

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent of Schools



**SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN**  
**OCTOBER 23, 2022**

### **GREETING**

Hey, Bobcats! This week, we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week: "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free." The National Family Partnership (HFP) organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign in response to the murder of Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique Camarena who was killed in Mexico in 1985. When he decided to join the US Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I'm only one person," he told her, "but I want to make a difference." After his murder, parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the destruction caused by drugs in America. Our students and staff will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week with dress up days as we "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free." Red Ribbon week inspires our kids to be brave, happy, and drug-free! We are Better Together, We are Whiteford!

### **STUDENT DISMISSAL - MAIN PARKING LOT**

We have been studying our current student dismissal process and pick-up procedures. We recognize that we have limited parking spaces in the main parking lot for those parents picking up their child(ren) from the MS/HS or elementary. We will be increasing parking lot spaces with our bond project work in July 2023, but until that time, we need everyone's support and patience for the coming months. We will also be adding new signage, directional arrows, and no parking areas to our parking lot soon. Please remember that our parking lot staff (Mr. Groch & Deputy Benes) are there to ensure safety and support traffic flow. If they request that you move your vehicle, please understand that they are doing it for safety or traffic flow concerns, and it is not personal. We ask for your cooperation as they are there to support the most effective and safe process.

Main parking lot **GENERAL** reminders:

- Parking along the curb near the greenhouse is **permitted** - do your part to eliminate big gaps or spaces between vehicles so we can fit as many cars along the curb as possible
- Parking along the chain link fence near the construction zone is **prohibited** - this restricts traffic flow
- Please drive slowly in the parking lot as we have many students walking to their car or to the elementary
- As you exit the parking lot, we ask that you exit the northernmost entrance/exit, with a **RIGHT TURN ONLY!**

If you are picking up a **MS/HS STUDENT ONLY** in the main parking lot:

- Dismissal is at 2:55pm (11:00am ½ day).

If you are picking up an **ELEMENTARY ONLY** in the main parking lot:

- Dismissal is at 3:10pm (11:10am ½ day)
- **Please do not arrive to pick-up your child until after 3pm.** This will allow our MS/HS traffic and HS student drivers time to exit the parking lot.

Note: If you are picking your MS/HS student up in the **front of the building**, please do NOT allow your child to enter your vehicle on Consear Road. This is extremely dangerous during a busy time of traffic. The pick-up process can go fairly quickly if everyone pulls alongside the curb and exits immediately after your child enters the vehicle.

### **TOLEDO BUILDING SUPPLY - STUDENT WORKERS**

Our 3rd party custodial company is looking to hire a few student workers that are willing to work 2-3 hours after school. The work usually involves cleaning classrooms by emptying trash, washing desks, and sweeping floors. If your high school student is looking for an opportunity to earn some extra income, please contact Linda Driscoll at: [ldriscoll@toledobuildingservices.com](mailto:ldriscoll@toledobuildingservices.com).

## WHITEFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - MEET THE CANDIDATE

The Whiteford Community Association will be hosting a Meet the Candidate event at St Michael Lutheran Church on October 25th at 7:00 pm. The church is located at 5790 W. Temperance Rd, Ottawa Lake MI, at the corner of Whiteford Center and Temperance Rd. This event will give residents an opportunity to meet and hear from the candidates running for Whiteford School board. A candidate introduction period will be followed by a timed question and answer session.

## INFINITE CAMPUS

This summer, we have worked 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 24	Elem Red Ribbon-PJ Day
October 24	MS/HS Red Ribbon-PJ Day
October 24	Hearing & Vision Screening (MS/HS)
October 24	Hearing & Vision Screening (Elementary)
October 24	Varsity/JVG Volleyball vs Sand Creek 5pm (Senior Night)
October 24	Board of Education Special Meeting 5:30pm Bobcat Den
October 24	MS Cross Country at Sand Creek 5:45pm
October 24	JV Football at Grass Lake 6:30pm
October 25	Hearing & Vision Screening (Elementary)
October 25	Elem Red Ribbon-Neon/Bright Colors Day
October 25	MS/HS Red Ribbon-Twin Day
October 25	Meet the Candidate (Sponsor: Whiteford Community Association) 7pm St. Michael Luthern
October 26	Elem Red Ribbon-Jersey/Team Day
October 26	MS/HS Red Ribbon-USA Day
October 26	MS Band/Choir Assembly 10:15am High School Gym
October 27	Elem Red Ribbon-Red Day
October 27	MS/HS Red Ribbon-Red Day
October 28	Elem Red Ribbon-Halloween Colors Days
October 28	MS/HS Red Ribbon-Soccer Mom/BBQ Dad
October 28	JR Bobcats Volleyball Practice 3pm High School Gym
October 28	Varsity Football MHSAA Tournament vs TBD 7pm
October 29	Varsity Cross Country MHSAA Regional Tournament at Willow Metropark 10am (Boys) 10:45am (Girls)

### NEXT WEEK

October 31	Elem Red Ribbon-Costume Day
October 31	Elementary Costume Parade 9:30pm Elementary Sidewalk
October 31	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
October 31	Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm
November 1	Whiteford Rec Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
November 1	HS Band/Choir Concert 7:30pm High School Gymnasium
November 4	End of 1st Marking Period
November 4	Elementary Picture Retakes
November 5	Band Erie Veterans Day Parade 8am

## UPCOMING

November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
November 10 Elementary Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pick-Up 10:30-6pm Elementary Cafeteria  
November 10 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am  
November 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-3pm & 4-7pm  
November 14 Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm Bobcat Den  
November 15 CTE Parent/Student Information Night 5pm First Merchants Bank Expo Center  
November 15 Whiteford Parent Association Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria  
November 21 American Red Cross Blood Drive 9:30-4:30pm MS Gym  
November 23 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am  
November 24 No School-Thanksgiving Break  
November 25 No School-Thanksgiving Break  
December 2 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am  
December 2 Teacher Professional Development 12-3pm  
December 6 Whiteford Rec Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center  
December 12 Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm Bobcat Den  
December 15 Elementary Winter Musical 6pm High School Gym  
December 18 HS Winter Band/Choir Concert 3pm High School Gym  
December 19 MS Winter Band/Choir Concert 7pm High School Gym  
December 20 Whiteford Parent Association Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria  
December 22 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am  
December 23 No School-Winter Break

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