

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



Superintendent Family Bulletin
January 3, 2022

GREETING

I sincerely hope that your family had a wonderful Winter break, and your child(ren) are excited about returning to school tomorrow, Tuesday, January 4. The goal of the Whiteford Agricultural School District is to maintain a safe, in-person learning environment and keep healthy students in school as much as possible. We are asking families to continue to complete the [At Home Wellness Check](#) prior to sending your child to school each day. It is vital that you keep your child home if they are ill. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is considered a home close contact, please notify the appropriate attendance hotline: 734-856-1443 (Elementary Press 4, MS/HS Press 5). A school representative will contact you regarding isolation or quarantine guidance as well as how to obtain or access missed school assignments.

We will continue to monitor staffing numbers to ensure we can adequately maintain appropriate staffing levels in classrooms, buses, and other key departments. Today, an email was sent to staff analyzing staffing levels for tomorrow and a review of our mitigation strategies. As of this evening, we have several staff members that will not be in attendance due to COVID or other illnesses beginning tomorrow. This will be a day-to-day analysis to ensure we are adequately staffed. At some point, we may have to pause in-person learning and transition to remote learning for a short period of time if staff and/or student illness becomes an issue. Unfortunately, these issues may occur quickly, so we are asking families to begin considering contingency plans for childcare. Again, WASD does not plan to move to remote learning unless we have no other option.

The Winter break brought about family gatherings, travel, and other group events that brought about greater risk. However, with a great deal of cooperation from the community, we can safely navigate the coming weeks to mitigate the spread. We appreciate your partnership! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Our last Strategic Plan was developed in 2017, so it is time again to consider the future focus of the Whiteford Agricultural School District. School districts today are challenged to do more than ever before with scarce resources so planning for the future is more important than ever. We have partnered with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) to help facilitate the development of our new Strategic Plan. MASB's Data-Based Strategic Planning Process will address three key questions for our district:

1. Where is the District now?
2. Where is the District going?
3. How will the District get there?

Data-Based Strategic Planning establishes priorities, focuses energy and resources, strengthens operations and ensures all stakeholders are working toward the achievement of common goals for the District. There will be more information shared in the coming weeks about how you can be involved in the process. Here is our Strategic Planning Timeline:

1. Stakeholder Surveys - Mid-January through Early-February
2. Stakeholder In-Person Listening Sessions - Thursday, February 24, 2022
3. Retreat - Saturday, March 5, 2022
4. Implementation Workshop - Tuesday, March 15, 2022

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is January 10, 2022. The Organizational Meeting will begin at 6:15pm followed by the Regular Meeting. Both meetings will take place in the MS/HS Media Center.

SUPERINTENDENT ENTRY PLAN PRESENTATION

At the December 13 Board of Education Meeting, I presented my Entry Plan Discoveries. If you were unable to attend, you can access the presentation: [Superintendent Entry Plan Presentation 12/13/21](#). From this Entry Plan, I have identified next steps, which can be found on slide 15 of the presentation. At the end of the presentation, you can also find information about the Strategic Planning process coming up in January-March 2022 and an ESSER III Grant spending plan.

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

At the December 13 Board of Education Meeting, the 2022-2023 school calendar was approved. You can access the calendar: [2021-2022 Whiteford Calendar](#).

BOND PROJECT 3-WEEK SCHEDULE

Our construction company, The Delventhal Company, and subcontractors continue to make great progress on our bond projects. Outlined below is general work tasks toward our projects for the next three (3) weeks: **NO NEW UPDATES!**

Project	December 19-25	December 26-January 1	January 2-9
Art/Music Classroom Addition	West Corridor Block Wall West Separation Block Wall East Corridor Block Wall Plumbing Electric	East Corridor Block Wall East Separation Block Wall East Exterior Block Wall Plumbing Electric Slab on Grade	East Exterior Block Wall Plumbing Electric Slab on Grade
Bus Garage	Plumbing Electric	Slab on Grade	Erect Building
Greenhouse	Metal Bracing Gas Lines	Metal Bracing Erect Building - Covering	
JV Softball Field	Grade/Seed Outfield (Repair due to Construction)		

COMMENCEMENT

At the November 23 Board of Education meeting, the 2022 Commencement date and time was approved for Friday, June 3, 2022 at 7pm. Commencement will be held at Crossroads Community Church.

COVID-19 DASHBOARD AND GRAPHS

We are working on updating our website with the most relevant and accurate information regarding COVID. From the main page, you can access the COVID tab, and you will be able to find information related to COVID. We provide the [COVID-19 DASHBOARD](#) and [COVID-19 DATA GRAPHS](#) to show school and Monroe County data.

SCHOOL DELAYS / CLOSINGS

School closing or delay announcements will be sent via the Infinite Campus Messenger systems and announced on the following television stations: Channel 11 (CBS) and Channel 13 (ABC). Announcements should occur no later than 7am. Parents and students are asked NOT to call the school or school officials. When school is delayed due to fog/snow/ice or other emergency conditions, it will be delayed for a minimum of two (2) hours.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

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THIS WEEK

January 3 No School Winter Break
January 4 JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball at Dundee 5:30pm
January 4 Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7pm HS Media Center
January 6 JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball at Britton Deerfield 5:30pm
January 7 JV/Varsity Girls' Basketball vs Morenci 5:30pm HS Gymnasium
January 8 American Red Cross Blood Drive 9-1pm HS Gymnasium
January 8 JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball vs Clinton 12:00pm at Lourdes
January 8 FIRST Robotics High School Kick-off TBD

UPCOMING

January 10 Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm MS/HS Media Center
January 11 JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball vs Sand Creek 5:30pm HS Gymnasium
January 11 JV/Varsity Girls' Basketball at Sand Creek 5:30pm
January 12 Half Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
January 17 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 18 Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) Meeting 8am Elementary Cafeteria
January 19 District Safety Drill
January 20 Half Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
January 21 Half Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
January 21 End of 2nd Marking Period
January 26 Report Cards Sent Home (Elementary)
February 1 Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7pm HS Media Center
February 4 Winter Homecoming
February 5 Miss Whiteford Homecoming Dance 7-9:30pm HS Gymnasium
February 15 Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) Meeting 8am Elementary Cafeteria
February 22 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
February 22 American Red Cross Blood Drive 2-7pm Elementary Cafeteria

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