

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN OCTOBER 2, 2022

GREETING

Hey, Bobcats! 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!

BUS #7 SERVICE SHORTAGE

This coming week has exceptional bus driver shortages due to additional substitute bus drivers not being available. Bus #7 riders will not have bus services Monday (10/3) AM & PM, Tuesday (10/4) AM, and Friday (10/7) AM & PM. We will support any families in a hardship to get their child(ren) to school. Please contact Charlie Butz at cbutz@whiteford.k12.mi.us if you need support due to a hardship. We apologize for the inconvenience.

BUS DRIVER SHORTAGE UPDATE

After last week's bus driver regular and substitute job postings, we had two individuals that showed interest in renewing or obtaining bus driver certification. The next bus driver certification class is in late October, which means if everything goes as planned, we will be fully staffed in November. We also find ourselves unable to provide bus services for a few athletic events this week. We are grateful for the way our community has responded to the recent bus driver shortage. We are hearing how families are supporting each other to ensure that children are getting to and from school on the disrupted day of bus service each week. We are also grateful for those families who are helping our student-athletes get to sporting events.

BUS DRIVER SHORTAGE

Due to a recent bus driver resignation, we find ourselves, like many other districts, experiencing a bus driver shortage. On Friday (9/23), notifications were sent to affected families via email, voice, and text using our Infinite Campus Messenger System that outline our new bus schedule plan. We have eliminated one bus route every day of the week. Bus services will not be available for the following routes: Mondays (Bus #2), Tuesdays (Bus #3), Wednesdays (Bus #4), Thursdays (Bus #5) Fridays (Bus #6). Bus #1 and Bus #7 are not affected unless we are short additional driver(s).

Though we understand that the new plan is not ideal, we are hopeful that it will allow families to plan ahead knowing the weekly bus service schedule. We will support any families in a hardship to get their child(ren) to school. We currently have [Bus Driver Regular Route](#) and [Substitute Bus Driver](#) positions posted on our website. Training is available for interested candidates. Please contact Charlie Butz at cbutz@whiteford.k12.mi.us if you have any questions about your child's bussing schedule, a hardship, or have interest in becoming a regular or substitute bus driver.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is October 10, 2022. The Regular meeting will begin at 6:15pm in the MS/HS Bobcat Den. The Board of Education Agendas & Minutes can be found here: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#)

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.

FREE & REDUCED APPLICATIONS

The nationwide waiver of the Seamless Summer Option that permitted all children to be served free/no cost meals ended. We still need your household to complete the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. The Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications can be completed electronically using familyportal.cloud. Search for Whiteford School District, then click on "Apply for Benefits." If families would prefer to print a paper copy of the application for free and reduced meals, they can do so by clicking on this [link](#). You may also pick up a copy in either school office. Please complete the paper application and return to either school office. If a student qualified for a free or reduced-price meal at the end of the last school year, they will automatically receive a free or reduced-price meal for the **first 30 operating days** of the school year. An application **must be completed** for each family wishing to receive free/reduced-price meals.

INFINITE CAMPUS

This summer, we have worked extremely hard to develop ways to make the beginning-of-year completion of forms easier and less time consuming for our families. Many of the forms and agreements that were mailed in the past have now been "digitized" and can be accessed through our website or Infinite Campus. **This process will be replacing Registration Day Packets for 6-12th grades and the Emergency Cards for K-12th grades.** Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the information outlined in this [letter](#). We hope that you will find it helpful as we start a new school year. The **ACTION STEPS** for each family are outlined in the letter.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

<https://whiteford.nutrislice.com/menu>

SCHOOL CALENDAR

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

THIS WEEK

October 3	MS Volleyball vs Summerfield 4:30pm
October 3	MS Cross Country at Morenci 5pm
October 3	JV Football vs Sand Creek 6pm
October 4	JVB/JVG Volleyball at Bedford 4pm
October 5	Fall Student Count Day
October 5	5th Grade Michindoh Student/Parent Mtg 2pm Elementary Cafeteria
October 5	MS Volleyball vs Lenawee Christian School 5pm
October 5	MS Football vs Holmes Academy 5:30pm (7th Grade)
October 5	MS Football at Adrian Madison 6pm (8th Grade)
October 5	5th Grade Michindoh Parent Mtg 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
October 6	Varsity/JVB Volleyball at Mason 5:30pm
October 7	JR Bobcats Volleyball 3pm
October 7	Varsity Football at Loy Norrix 7pm
October 8	Choir at Whiteford Community Days 10am Stone Co Park

NEXT WEEK

October 10-14	5th Grade Michindoh Camp
October 10	OtisSpunkmeyer WPA Fall Fundraiser Order Forms/Money Due
October 10	MS Volleyball at Morenci 5:15pm
October 10	JV Football at North Central 6pm
October 10	Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm Bobcat Den
October 11	Varsity/MS Cross Country at Adrian Madison 5pm
October 11	Varsity/JVG Volleyball vs Adrian Madison 5pm
October 12	MS Volleyball vs Sand Creek 4:30pm
October 12	MS Football at Summerfield 5pm (7th Grade)

October 12 MS Football at Erie Mason 5pm (8th Grade)
October 13 MS/HS Picture Day
October 13 Varsity/JVB at Morenci 5pm
October 13 JVG Volleyball vs Dundee 5:30pm
October 14 JR Bobcats Volleyball 3pm
October 14 Varsity Football vs Erie Mason 7pm

UPCOMING

October 18 Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
October 24 Hearing & Vision Screening (MS/HS)
October 24-25 Hearing & Vision Screening (Elementary)
October 27 HS Band/Choir Concert 7pm High School Gymnasium
October 31 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
October 31 Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm
November 4 End of 1st Marking Period
November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 10 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
November 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-3pm & 4-7pm

We are better together - We are Whiteford!



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