

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN MAY 20, 2023

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! I hope this bulletin finds everyone doing well! It is hard to believe this is the last week for our seniors. It wasn't too long ago when we held a Senior Sunrise in September, and on May 31, we will celebrate with a Senior Sunset and parade. Our seniors continue to excel academically, athletically, and in the performing arts. Our senior class is an outstanding group that provided exceptional leadership to our entire student body. I am grateful for their leadership, and I am certain that they will continue to make their families and the Whiteford Community proud with the next steps in their journey. To the graduating class of 2023, we honor and celebrate you this week and next with commencement on June 1. As a parting thought from author Mark Twain, "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

EARLY RELEASE - MAY 23

On Tuesday (5/23), Whiteford is hosting the Tri-County Conference Track & Field Championships that involves seven teams. Competition buses will arrive between 2-2:15pm. Spectators will begin arriving about 2:15pm with the field events starting at 2:45pm. With our current dismissal times, we would have some major traffic and parking issues leading to safety concerns for our students and staff. Transportation for our students will still be provided. Our goal is to free up much-needed parking spaces for spectators. MS/HS will be following an assembly schedule, and students will dismiss at 1:39pm. Elementary students will dismiss at 1:54pm.

PERCEPTION SURVEYS

Whiteford Agricultural School District is inviting all parents/guardians to participate in our PERCEPTION SURVEYS SPRING 2023 by Wednesday, May 31. Your participation is very important to us as we continuously strive to better meet the needs of our students. Each response is reviewed and used for future planning. We have separate surveys to help delineate and analyze the data, and it should take you just a few minutes to complete each survey.

If you have multiple children at different schools, please complete one survey for each school that your children attend. If you have multiple children at one school, only complete one survey for that school from the lens of your "Overall" experience from the 22-23 school year. At the very end of the survey, you are able to share or elaborate upon any question(s) for further clarification of your response or feeling. We appreciate your time in completing the surveys and the feedback gained! To take the surveys, please click the appropriate link(s) below:

For the [DISTRICT Parent/Guardian Perception Survey Spring 2023](#), we are asking all parents/guardians to complete.

For the [ELEMENTARY Parent/Guardian Perception Survey Spring 2023](#), we are seeking feedback from those parents/guardians with a child at the elementary.

For the [MS/HS Parent/Guardian Perception Survey Spring 2023](#), we are seeking feedback from those parents/guardians with a child at the middle/high school.

MS/HS AWARDS CEREMONIES

Parent invites for students receiving awards have been mailed. The high school ceremony is being held Wednesday, May 24th from 1:30-2:30pm in the HS Gym. The middle school awards day has been switched to Tuesday, May 30 from 1:30-2:30pm in the HS Gym. We are hoping you can attend our award ceremonies!

MAY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 8, 2023. If you are interested in reading the full meeting minutes, you can access those here: [Agenda & Minutes](#).

Here are a few highlights of that meeting:

1. Jamie Bertschinger and Peter Hannigan from The Nutrition Group gave presentations which recapped the year and gave a look ahead into what's to come for the 2023-2024 school year. These presentations can be found by clicking the following link: [Agenda & Minutes](#)
2. Brian Weber of Plante Moran Cresa presented his Spring 2023 Bond Update Dashboard Report, which can be found here: [Agenda & Minutes](#)
3. The Non-Homestead Resolution was adopted. There will be a special election regarding the millage proposals on August 8, 2023.
4. The board approved the 2023-2024 Monroe County Intermediate School District's Budget Resolution which outlines the financing we will receive for next school year from the ISD.

EXAM SCHEDULE

Exams are scheduled for June 6-9. Please make sure your children are aware that exams count as 20% of their semester grades, so encourage them to study hard and get plenty of sleep! The schedule can be found in the Bobcat Blitz:

<https://www.smores.com/2kfp6>

2023 WHITEFORD ATHLETIC BOOSTERS GOLF OUTING

The annual golf outing sponsored by the Whiteford Athletic Boosters will be held at the Legacy Golf Club on July 14, 2023. Details and Registration Forms can be found on the district's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/WhitefordAgriculturalSchools>.

MEAL MAGIC ACCOUNTS

As the school year winds down, we ask all parents to watch the balance in their student's Meal Magic account. If the account is in the negative, please make a deposit to cover the negative balance and any other purchases that may be made through the end of the school year. For parents of a senior, any balance remaining on your senior student's account at the end of the school year will be transferred to a younger sibling's account (if applicable). If there are no other siblings in the district, any balance in excess of \$10.00 will be refunded to the family if a request is made in writing by the parent and a mailing address is provided. These requests should be made to the Business Office (acctg@whiteford.k12.mi.us) by June 16, 2023.

FFA GREENHOUSE

Whiteford's FFA program opened its greenhouse for business on Thursday, May 4. We have annuals in hanging baskets, patio planters, hanging bags, student built pallet planters, 4" pots, and 48 count flats. We also have a very nice selection of vegetables, as well as perennials in gallon sized 4" pots. The student-built greenhouse is open through Sunday June 4th from 3-7pm M-F and 10-5pm S-S.

JUNE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is June 12, 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](#).

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We are currently in need of substitutes for our Administrative Assistants and Paraprofessionals/Aides positions in both our elementary and middle/high school buildings. If you are looking for a fun way to get involved in our amazing school community, please consider filling in as a substitute in one of our main offices or helping our incredible students and teachers as a classroom paraprofessional/aide. Interested applicants must apply through Applitrack by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting the school website and clicking on the "Job Postings" button on the homepage. Come join our Bobcat family, and encourage your friends to do the same!

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.

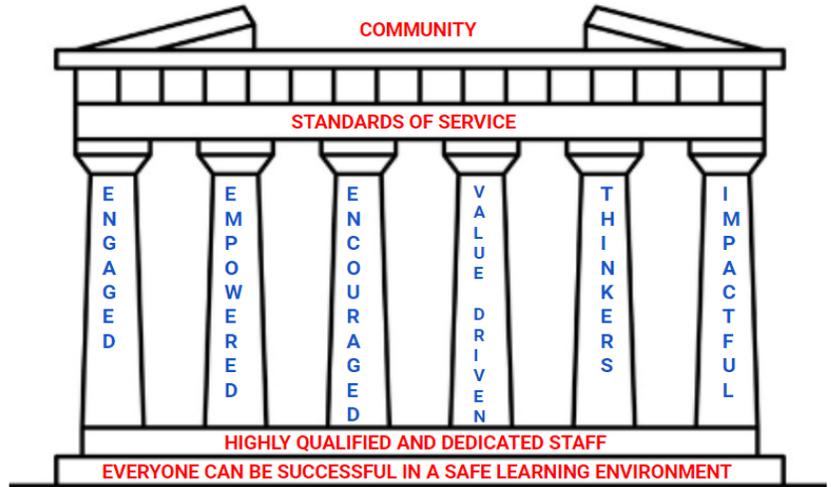
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ 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

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR

<https://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us/athletics/>

THIS WEEK

May 18-26	Senior Exams
May 21	Senior Sunday 3pm HS Gymnasium
May 22	HS Spring Concert & Awards (Band/Choir) 7pm HSGymnasium
May 23	Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
May 24	5th Grade Sauder Village Field Trip
May 24	HS Awards Ceremony 1:30 HS Gym
May 24	Special Board of Education Meetings 6pm Bobcat Den
May 25	Baccalaureate Service 6pm New Life Church
May 26	Senior Last Day

NEXT WEEK

May 29	No School-Memorial Day
May 30	MS Awards Ceremony 1:30pm HS Gym
May 30	MS Spring Concert (Band/Choir) 7pm High School Gymnasium
May 31	Senior Breakfast 8am High School Cafeteria
May 31	Senior Graduation Rehearsal 9am Crossroads Community Church
May 31	Senior Parade/Sunset 6:10pm
June 1	Commencement 7pm Crossroads Community Church

UPCOMING

June 7	KG Celebration 1:45pm
June 8	5th Grade Celebration 9:30am

June 8 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
June 9 End of 4th Marking Period
June 9 Last Day of School
June 9 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
June 12 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
June 18 Father's Day
June 19-23 Camp Invention (Grades 5-6) 8:30-3pm Elementary
June 21 Special Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm Bobcat Den
July 10 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
July 14 Whiteford Athletic Boosters Golf Outing 9am Legacy Golf Club

We are better together - We are Whiteford!



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