

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent of Schools



### **SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN** **DECEMBER 3, 2023**

#### **GREETING**

Hey, Bobcat Families! I hope everyone is enjoying the start of the holiday season! The month of December brings about the opportunity for our students to showcase their musical talents. This past Friday (12/1) evening, our HS Ensemble performed at a tree lighting ceremony at the Toledo Club. This week, the HS Ensemble performs at Monroe Community College Wednesday (12/6) evening and again on Friday (12/8) morning for 13 ABC's "Hope for the Holidays". HS Ensemble will perform at the Indian Creek Zoo on Sunday (12/10) at 6pm followed by a Christmas Cantata at 6:30pm at the Shelton Park Church of God. Next week, our elementary students will perform their annual concert on Thursday (12/14). The KG-2nd graders will perform in the middle school gym at 6pm and 3rd-5th graders beginning at 7:15pm. The HS Ensemble will perform Saturday (12/16) at Matthes Tree Farm. On Sunday (12/17) our HS Choir & Band will be performing their Winter Concert at 3pm in the middle school gymnasium, while the MS Choir & Band will be performing their Winter Concert on Monday (12/18) at 7pm in the middle school gymnasium. Finally, the HS Ensemble will perform at the Toledo Zoo on Wednesday (12/20) evening. All of these events are listed on the district website calendar. Our Music Directors, David Welling and Todd Schreiber, have worked hard to prepare our students for what will be great concerts. We invite our community to attend any of these events as we celebrate our students' talents and the holiday season! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

#### **23-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR AMENDMENT**

At the November (11/30) Special Board of Education Meeting, the 2023-2024 School Calendar was amended to reflect the addition of an Early Release on Monday, December 18, 2023. On Monday (12/18), the Whiteford staff will be trained on our new SmartBoot Security System. At the April 17, 2023 Board of Education Meeting, the BOE approved the purchase of the LockOut USA Security System. The installation process is nearly complete. Our first step in the system becoming active is to train staff and students. Staff will be trained on 12/18 in the afternoon after students are released, and students will be trained in January 2024. For 12/18, the elementary will dismiss at 10:55am and the MS/HS will dismiss at 11:05am. Bus transportation for our students will still be provided home. You can learn more about this security system at: <https://lockoutusa.com/>.

#### **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 (ATAP) 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. Safety of our students and staff are of top priority, and we hope you will consider joining this safety focus group.

#### **COMMENCEMENT**

At the November 13th Board of Education meeting, the 2024 Commencement date and time was approved for Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 7pm. Commencement will be held at Crossroads Community Church. The decision to stay at the church and not move to the new high school gymnasium was voted upon by the senior class as they deeply considered the pros and cons of each venue. Ultimately, the students considered the comfort of the seating at Crossroads as being important for our older attendees. Please mark your calendars as we look forward to celebrating the Senior class of 2024.

## DECEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is December 11, 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](#).

## 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.

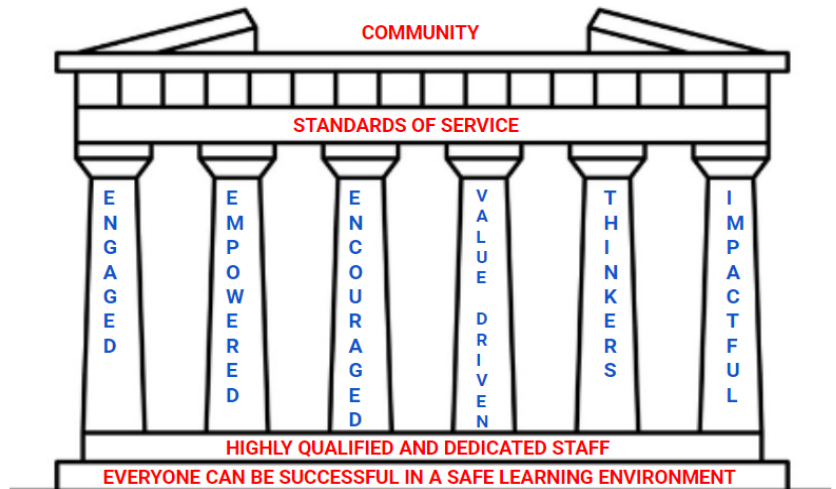
## VOLUNTEER FORM

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.

## 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

December 4-15 NWEA Benchmarking Window  
December 4-21 MS Secret Santa  
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.

#### UPCOMING

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 11 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Rm  
December 14 KG-2nd Grades Elementary Christmas Concert 6pm MS Gym  
December 14 3rd-5th Grades Elementary Christmas Concert 7:15pm MS Gym  
December 15 MS Formal Dance 6pm MS Gym  
December 16 Ensemble Performance: Matthes Tree Farm 12pm Ida, MI  
December 17 HS Christmas Concert 3pm MS Gym  
December 18 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am  
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  
January 2 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center  
January 3-19 School of Choice 105 Window  
January 6 Robotics Kickoff 10am MS/HS Media Center  
January 8 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Room  
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

My best,



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