

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent of Schools



**SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN**  
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**JUNE 2, 2024**

### **GREETING**

Happy Last Week of School! It is hard to believe that we are near the finish line of another school year. At Whiteford, our VISION is to develop value-driven leaders and critical thinkers who will positively impact their community. In order to meet this VISION, we believe...everyone has the ability to be successful...creating an environment that is physically and emotionally safe...hiring and retaining a highly qualified and dedicated staff...,and promoting student success through community support.

It is our hope that as you reflect on this past school year, you will identify experiences and opportunities where your child(ren) were pushed to be critical thinkers in the classroom and challenged to be value-driven leaders that genuinely care for others' well-being. Relationships matter! As the summer begins, please encourage your child to read daily for pleasure and investigate topics of interest for deeper and exploratory learning. Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer season! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

### **RETIREMENTS**

Congratulations to Mr. Jim DeSilvis, Social Studies Teacher, and Mrs. Kim DeSilvis, MS/HS Spanish Teacher, on their retirement from Whiteford Schools effective the end of this school year. Mr. DeSilvis and Mrs. DeSilvis both attended May's Board Meeting to receive the customary Golden Apple Award for their retirement. Mr. DeSilvis taught at Whiteford for 26 years. Mrs. DeSilvis has been at Whiteford for five years. They are great leaders, mentors, and educators. Their service to the students at Whiteford is greatly appreciated. They will be greatly missed, and we wish them the very best in this next phase of their lives!



### **PERCEPTION SURVEYS**

Whiteford Agricultural School District is inviting all parents/guardians to participate in our PERCEPTION SURVEYS SPRING 2024 by Monday, June 10. 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 23-24 school year. 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 2024](#), we are asking all parents/guardians to complete.

For the [ELEMENTARY Parent/Guardian Perception Survey Spring 2024](#), we are seeking feedback from those parents/guardians with a child at the elementary.

For the [MIDDLE/HIGH Parent/Guardian Perception Survey Spring 2024](#), we are seeking feedback from those parents/guardians with a child at the middle/high school.

## **EXAM SCHEDULE**

Exams are scheduled for June 3-6. 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](#).

## **SPRING SPORTS**

Yesterday, we had our softball and baseball teams competing in the MHSAA District Tournament, while we had several track athletes competing at the MHSAA State Tournament. The softball team advanced to the Regional Semifinal that will be played at Grass Lake on Saturday, June 8 at Noon vs Clinton. With a win, the softball team would play at 2pm vs the winner of Leslie and MSMC in the Regional Final. The baseball team advanced to the Regional Semifinal that will be played at Blissfield on Wednesday, June 6 at 5pm vs Onsted. With a win, the baseball team would play in the Regional Final at 10am vs the winner of Ecorse and Ann Arbor Greenhills on Saturday, June 8 at Adrian College followed by the Quarterfinal at 3pm. Congratulations to our Track & Field Team MHSAA State Qualifiers that competed at Kent City High School:

- Jess Saylor finished 9th in the 400 meters.
- Keegan Masters finished 21st in the 800 meters and 13th in the 1600 meters.
- Ryin Ruddy finished 28th in the 110 hurdles and 29th in the 300 hurdles.
- Antonio Nachtrab, Jess Saylor, Ryin Ruddy, and Kolby Masserant finished 37th in the 4X100 Relay.
- Gaspere Pirrone, Brody Hillard, Antonio Nachtrab, and Liam Waterford finished 24th in the 4x200 Relay.
- Nate Andrews, Brek Ruddy, Jess Saylor, and Ryin Ruddy finished 15th in the 4x400 Relay.
- Nate Andrews, Zach Kahn, Jakub Diesing, and Brek Ruddy finished 20th in the 4x800 Relay.
- Stepan Masserant finished 9th in the pole vault.
- Kolby Masserant finished 13th in the long jump.
- Alaina McClain finished 12th in the 800 meters.
- Kenzie Gray finished 14th in the shot put.
- Nina Bauman finished 23rd in the discus.
- Reagan Wing finished 15th in the pole vault.
- Rylie DeSilvis finished 34th in the long jump.

## **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](mailto:acctg@whiteford.k12.mi.us)) by June 14, 2024.

## **FFA GREENHOUSE**

Today is the last day that the FFA Greenhouse will be open. It is staffed from 10am-4pm. Half off everything! Proceeds go to Whiteford FFA to help pay for student contests, conventions, program equipment, and improvements.

## **BOOSTER GOLF OUTING**

The Whiteford Athletic Boosters are hosting their 34th annual Golf Outing Friday, July 12, 2024, at The Legacy Golf Club in Ottawa Lake. Funds generated from activities sponsored by the Whiteford Athletic Boosters over the past year have allowed them to assist our athletic teams with items such as uniforms and equipment for every athletic team at Whiteford. Please see the fliers posted on the district Facebook page for information on sponsorship or registering your team. Space is limited to the first 36 foursomes to be paid in full.

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

If you missed Kindergarten Round-Up on March 14, please contact Marcy Anderson at: [anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us) to register your kindergartener.

## BUS SERVICE

We are currently short a bus driver, and we have limited substitute drivers that are covering this shortage. We have instituted a rolling cancellation of AM and PM routes to ensure equity with our bus service. We apologize to our families that utilize our bus service daily, and we are actively looking for permanent and substitute bus drivers. If you are interested in learning more about filling either position, please contact Charlie Butz at: [cbutz@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:cbutz@whiteford.k12.mi.us).

## TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FORMS

Transportation Request forms were due to school by June 1, 2024. If you plan to have your child ride the bus next year, it is mandatory that you fill out and return a Transportation Request Form and return it to school. If you do not fill out and return it to school, your child(ren) will not be assigned to a bus route for the 2024-2025 school year. You can access a Transportation Request Form here: [Transportation Request Form](#). Additionally, they can be found on our website under the Transportation and New Student Registration Tab. Thank you for your cooperation.

## JUNE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is June 10, 2024. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the Elementary School Cafeteria. The Board of Education agenda is posted the Friday preceding a meeting: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

## SCHOOL OF CHOICE WINDOW NOW OPEN

To provide a quality education for all students in Monroe County, the Monroe County Schools of Choice Program is offered by the Monroe County Intermediate School District in cooperation with its constituent districts. This program allows parents and students the choice to attend any public school in Monroe County, regardless of where they live. The Monroe County Schools of Choice application window will be open April 1, 2024 - June 28, 2024. Applications are available on our website [www.whiteford.k12.mi.us](http://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us) located [here](#), or you can access a hardcopy application at the Superintendent's Office. Remember, a student must be released by his/her resident district. Here is the School of Choice Process:

- Student and parent(s) complete the application and file it with the RESIDENT district.
- Application is reviewed to determine if the student meets guidelines to participate in the program.
- Students who do not qualify are notified by the RESIDENT district and the process ends.
- For students who do qualify, the RESIDENT district signs the application and forwards it to the CHOICE district.
- The CHOICE district informs applicant whether or not space is available at the district. This communication is copied and sent to the RESIDENT district, so all parties know who has been accepted by the CHOICE district.
- If space is not available, the family is notified and is placed on a waitlist, or the process ends.
- For students accepted by the CHOICE district, parents/guardians MUST formally enroll the student.

## 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.

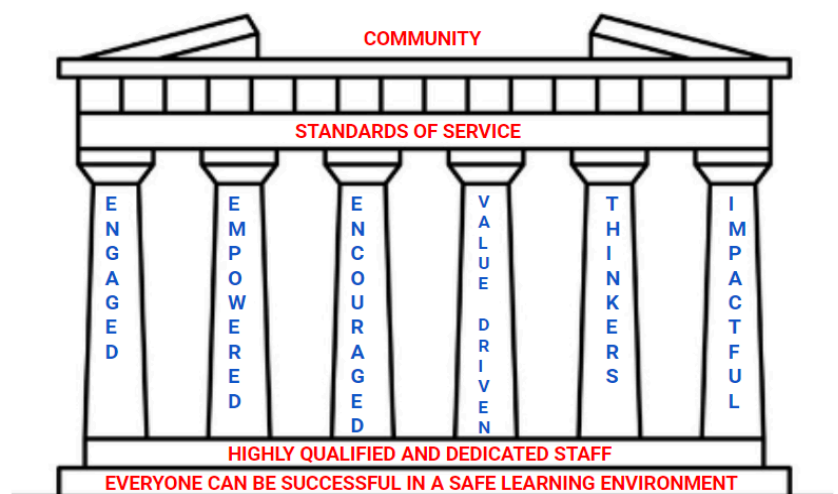
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ 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](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

## **ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR**

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

### **THIS WEEK**

June 2	FFA Greenhouse - Last Day 10-4pm
June 3	MS/HS Exams: Blocks 1 & 4
June 4	MS/HS Exams: Blocks 5 & 8
June 4	Kindergarten Graduation 1:30pm Elementary Cafeteria
June 4	Incoming 6th Grade Student/Parent Orientation 6pm MS Gym
June 4	Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
June 5	MS/HS Exams: Blocks 2 & 3
June 5	Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
June 6	MS/HS Exams: Blocks 6 & 7
June 6	5th Grade Graduation 9am Elementary Cafeteria
June 6	End of 4th Marking Period
June 6	Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am

### **UPCOMING**

June 10	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
June 10-14	Camp Invention (Incoming KG-6th Grade)
June 10-12	Baseball Camp (Entering 2nd-8th Grades) 9-11am
June 13	Board of Education Special Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
June 18-20	Boys Basketball Camp (Entering 3rd-8th Grades) 9-Noon
June 25	Board of Education Special Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
June 25-27	Girls Basketball Camp (Entering 3rd-8th Grades) 3-6pm
July 8	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
July 12	Whiteford Athletic Boosters Golf Outing 8am Legacy Golf Course
July 22, 24, 25	Volleyball Camp (3yrs-2nd Grades)
July 22-24	Football Camp (Entering 1st-6th Grades) 4-5:30pm; (Jr High) 6-8pm
August 12	Board of Education Meeting 6pm TBD
August 19	Fall Athletic Parent Orientation Night 5:30pm HS Gymnasium
August 27	KG Open House 5-6:30pm
August 28	Staff Professional Development Day 8-3pm
August 28	1st-12th Grades Open House 5-6:30pm
September 2	Labor Day
September 3	All Staff PD 8-12pm Elementary Cafeteria
September 3	1st Day of School 12-3pm
September 9	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Rm
September 17	Constitution Day