

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN
OCTOBER 22, 2023

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! I want to thank the many parents, staff, and community members that attended the three (3) Strategic Plan & Enrollment Vision Workshops the past couple of weeks. We had about 100 stakeholders in total attendance for the meetings. During the workshop, I was able to gain much feedback and identified questions, concerns, and considerations for the enrollment vision that would regulate our enrollment growth. For those stakeholders unable to attend, the information gathered for each meeting will be shared on the district website under “Our District” and “Strategic Plan” by the end of this week. Along with those documents, I will include videos that outline details of each presentation. A google survey will be available to collect additional feedback. I am currently researching alternative recommendations that were shared during the meetings, and I hope to share details of our next steps later in November. As I shared in the meetings, no formal recommendation will be made until the January or February Board of Education Meeting, where the Board of Education will make the final decision about how we will handle the enrollment growth/regulation and its effect on grade-level locations and support services.

OCTOBER SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A Special Board of Education meeting has been added for this Tuesday, October 24. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the board room located in the MS/HS. The only agenda item is to allow the Board of Education to hear details of the FY23 financial audit. This is an annual presentation each October, and we are required to have the audit approved by the Board by November 1.

JOB POSTINGS

We currently have some openings that some in our community might have interest in! To highlight a few, we are interested in adding an Elementary and Middle School Robotics program. We are seeking a coach for each group. If you are interested in learning more about being a Robotics coach, please contact Scott Huard at: scott.huard@whiteford.k12.mi.us. Once we can secure a coach for the program, we will begin sharing further information about the Robotics program. We are also looking for a JV Baseball Coach and Assistant Baseball Coach for the spring season. If you are interested in learning more about the baseball coaching positions, please contact Jeremy Simmons at: simmons@whiteford.k12.mi.us. You can apply for these and other job postings on the district website at: [Job Postings](#).

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.

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.

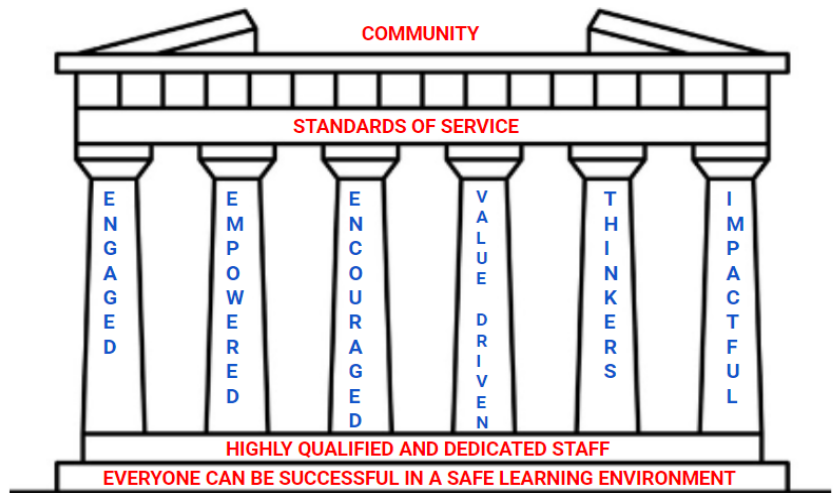
NOVEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is November 13, 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 23-27 Senior Class Corn Hole Boards Auction
- October 23 Elem Spirit: Team Attire Day
- October 23 MS/HS Red Ribbon: Pajama Day
- October 23 MS/HS Hearing & Vision Screenings
- October 24 Elem Spirit: Hat/Head Accessory Day
- October 24 MS/HS Red Ribbon: Hawaiian Day
- October 24 FFA Field Trip: Broiler Contest 8-3pm MSU
- October 24 Elementary Hearing & Vision Screenings
- October 24 Board of Education Special Meeting 6pm Board Room
- October 25 Elem Spirit: Pajama Day
- October 25 MS/HS Red Ribbon: Red Day
- October 25 PSAT 8/9 Testing
- October 26 Elem Spirit: Super Hero Day
- October 26 MS/HS Red Ribbon: Jersey Day
- October 26 NMSQT 10/11 Testing
- October 26 HS Band/Choir Concert 7pm MS Gym

October 27 Elem Spirit: Fitness Attire Day
October 27 MS/HS Red Ribbon: Blue/Gold Day
October 27 Elementary Assembly: MS Band/Choir Concert 8:45am MS Gym
October 27 4th Grade Field Trip: Country Lane Tree Farm 9:15-2:15pm
October 27 MS Fall Festival 3-5pm Auxiliary Gym

NEXT WEEK

October 30 Elem Spirit: Orange Day
October 30 MS/HS Picture Retake Day
October 31 Elem Spirit: Costume Day
October 31 Elementary Halloween Parade 1:45pm
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

UPCOMING

November 6-10 Elementary Scholastic Book Fair
November 7 Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
November 8 Athletic Signing Day
November 9 Cookie Dough Pick-Up
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 Night 6-8pm Middle School Gym
November 13 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Room
November 14 After Prom Parent Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
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 21 Whiteford Parent Association Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
November 22 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
Nov. 23-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27-Dec. 1 Elementary Santa's Workshop
December 5 Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
December 6 MS Field Trip: Walleye Hockey Game 10:30am
December 6 Ensemble Performance: Agora Chorale 7:30pm MCC
December 8 Ensemble Performance: Hope for the Holidays 11:30am Door St.
December 10 Ensemble Performance: Gift of Lights 6pm Indian Creek Zoo
December 10 Ensemble Performance: Christmas Cantata 6:30pm Shelton Park Church of God
December 14 Elementary Christmas Concert 6pm MS Gym
December 16 Ensemble Performance: Matthes Tree Farm 12pm Ida, MI
December 17 HS Christmas Concert 3pm MS Gym
December 18 MS Christmas Concert 7pm MS Gym
December 20 Ensemble Performance: Toledo Zoo 5pm
December 22 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 Winter Break

My best,



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