

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent of Schools



**SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN**  
**JANUARY 2, 2024**

### **GREETING**

Hey, Bobcat Families! The new year is a great time to be reminded of our school district's **vision**, "To develop **value-driven leaders** and **critical thinkers** who will **positively impact their community**." As we develop **value-driven leaders**, we consider the growth around a child's character. As a staff and community, we expect every child to develop integrity, responsibility, self-regulation, and perseverance in all situations. As adults, we can continually model these traits and behaviors for our children and take advantage of opportunities to "make things right" when we miss the mark with our own life experiences. As **critical thinkers**, we want our children to evaluate information and arguments, problem solve, and take action on ideas to help solve real world issues/problems. For this, we need to cultivate a growth-mindset within our children where they learn from failure, and we praise hard work and effort. For our children to **positively impact their community**, we need to develop children that show compassion, empathy, and genuine concern for others as global citizens. As citizens, we want our children to show their neighbors kindness and generosity.

At Whiteford, we believe...

- everyone has the ability to be successful.
- in meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs of everyone in an environment that is physically and emotional safe.
- in a highly qualified and dedicated staff.
- community support is valuable in promoting student success.

It truly is a partnership in executing our vision as everyone plays a critical part in the success of our students. I sincerely hope that your family had a wonderful winter break, and your child(ren) are excited about returning to school tomorrow (1/3). We are better together - We are Whiteford!

### **STRATEGIC PLAN BOND PLANNING**

On Wednesday (12/13/23), stakeholders had their first opportunity to hear an update from October's Strategic Planning Stakeholder Meetings, share feedback and interest regarding the scope and costs associated with a possible elementary and athletic bond project, and understand next steps as we consider solutions to stabilize enrollment, lower class sizes, and address athletic complex needs. Stakeholders learned that the bond project would be a ZERO millage bond extension that could raise \$10 million dollars. There would be no tax rate increase as the current 4.93 millage would remain 4.93 for an additional six (6) years with the extension. If you were unable to attend the 12/13/23 meeting, it is recommended that you attend the 1/10/24 meeting at 6:30pm in rooms 2/3 of the middle/high school building. The presentation from the meeting can be accessed here: [Whiteford Bond Planning Stakeholder Meeting 12/13/24](#)

### **2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

At the December 11 Board of Education Meeting, the [2024-2025 Whiteford School Calendar](#) was approved.

### **ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS SURVEY**

We are seeking some information from families regarding Kindergarten enrollment projections as well as interest in a Young 5 or Transitional Kindergarten Program. Please complete the following survey if you will be enrolling Kindergarten student(s) in the future based upon your current situation: [Whiteford Kindergarten Enrollment Survey](#).

### **SAFETY STAKEHOLDER FOCUS MEETING**

As part of our Strategic Plan goal to improve culture and learning environments, we have contracted with American Threat Assessment & Protection to evaluate our current safety processes and procedures at Whiteford. As a way to gather stakeholder safety perception data, we are seeking individuals that would be interested in attending a stakeholder

meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024 beginning at 6:30pm in the Board Rm. This meeting is intended to allow an opportunity to learn more about the perceptions of our stakeholders. If you are a parent, guardian, student, staff, or community member, we value your perspective, and we would like for you to consider participating in this focus group meeting. If you are interested in attending, please contact Scott Huard at: [scott.huard@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:scott.huard@whiteford.k12.mi.us). There is a School Safety Focus Group Pre-Assessment survey that will be completed prior to the meeting.

### JANUARY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is January 8, 2023. The meeting will begin **at 5:30pm** in the board room located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education agenda is posted the Friday preceding a meeting: [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.

### 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.

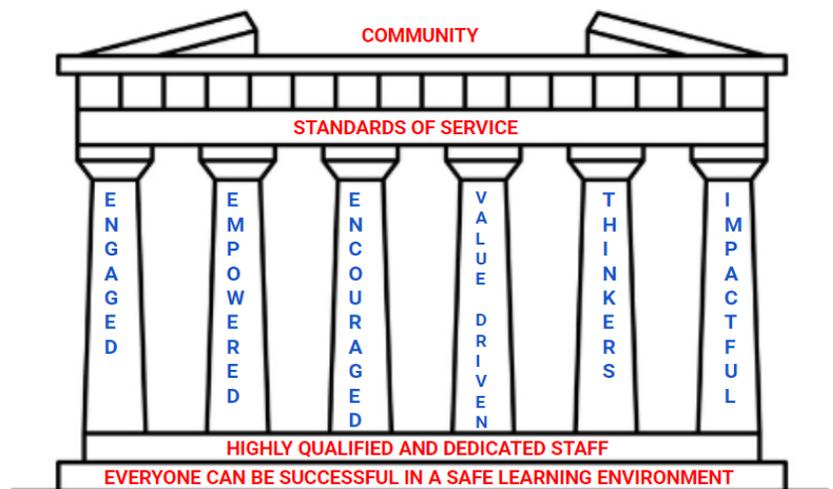
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ 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

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

### ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR

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

### THIS WEEK

January 2	No School - Winter Break
January 3-19	School of Choice 105c Window
January 5	KG-5th Assembly: Lockout Security Training 8:10-8:30am Elementary Cafeteria
January 5	6th-12th Assembly: Lockout Security Training 12:40-1:25pm High School Gym
January 5	KG-12th District-Wide Safety Drill 1:35-1:55pm
January 6	Robotics Kickoff 10am MS/HS Media Center

## UPCOMING

January 8 Board of Education Meeting 5:30pm Board Room  
January 10 Stakeholder Bond Feedback & Interest Meeting 6:30pm MS Rooms 2-3  
January 15 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
January 18 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am  
January 18 Safety Stakeholder Focus Meeting 6:30pm Board Rm  
January 19 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am  
January 19 End of 2nd Marking Period  
January 24 FFA Leadership Contests (Districts) 3:30pm Dundee High School  
January 27 WPA Family Fun Night 6pm MS Gym  
February 3 MSVMA District 12 HS Solo & Ensemble 8am MS Gym  
February 6 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center  
February 7 FFA Leadership Contests (Regionals) 3:30pm Saline High School  
February 16 No School - Teacher Professional Development  
February 19 No School - Presidents Day  
February 20 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am  
February 20 Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-3pm  
February 28 FFA Field Trip: State Convention MSU  
March 5 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7 pm MS/HS Media Center  
March 11-15 Washington DC Trip  
March 14 Field Trip: K-5th Croswell Opera House  
March 15 HS Spring Musical 7:30pm HS Gym  
March 16 HS Spring Musical 7:30pm HS Gym  
March 17 HS Spring Musical 2:30 HS Gym  
March 22 End of 3rd Marking period  
March 22 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am  
Mar. 23-April 1 Spring Break  
March 31 Easter  
April 1 No School - Easter Break  
April 2 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7 pm MS/HS Media Center  
April 10 State Testing Day

My best,



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