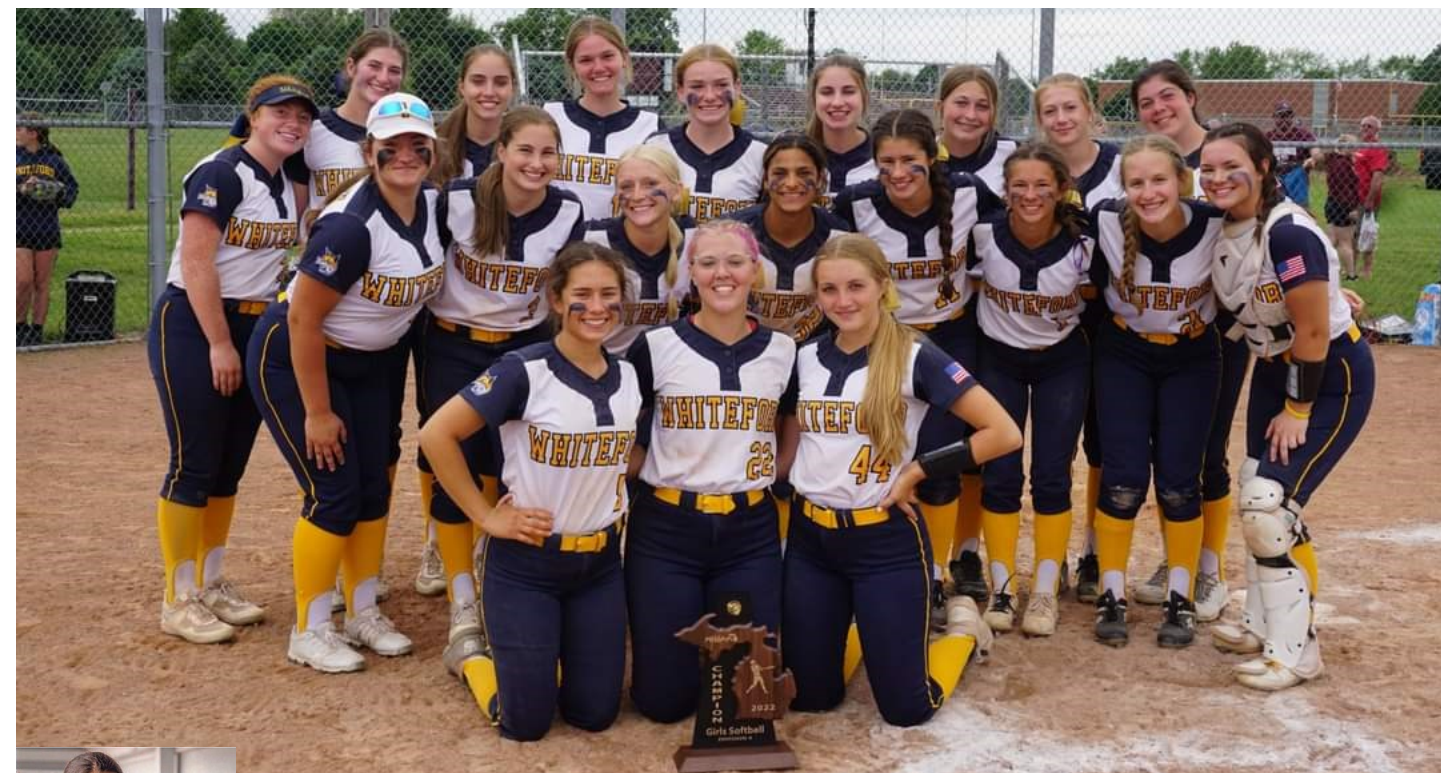
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August 2022

2022 MHSAA STATE RUNNER UP

Congratulations to our incredibly talented softball team (and the amazing coaching staff, too)! They had a stellar season breaking records, clinching TCC, District, and Regional championship titles, and moving on to secure a spot in the state championship game against Unionville-Sebewaing held at Michigan State University where they battled hard and became the 2022 MHSAA State Runner Up team. Most importantly, they achieved this all while maintaining excellent grades and were recognized as a MHSAA Academic All-State Team! Way to go Bobcats!! We would like to wish all the very best to our former seniors, Ambrelle Billau, Berlynn Keller, and Anna VanBrandt, as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. Anna will be attending Ferris State where she will be studying Biology on a Pre-Optometry track. Ambrelle will study to be a Paralegal at UT with a plan to attend law school and ultimately become a JAG Attorney. She also plans to enlist in the 180th Wing of the Ohio Air National Guard. Berlynn is continuing her softball journey at Lourdes University where she will be studying Biology; we will all be rooting for you, Berlynn! We couldn't be prouder of our softball team and all their remarkable accomplishments this season. We look forward to watching them in the spring of 2023!



A big shout-out to Aly VanBrandt who was named Softball Player of the Year! Aly has played travel softball since she was 8 years old, and she has verbally committed to continue playing for Indiana University at the close of her high school career in 2023. Way to go, Aly! Your Whiteford community will be watching you in the coming years!



Superintendent of Schools
Scott L. Huard

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE...

Dear Whiteford Families,

Greetings! As the 2022-2023 school year quickly approaches, I hope that everyone has enjoyed their summer, and excitement is beginning to build in anticipation of a new school year!

At Whiteford, our VISION is to develop value-driven leaders and critical thinkers who will positively impact their community. It is our MISSION and belief that everyone has the ability to be successful by creating an environment that is physically and emotionally safe, hiring and retaining a highly qualified and dedicated staff, and promoting student success through community support.

In order to meet our VISION and MISSION, we have committed to adding additional resources at both the elementary and secondary schools to strengthen our Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS). MTSS is a framework that provides layered support to better meet the needs of ALL students. This is a whole-district continuous improvement framework designed to maximize all student outcomes both academically and behaviorally. We recognize that teachers and support staff across our district provide robust and impactful instruction to all students, as well as additional support to students who indicate they need it. We seek to harness this process so that we are working in concert to identify students who continually need additional support, and ensure we as a district are placing resources and personnel where they will make the most impact. Based upon our new Strategic Plan, which was created this past spring and outlines our Vision and Mission, we have intentionally allocated financial resources through the hiring of new staff to directly support all students at both the elementary and secondary levels.

Research shows that early intervention and support is key to a child's success. At the elementary level, we currently have a Reading Academic Interventionist (Shelly DeVantier) that supports students who are falling behind with reading skills. This year, through the use of ESSER III grant money, we have added a Math Academic Interventionist (Linda Groch) that will support students who are lagging with mathematical concepts. Also, with ESSER III grant money, we were able to hire a Behavior Interventionist (Mariann Hillard) that will support all students by focusing on strengthening our School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions of Support (SWPBIS). This is a three-tiered approach that will support all students and staff, and quickly remediate and support students who are struggling to regulate behavior. We will continue to have a full-time counselor, two special education resource teachers, and our enrichment program, C.L.A.W.S., as a comprehensive plan of support.

At the secondary level, we have added a Reading/Math Academic Interventionist (Missy Haley) that will support students who are falling behind with reading and mathematics skills. A part-time mathematics teacher, Brian VanAlstine, will also help those students struggling in the area of math. These positions were also partially-funded with the additional ESSER III grant money. We continue to have a full-time counselor and three special education resource teachers.

Overall, we are excited about the opportunities that are in store for our students and staff for the 2022-2023 school year. We are grateful for the support of our families and community, and we understand that we cannot do this successfully without the support of everyone. Remember, we are better together, we are Whiteford! Have a great year, Bobcats!

Sincerely,

Scott L. Huard

Scott L. Huard
Superintendent



Board of Education

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Upcoming Board of Education Meetings
6:15 PM

September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12

MS/HS Media Center

District Mission / Vision

*Engaged ...
in our learning
Encouraged ...
by our community
Empowered ...
for our world*

We are Whiteford!

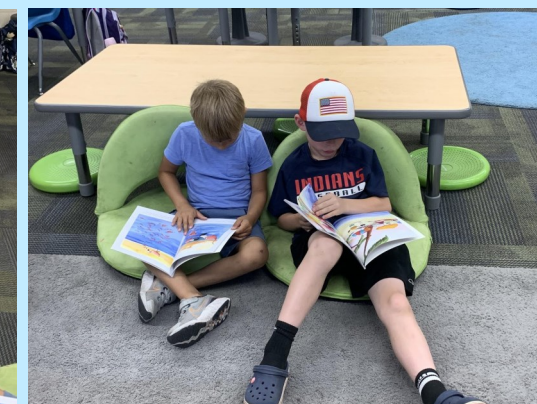
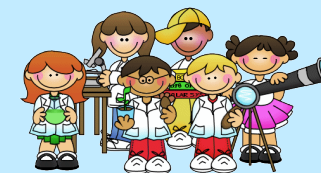
CAMP WHITEFORD

SUBMITTED BY ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL MARCY ANDERSON



Camp Whiteford was another huge success! Students entering grades first through fifth had the opportunity to engage in project-based learning throughout the six weeks. Each week offered new and exciting possibilities where students were learning about force and motion, fractions, flowers, saving the bees, geometry, flamingos, traveling around the world, camping, sunflowers, and they were playing a lot of new games in the "Let's Get Moving" classes. One of the highlights was with Ms. Kwasniak and her class "Horsin' Around" where the students used math, science, and reading to learn about taking care of horses. Of course a class

on horses wouldn't be complete without an appearance from her pony, Bubba Blue. The students had fun engaging in educationally thought-provoking programs while making new friends and strengthening relationships with their teachers and support staff which all helps to foster their social-emotional well being. We ended the camp with our incoming kindergarten students attending a "Kindergarten Bootcamp" for three mornings to help them acclimate to the building and their new teachers. There were 40 kindergarteners getting a head start learning routines, playing games, and getting to know the building. The enthusiasm, energy, and excitement in the building from students and teachers was a wonderful thing during these usually quiet summer months!



Welcome Back!

SUBMITTED BY ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL MARCY ANDERSON



I hope your summer has been filled with fun, relaxation, and some reading, of course! The staff has been eagerly awaiting the day when each of you return to school and join us in all of the fun. The classrooms have been cleaned, re-arranged, and decorated. New supplies have been brought in, pencils sharpened, and books organized. Now the only thing that is missing is your smiling face. We can't wait to start this amazing journey with you. This is going to be a fantastic school year!! We will see you soon!

"The more you read, the more you'll know. The more you know, the more places you'll go." Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss)



Middle School Honor Roll (Spring 2022 4th Quarter)

6th Grade All A's

Butz, Ava
Griffith, Allison
Jurgenson, Harlow
Lake, Blair
Masters, Brody
Suchora, Eva
Vida, Molly
Vida, Rory

7th Grade All A's

Alcock, Brayden
Bieber, Charlie
Biggs, Paityn
Billau, Austin
Call, Cooper
Chiotti, Braelynn
DeBarr, Sierra
DuRocher, Delaney
Eitnrear, Tre
Johns, Sage
Kahn, Sophia
Luse, Kayla
Masters, Marissa
Messerschmidt, Kloe
Miller, Samuel
Prange, Amber

7th Grade All A's cont'd

Schober, Cade
Stevens, Ava
Wood, Avy

8th Grade All A's

Andrews, Nate
Bahls, Mallory
Bauman, Nina
Brown, Nolan
Chung, Iza
Cousino, Addeson
DeBarr, Mason
French, Samuel
Frye, Jenna
Griffith, Cole
Hamid, Sarah
LaVoy, Kailee
Ross, Grace
Ruddy, Drew
Schalmo, Garrett
Schroyer, Caden
Scott, Jake
Shingleton, Rory
Spradling, Bailey
Turvey, Alison
VanHove, Addyson
Welker, Tyler

6th Grade All A's and B's

Biswas, Ellie
Luzier, William
Miller, Jacoby
Milot, Emery
Mohler, Carolyn
Olrich, Jade
Raker, Allen
Rodriguez, Brooklyn
Smith, Parker
Speweik, Glory
Wing, Breslin

7th Grade All A's and B's

Bauman, Austin
Brace, Isabella
Briem, Kaeleigh
Flowers, Joseph
Guilliam, Isabelle
Joerin, Theodore
Krajcar, Piper
Massingill, Hunter
Mills, Conner
Robertson, Blake
Ruddy, Brek
Saylor, Jess
Schroyer, Audrey
Schumacher, Hailey

7th Grade All A's and B's

Smith, Ava
Stevens, Anna
Sulier, Ava
Thomas, Jonathan
Turvey, Amanda
Tyrrell, Brookelynn
Valasek Wienclaw, Alisyn
Valasek, James
Williams, Leah
Wright, Leah

8th Grade All A's and B's

Consear, Lana
Diesing, Cooper
Henegar, Luke
Mills, Blake
Pawson, Allison
Speweik, Gabriel
Thomas, Keegan
Wing, Briar
Zimmerman, Brayden



High School Honor Roll (Spring 2022 4th Quarter)

9th Grade All A's

Biswas, Emmy
Consear, Layla
Emerson, Virginia
Henry, Brooke
Joerin, Rylan
Laws, Olivia
Lehsten, Isabell
Linkey, Adam
Lorenzen, Mariah
Luse, Haley
Masters, Brendon
McClain, Alaina
Mills, Brooklyn
Murray, Kristian
Neal, Dalton
Razor, Emily
Ryan, Jasmine
Saylor, Jenna
Waterford, Malia



10th Grade All A's

Aguado, Miasofia
Briem, Savannah
Conard, Karlei
DeSilvis, Rylie
Dickinson, MaKayla
Gapp, Annabelle
Gorney, Ava
Gray, Kenzie
Henry, Jacob
Kahn, Zachary
Lay, Joslyn
Minkowski, Sofie
Nelson, Unity
Podgorski, Maysen
Ruddy, Ryn
Simmons, Aubrie
Stevens, Noah
Vida, Luke
Webb, Jillian



11th Grade All A's

Andrews, Alaina
Bauman, Ali
Blanchard, Morgan
Butz, Kaitlyn
French, Thomas
Gorney, Braden
Hillard, Ava
Holup, Erica
Lipp, Karmen
Luse, Brayden
McLaughlin, Mason
Mensing, Case
Raymond, Emily
Ruddy, Shea
Spradling, Allison
Thomas, Madelyn
Ulery, Alyssa
Ulery, Jessica
VanBrandt, Alyssa



12th Grade All A's

Bauman, Noah
Bauman, Zoe
Billau, Ambrelle
Creque, Jami
DeBarr, McKenna
Holliger, Rachel
Holup, Stephen
Howell, Molly
Joerin, Iscaiah
Kohler, Mackenzie
Kolmar, Kyra
Miller, Sidney
Murphy, Luke
Murray, Timothy
Oberle, Ryan
Rose-McBee, Jada
Ruddy, Ty
Simmons, Ellie
Speweik, Clayton
Thomas, Karis
Turvey, Keira
VanBrandt, Adrianna
Webb, Hannah
Wing, Rylyn
Wright, Emily
Yavorsky, Makaila

9th Grade All A's and B's

Billau, Lily
Butz, Brady
Butz, Megan
Cousino, Avery
Delmotte, Logan
Fielder, Ava
Palfalvi, Frank
Porter, Connor
Ruehle, Olivia
Smith, Benjiman
Vance, Bailey
Wolniewicz, Audrey



10th Grade All A's and B's

Andrews, Makayla
Bahls, Carleton
Brace, Victoria
Crook, Jayden
Griffith, Keira
Hill, Joshua
Iott, Jackson
Iott, Jacob
Johnson, Abigail
Masserant, Kolby
Parker, Evan
Schaefer, Jacqueline
Schober, Anna
Tammerine, Lexie
Thomas, Margo
Turvey, Emily
Wernet, Emma
Wing, Reagan



11th Grade All A's and B's

Anderson, Dylan
Brown, Logan
DeBruyne, Lexi
DeBruyne, Logan
Donnelly, Addison
Ellis, Alena
Guilliam, Emily
Kolmar, Cameron
McCollum, Kennedy
Razor, Luke
Russell, Kennedy
Siler, Ava
Speweik, Quinn



12th Grade All A's and B's

Andrews, Jack
Biansco, Julian
Boxell, Andrew
Broshious, Tuesday
Brown, Emma
Cossins, Olivia
Fielding, Mason
Giesige, Cole
Hillard, Levi
Keller, Berlynn
McLaughlin, Maximus
Oberle, Nicholas
Pello, Makaylah
Ruehle, Carter
Ruehle, Cooper
Willis, Caleb



NEW FACES AT WHITEFORD SCHOOLS

The first day of school at Whiteford is **Tuesday, September 6th** (school begins at noon for students) and we're excited to announce several new staff members this year as well as some familiar faces in new positions:

Elementary:

- **Emily Nagel** – Kindergarten Teacher
- **Mindy Welch** – K-8 Science/Math STEM Teacher

Middle/High School:

- **Mark Truna** - MS/HS English Teacher
- **Bailey Elekonich** - MS/HS Special Ed. Teacher
- **Marsha Groll** - MS/HS Math Teacher
- **Tori Gossard** - 6th Grade Math Teacher
- **Jeffrey Thomas** - MS/HS Social Studies Teacher
- **Brian VanAlstine** - MS/HS Math Teacher
- **Holly Bunge** - 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
- **Patty Iott** - 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

These current staff members have new positions within the district this year:

- **Linda Groch** - Elementary Academic Interventionist
- **Mariann Hillard** - Elementary Behavior Interventionist
- **Julia Evans** - 2nd Grade Teacher
- **Katie Tabbert** - 3rd Grade Teacher
- **Amanda Diesing** - 6th Grade Social Studies/Science Teacher
- **Missy Haley** - MS/HS Academic Interventionist
- **Jeremy Simmons** - MS/HS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
- **Jim Ross** - Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach
- **Todd Thieken** - High School Head Football Coach
- **Janie Bunge** - Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
- **Ben Avis** - Assistant Football Coach
- **Jay Yockey** - High School Head Track & Field Coach

District Positions:

- **Marisa Tebbe-Cousino** - Director of Finance & Business Services
- **Laura Cruz-Hartland** - Accounting Assistant
- **Anthony Napierala** - Transportation & Buildings and Grounds

Contract Service Providers:

- Mason Spino - Technology Director (UTEC)
- Inbal Lipsky - Technology Assistant (UTEC)
- Shawn Osborn - Supervising Custodian (TBS)
- Char Mars (Cust., Toledo Building Services)
- Claire Huard (Cust., Toledo Building Services)
- Rodney Thomas (Cust., Toledo Building Services)
- Ken Rischman (Cust., Toledo Building Services)

To those employees who have recently retired from the district — [Michelle Strick](#), [Michaele Shepherd](#), and [Les Manley](#) — we thank you for your many years of exemplary service to the district and wish you all the very best! Don't forget, once a Bobcat, always a Bobcat!!!



Hello Bobcat family! My name is Amanda Diesing, and I am so excited to be your new 6th-grade science and social studies teacher! I have been a part of the Whiteford community, both as a parent and a staff member, for many years. I have 4 sons, all of whom attend Whiteford. My oldest will be a graduating Bobcat this year. I am a Deerfield alumnus, and I graduated from Western Governors University in 2020. I love to read, take photos, and be out in the sunshine. I'm so happy to continue my career at Whiteford, and I cannot wait to see you this fall!



My name is Marsha Groll, and I am thrilled to be joining the Whiteford team and family as a junior high math teacher. I earned my bachelor's degree from EMU with a major in mathematics and a minor in biology. I then earned a master's degree from WMU in Mathematics Education. My husband and I have 4 daughters. I spent 9 years home with our daughters, during which I enjoyed teaching fitness classes, such as kickboxing, spinning, and weight training. I have 21 years of teaching experience, both in math and science. I have heard so many wonderful things about the students and staff at Whiteford Middle School/High School. I look forward to meeting many of you and joining such an inspiring group of educators.



Hi Bobcat family! My name is Bailey Elekonich. I will be joining the Middle/High School Special Education team this year! I'm so so excited to be able to share my first year teaching with all of you. I got my degree at Eastern Michigan University in Special Education with a dual certification in Cognitive and Emotional Impairments. I do not have any kids of my own yet, but I am a proud dog mom to a 5 year old Retriever Mix. I have heard nothing but wonderful things about the Whiteford community and am looking forward to experiencing it this year with all of you!

WHITEFORD ATHLETICS

SUBMITTED BY JEREMY SIMMONS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The start of the fall athletic season brings about those special sights and sounds. The music of Mr. Welling's marching band as they precisely maneuver onto the field for a halftime show, the slamming together of shoulder pads of a Whiteford linebacker tackling an opposing foe, our cheerleaders leading the crowd in one of their eighty-five different cheers, the stillness of a cross country meet moments before the starting gun sounds setting off hundreds of cross country spikes in a 3.1 mile sprint, and the squeaks of volleyball shoes and their cheers of congratulations for an ace on a cleaned and glossy gym floor. Throw in the smells of freshly popped popcorn, the changing color of the leaves, and wearing that favorite Whiteford hoodie and the ingredients are there for a classic fall!

I am proud to announce that our fall sports programs are thriving. In Cross Country, we field strong and full men's and women's varsity teams, our Volleyball Team includes two JV teams and a senior-heavy varsity team, and our Football Team returns a number of starters from an impressive 11-2 team last year.

On the gridiron, we welcome Todd Thieken as the head of the varsity Bobcat Football Team. Todd is a familiar face, however, serving on Jason Mensing's staff for multiple years on both sides of the ball. Our Football Team returns numerous letter winners from last year's team and hopes to build upon that success this year.

Our Volleyball Team is led by second year coach Janie Bunge. Volleyball numbers are substantial as we head into the 2022-23 school year prompting coach Bunge to add a second JV team. Janie's robust summer volleyball conditioning program and open gyms will continue to help build a strong program and season.

Jay Yockey enters his third season as Bobcat Cross Country coach. Significant numbers on both the men's and women's Cross Country teams should provide ample excitement as they sprint the 3.1-mile course. The miles put in this summer have helped build a solid foundation for a wonderful racing fall.

Cheerleading coach Kim DeSilvis leads an ever-growing Cheerleading Team. Coach DeSilvis' energy and pep has led her team to new heights. Our Cheerleading Team looks to impress you all with the new skills and cheers learned at camp this summer.

We look forward to seeing you all at one of these Bobcat events!



ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

The Whiteford Athletic Boosters would like to thank everyone who supported our annual golf outing. It was a big success, and we raised a lot of money for our Whiteford athletes! Athletic Booster meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the MS/HS Media Center. Come join the fun and help support Whiteford athletics!

Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are not currently supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, please take a few minutes to register today and help support Bobcat athletics. Go to www.kroger.com, log into your account and follow the links to the Community Rewards page. Select organization number **PV787** as the donation recipient. Remember, this is free money and will not affect your fuel points!

ANNUAL NOTICES

AHERA—ASBESTOS: As required by the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), this is inform you that the documentation for our District Asbestos Management Plan, the semiannual surveillance inspections (continued monitoring of remaining floor tile in our buildings) and the three-year reinspection are available for your review in the Superintendent's Office. Information regarding response actions may also be found in the District Asbestos Management Plan.

All questions relating to the District Asbestos Management Plan should be directed to **Scott L. Huard**, Superintendent, at **734.856.1443, ext. 101**.

CONCEALED WEAPONS: State law establishes a "Weapon-Free School Zone" that extends 1,000 feet from the boundary of any school property.

The term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, guns of any type, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

As a School District, we have policies prohibiting the possession of weapons on school property, inside school buildings, and at school events. Obviously, weapons are not appropriate in a school environment.

These restrictions shall not apply in the following circumstances to persons who are properly licensed to carry a concealed weapon:

- A. A parent or legal guardian of a student of the school may carry a concealed weapon while in a vehicle on school property if s/he is dropping off or picking up the student from the school, and any person may carry a concealed weapon solely in the parking lot.
- B. A county corrections officer, a member of a sheriff's posse, a police or sheriff's reserve or auxiliary officer, a State Department of Corrections parole or corrections officer, a private investigator, a Michigan State Police motor carrier officer or capitol security officer, a state court judge, a security officer required by the employer to carry a concealed weapon while on the premises, a court officer, a parole, probation, or corrections officer or absconder recovery unit member of the Department of Corrections if that individual has obtained a Michigan D of C weapons permit.
- C. Retirees of the abovementioned law officials with the same proper training and weapons permits with the exception of retired sheriff's posse or reserve auxiliary officers and retired security officer.

These are very limited exceptions and do not change the district policy that firearms, pistols, and other dangerous weapons are prohibited on school property. Parents and legal guardians are strongly discouraged from bringing concealed weapons on school property even while in a vehicle for pick-up or drop-off of their student. We urge those individuals authorized to carry a weapon to refrain from doing so while in a vehicle on school grounds or while attending a school sponsored event in respect for the safety of our students.

PETS ON DISTRICT GROUNDS: Students play and conduct class and athletic practices on district grounds on a regular basis. Please help us keep our grounds clean and clear of pet debris by not bringing your pet on the district's grounds. ALL animals (except service animals) are prohibited from being on school property unless approved by the administration.

SCHOOL ZONES: Parents, student drivers and district residents are reminded of the reduced speed (25 mph) in posted "School Zones" on Consear and Sylvania-Petersburg Roads. The reduced speed is in effect from 7:30 AM—8:30 AM and 2:30 PM—3:30 PM. Fines are DOUBLED in these designated areas. To ensure the safety of our children and those approaching the district buildings, please adhere to these speed limits.

USE OF TOBACCO ON SCHOOL PREMISES: In compliance with P.A. 140 of 1993, no person at anytime shall smoke, chew, or otherwise use tobacco products, of any kind, in any school building, at school sponsored events, on School District property, on property under the control of the School District, nor in School District vehicles. This policy is in effect twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year.

WATER QUALITY COMPLIANCE SUMMARY: Due to amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, K-12 schools and day care facilities that are non-transient, non-community water supplies are required to prepare and make available for inspection an annual water quality report from the previous calendar year.

A copy of the report is available for inspection in the Office of the Superintendent, Whiteford Schools, 6655 Consear Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. All questions relating to the water quality compliance report should be directed to **Scott Huard**, Superintendent, at **734.856.1443, ext. 101**.

FOOD SERVICE FAQs

Can my child(ren) eat breakfast at school? YES; breakfast is offered daily for all students from 7:30 AM—8:00 AM in the elementary cafeteria and 7:30 AM—7:55 AM in the middle/high school cafeteria. Students wishing to eat breakfast should enter the café through the designated side entrances.

Where can I find the monthly menus? An interactive menu from our food service provider can be found under the Food Service tab on the district's website (*OUR DISTRICT / FOOD SERVICE / then scroll down to the MONTHLY MENUS heading*). The menus provide many details regarding the food items served in the district (i.e., nutritional information, allergens, etc.).

How much does breakfast and/or lunch cost? Prices for the 2022-2023 school year are:

Milk (grades K-12)	\$0.50	Elementary Lunch	\$2.75 (\$.40 reduced)
Breakfast (grades K-12).....	\$1.10 (\$.30 reduced)	MS/HS Lunch	\$3.10 (\$.40 reduced)

Where can I find an application for Free/Reduced Price Meals? Families are encouraged to annually submit applications for free or reduced priced meals—this includes breakfast and lunch. *Complete the application online at <https://www.familyportal.cloud/>. A link to this site is available on the district's website (*OUR DISTRICT / FOOD SERVICE / then scroll down to the right under the IMPORTANT LINKS heading*). *At the time of this publication, we were experiencing technical difficulties with the online app and hope to have these issues sorted out very soon. A paper copy of the application is also available by contacting your child's respective building office.

What is the Meal Magic® Point of Sale System? Whiteford Schools utilizes a computerized sale system for breakfast and lunch sales, which greatly benefits students, parents, and staff alike. Each student has their own account, and funds stay with the student until they graduate or leave the district. The most efficient use of the Meal Magic® POS system is to put money on your child's account on a regular basis to ensure sufficient funds are available for all meal sales. Meal Magic deposit envelopes are available near each building office.

What happens if my child has a negative balance on their account? Students will be provided an alternate meal that meets all established dietary requirements should they not have adequate funds to purchase a meal for the day; however, parents should note that they are responsible for the cost of any alternate meals provided to their child(ren). Balances must be paid in full as soon as possible.

How do I know if my child is in the negative or has a low balance? Automatic notifications are sent to the email address of the primary contact of the student twice weekly (Wednesday and Saturday evenings) for students whose balance falls below \$5.00. You can also view account balances 24/7 at <https://www.familyportal.cloud/>. *A link to this site is available on the district's website (*OUR DISTRICT / FOOD SERVICE / then scroll down to the right under the IMPORTANT LINKS heading*). *Again, you may experience technical difficulties, which we are working on.

Who do I contact if I have questions regarding my child's account? Marisa Tebbe-Cousino at 734.856.1443, ext. 105 or via email at marisa.tebbe-cousino@whiteford.k12.mi.us. She can also assist you with setting spending limits or restrictions on purchases for your child.

GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEALTHY START!

Mornings can be rushed, but it is important to make time for breakfast. Children can benefit from the School Breakfast Program! Studies show that school breakfast can improve test scores, make kids more alert in class, and improve classroom behavior. *Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal!*

Breakfast is offered daily for all students from 7:30 AM — 8:00 AM in the elementary building and 7:30 AM — 7:55 AM in the middle/high school building.

Prices for the 2022-2023 school year are:

Milk (grades K-12).....	\$0.50
Breakfast (grades K-12).....	\$1.10 (\$.30 reduced)

If morning meals are difficult for your family, let the School Breakfast Program help you out!

HOW TO CONTACT US MAIN PHONE

734-856-1443

PHONE PROMPTS

- 4 Elementary Office
- 5 MS/HS Office Athletic Dept.
- 6 Transportation Superintendent/ Business Office/ Maintenance

ADMINISTRATION / SUPPORT SERVICES

Superintendent
Scott L. Huard
ext. 101 or 401

Elementary Principal
Marcy Anderson
ext. 104 or 110

MS/HS Principal
Jeremy Fielder
ext. 102 or 108

Assistant Principal & Athletic Director
Jeremy Simmons
ext. 103 or 109

Dean of Student Services/Career Coach
Ken Groch
ext. 240

El. Counselor
Lauren Ehman
Ext. 309

MS/HS Counselor
Jennifer Head
ext. 216

Director of Transportation, Buildings & Grounds
Charlie Butz
ext. 107 or 401

Director of Finance & Business Services
Marisa Tebbe-Cousino
ext. 105

Accounting Assistant
Laura Cruz-Hartland
ext. 106

OFFICE FAXES

Elementary Office
734-856-4724

MS/HS Office
734-856-2564

Superintendent / Business Office
734-854-6463

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2022-2023 COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Along with some new faces in our classrooms, we also have a few new faces in our coaching ranks this year. Listed below are the coaches for the upcoming seasons:

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading:

HS..... Kim DeSilvis (Head)
MS..... Brandy Crawford

Cross Country:

Varsity..... Jay Yockey (Head)

Football:

Varsity..... Todd Thieken (Head)
 Tony DuPree (Asst.)
 Ben Avis (Asst.)
JV..... Bob Ondrovick (Head)
MS..... Marcus Luzier
 Rob Recker

Volleyball:

Varsity..... Janie Bunge (Head)
JV..... Jaycie Harris
MS..... Holly Bunge

WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball:

Varsity..... Nick Abalos (Head)
JV..... David DeVantier
7th/8th..... John Rice

Girls Basketball:

Varsity..... Jim Ross (Head)
JV..... Janie Bunge
8th..... Troy Giesige
7th..... Patty Iott



SPRING SPORTS

Baseball:

Varsity..... Terry Pant (Head)
JV..... RJ Rios

Softball:

Varsity..... Matt VanBrandt (Head)
JV..... Peyton Shepherd

Track & Field:

Varsity..... Jay Yockey (Head)
 Ben Avis (Asst.)
MS..... Chris Thomas

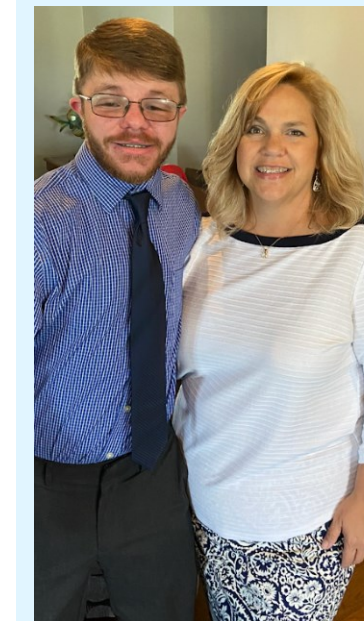
Getting to know our Elementary Principal, Mrs. Anderson!



About Me:

Hi, as many of you know, I am Marcy Anderson. I am extremely honored to be Whiteford Elementary School's Principal. Whiteford has been my family for two and a half decades; it is where I have grown as an educator and mom, it is where my children have grown and learned, it is the family that rallied around me during heartache and celebrated with me during times of joy. What I feel for this school and the people here is indescribable. I started my

career almost 30 years ago, never dreaming I would be where I am today, and loving what I do even more today than that young, enthusiastic, eager 22 year old. I have two Bobcats of my own who are my world. David, class of 2021, is in an apprenticeship program with Roush Performance. He is a hard worker with a kind heart and a great sense of humor. Dylan, class of 2023, loves learning, football, track, musicals, and keeping me on my toes. Spending time with these two is always at the top of my to-do list.



My Favorites:

I love spending time with my family whether we are vacationing in Montana, just chilling by our pond, or playing board games - the laughter is always present. We also enjoy spending time with our friends for game nights; watch out though, it can get pretty competitive. Fall and spring are my favorite seasons. I LOVE reading! Chips and salsa with my mom friends are a must every few weeks, and chocolate...chocolate is a must :). My favorite color is blue because it reminds me of the ocean.

My Education:

I grew up in Blissfield and graduated from Blissfield High School before attending Siena Heights University. At Siena, I earned a Bachelor of Science in Natural Science and Education then a Masters of Education in Elementary Education. I earned my K-12 Administrative Certification from the Michigan Association for Secondary School Principals. This is my formal education - my learning however, never ends!



CAMP INVENTION

SUBMITTED BY ASHLEY RODGERS, 4TH GRADE TEACHER



Camp Invention brings science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to life for children in grades K-6 with hands-on activities focused on developing creative, inventive thinking and problem-solving skills. This summer we had 54 inventors enjoy a fun-filled week. The four modules throughout the week allowed students to discover solutions of their own.

Students explored physics in a game lab during the Marble Arcade class. They were able to create a marble run of their own and figure out the best way to get their marble to race down their track. Throughout the week, new challenges arose such as adding twists and turns, friction to

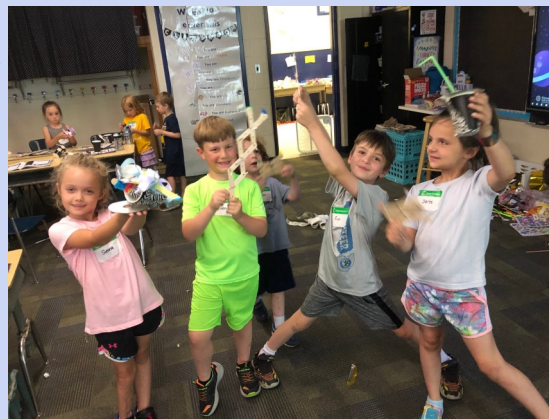
slow their marbles down, and seeing if there was a way to add a pulley to the inventions.

During "Spacecation" students used their problem-solving skills to create prototypes. Some inventions included a space backpack and a mechanical space grabber. Inventors also collected data on how an animal hatches from an egg and would grow in space.

The Attic class invited students to solve riddles to unlock clues to help them learn about some inventions that have changed the way people create. Students created their own skirts, configured an art spinner, and designed their own color.

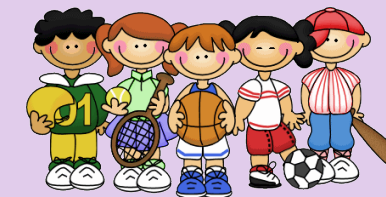
Robotic Aquatics let students explore biodiversity as they created their adopted aquatic animals' scenic habitat. They created a new aquatic plant and learned about animals that live underwater.

Whiteford has enjoyed hosting Camp Invention for the past several years, and we love to see the creative young inventors we have in our community!



SUBMITTED BY KAZIA KRAMER

Welcome back, Bobcats! Whiteford Recreation Flag Football will begin the first week of school. The first practice for all grades will be at StoneCo from 5:30pm until 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 6th. Coaches will divide teams at that time and discuss future practice schedules. We'd love to hear from you! Please join us for Whiteford Recreation Club (WRC) meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month, and follow us on our Facebook page: Whiteford Recreation Club. We look forward to seeing everyone soon. LETS GO BLUE!



WHITEFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION (WPA) NEWS

SUBMITTED BY JACLYN WARREN

Welcome back, Bobcats! The WPA is looking forward to another year of partnering with the school and the community to support our Bobcats as they learn, grow, and have fun doing it! This year, we would like to give everyone as much notice as possible for some of our main events coming up.

- ♦ Mother/Son night will move to the fall this year. Plans are still being made, but it will be sometime in October!
- ♦ Santa's Workshop will run from November 28th-December 2nd.
- ♦ Daddy/Daughter Dance night will be April 22nd.
- ♦ The elementary school carnival/track and field day will be on May 19th, weather permitting- (weather NOT permitting, a rain date will be announced).

Meetings will once again be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the elementary school cafeteria. Those dates are: September 20th, October 18th, November 15th, January 17th, February 21st, March 21st, April 18th, and May 16th. We look forward to seeing all our friends from last year, and some new faces at meetings this year.

Until then, follow us on Facebook-simply search for Whiteford Parents' Association! You can also email us at whiteford.parents@gmail.com. Already following us? Please invite your Whiteford friends to like our WPA Facebook page too! We don't want anyone to miss news and updates regarding all our exciting events and opportunities for parents to get involved!



WHITEFORD ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

WHEN:

August 31, 2022
5:00-6:30pm

WHERE:

Whiteford Elementary Building
6655 Consear Road Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

CLASSROOM TEACHERS:

KG: Mrs. Bowen • Mrs. Nagel • Mrs. Ovall

1st: Mrs. Cisek • Mrs. Prajzner

2nd: Mrs. Best • Mrs. Evans • Mrs. Vogel

3rd: Mrs. Brunt • Mrs. Tabbert

4th: Ms. Hanselman • Mrs. Rodgers

5th: Mrs. Biddle • Mrs. Shepherd (Miss Foster's married name :))

K-5 SPECIALS TEACHERS:

Mrs. Seiser; Art • Mr. Hubbard; PE • Mr. Schreiber;
Music • Ms. Kwasniak; Spanish • Mrs. Welch; STEM
Mrs. Mills; Tech/Library • Mr. Welling; 5th Grade Band

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K-5 BOBCAT
STUDENTS
MEET YOUR
TEACHER FOR
2022-23 SCHOOL
YEAR!

Teacher welcome letters will be mailed to students on Monday, August 22. Please look for these to know which classroom to visit!

Students and guests are asked to use the outside classroom doors to enter and exit their new classroom. Teachers will be in the classrooms to meet and greet their new students and family members.

All parents and children are welcome to attend the Open House.

HOSTS

Mrs. Anderson, Principal
Whiteford Elementary
Teachers and Staff

WHITEFORD MS/HS BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

REGISTRATION DAY

Monday, August 29th, Grades 6-12

This is a one-stop opportunity to receive student schedules, complete all "back to school" documents, and have School pictures taken.

Registration Day Times:

8:30 - 11:30 - Last names A-J
12:00 - 3:30 - Last names K-Z

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 5:00-6:30 PM

**CELEBRATE THE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY MEETING
TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND EXPLORING OUR
UPDATED LEARNING SPACES**

6TH GRADE ORIENTATION/SOCIAL WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 5:00-6:30 PM

5:00-5:15-MEET AND GREET WITH 6TH GRADE TEAM
5:15-5:40-ORIENTATION IN MS GYM
**5:40-6:30-6TH GRADE SOCIAL: HOT DOGS/CHIPS
PROVIDED, WITH OUTDOOR GAMES FOR STUDENTS**



REGISTRATION DAY PROCEDURES

Students and guests are asked to use the doors by the HS office.

Stations will be set up throughout the main hallway.

Student registration packets should be available digitally soon, with materials to be completed, and some returned, on registration day.

GUIDELINES

All parents and students are welcome to attend the Open House

HOSTS

Jeremy Fielder, Principal

Jeremy Simmons, Assistant
Principal/Athletic Director

Teachers and Staff

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