

Whiteford Agricultural Schools 6655 Consear Road Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

Dec. 23-

Jan. 3NO SCHOOL

Jan. 6 School Resumes

Jan. 20NO SCHOOL

Feb. 14.....NO SCHOOL

Feb. 17NO SCHOOL

Feb. 21 EARLY DISMISSAL

(Christmas / Winter Break)

(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

(Teacher PD Day)

(President's Day)



POSTAL CUSTOMER Whiteford School District

Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

2024 - 2025 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

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	Starting Time Ending Time 7:40 AM 2:55 PM 8:00 AM 3:00 PM	10:55 AM
August 28Teacher PD Day	March 21EARLY DISMISSAL (Start of Spring/Easter Break)	Food Pantry Dates
August 28 1-12 Open House		Crossroads Chur
August 29TK/K Open House	March 24- March 28 NO SCHOOL (Spring/Easter Break)	1st Thursday of Mc 4:30 PM—6:30 P
Sept. 3First Day of School (students report at noon)	March 31School Resumes	<u>St. Michael Lutheran</u> 2nd Saturday of M
Nov. 1NO SCHOOL (Teacher PD Day)	April 9STATE TESTING DAY (No School Grades K-7, 12)	9:30 AM—10:30 / <u>Zion Lutheran Chu</u>
Nov. 14EARLY DISMISSAL (Parent-Teacher Conferences)	April 18NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)	2nd/4th Tuesday of / 10 AM—12 PM
Nov. 27EARLY DISMISSAL (Start of Thanksgiving Break)	April 21NO SCHOOL (Day After Easter)	MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
Nov. 28-29NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)	May 26NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)	*1st Tuesday: 4:00—6:00 <u>N</u> 5105 Glendale Ave., Tolec
Dec. 20EARLY DISMISSAL	June 10EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)	43614
(Start of Christmas/Winter Break)		*1st Thursday: 4:30—6:30 (

*pending weather delays/closings; parents are reminded that additional days may be added to the school year should we exceed our state limitation on number of days/hours cancelled or delayed during the school year.



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HONORING MR. TODD R. SCHREIBER



In addition to directing musicals, Mr. Schreiber has been a district manager for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) since 2001 and has often been an accompanist for workshops, conferences, and honors choirs in the state. He was chosen to direct MSVMA State Honors Choirs in 2010, 2017, and 2021. Under his leadership, the Whiteford choirs, ensembles, and private voice students have consistently earned Division I ratings at district and state level festivals, including exceptional students who were accepted

into District and State Honors Choirs, the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, and MSVMA All-State Choirs. A true highlight of Mr. Schreiber's career was being named the MSVMA Teacher of the Year in 2013. He also received the 2015 Outstanding Alumni Award from his high school alma mater.

Mr. Schreiber currently serves as director of Muskingum University Summer High School Musical Theater Camp and directed the BGSU Summer Music Institute Musical Theatre Camp for 13 years. He has been a member of the Canterbury Singers USA since 1998 with which he has sung in England's magnificent cathedrals. While our "Gymnatorcafetaserium" pales in comparison to a cathedral, no venue has been more blessed by Mr. Schreiber's presence and talent than our stage.

In the Spring of 2003, after several years of 4th and 5th Grade Musicals and Music Booster Talent Shows, Mr. Schreiber directed 3rd - 12th grade students in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. It was the first musical production on the Whiteford stage in over 25 years. Since that successful performance, the tradition of bringing the Bobcat magic to our stage has continued each year to the anticipation of the students and community. As part of the stage naming process, the Board wanted to recognize each musical he has directed by memorializing each playbill with signage in the hallway outside the stage area. With the playbill signage, a picture and biographical information will be displayed as a permanent honor to Mr. Schreiber's legacy at Whiteford.

The naming of the stage will take place at each of the three musical performances of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on March 14-16. Mr. Schreiber's unwavering dedication has not only enriched the school's music program but has also left a lasting impact on the community, fostering a deep appreciation for the arts among students and residents alike. We hope you will make plans to attend this year's musical and witness the formal naming of the Whiteford Stage in honor of our beloved Mr. Schreiber.

June 11*.....EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams & Last Day of School) Jan. 23-24 EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)



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Crossroads 6960 Sylvania-Petersburg Rd., Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

*2nd Tuesday: 3:00-5:00 St. Paul's Episcopal 798 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616

*3rd Thursday: 12:00-2:00 Lott Industries 3350 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43607

*4th Thursday: 4:00-6:00 Indiana Ave Missionary Baptist 640 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH 43604

*4th Friday: 2:00-4:00 Agape Community Center 225 S. Irwin Rd., Holland, OH 43528

HITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS



February 2025

The Whiteford Agricultural Schools boasts an exceptional music program under the dedicated leadership of Mr. Todd Schreiber. Serving as the sole K-12 vocal music instructor for over 36 years, Mr. Schreiber has profoundly influenced generations of students, many of whom he has taught throughout their entire academic journey. Because of his long-standing service to our students, the Whiteford Board of Education would like to show their appreciation with the naming of the Whiteford Stage after Mr. Todd R. Schreiber. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Schreiber has directed 22 musical productions, with The High School Musical the Musical being the latest in 2024. These performances have become a cherished tradition, showcasing the diverse talents of Whiteford students.

Board of Education

From the Superintendent's office...

Superintendent's Message



Shane Hillard President



Dave Dixon Vice President



Jeff Bunge Secretary



Janelle Young Treasurer



Brandon Iott Trustee



Jason Vida Trustee



Tom Wenzel Trustee

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Hey, Bobcat Families,

At our December 9, 2024 Board of Education Meeting, we took the opportunity to recognize the service of Mr. Mike lott and Mrs. Kristi Mock as their School Board terms expired on December 31, 2024, and they chose not to run again on the November 2024 ballot for re-election. I would like to take a moment in the Bobcat Tales to recognize Secretary lott and Trustee Mock for their years of service on the Whiteford Board of Education. Their leadership, commitment to our students, and tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on our school district and community. I wish them well in their future

endeavors both personally and professionally, and we are a stronger community because of their efforts.

With the expiring terms of Mr. Iott and Mrs. Mock, the voters elected Mr. Tom Wenzel and Mr. Brandon Iott to fill these openings. Mr. lott and Mr. Wenzel began their four-year teams on January 1, 2025 with their first official Board of Education Meeting on January 13, 2025, and we have provided additional information about them in the Bobcat Tales. January was School Board Recognition Month, so we recognized the current Board Trustees with certificates at our January meeting. Our Board Trustees approach their volunteer work like it is a full-time job and with extraordinary dedication to our school district. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our community. School boards are charged with making decisions that can sometimes be quite difficult or require sifting through a great deal of information. They contribute hundreds of hours each year leading the Whiteford Agricultural School District. Through their dedication, collaboration with other school district staff, their governance and advocacy, they are building the future of education for our students. If you didn't take time to show appreciation for our Board Trustees last month, we encourage all members of the community to thank a board member. Take this opportunity to show our year-round appreciation for these servant leaders and begin to better understand how local trustees work together to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders. School board members are TRUSTEES, responsible for a TRUST established by the community. The most IMPORTANT beneficiaries of this TRUST are the public-school students within OUR community. At Whiteford, we are blessed to have individuals who put our children first in all decision-making instances.

My Best,

Scott L. Huard

Scott L. Huard Superintendent

The Strategic Plan 2022-2027, which was created by a very broad and diverse group of 32 stakeholders and the survey results of over 400 people, was Board approved at the May 9, 2022 meeting. Throughout the planning process, the community expressed high expectations of Whiteford Schools becoming a world-class school district and having all students graduate from high school. Even though some of the goals are extremely high, they reflect the strong desire that has been expressed to embrace significant change and dramatically improve the school system for the next five years.





to engage in purposeful learning and empower all for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.

Whiteford Agricultural School District's mission is Whiteford Agricultural School District's vision is to develop value-driven leaders and critical thinkers who will positively impact their community.

Shared Belief Statements

We Believe...

- Everyone has the ability to be successful.
- In meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe.
- A highly qualified and dedicated staff.



Spotlights...

Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to the following Staff Members of the Month winners!

September Corey Bruce (HS Science Teacher) October Jeremy Simmons (HS SS Teacher) November Sarah Bowen (Elem Kindergarten Teacher) December...... Ashley Van Camp (Administrative Assist.) January...... Jon Scheffer (HS Math Teacher)

Each winner was presented with a \$100 gift card from Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at the monthly board meetings.



2025 Hall of Fame Inductees

Seniors, Nate Stevens and Chase Lee, were inducted into the Whiteford High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, January 17th, at halftime during the Sand Creek boys basketball game. Stevens earned Second Team All-State honors in baseball last season while helping the Bobcats win league and district championships. Lee earned Division 7 First Team All-State honors from The Detroit Free Press after an outstanding season on the Bobcat offensive and defensive lines. As inductees, plaques will soon be installed and hang alongside the all-time great athletes at Whiteford High School. Congratulations Nate and Chase!



Isabell Lehsten signed her letter of intent to compete in archery with the University of the Cumberlands next fall! Congratulations Isabell!



Congratulations to Aiden Ghamlouche and Cooper Diesing on their incredible performance with the MSVMA State TTBB Honors Choir at the Michigan Music Conference.



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From the classroom... Middle School / High School



The High School painting class was making Pour Paintings, where you fill a cup with thinned acrylic paint, put a canvas on top, flip it over, lift the cup, and then move the canvas around to manipulate the paint. They will use these later as backgrounds for painting quotes.



On December 18, more than 50 students enjoyed the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) sponsored cookies and cocoa huddle.



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Our Spanish "Big Buddies" from 6th grade were working with our 1st graders as they learned about Holidays Around the World in their Spanish Class with Ms. Kwasniak. Here they are focusing on the holiday Las Posadas. Las Posadas is a religious festival celebrated in Mexico and some parts of the United States between December 16-24.



The High School Ensemble/Chorale performed on Saturday December 14 at Mathes Tree Farm.



Whiteford's New Board Of Education Members





Hello, Whiteford! My name is Tom Wenzel. I am thirty-nine years old and grew up in Toledo, Ohio, but have been a resident of Ottawa Lake for almost five years now. I am married to my wife, Jessica, and we have four children. Addyson 4th grade, and Emma, kindergarten, attend Whiteford Elementary School. We also have twin boys, Ben and Nick, who are two years old. My free time is spent relaxing, attending kids sporting events, and spending time with family. I am thankful for this opportunity and am looking forward to serving Whiteford students, faculty, and the community.

Hi, Bobcat families! My name is Brandon lott, and I'm a second-generation Whiteford graduate. My wife, Ashley, and I have two children, Tanner and Teagan. Teagan is a kindergarten student at Whiteford, and Tanner is set to enroll in 2027. My family and I enjoy golfing, skiing, biking, and fishing together. I am honored and humbled to serve our community and Whiteford schools. I hope my knowledge and experience can enhance this already exceptional district.

Vote By Tuesday, May 6, 2025

2025 CAPITAL BOND CAMPAIGN



The Board of Education voted on January 13, 2025 to authorize the Whiteford Agricultural Schools Capital Bond Millage proposals on the May 6, 2025 ballot. The Board vote followed a pre-bond planning effort, which included the collection of data and information during the creation of the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, in-person stakeholder meetings in the fall and winter of 2023, a Bond project Steering Committee Meeting held in January 2024 that included students, staff, coaches, parents and community members, and community and staff surveys following the failed attempt on August 6, 2024.

From these surveys and additional feedback, it was determined that there should be two separate bond proposals with the focus being on elementary school upgrades and a "bare bones" approach to athletic upgrades. With this "bare bones" approach for athletic upgrades, the athletic upgrades costs are significantly lower than what was proposed in August of 2024.

For the May 6, 2025 election, Proposal 1 is asking voters to approve \$6.5 million for updates to Whiteford Elementary School. The additional classrooms will allow for lower class sizes by having classroom space for three (3) sections per grade-level. With the additional classroom space will keep the 5th grade classrooms in the elementary building. The single stall bathrooms are needed for students and staff. The flex space will be used daily for elementary physical education classes, inside recess when applicable, building-wide assemblies or presentations, student sensorymotor activities, Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) events, Whiteford Recreation Club (WRC) activities, and other community activities. The roof replacement and roof-top air handler replacement is needed as both have reached their useful life.

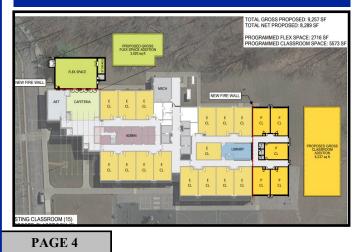
Proposal 2 is asking voters to approve \$1 million for outside athletic updates. There would be additional walkways and hard drive surfaces that connect the parking lot to the softball, baseball, track, and football fields for handicap accessibility to these areas. The softball and baseball fields would see the replacement of the dugouts, backstops, bleachers, and press boxes. The baseball outfield drainage issue would be resolved.

The proposals do not include a projected net mill increase, but rather are expected to maintain the current 4.93 mill rate that taxpayers are already paying. If both proposals pass, the district intends to sell the bonds, so that the debt service falls within the current 4.93 debt millage rate when levied in 2025. For complete details regarding the 2025 Capital Bond Campaign, please visit our district website under "Bond Projects" or QR Code above.

Proposal 1 - Elementary Upgrades - \$6.5 Million

MAJOR PROPOSED PROJECTS INCLUDE:

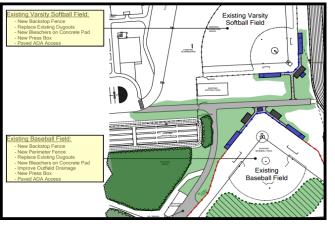
- Elementary—Classrooms (5)
- Elementary—Single Stall Bathrooms (3)
- Elementary—Flex Space/Bathroom/Storage
- Elementary—Roof and Air Handler Replacement



Proposal 2 - Athletic Upgrades -\$1 Million

MAJOR PROPOSED PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Varsity Softball Field—Backstop, Dugouts, Bleachers, Press Box, Concrete Walks
- Varsity Baseball Field—Backstop, Dugouts, Bleachers, press Box, Concrete Walks, Foul Poles, Drainage



From the classroom... Middle School / High School



On Saturday December 14, 2024, Whiteford High School student council participated in Wreaths Across America, a program and organization to honor American Veterans. The goal is to lay a wreath on veterans gravesites all across the United States. This year sophomore K.ayla Luse, junior Bailey Spradling, senior Haley Luse, and senior Liberty Simmons participated. We were also joined by American History teacher extraordinaire, Mr. Simmons and alumni Aubrie Simmons.

One of the coolest moment was being able to watch Bailey Spradling lay a wreath on her grandfather's gravesite. Ronald Kubitz served his nation in the army during the Vietnam War.

We are extremely grateful to our current servicemen and women, and veterans who served in our military.

Congratulations Rylan Joerin and Alaina McClain, Mr. & Miss Whiteford 2025, who were crowned on Friday, January 17th. Other seniors that were nominated to court were Layla Consear, Haley Luse, Emily Rasor, Jenna Saylor, Aiden Ghamlouche, Adam Linkey, Brendon Masters, and Nate Stevens





News and announcements...

Kindergarten Round Up Information

Mark your calendars. Whiteford's incoming class of 2025-2026 registration day is March 6, 2025, from 1pm-7pm in the elementary building. Please secure your time by signing up through the "SignUpGenius" link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45ADAD22A1FFCF8-54113852-tkkindergarten#/. This link is also located on our website: www.whiteford.k12.mi.us (New Student Registration).

Michigan State Law requires that children entering kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year must be 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the upcoming school year - September 1, 2025. The older and more mature your child is when he or she enters school, the greater the chances for success.

For your child to enter kindergarten in the fall, the following items **must** be completed at registration time.

- Certified Copy of the Child's Birth Certificate (MUST be presented to register)
- **Registration forms completed (available on-site and online)**
- **Bi-lingual information completed**
- Medical information form MUST be turned in before the start of school •
- **Proof of residency (3 types)**
 - 1. Driver's License with correct Whiteford School District address
 - 2. Paperwork from home purchase or rental agreement/lease
 - 3. A current utility bill, (Gas, electric or land line phone bill --- a cell phone bill will not be accepted)
- Bus Transportation Form must be filled out if your child will use Whiteford Transportation next year

Schools of Choice

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.

Remember, a student must be released by his/her resident district.

Schools of Choice Process

- Student applicant and parents complete application and file it with the **RESIDENT** district.
- Application is reviewed to determine if student meets guidelines to participate in the program.
- Students who do not qualify are notified by the RESIDENT district and the process ends.
- For the student who does 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 the process ends.
- For students accepted by the CHOICE district, parents/guardians MUST formally enroll the student.

The Monroe County Schools of Choice application window will open April 1st. Applications will be available on our website www.whiteford.k12.mi.us (New Student Registration Tab).

Bond Election Information / Vote By Tuesday, May 6, 2025



Elementary Classrooms 1, 2, 3



Elementary Classroom



Flex Space - Physical Education or Recess



Elementary Classrooms 3, 4, 5

Flex Space

Flex Space - Assembly or Presentation

From the athletic director...

Athletics

Submitted by: Marcus Luzier, Athletic Director

The seasons go by so fast, as of this publication winter sports will already be past the midway point. This winter I was able to take in my first ever competitive cheer event and I was blown away by the athleticism shown by our team and all the other teams competing. Another thing that caught my attention was the support shown to all the teams competing by the crowd. If a team was struggling, everyone in the gym would pick up their energy and offer encouragement to help that team through their routine. That spirit of joy around a competition is something I hope to see more of at every event I attend. It is truly a privilege to watch our student athletes and those from other schools compete against one another.

Our varsity boys and girls basketball teams have been playing hard and both have emerged as league title contenders, lots of exciting games. We will be hosting boys districts for the first time in school history on February 24, 26, and 28. Our girls will be competing in districts at Blissfield, March 3, 5,7. Go Bobcats! In other exciting news, two new student athletes were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame this year: Nate Stevens-baseball and Chase Lee-football. Congratulations!

Whiteford Schools hosted the TCC middle school boys tournament for the first time in school history this winter and brought home both the 7th and 8th grade championships! Middle school girls started their season after Christmas break and will play into March.





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From the classroom...

Elementary

Congratulations to our students who exemplified January's value of the month, Perseverance! They were celebrated and presented with certificates.



Congratulations to all of our extraordinarily grateful students who exemplified December's value of the month, Gratitude!



Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Welling.





Top sellers from the WPA Cookie Dough fundraiser enjoyed a limo ride to JoJo's Pizza for a special treat.

On December 12, 2024, approximately 1,000 parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, and staff attended the elementary Christmas concert to watch the students perform under the guidance of the talented and animated



From the classroom...

Elementary



Student Council's annual canned food drive was November 13,2024 through No-vember 22, 2024. All food items collected were donated to Zion Lutheran Church's food pantry to support families in need.



Santa's elves were busy helping students shop at this year's Santa's Workshop that was held Decem-ber 9, 2024, through December 13, 2024. Thanks to the WPA and Head Elf, Sarah Cross, the students had another exciting year of shopping for their loved ones.



The Elementary Scholastic Book Fair was held November 6 through November 7th. This book fair is a great way to en-courage students to read and proceeds support the ele-mentary library in purchasing more books.







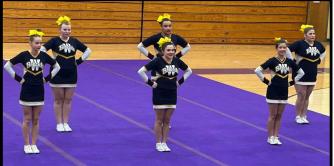




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Athletics









From the booster groups...

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Athletic Boosters

Athletic Booster meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the MS/HS Media Center. Come join the fun and help support Whiteford athletics!

Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are not currently supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, please take a few minutes to register today and help support Bobcat athletics. Go to www.kroger.com, log into your account and follow the links to the Community Rewards page. Select organization number PV787 as the donation recipient. Remember, this is free money and will not affect your fuel points!

Whiteford Recreation Club

At WRC we are always planning ahead, spend spring at Whiteford Stoneco Park with us! We offer Recreation Spring Ball for kids ages 5 and up. Look for signups in your kids backpacks or get signed up on our website. Come join the community and become a coach or sit in the stands and watch your kids grow in confidence and skills.

Signups close at the end of February

November was BOYS BASKETBALL! Our six boys' basketball teams worked hard this year, if you see one congratulate them on a successful basketball season. GIRLS BASKETBALL, Co-Ed Basketball and kindergarten clinic is just getting started. While these committed parents brave the cold to get kids to practices and games, reach out to your favorite players and try to make a game to support them. We are looking forward to this season and seeing all the personal growth they will experience.

Whiteford Rec is still selling Whiteford Bobcat Spirit Blankets to keep you warm in this cold weather. Reach out to us if you would like to purchase any or check for them at all the concession stands at home games. Profits go toward WRC elementary sports programs.



For all thing WRC check out or website at https://sites.google.com/view/whitefordrecsignups/home; follow us on our Facebook page https://facebook.com/WhitefordRec; contact us at whitefordrecreationclubmi@gmail.com

Whiteford Recreation Club is a 501[©] (3) Organization nonprofit volunteer program







High School office.

Robotics





The robotics season is upon us once again! FIRST REEFSCAPESM is the name of the game this year, in which robots will be required to pick up and place pieces on a structure over six feet tall to earn points. Part of this will be done automatically by programming the bot and others during the driving portion. They will end the match with the over 100-pound robot suspended in the air. Our team is starting the season strong with building, programming, and marketing groups each executing their own tasks to prepare for competition. Our district competitions this season take place the weekend of February 28th and March 7th. We are working very hard to prepare and expect to represent our school at States again this year.

During the off seasons students volunteered to help the community and cleaned up Consear Road.

Students also participated in an off-season competition. Our team received the Forte Teleop Award for excellent performance in Teleop mode. Teleop is the driving portion where students manually control the robot. Check it out in the awards case outside the Middle School/

From the booster groups...

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Whiteford Parents' Association (WPA)

The WPA hosted Mother/Son Night on November 16. This Silly Olympic- themed event featured a Maker Space, Refreshment Station, Rug-Scoot Relay, 3-legged Race Relay, Javelin Throw, Medal Making Station, and picture opportunities! Students and parents came in team colors based on their grade level and had a fun night! Thank you to all who participated. Thank you to the volunteers that helped run the stations, the people who monitored the hallways, and everyone that donated snacks and water for the event. We had an incredible turnout!

On November 19, WPA celebrated students who earned the trip to JoJo's based on their sales from our Fall Fundraiser! The Victory Trip included a bus ride for pizza and time out of class! Mrs. Vogel's class received the Cookie Party for being the top selling class. Congratulations to all.

Thank you to Sidelines in Lambertville for hosting our November Dine and Donate event! We appreciate all of the families and community members that participated.

Santa's Workshop took place December 9-13 in the Elementary cafeteria. Students were able to shop for up to 10 recipients. The WPA was happy to partner with Santa's workshop to provide volunteers and storage space for gifts. Sarah Cross and Jeniffer Grodi did an incredible job coordinating this event. We would like to thank everyone that volunteered to wrap gifts, helped students shop, and donated gifts and supplies- it really was a fun way to celebrate the holiday season with our community!

Mark your Calendar for the WPA's Upcoming Events:

March will be Reading Month. Exciting announcements to come on ways the WPA will be supporting the monthly events.

March 8, Daddy/Daughter Dance will take place in the High School Gym. Invitations will come home in February. Please RSVP to assist with planning. Let's Glow!

WPA Meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Elementary School cafeteria. Mark your calendars for February 18, March 18, April 15, and May 20. We hope to see you there!





Throughout our 22 years of putting on some incredible shows, we have learned a lot. We have grown in our own knowledge of what can and cannot be done on our little stage, and yet we still find tricks up our sleeves to enhance our shows. However, thinking we can rely solely on the financial shoulders of the Music Boosters can be quite challenging on their budget. Our tiny musical family does their best time and time again to support us in many ways. Yet, it seems as though it is always the same families and organizations stepping up.

We'd like to present just a few of our yearly expenses that we cannot avoid and their approximate costs:

RENTAL MATERIALS/PERFORMANCE FEES - @\$4.000 (Everything required to legally perform our shows. Cost varies year to year depending on the production) **COSTUMES – can run \$4,000 or more** (Even more so with a kids cast added!) **ORCHESTRA – can run upwards of \$4,500** (Our orchestra pit is full of professional musicians hand-picked by our Music Director) SOUND/TECH - \$2,500+ (rental of sound equipment, microphones, etc. as we do not own our own system) **SETS/PROPS - \$1,750+** PLAYBILL PRINTING - \$1,500 or more given the number of pages **SENIOR CAST FLOWERS - \$200+ GYMNATORCAFETASERIUM TRANSFORMATION & HOUSE MGMT COSTS - \$1,500+**

If you have seen ANY Whiteford production in the past, you know we strive for amazing sets, beautiful costumes and the Whiteford "Theatre" coming to life every Spring! Please help us showcase our talented students for our 23rd performance on the (soon to be named) Todd R. Schreiber Stage!

Here are our 2025 Sponsorship Levels:

Oompa Loompa Level Whipple-Scrumptious Fudge Mallow Delight Level Pure Imagination Level **Golden Ticket Level Todd R. Schreiber Stage Level**

If you or someone you know would be interested in donating to our Sponsorship Program, please share this information. Find the "Whiteford Music Boosters" on Venmo to donate OR send a check made out to "Whiteford Music Boosters". Please mail to: C/O The Candy Man Can Sponsorship Program 13868 Yankee Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. Our Donors' names will be acknowledged in our playbill and our social media platforms! If you would like to remain anonymous, please indicate that with your donation! Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Cast and Crew, The Whiteford Musical Theatre Dept

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The Candy Man Can Sponsorship Program

up to	\$50
\$ 51-2	<u>299</u>
\$300-	499
\$500-	750
\$751-1	,000+

From the booster groups...

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Maricella Trejo Madison Tyrrell Hailey VanAken Bryce Wernet

Cherry Mallory Bahls

Jerry Austin Bauman

Mrs. Green Lana Consear

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