

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 1, 2023

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! It is Homecoming Week! There are several activities and special events planned this week to foster school spirit. The MS/HS spirit days are outlined in the calendar section of the bulletin. On Monday (10/2), we will welcome Brad Hurtig as he shares his story with our MS/HS students and staff. Brad was a student-athlete at Fairview High School, a small school in Northwest Ohio. In a devastating workplace accident, Brad lost both of his hands as a sophomore. In his senior year, Brad made a comeback to football and led his team with 111 tackles and received All-Ohio State honors while playing with no hands. Brad will be sharing his "Find A Way" message. On Friday (10/6), we have the traditional homecoming assembly followed by the football game vs Reading. Finally, the homecoming dance on Saturday (10/7) evening will conclude Homecoming week festivities. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned on Friday night at the football game with the King being crowned at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening. The nominations for each grade level can be found on our district website under our Facebook page. We hope many members of our community will consider attending the Homecoming game on Friday night (10/6) as our undefeated Whiteford Bobcat football team takes on Reading at 7pm in the Woods! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

October is National Principals Month! Whiteford Agricultural School District is blessed to have three AMAZING principals. Their hard work often goes unnoticed. We have the entire month of October to celebrate them! Our principals do great work each and every day by investing their time making sure students, families, and staff are supported, using their personal resources and time to fill gaps, and advocating for academic and social experiences that ensure our students reach their highest potential. Please consider taking a moment this month to recognize their hard work! Here are some ways you can recognize our principals: write a thank you note or complete a Celebrate Whiteford Card, give a small gift of appreciation, or simply tell them you appreciate them. Let's make sure Ms. Anderson, Mr. Fielder, and Mr. Simmons are celebrated this month!

STRATEGIC PLAN & ENROLLMENT VISION PRESENTATION

All stakeholders are encouraged to attend as I share progress related to our Strategic Plan 2022-2027 as well as our vision towards projected enrollment patterns. This presentation will offer an opportunity for all stakeholders to not only learn more about future plans, but an opportunity to share feedback and ask questions. The presentation will occur three times on October 3rd, 10th, and 12th. The October 3rd and 10th presentations will be at 6pm and 12th at 8am. All three meetings will take place in the boardroom at the MS/HS.

CELEBRATE WHITEFORD CARD

We want to celebrate the commitment and outstanding acts of kindness and charity of our school family by recognizing individuals who positively make a difference. This is a way to make the invisible - visible! As a parent or community member, you can also join in the attitude of gratitude by completing a card for any staff member. Celebrate Whiteford Cards can be obtained in either school office or the Superintendent's office. Just complete it, and leave it with the administrative assistant.

VOLUNTEER FORM

Whiteford Agricultural School District appreciates your willingness to serve as a volunteer in our district and become a substantial and vital part of our school programs! You can access the form [here](#) or from any school office. Please complete both sides of the form and return it to your student's building office, teacher, or coach. Background checks will be done on an annual basis. The background check process is time consuming; therefore, appropriate lead time must be given to ensure background checks are completed prior to volunteer service at the school or for any function conducted by the school.

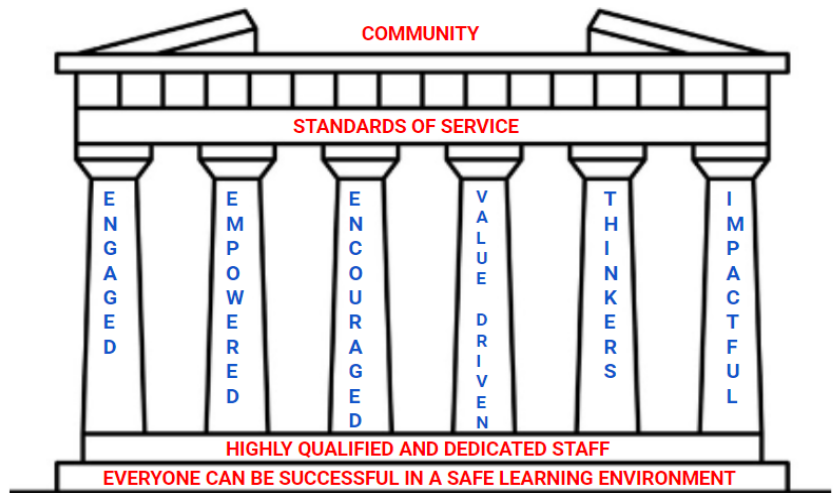
OCTOBER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is October 9, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the board room 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](#).

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

ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR

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

THIS WEEK

- October 1-31 National Principals Month
- October 2-6 Homecoming Week
- October 2 HS Spirit: PJ Day ; MS Spirit: PJ Day
- October 2 6-12th Grades Assembly: Brad Hurtig 2pm Middle School Gym
- October 3 HS Spirit: Twin Day ; MS Spirit: Camo Day
- October 3 Strategic Plan & Enrollment Vision Presentation 6pm Board Rm
- October 4 HS Spirit: Barbie/Ken Day ; MS Spirit: Blue/Gold Day
- October 4 Fall Count Day
- October 5 HS Spirit: Blue/Gold Day ; MS Spirit: 80's/Neon Day
- October 6 HS Spirit: T-Shirt Day; MS Spirit: Jersey Day
- October 6 MS/HS Safety Drill 11am
- October 6 Elementary Safety Drill 12:20pm
- October 6 MS/HS Homecoming Assembly
- October 7 HS Homecoming Dance 7-10pm Middle School Gym

NEXT WEEK

- October 9 KG Field Trip: Gust Farms

October 9 MS/HS Spirit: College Military Apparel Day
October 9 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Room
October 10 Strategic Plan & Enrollment Vision Presentation 6pm Board Rm
October 11 WPA Cookie Fundraiser (KG-6th) Ends
October 12 Strategic Plan & Enrollment Vision Presentation 8am Board Rm

UPCOMING

October 16 10-12th Drive Alive Tour 8-2:30pm
October 17 Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) Mtg 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
October 24 FFA Field Trip: Broiler Contest MSU
October 24 Elementary Hearing & Vision Screenings
October 25 PSAT 8/9 Testing
October 26 NMSQT 10/11 Testing
October 27 4th Grade Field Trip: Country Lane Tree Farm 9:15-2:15pm
October 27 MS Fall Festival 3-5pm Auxiliary Gym
October 30 MS/HS Picture Retake Day
Oct. 31-Nov. 3 FFA Field Trip: National Convention
November 1 No School: Teacher Professional Development Day
November 3 Elementary Picture Retake Day
November 3 End of 1st Marking Period
November 8 Athletic Signing Day
November 9 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
November 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-3pm; 4-7pm
November 11 Elementary Mother/Son Dance 6-8pm Middle School Gym
November 13 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Room
November 15 5th Grade Field Trip: Huntington Center Education Days 9:15-1:50pm
November 20 American Red Cross Blood Drive 8-3pm Auxiliary Gym
November 22 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
Nov. 23-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 6 MS Field Trip: Walleye Hockey Game 10:30am

My best,



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