

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN AUGUST 13, 2023

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! In coordination with the athletic department and Whiteford Parent Association (WPA), we have planned a Back-To-School Kick-Off on August 15. There will be a fall sports parent meeting from 5-6:15pm in the new gymnasium followed by breakout sessions for each sport. Beginning at 6:30pm, the WPA is sponsoring a connection with families where parents can pick up their back-to-school letter from teachers and see some improvements to the elementary school. Also at 6:30pm, we will be inviting the entire community to join a Bond Grand Opening Celebration highlighting the completed Series I and Series II construction work. We will have bounce houses, food trucks, outdoor games, and a scavenger hunt for kids/families that will allow guests to see our new bond spaces. **Please bring lawn chairs, cornhole, spike ball or other games you can enjoy with members of our community.** It should be a great opportunity for our families and community members to gather for a fun evening. We will still have our annual Open House on 8/30 from 5-6:30pm where families and students will visit their classrooms and meet teachers.

NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE

On Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Whiteford Agricultural Schools voters approved two proposals for a Non-Homestead renewal and increase of millage. These proposals will NOT impact the taxes on residential properties or most agricultural properties; only second homes, commercial, industrial, and some agricultural properties are assessed. We are now at 18.4572 mills; however, we can only collect on 18 mills. The Non-Homestead Millage makes up approximately \$1.1 million of the Whiteford Agricultural Schools' \$10.5 million total budget. The Whiteford Agricultural School District thanks our voters for their continued support of our operating expenses.

AUGUST BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is August 14, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the Bobcat Den 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](#).

K-12 OPEN HOUSE

The K-12 Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30 from 5:00-6:30pm. We hope to see many of our students and families!

BUILDING SCHEDULE START/END CHANGES FOR 2023-2024

During the Bond Project's initial planning stages, a new bus loop was created in hopes of reducing or eliminating traffic congestion at arrival and dismissal. This bus loop will begin at the elementary entrance and extend around the back of the new gymnasium traveling on the east side of the middle school wing to Consear Road. With this new traffic pattern, there is a plan to have the buildings switch/change start and end times. Please make note of the new bell schedules for both buildings. For those students riding a bus, information will be shared with families in August outlining pick-up and drop-off times.

2023-2024 School Year					
	Doors Open	Breakfast	1st Bell	Tardy Bell	Dismissal
Elementary	7:20	7:20-7:45	7:30	7:40	2:55
Middle/High	7:35	7:35-8:00	7:50	8:00	3:00

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL CHANGES FOR 2023-2024

The district parking lots have been paved, resealed, painted, and receiving additional signage to outline new traffic patterns to improve traffic flow. More information and maps will be shared as we draw closer to the new school year, but listed below are some general expectations with arrival and dismissal processes for bus and car riders/drivers. Note: There will be no bus traffic in the front of the middle/high school per the previous routine.

- **Morning Arrival-Bus Riders**-Elementary students will be dropped off first and enter "Door C". The buses will proceed around the new gymnasium and bus garage before parking on the east side of the bus garage/middle school wing. Middle/high school students will then be released to enter "Door F" into the middle school wing or near the new weight room "Door G." Students eating breakfast will proceed to the building's cafeteria.
- **Morning Arrival-Car Riders**-Elementary students will be dropped off per the regular routine and enter "Door C." Secondary students will be dropped off in the front at either the high school entrance, "Door A," or middle school entrance, "Door D." Cars leaving the parking lot after drop off will proceed to the middle exit. Students eating breakfast will proceed to the building's cafeteria, and those not eating will remain in the door foyer areas that are monitored by staff.
- **Afternoon Dismissal-Bus Riders**-Elementary students will be picked up first in the designated bus loop, and the buses will proceed to the back of the middle school wing where they will park and pick up middle/high school students outside the designated bus loop near the middle school wing.
- **Afternoon Dismissal-Car Riders**-Elementary students will be picked up per the regular routine. Secondary students can be picked up in the front of the high school. "Door A," middle school, "Door D," or from the main parking lot, "Door J."

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.

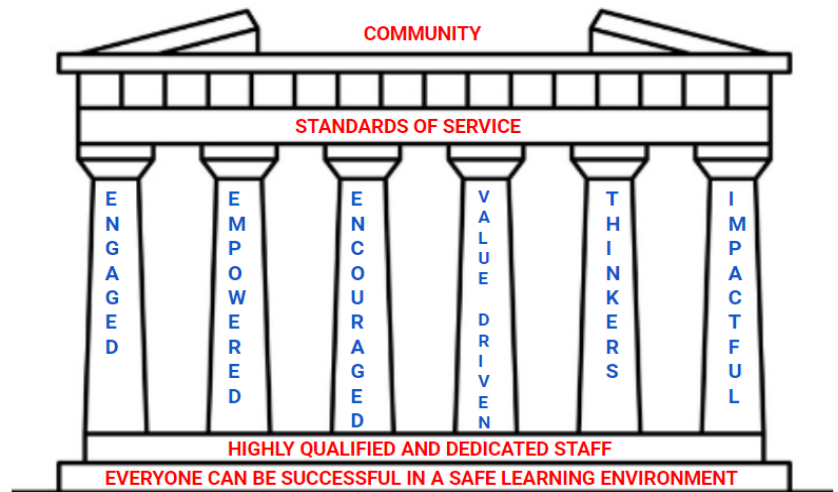
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ 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

August 14 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
August 15 Athletic Orientation Night 5-6:30pm High School Gymnasium
August 15 Bond Project Grand Opening/Elementary Connection Night 6:30-8:30pm South Gym Parking Lot
August 18 Board of Education Vacancy Application Deadline

NEXT WEEK

August 22 Board of Education Special Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den

UPCOMING

August 28 Chromebook Distribution (6th-12th Grades) 5-8pm MS/HS Media Center
August 29 Chromebook Distribution (6th-12th Grades) 9-12pm MS/HS Media Center
August 30 K-12 Open House 5-6:30pm
September 4 Labor Day
September 5 1st Day of School (12pm Start)
September 11-15 5th Grade Field Trip Michindoh
September 11 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
September 17 Constitution Day
September 18 Elementary Picture Day
September 18 MS/HS Picture Day
September 26 Student-Athlete Leadership Summit 9-1pm Lenawee Christian School
October 2-6 Homecoming Week
October 2 6-12th Grades Assembly: Brad Hurtig 1:30pm
October 9 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
October 30 MS/HS Picture Retake Day
November 1 No School: Teacher Professional Development Day
November 3 Elementary Picture Retake Day
November 3 End of 1st Marking Period

We are better together - We are Whiteford!



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