

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN **SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! We ushered in the start of Autumn! As a Michigander, we have numerous opportunities to experience the Fall season to its fullest. As you make plans this Fall, remember that sometimes the greatest memories are those made at no or little cost and minimal planning. Whether sitting next to a warm fire on a cool Autumn night roasting a hot dog or marshmallow, painting a pumpkin, or jumping in a pile of leaves over and over, enjoy opportunities to make lasting memories with your family and friends. We are just a few days into Autumn; I hope you and your family are able to make lasting memories this season by doing something simple, cheap, and fun.

STRATEGIC PLAN & ENROLLMENT VISION PRESENTATION

All stakeholders are encouraged to attend as I share progress related to our Strategic Plan 2022-2027 as well as our vision towards projected enrollment patterns. This presentation will offer an opportunity for all stakeholders to not only learn more about future plans, but an opportunity to share feedback and ask questions. The presentation will occur three times on October 3rd, 10th, and 12th. The October 3rd and 10th presentations will be at 6pm and 12th at 8am. All three meetings will take place in the boardroom in the MS/HS.

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.

MEAL MAGIC

We are asking families to update their Meal Magic accounts as some students have "holds" in place for their children. These holds do not allow students to purchase breakfast and/or lunch. Both are free this year, so we encourage students to take advantage of these free meals. You can access the Meal Magic Family Portal [here](#). If you have any questions regarding your account or process in removing a "hold", please contact Cathy Machcinski at: cathy.machcinski@whiteford.k12.mi.us.

FREE & REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

For the 2023-2024 school year, the district will participate in the Michigan School Meals Program, which will allow all students to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each day. We still need your household to complete the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application if you believe you might qualify. 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 families don't complete this application that might qualify, we risk losing At-Risk money provided by state and federal grants. We have seen a decline in applications being completed during the past two school years, so we encourage families that think they may qualify for Free/Reduced meals to please complete the application. These grant monies help provide student assistance through our academic interventionists at the elementary and remediation classes at the middle school.

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.

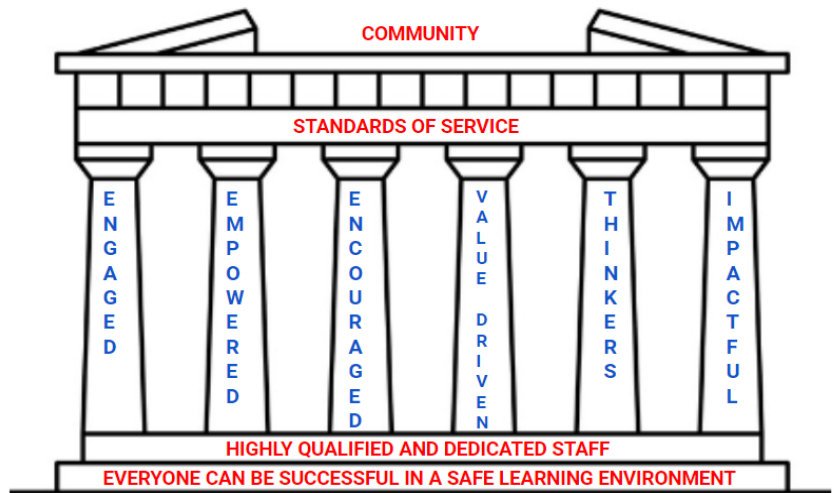
OCTOBER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is October 9, 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

- September 26 Student-Athlete Leadership Summit 9-1pm Lenawee Christian School
- September 27 WPA Cookie Fundraiser (KG-6th) Begins

NEXT WEEK

- October 2-6 Homecoming Week
- October 2 6-12th Grades Assembly: Brad Hurtig 1:30pm Middle School Gym

UPCOMING

- October 9 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Room
- October 11 WPA Cookie Fundraiser (KG-6th) Ends

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
November 9 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
November 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-3pm; 4-7pm

We are better together - We are Whiteford!



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